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Standing Together Against Hate

Lawmakers, faith leaders respond to Feb. 27 bomb threat at Geshher Jewish School.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Students at Geshher Jewish Day School in Fairfax started their week with a bomb threat. The call came in Monday morning, Feb. 27, the head of school Dan Finkel said. Nearly 100 similar threats have been received at Jewish community centers and schools nationwide, amid recent instances Jewish cemeteries being vandalized and desecrated.

Finkel said the morning was scary, but that the school received rapid response from the FBI and local law enforcement.

"The ensuing moments were filled with love and support," he said, allowing them to more quickly get back to the primary goal of providing "outstanding education for Jewish children across northern Virginia."

Finkel spoke at a news conference Friday afternoon on March 3 at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia in Fairfax.

The event was organized by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington.

Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia executive director Jeff Dannick said in response to the crimes of hate, there's a question of whether to be outwardly strong or keep a low profile.

"History has taught us always stand up against hate," he said. "There was a time when Jews did hide in fear, we'll not do that



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE GAZETTE

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again."

Dannick and Finkel were joined by a host of elected officials, faith and community leaders standing together to condemn not just the Monday bomb threat and recent crimes against the Jewish community, but all acts of hate and intolerance.

Attorney General Mark Herring said the amount of hate crimes being committed is rising in Virginia and around the nation.

"There is something deeply wrong in our national climate, that individuals feel em-

powered to take action against houses of worship, against children," Herring said. No matter what you look like, where you're from, or how you pray, he continued, "You have a place in Virginia."

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) said the 2016 Presidential election represented a sliding back in the history of America. As a consequence hate groups are feeling emboldened, he said.

Support, inclusion, opportunity and acceptance are basic American values,

Connolly continued, which "can only grow because of these incidents."

U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) brought up the prevalence of the Internet in helping hate groups organize and radicalize members online. She called for providing solutions to that connectivity through law enforcement, as well as parents understanding how dangerous the web can be for impressionable children.

U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8) called anti-semitism "a scourge on the human community," and encouraged people to "respect, lift up, love the Jewish friends and neighbors we have."

The politicians also used their speaking out to call out President Trump for a response.

State Senate Minority Leader Dick Saslaw (D-35) echoed Connolly saying that the 2016 campaign "emboldened virtually every bigot in this country." And that it didn't help with Trump encouraging supporters to violently remove protesters from his rallies offering to pay their legal expenses.

Responding to these hate crimes, Saslaw said, "the buck stops at the White House. The most forceful act needs to come from the White House, and it needs to come in a hurry."

The Rev. Scott Sammler-Michael of Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church in Burke shared a message after the conference that he has been spreading in syna

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Gathering in Opposition to Trump Immigration Policies



BY TIM PETERSON/THE GAZETTE

City of Alexandria Mayor Allison Silberberg (left) joined Rising Hope Pastor Keary Kincannon (right) in a press conference where elected leaders called for comprehensive immigration reform from the Trump administration and condemned alleged ICE action detaining men who had just exited the church's hypothermia shelter Feb. 8.

Leaders condemn ICE activity outside Rising Hope Church.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

In response to executive orders from President Donald Trump that expand Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents' criteria for detaining and deporting people in the United States illegally, elected officials are speaking out against the action, as well as condemning recent activity by ICE officials to round up known immigrant criminals.

"These new policies of the Trump administration exist to incite fear," U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8) said at a press conference held March 2 at Rising Hope Mission Church in the Mount Vernon area of Alexandria. "They exist to make immigrants feel unwelcome, to

make them flee. We are here to make sure that we do not destroy the remarkable, inimitable fabric of our nation of immigrants with scorched earth immigration policies."

Early in the morning on Feb. 8, multiple witnesses say ICE agents quickly surrounded guests leaving the hypothermia shelter being offered at Rising Hope. They said Latino men in particular were singled out from the group, questioned and had their fingers scanned. Six or seven of them were allegedly shackled, loaded into vans and driven away.

When asked about this account, an ICE official would only confirm that two men were arrested from that location on that date and time, and that ICE's sensitive lo-

cations policy says operations aren't to be carried out at places of worship.

RISING HOPE'S PASTOR the Rev. Dr. Keary Kincannon said the hypothermia shelter is an important lifeline to a lot of people in the community, providing up to 170 bed-nights per week.

"When ICE swooped in, it was an attack on the practicing of our faith, our religion," Kincannon

said at the press conference. "This kind of activity has to stop, this needs to be the last time."

Kincannon said they're called to serve humanity, regardless of their status.

U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine (D) described a letter he'd received from a girl in fourth grade — in it she wrote she was sorry he had lost the presidential election with run

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Environmental Coalition Calls on County to Recommit

Faith communities coalition wants dedicated Energy Office.

BY ANDREA WORKER

As Fairfax County prepares to update its formal Environmental Vision, the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions (FACS) is calling on local elected officials to recommit to the environmental protection pledge they adopted under then-Chairman Gerry Connolly. The non-profit coalition of about 50 interfaith communities sent a red-clad contingent to support the FACS members registered to speak at the Feb. 28 meeting of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. One after another, the speakers praised the supervisors for the county's environmental stance, but urged them to renew their dedication to the goals outlined in the pledge.

Coming from different walks of life and offering different perspectives, those who testified were united in asking the board to establish an office to oversee the transition to clean energy in the county.

Peter Clifford, representing FACS member Unity Church of Fairfax, called for a department with the "authority and responsibility to address what you established" in the initial pledge. "Establishing firm goals and regular measurement," Clifford said, was the key to success in this endeavour.

In her testimony, pediatrician Dr. Samantha Adhoot of Alexandria acknowledged that the county is in a tight budget climate, but, echoing the request for an office for environmental advocacy, she warned that environmental issues were also "public health issues," with more cases of Lyme disease, asthma and other respiratory conditions occurring with the longer seasons of unusual warmth.

THE COOL COUNTIES Climate Stabilization Declaration, as the pledge is officially named, established the goal of reducing the D.C. region's overall greenhouse gas emissions to 80 percent below 2005 levels by 2050. It was signed on July 16, 2007. In the 10 years since, it's difficult to tell if progress is being made by Fairfax County, according to Eric Goplerud, chairman and co-founder of FACS.

In an opinion piece recently published in the Washington Post, Goplerud argues that statements about the county's efforts, made by Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, may confuse residents. In her post of Feb. 6, Bulova cited a 10 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions per capita for the county.

Goplerud says the chairman was referencing a report by the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments (WMCOG) published in April of 2016 and covering the years between 2005-2012. Not a timely piece of evidence in Goplerud's view.



PHOTOS BY ANDREA WORKER

The Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions brought a red-clad contingent of supporters for their speakers at the Fairfax County Feb. 28 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Goplerud also points out that the Cool Counties commitment is for a "total reduction," in emissions, versus per capita. When the data is reviewed from that perspective, given the population growth in the county, carbon pollution may actually have risen, as the county's own 2013 "Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory" indicates. That report shows yearly greenhouse gas emissions in the county as having risen by 3 percent between 2006 and 2010, somewhat at odds with the WMCOG that credited the county with a 2 percent overall decrease in emissions during its last study period.

Kambiz Agazi, the county's environmental coordinator, has said that the lag in providing emissions data is due to the time it takes to compile the complex information, but that the county is committed to publishing the data every three years.

Goplerud and other speakers from FACS aren't willing to accept that delay. While they admit that there is an enormous amount of information to be recorded and analysed, the FACS says that Fairfax need only look at their immediate neighbors to see that measuring energy activity can be done with much more expediency.

The FACS cites Arlington County, Montgomery County in Maryland, and the District as examples of jurisdictions with more current data. Arlington reports a 21 percent reduction, Montgomery County a 10 percent decrease, and the District more than a 20 percent improvement.

Fairfax provides a number of bar graphs on their "Energy Data" website to display usage of electricity and natural gas and their "equivalent carbon emissions in metric tons" in government buildings sorted by category, but there are notations cautioning that "the data is limited by the way the facilities are metered." There are no measurements for private buildings or emission outputs related to transportation for comparison sake at this web location, but the 2013 Greenhouse Gas Inventory does include detailed measurements of emissions by source, as of 2010.

While it's difficult to make an apples-to-

apples comparison on the actual results among the localities because of the types of buildings that each includes in their reporting and the dates studied, the data that the others provide is more up-to-date than what is published for Fairfax County. Goplerud and other local environmental activists believe that the difference is due in great part to those jurisdictions having dedicated energy efficiency offices to tackle the issues versus the "lone coordinator" the county employs, despite being the largest jurisdiction in the region.

The county and the activists agree that the county itself is only responsible for about 3 percent of the emissions produced in the area. The speakers all praised the county's efforts to improve their own performance, but pointed again to the goals of the Cool Counties pledge — significant emissions reductions for the region, not just the public sector which comprises such a small percentage of the emissions problem. Some, like Clifford, and FACS executive director Reba Elliott, also reminded the supervisors that much of the improvement in recent years can be attributed to the local utility companies change from coal to natural gas as the generators for their power.

"I don't think we will see such a change" from the utility companies again, said Clifford. Instead, it's "up to public-private partnerships" like the work being done in Arlington County with LEAP (The Local Energy Alliance Program).

Before the meeting, Elliott added that citizens rely on the county to use their knowledge and resources and their power to educate businesses and the public, guiding them on working toward the energy goals that "are in the best health and economic interests of us all."

AT THE CONCLUSION of the Public Comment period, Bulova expressed the board's thanks to the FACS speakers "for their advocacy." She spoke briefly about the county's "Energy Dashboard" which launched Phase I in March 2016 to provide an overview of the energy usage between 2006 through



John Clewett, Cindy Speas, and Ray Martin were among the supporters from The Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions who attended the Feb. 28 Board of Supervisors meeting. The group wants an Energy Office for the county.

2014 in four key service areas: county Government Buildings, Public Works, Parks and Housing and Human Services. The information was updated in August of 2016 to add data for usage in 2015.

Phase 2 of the Dashboard, completed in November of last year, added additional detail and in January, graphics and tables were included to show the reduction in equivalent carbon emissions.

"Thank you for pushing us for [the dashboard]," Bulova said to the FACS members. She made note of the Environmental Vision update underway, and announced that later in the year she would be reconvening her "Private Sector Energy Taskforce" for study and recommendations on how to move forward.

"It's sounds very positive," said Ray Martin after the meeting. Martin was one of the FACS supporters in attendance and belongs to the Lewinsville Presbyterian Church. "But we really need that dedicated office [of Energy]. We're here to help and do what we can. I hope they will try harder."

The Energy Dashboard can be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/energy/energydata. A description of the county's efforts, with links to other resources, is available in the Fairfax County Sustainability Initiative at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/environmental/sustainability/. The Cool Counties Pledge is also on the county's website.

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Officers found that individual and tried to speak to him. He ran to a 2016 Chevrolet Cruz and tried to drive away.

He crashed a short distance away, at the intersection of 10th and I Streets. The driver/suspect, a 28-year-old man from Oxon Hill, Md., was taken into custody. He was treated at the scene by Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department personnel and

then taken to the detention center at the Mount Vernon District Station where he was charged with two counts of grand larceny, two counts of petit larceny, reckless driving, and fail to obey a lawful command of a law enforcement officer.

Police have tentatively linked the suspect to at least two tampering cases through property recovered.

If residents discover that a car has been tampered with or broken into, call Detective B. Smith at 703-619-4302. Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Crime Solvers electronically by visiting www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text-a-tip by texting "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES(274637)** or by calling 1-866-411-TIPS(8477).

CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported by the Mount Vernon District Station.

ROBBERY: 7100 block of Richmond Highway. March 4, 10:25 p.m. The victim walked out of his apartment building when he was approached by three males; one displaying a handgun. They threatened the victim and demanded money and a cell phone from him. The victim refused and began to struggle with the suspects. He managed to get the gun (which was a BB gun) from them and the suspects ran away. The victim was taken to a local hospital and treated for minor injuries.

ROBBERY: 6600 block of Tower Drive. March 5, 7:13 p.m. Two men were walking on Tower Drive when they were approached by two suspects. The suspects threatened the victims and demanded money, but no weapon was seen. The victims handed over an undisclosed amount of cash and they were not injured. The suspects fled toward Beacon Hill Shopping Center.

POSSESSION OF SCHEDULE I/II DRUGS WITH THE INTENT TO SELL/RESISTING ARREST/DRUNK IN PUBLIC/ARREST: Richmond Highway/Ladson Lane, March 2 around 10:30 p.m. Officers saw a man acting disorderly in the area of Richmond Highway and Ladson Lane. An investigation determined he was intoxicated. When officers attempted to take him into custody, he resisted and became combative. Officers were able to gain control of the suspect and a 30-year-old man from Triangle, Va., was taken into custody. He was taken to the Adult Detention Center and charged with possession of schedule I/II drugs with the intent to sell, drunk in public and resisting arrest.

COMMERCIAL ARMED ROBBERY: 8700 block of Richmond Highway (Family Dollar), Feb. 24, around 11:30 a.m. An employee was ringing up a man at the cash register when the man displayed a handgun, demanded cash and took an undisclosed amount from the register. The suspect fled on foot toward the rear of the store. He was described as black and was wearing a green shirt and black pants. The victim did not require medical attention.

ARMED ROBBERY: 2600 block of Arlington Drive, Feb. 24, around 8 p.m. A 40-year-old man was walking in a parking lot toward his home when two men approached him from behind. One suspect displayed a handgun and demanded the victim's wallet. The suspects ran off with the wallet toward the apartment complex. One suspect was described as Hispanic, around 18 to 20 years old, about 150 pounds, wearing a gray jacket with red stripes on the sleeves. The other one was black, around 18 to 20 years old, about 170 pounds, wearing a gray, hooded sweatshirt and had his face covered with a black bandana. The victim did not require medical attention.

ARMED ROBBERY: 7800 block of Parrot Place, Feb. 25, around 4:30 a.m. A 55-year-old man was getting into his truck when a man approached him, displayed a handgun and demanded money. The victim did not relinquish any cash and the suspect ran off. The victim did not require medical attention.

BURGLARY: 8400 block of Huerta Court, Feb. 23, around 6 p.m. A homeowner reported that someone broke into the home and took property. An investigation developed a possible suspect and the case is ongoing.

ARMED ROBBERY: 7200 block of Fairchild Drive, Feb. 21, around 6:50 p.m. A pizza delivery employee was leaving an apartment, when two men approached him, displayed a handgun

and knocked him to the ground. The suspects demanded cash and fled the scene.

MARCH 7 — LARCENIES
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2500 block of Parkers Lane, property from vehicle
6200 block of Richmond Highway, cell phone from business
7900 block of Richmond Highway, purse from business
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MARCH 6 — LARCENIES
2600 block of Arlington Drive, property from residence
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7600 block of Richmond Highway, beer from business
7600 block of Richmond Highway, purse from business
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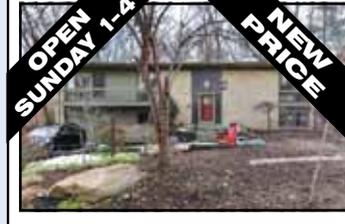


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Rise to the Occasion

Great Harvest Bread Co. Burke and Lorton owners ready for new adventure.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

At 4 a.m., while most people sleep soundly, Jeffrey Connelly is up baking bread in Burke. The Woodbridge resident said starting from scratch all the way to cutting a slice for someone to sample motivates him to perform at his best.

"You're creating something people put into their body," Connelly said. It's providing nourishment, plus he said he's looking for that "wow experience."

Connelly's team at Great Harvest Bread Co. Burke mills their own wheat in the bakery. With a set of mixers ranging up to a mighty 140-quart Hobart, as well as a cavernous 48-sheetpan oven, the bakery produces around 150-200 loaves in the winter. During the summer, when they have a presence at 13 farmers markets weekly, the count rises to 600-800 loaves.

They craft at least seven bread varieties daily, then add specials for holidays such as St Patrick's Day and stuffing bread for Thanksgiving, as well as scones, muffins and even treats for dogs.

Aside from the company's proprietary Honey Whole Wheat bread, Connelly said he's free to do whatever else he wants while still under the Great Harvest banner.

From the main bakery in Burke, they typically make three deliveries daily to Lorton, a satellite location that bakes some of its own bread and also functions as a cafe doing sandwiches, espresso, etc, where people can sit and read, meet socially or professionally.

Connelly's business partner Jeanette Scott Moler purchased the franchise package of both Burke and Lorton locations from original owners Jules and Nicky Verster in January 2010. They run the business together. The Burke site was built in 2004, and Lorton was opened in 2007 and relocated in 2010, Connelly said.

In Virginia, there are 10 locations of the national Great Harvest chain.

Connelly said he and Jeanette are now



During the summer, when Great Harvest Burke and Lorton have a presence at 13 farmers markets weekly, their daily count rises to 600-800 loaves.

looking for someone to buy and continue Great Harvest in Burke and Lorton while they prepare for a new adventure.

"We want people with the same passion for food, for people," Connelly said. "Someone who can do what we do, maybe do it better." Maintaining a passion for the bread and great treatment of the community are goals in looking for a new owner, he said.

BRAD LAPISKA OF LORTON is senior pastor of Engleside Baptist Church located in the Woodlawn area of Alexandria. He spends anywhere from 90 minutes to two hours at Great Harvest in Lorton he said, six days a week, for morning coffee and sometimes breakfast including sandwiches, scones or yogurt.

"It's a tremendous place, because of the varied seating they have there," Lapiska said. "Anywhere from one to four people can gather together for a meal or for a meet-

ing."

The pastor has used Great Harvest in Lorton for many meetings, both social and for the church.

"It seems like no one wants to come to the office anymore," Lapiska joked. "The family feeling they have, the atmosphere, is conducive to relaxing or having a nice quiet meeting with someone."

More than just appreciating the friendly vibes and sense of community at Great Harvest, long-time customer Peggy Brookshire of Springfield said she also has great respect for people who can regularly turn out great quality bread of various kinds.

Decades ago, Brookshire remembers her grandmother and aunts in northwestern North Carolina would bake their own bread, waking at four in the morning to start it from yeast.

"[Baking bread] is a very beautiful thing to do," she said. "It's time consuming, takes



Owner Jeanette Scott Moler of Woodbridge poses with the mixer at Great Harvest Lorton, for which the paint scheme was inspired by her custom Harley Davidson motorcycle.

a lot of energy, love and attention to pay to bread as it rises."

Brookshire says she doesn't have it in her to follow in their footsteps, especially when she can depend on a local shop to have the product. Cranking out loaves including her favorite cinnamon raisin walnut bread weekly "is no small undertaking," she said. "And it's worth every penny. If I can have that and peanut butter, I can live for years."

Regardless of their new adventure, Connelly said "bakery is like family," and they intend to keep up years-long friendships with customers and former employees, many of whom they've seen go off to college, start other jobs and get married.

"[Those relationships] are long-term, man," Connelly said, "they're not going anywhere."

For more information, visit www.greatharvestburke.com or contact Jeffrey Connelly at burkebread@gmail.com.

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THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Mobile DMV. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Sherwood Hall Library. Two programs, DMV Connect and DMV 2 GO, will provide full DMV service to the Route 1 area. At the Sherwood Hall service centers, customers can apply or renew their ID cards, drivers licenses, take road and knowledge tests, apply for special ID cards, get copies of their driving records, obtain vehicle titles, license plates, decals and transcripts, order disabled parking placards or plates, purchase an EZ-Pass transponder and more. A full list of services is available at www.dmv.virginia.gov.

THURSDAY/MARCH 9

Chamber Breakfast. 8-9:30 a.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. Mount Vernon Lee Chamber Business Breakfast will feature a presentation from VDOT on

widening Richmond Highway from Jeff Todd Way to Napper Road. The environmental assessment will include a recommendation for placement of the highway centerline and an economic impact study on businesses. \$25 per person for Chamber members and \$35 for non-Chamber. Register at www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org.
Huntington Levee System. 6:30 p.m., at the Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Hear about the progress being made toward protecting the Huntington community from Cameron Run's floodwaters. Call 703-324-5800, or email huntingtonlevee@fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

MONDAY/MARCH 13

Civil Rights Discussion. 7-9 p.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 7836 Fordson Road. Join U.S. Rep. Don Beyer to learn more about your civil

rights, protecting them, and protecting your neighbor's rights. Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/known-your-rights-tickets-31972672123.

TUESDAY/MARCH 14

Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board. 5-6:30 p.m., at the Gartlan Center, 8119 Holland Road. Community dialogue. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb/news/2017/community-dialogues for more.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 15

A Conversation on Aging. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Mount Vernon At Home is hosting a health panel discussion on aging in our homes. Come and discuss the how-to of the health care system. Refreshments will be served. RSVP at 703-303-4060 or info@mountvernonathome.org.



Boy Scout troops cleaned the Hunting Creek area east of the bridge beside where Mount Vernon Highway enters Route 1.



Trash bags are filled with debris pulled from the creek.

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Scouts Clean Out Trash from Hunting Creek

Since 1988, Boy Scout troops have cleaned the Hunting Creek area east of the bridge beside where Mount Vernon Highway enters Route 1 on the first Saturday in March.

On Saturday, March 4, 19 members of Boy

Scout Troop 993 pulled more than 60 bags of trash as well as tires, hubcaps, a shopping cart and a 12-inch circular saw blade from a 250-yard stretch of the creek.

Christa Cook, long time Mount Vernon environmental activist, pointed out that “all

this material is illegal in the tributary.”

Little Hunting Creek runs into the Potomac River which runs into the Chesapeake Bay. Led by Scout Master Larry Zaragoza, Troop 993 meets at Wesley United Methodist Church on Richmond

Highway. On April 8, larger areas of Little Hunting Creek will be part of the Potomac Watershed Cleanup sponsored by the Alice Ferguson Foundation. For more information see friendsoflittlehuntingcreek.org.

— HELEN WALUTES

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We at Covanta Fairfax, the Energy-from-Waste facility in Lorton, VA, wish to express our sincere gratitude to Fairfax County and the Fire and Rescue Department for their help and support during the recent fire at our facility. We would also like to thank you, our neighbors, for your patience and understanding throughout this unfortunate event.

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Chief Releases Name of Officer in Shooting Death

Officer used deadly force in two prior cases, both determined to be lawfully justified.

BY TIM PETERSON

Fairfax County Chief of Police Edwin Roessler has named 16-year veteran Master Police Officer Lance Guckenberger as the officer who used deadly force, killing Mohammad Azim Doudzai at his home in Herndon, the scene of a double shooting and barricade incident on Jan. 16.

Roessler released the name of the officer March 2, after a protracted risk assessment and court action by the officer seeking a restraining order to stop the release of his name. This is the first FCPD officer-involved shooting since the Board of Supervisors adopted recommendations from the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission, including releasing the name of the officer within 10 days of an officer-involved deployment of deadly force unless the chief determines that more time is needed to investigate or mitigate a credible threat to the officer and/or family.

Police say two men were shot inside Doudzai's house, in the 13300 block of Covered Wagon Lane in Herndon. Officers from the Reston District station responded around 2.40 p.m. on Jan. 16, after the shooting victims had already gone to the



PHOTO COURTESY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE

In a press conference from the scene of the Jan. 16 officer-involved shooting-barricade incident, Chief of Police Edwin Roessler said the less-lethal force deployed included a taser and 40mm foam bullet. The deadly force was MPO Lance Guckenberger's service firearm.

hospital. A third man was trapped inside the home with Doudzai, who police said was armed with both a gun and at least one knife. Adding to the danger of the scene were flames and smoke coming from the

residence, police said.

In an attempt to de-escalate the situation, members of the Crisis Negotiations team and Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team were called in to negotiate with Doudzai. Guckenberger is assigned to the Special Operations Division responsible for both those teams.

Doudzai eventually came to the front door, where Roessler said both less-lethal and deadly force were used to bring him down.

In a press conference from the scene of the incident, Roessler said the less-lethal force deployed included a taser and 40mm foam bullet. The deadly force was Guckenberger's service firearm.

The exact sequence of those uses isn't known, but should be determined at the conclusion of the ongoing FCPD investigation, medical examiner's findings and decision from the Commonwealth's Attorney.

A March 2 release from FCPD announcing the officer's name failed to mention the less-lethal force used. FCPD spokesperson MPO Don Gotthardt said in an email that detail was probably not considered due to focus being on the release of the name and taking care of the officer.

Guckenberger has been involved with two

prior cases involving use of deadly force, Roessler said the March 2 release, one in 2005 and one in 2010; in both cases the suspect survived.

The first involved a business holdup on Jan. 14, 2005 in Falls Church and an exchange of gunfire with the suspect in Bailey's Crossroads. Guckenberger received both the Fairfax County Police Silver Medal of Valor and the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police's Award for Valor for his actions in 2005 incident for rescuing the store manager, according to press accounts from the time.

The second involved a man with a history of mental illness who was reportedly using narcotics. He fired at officers multiple times, police said, with what turned out to be a BB gun powered by a CO2 cartridge.

"Both of those matters were determined to be lawfully justified uses of force," Roessler said, "in which the officer used great restraint while being exposed to suspects who were using weapons against the involved officer while the officer was attempting to preserve the sanctity of human life for others."

Both criminal and administrative investigations by FCPD into the Jan. 16 incident are ongoing, police said.

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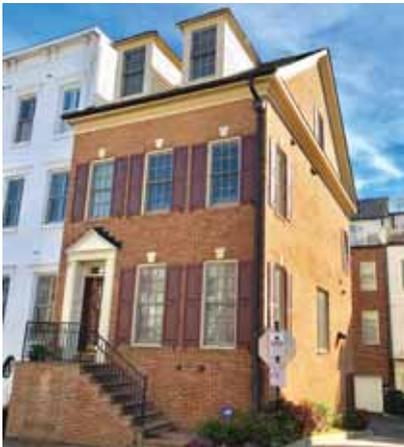
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OPINION

Independent, Civilian Oversight in Place

New auditor and panel will make an excellent police force better, more transparent and accountable.

In February, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors followed through in establishing two forms of independent oversight of law enforcement for the first time in county history.

Richard Schott will begin as independent auditor on April 17, reporting directly to the Board of Supervisors.

Nine members have been named to the county's inaugural Civilian Review Panel, chaired by Adrian Steel. More than 140 Fairfax County residents applied to be considered to serve on the panel, and those named appear to have a remarkable set of qualifications.

Independent, civilian oversight of law enforcement is a national best practice.

Schott is a 27-year veteran of the FBI where he specialized in training on officer use of force, civil rights and color of law issues. He worked on the Henry Glover and Danziger Bridge civil rights cases, prosecutions of New Orleans Police Department officers for civil rights violations after Hurricane Katrina.

The Office of the Auditor will handle cases of police use of force that result in serious injury and death and the Civilian Review Panel will handle complaints about Fairfax County Police abuse of authority or misconduct.

These methods of oversight were adopted

by the board following recommendations of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission, established by Chairman Sharon Bulova in the wake of the police shooting death of John Geer and public reaction to 17 months when FCPD released no information about the case until forced to by court order.

Leadership of FCPD, especially Chief Edwin C. Roessler Jr., have embraced the almost all of the 202 recommendations of the commission, which acknowledged the overall excellence of Fairfax County Police.

Nevertheless, the county's first independent auditor will come on board with work to do.

In his mandate to monitor and review internal investigations of Police Department officer-involved shootings, in-custody deaths and use-of-force cases in which an individual is killed or seriously injured, Schott will begin with the investigation of the officer-involved shooting death of Herndon resident Mohammad Azim Doudzai in progress.

Among the questions for Schott will be why it took 45 days, rather than the recommended 10 days, to release the name of the officer involved in the shooting. The chief needed the additional time to fully investigate and mitigate any possible threats to the officer and his family, and respond to legal action by the officer seeking to stop the release of his name, a delay permitted by the new policy. The officer

was involved in two other uses of deadly force, one in 2005 and one in 2010, with the suspect wounded but not killed in those two incidents. (The officer received valor awards for the 2005 incident for rescuing the store manager during an armed robbery with shots fired.)

Other questions that we hope the auditor can answer for the public:

According to the chief's statement at the scene on the day of the incident, two officers used less lethal force (taser and foam bullet) while one officer fired his service weapon. Was a supervisor coordinating the plan? What was the sequence of events and uses of force? Was there an attempt to subdue the suspect without deadly force?

Why is so little additional information forthcoming about the incident? Subsequent releases have contained fewer details than were release on the day of the incident. What video exists and when will it be released?

The policy states: "It is important to note the 10 day period is primarily related to the release of officer names and is only designed as a limit to not be exceeded without cause, not a recommended standard, and the board and the public expect the Police Department to release other appropriate preliminary factual information and updates to the public as soon as possible."

Another area of inquiry is analysis of data released last year that indicates 40 percent of the subjects of use of force by FCPD are African American, while only 8 percent of the county population is African American.

— MARY KIMM

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General Assembly Approves New Policies

BY SCOTT SUROVELL
STATE SENATOR (D-36)

Last week, I reported on my accomplishments in the recent session of the General Assembly. This week, I am highlighting a few other important policy changes coming to Virginia because of our action.

First, we passed several bills addressing the ongoing opioid crisis which is causing carnage across Virginia. Community organizations will be authorized to possess the counter-overdose drug naloxone and after 2020 opioid prescriptions will only be allowed to be transmitted electronically to minimize forgery risk.

We passed legislation authorizing Virginia to sign onto the Interstate Metro Safety Compact. This was absolutely necessary not only because of Metro's ongoing problems, but to ensure that Metro continues to receive critical federal funding.

I have heard from several communities about problems created by AirBnB, a company that allows people to temporarily rent rooms or their homes. In some areas, neighbors feel like residential properties have become hotels. We passed legislation to confirm that localities' can regulate these temporary rentals.

The bill also authorizes localities to create registries for people renting their rooms for



fewer than 30 days and to fine abusers.

We passed legislation allowing robotic ground-based drones to make deliveries of goods like food or other products. We also modified our "Uber legislation" from two years ago to authorize services like Uber

to allow drivers to make deliveries. I believe the legislation has sufficient insurance protections. This compromise measure had wide support.

Virginia finally took some steps to alleviate our overly-harsh, post-conviction driver's license suspension process. First, we passed Sen. Adam Ebbin's bill to eliminate license suspensions after marijuana possession dispositions. Second, we approved a bill to require judges to consider a person's individual financial circumstances when devising payment plans for unpaid fines.

We passed Del. Eileen Filler-Corn's legislation to require health insurance plans to cover a one-year's supply of birth control.

This will save many Virginia women time and hassle.

We took some minor steps to improve men-

tal health services. First, we authorized local community services boards to provide same-day mental health services. Second, we required that the governor appoint to the Board of Corrections someone who has professional mental health experience.

The General Assembly also finally addressed "SLAP" suits or "Strategic Lawsuits Against Public" interest. The legislation basically provides civil immunity to citizens who make statements about matters of public concern in good faith at public hearings. I always have mixed feelings about immunity bills, but this bill ultimately passed on unanimous votes after lots of tinkering.

We approved Del. Dave Albo's bill that prohibits an entertainment venue like Ticketmaster from denying access to people if they purchase a ticket secondhand, such as from a friend.

Governor McAuliffe is likely to veto over 20 bills. We will reconvene on April 5 to consider the governor's actions. I will report more about those next week along with other legislation that did not pass.

Please complete my constituent survey at www.scottsurovell.org/survey and email me at scott@scottsurovell.org if you have any questions.

It is an honor to serve as your state senator.

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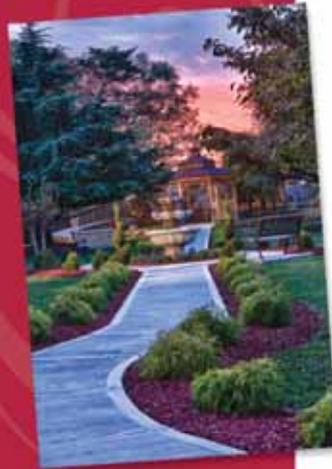
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gogues, mosques, his own congregation, and anyone else: embodied faith. “Take steps into the world,” to counteract hate, he encourages. “Take your time, your talents, your treasure.”

To the Jews and Muslims and others who have felt targeted, Sammler-Michael said he’s told them, “we will stand where you need us,” whether it’s behind in support, arm-in-arm, or in front, as a “holy defense line.”

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova used her speaking opportunity to advertise a “United Response to Hate Speech, Bias Incidents and Hate Crimes” event, scheduled for Sunday, March 26. The event will take place from 3-5 p.m. at The Ernst Cultural Center of Northern Virginia Community College, located at 8333 Little River Turnpike in Annandale.

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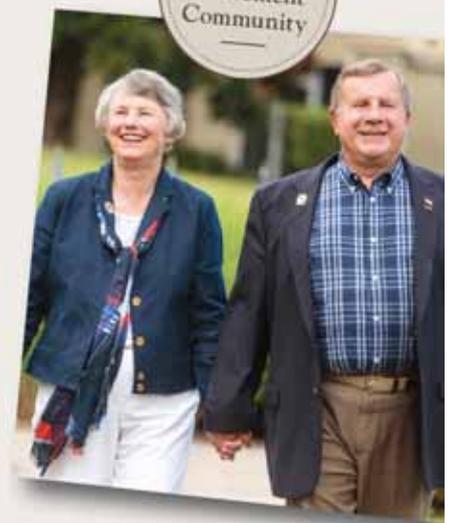


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ONGOING

UCM Raffle Tickets. Ongoing, the United Community Ministries is raffling off a trip to Cancun at the 'Give From the Heart' Gala on May 6 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. \$175 admission, \$25 raffle ticket. Visit www.ucmagency.org for more.

Convergence Arts Initiative.

Through March 4, Fridays 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Gallery @ Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Highlights the artwork of students from Bishop Ireton, Episcopal High School, T.C. Williams, and St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School. Artists reception: Saturday, Feb. 11, 7-9 p.m. Email danabh@ourconvergence.org or call 703-998-6260 for more.

Mixed Media Exhibit. Through March 14, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the St. George Gallery, 105 North Alfred St. Inspirational approaches in mixed media inhabit this art exhibit. Call 703-299-9495 or visit www.StGeorgeofEthiopia.com for more.

Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery.

Through March 19 at Torpedo Factory, Studio 29, 105 N. Union St. Cosmic Sights and Sounds, comes as the winter night sky's grand collection of brilliant stars begins to give way to the vernal equinox. This show will also highlight the work of featured artists Carol Bodin, Mickey Kunkle, and Lynda Prioleau. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com for more.

The Hand Print Workshop. Through April 2, various times at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Dennis O'Neil's Hand Print Workshop exhibit features a wide representation of the prints created by these artists in his Alexandria studio, including some by William Christenberry and Renee Stout, as well as works by O'Neil himself. Opening Reception, Sunday, Feb. 26, 4-6 p.m. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

The Mercy Walk Tour. Saturdays and Sundays through April 16, 2:30 p.m. Tour starts at the Alexandria Visitor Center, 221 King St. The Mercy Walk tour will give visitors and locals alike a feel for what it was like to live in an occupied city during the Civil War. \$13 adults; \$7 children; \$12 seniors Call 703-519-1749 or visit www.alexcolonialtours.com/themeracywalk for more.

Costumes of Mercy Street. Through Sept. 1, at The Lyceum: Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. To learn more about The Lyceum, visit alexandriava.gov/Lyceum or call 703-746-4994.

Mercy in Alexandria Walking Tour. Sundays at 1:30 p.m. at Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St. Experience an inside access tour of 19th century Alexandria. Inspired by the PBS mini-series "Mercy Street," accompany a trained military historian through Civil War-era Alexandria and learn the actual history behind the TV show. Short tours are \$15, private tours for five are \$149. Visit www.dcmilitarytour.com for more

The Lyceum: 175 Years of Local History. Ongoing, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. On view in the museum's Coldsmith Gallery, the historical objects and images featured represent The Lyceum, the community at work, and

commemorations and celebrations. Throughout the exhibition, visitors are invited to "be the curator" and think about why the various artifacts are in the museum's collection, and about how tangible representatives of the past help tell the story of Alexandria's history. Free. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org for more.

Pick-Up Hockey.

Ongoing, Wednesdays and Fridays 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mount Vernon Ice Skating, 2017 Belle View Blvd. Play hockey with other hockey buffs, hitting slap shots and learning puck handling skills that the pros use. Players must have full equipment. 16 and older. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/mtvernon/ or call 703-768-3224 for more.

Medical Care for the Civil War Soldier Exhibit.

Ongoing at the Fort Ward museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. ongoing exhibit which features original medical instruments and equipment from the Civil War period and information on Union Army hospital sites in Alexandria. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/forward for more

Alexandria's Nurses and Hospitals During the Civil War.

Ongoing at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. An exhibit on the life of Clarissa Jones, a nurse at The Lyceum hospital during the Civil War. The true story of a nurse in Alexandria during the war, drawing parallels with characters portrayed in the PBS drama "Mercy Street," with references to the experiences of other nurses, such as Anne Reading, who worked in the Mansion House hospital, and Jane Woolsey, who served at the Fairfax Seminary hospital. Admission is \$2. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/lyceum.

Shield of Earth: Defending the Heart of the Union exhibit.

Ongoing, museum hours Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. -5 p.m., Sundays, noon-5 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road. Highlights of the exhibition include military passes issued by Provost Marshal's Office, construction tools, and original photographs of some of Washington's defenders. 703-746-4848 or www.forward.org.

Who These Wounded Are: The Extraordinary Stories of the Mansion House Hospital exhibit.

Ongoing, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. at the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Come see the site that inspired "Mercy Street," the new PBS' series inspired by real events that took place at Carlyle House. www.carlylehouse.org or call 703-549-2997

Color Disorder Exhibit. Ongoing, Thursday through Sunday, noon-4 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. A joint exhibition of artists Katie Baines and Amy Chan who use diverse painting materials such as acrylic, gouache, airbrush and screen print to build energized abstract paintings. www.nfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

Flamenco Show. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at La Tasca, 607 King St. Watch dancers and guitarists perform traditional flamenco. Free to attend. Call 703-299-9810 or visit www.latascausa.com.

French Movie Night. Every Thursday, 7 p.m. in the back room of Fontaine Caffe and Creperie, 119 S. Royal St. View a French film. Free, no reservation necessary. Call 703-535-8151 or visit www.fontainecaffe.com/reviews.html.

Their Fates Intertwined: The Lees of Alexandria in the War of 1812. Wednesday- Saturday, 10



'Soaked in Blue'

Heidi Nam's "Soaked in Blue" collage is part of her mixed media and collage works art show 6:30-8 p.m. at Studio 21 in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Visit www.torpedofactory.org

a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Lee-Fendall House and Gardens, 614 Oronoco St. A new exhibit on the experiences of the Lee family in Alexandria during the War of 1812 examines the contributions of Alexandria's citizens during the conflict that led to the writing of our national anthem through the lives of this iconic Virginia family. Visit www.leeendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789.

Alexandria Cars and Coffee invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Owners of classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays 12-5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit forward.org or call 703-746-4848.

Dinner for the Washingtons. 12 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

Second Thursday Music. Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 p.m. Second Thursday of every month. Visit nvfaa.org to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

The Monday Morning Birdwalk takes place weekly, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is

free, requires no reservation and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park's entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to park staff during normal business hours at 703-768-2525.

Civil War Sundays. 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., #327. Learn more about the Civil War as it occurred in Alexandria. Find dioramas, newspaper articles and more Free. Visit www.alexandriaarchaeology.org.

Doggy Happy Hour. Starting April 5, Tuesdays through October 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Doggy Happy Hour at Jackson 20 and the Hotel Monaco Alexandria offers specials on cocktails and beers plus treats and water for canine companions. Free, but drinks sold separately. Visit www.monaco-alexandria.com for more

Wake Up Wednesdays featuring The Pop Up Cafe. 7-9:30 a.m. on Wednesday's near the King Street Tunnel - Carlyle Entrance located near 2000 Duke Street near Motley Fool. The cafe will feature coffee, live music to help commuters start the day off right and donuts from Sugar Shack. maurisapotts@gmail.com

CAMPS, CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. every third Friday at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Live music. Tickets are \$4. Call 703-765-4573.

Life Drawing. Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Drop-in for the session and bring supplies to draw or paint live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray

Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for a schedule.

THURSDAY/MARCH 9

Opening Reception. 6:30-8 p.m. at Studio 21 in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Heidi Nam's "Netted: Morphological State of Our Urban Space," a mixed media and collage works art show, March 8-April 2. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780 for more.

Forty+ Movement and Theatre. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The program of works combines to a collective whole to traverse relationship, the inventiveness of situation, and the progression of life. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035 for more.

President In The Kitchen. 7:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Director of Lincoln's Cottage puts an apron just as Lincoln did when he helped Mary in their Springfield, Ill., kitchen. \$10. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum or call 703-838-4994 for more.

Tree Lecture. 7:30-9 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. The George Washington Memorial Parkway All-taxa Biodiversity Inventory: Finding New Species near the Nation's Capital — A Talk by Brent Steury. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

FRIDAY/MARCH 10

2017 Women's Leadership Forum. 7:30-10 a.m. at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. A morning of inspiration and education centered around the theme of shaping tomorrow's leaders. \$60 for members, \$80 for non-members. Email info@alexchamber.com or call 703-549-1000 for more.

Rosanne Cash Performs. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com.

MARCH 10-11

"The Little Mermaid." 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Chapel/Performing Arts Center, 1000 St. Stephen's Road. A musical from the SSSAS Cappies Award-winning Stage One Players. \$5. Visit www.sssas.org/arts or call 703-212-2845 for more.

SATURDAY/MARCH 11

Great Woody Plants. 10-11:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Horticulturist Brenda Skarphol highlights flowering shrubs that grow well in Virginia home gardens. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 2901845501 or call 703-642-5173 for more.

Yoga for Veterans. 2-4 p.m. at 532YOGA, 532 N. Washington St., Suite 100. VEToga's mission is to provide yoga, meditation, and healing arts to military, veterans, their families, and communities. Free to veterans, service personnel and their families. Donations welcome. Visit www.vetoga.org for more.

Her Story: Women in Action. 3-4:15 p.m. at The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, and their accompanying adults will participate in hands-on activities and add their own future goals to a timeline of Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon Low's story. \$6. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org or call 703.746.4994 for more.

Best Bib & Tucker Ball. 7-10 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern, 134 N. Royal St. Doc Scantlin's orchestra and the songstress Chou Chou will be providing the entertainment for the

APPETITE

Portner's 'Re-opening' This Week

BY HOPE NELSON
GAZETTE PACKET

In many ways, the opening of Portner Brewhouse this week was a century in the making. And in that historical light, it's not an opening as much as a re-opening — with leadership from four generations away.

The original Robert Portner Brewing Company "was founded and run by Robert Portner, who was our great-great-grandfather, and it became the largest brewery in the southeastern United States, with distribution from Alexandria to Florida," said brewery co-owner Catherine Portner.

Fast-forward a century or so "and you find my sister Margaret and I at the helm of Portner Brewhouse, which is a full-service restaurant, brewery, and craft beer test kitchen that celebrates this local history and the pursuit of the American dream," she said.

Portner's, which celebrates its grand opening this week in Alexandria's West End, hews to its historical roots while also balancing some new directions. The brewhouse will sport three beer series — a Pre-Prohibition series, brewmaster seasonals, and, soon, offerings from its craft-beer test kitchen, which is a development program for home brewers who may one day wish to become brewmasters at their own production facility.

Robert Portner would likely be familiar with the offerings from the Pre-Prohibition line, Catherine Portner says. The collection touts beers "that we have actually reconstructed the original recipes from the Robert Portner company and are re-brewing today to provide folks with a literal taste of history," she

If You Go

Portner's Brewhouse, 5770 Dow Ave.

Try this: The Modera Pale Ale. "We worked with the community and the property owners to design a beer that would act as a year-round seasonal," co-owner Catherine Portner said. The ale's hops will change with the seasons, but the base recipe will remain the same throughout.

said.

And he'd be familiar with the food, as well, which harkens back to his German heritage. A blend of American and German cuisine, Portner's offers a full menu, from weekday lunch and weekend brunch on through dinner.

"We do a combination of classic German and contemporary American cuisine," Portner said. One of the can't-miss favorites? Portner's pretzel.

"You'd better get a pretzel, that's for sure," Portner laughed. The Bavarian pretzel sticks are served with beer cheese dipping sauce and sweet and spicy mustard to yield the quintessential brewery food.

Visitors to the brewhouse can expect an expansive space with the brewing operation in full view.

"Our space is about 5,500 square feet, and our brewery is located in a showcase position directly behind the bar," Portner said. Some of the tanks are hooked directly to the bar's taplines, Portner said, adding: "You cannot physically get much closer to the beer than that."

Hope Nelson owns and operates the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at www.kitchenrecessionista.com. Email her any time at hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.

Grab a Seat at the Table

In an event that would make George Washington himself belly up to the bar, the Mount Vernon Inn is teaming up with Port City Brewing on Friday to host the next in its line of beer-pairing dinners.

"We are doing a three-course dinner this time," said Port City's Chris Van Orden. Fewer courses than previous dinners "means we can pull out some bigger beers, which is actually really nice."

Those higher-ABV beverages may pack a punch, but they also pack a great deal of flavor in each sip and pair nicely with the restaurant's menu for the evening. The first course — a gorgonzola and pear-stuffed goose breast with vegetable pilaf served alongside — will go toe-to-toe with Port City's Colossal Five, its signature English-style old ale.

The lobster-stuffed beef tenderloin second course pairs with the newly released Colossal VI, a heavy-handed Russian Imperial stout; diners will finish off the meal with a cannoli cake paired with George Washington rye whiskey barrel-aged porter, brewed in whiskey barrels from Washington's distillery down

If You Go

Mount Vernon Inn-Port City Beer-Pairing

Where: Mount Vernon Inn, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway

When: Friday, March 10, 7-9 p.m.

Tickets: \$75

the road.

"We had one last keg of that, and we were able to pull this out for the occasion," Van Orden said.

Port City teams up with the Mount Vernon Inn every few months for a beer-pairing event, but each one is different. Some have been all-vegetarian affairs, for instance, and some offer an extended-course menu.

"As the seasons turn and as they get new produce available, they come up with a new menu and we pair against that," Van Orden said. "... We have always had a very good time."

— HOPE NELSON

CALENDAR

evening. \$150. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern or call 703-746-4242.
Laurie Anderson in Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

SUNDAY/MARCH 12

Glasshouses and Conservatories. 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. A

talk on the history of greenhouses and conservatories by Dean Norton, director of horticulture at George Washington's Mount Vernon. \$10 in advance, \$12 at door. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 2901822201 or call 703-642-5173 for more.

Virginia Bronze Handbells

Concert. 4-5:30 p.m. at The George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. \$10. Email vab@vabronze.org or call 888-

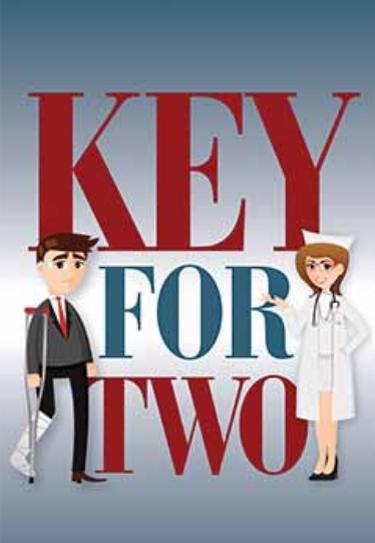
824-2541 for more.

MARCH 12-13

An Evening With Colin Hay. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. \$39.50. Vocalist of 1980's group Men at Work. \$45. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 15

Philadelphia Flower Show. 8 a.m.-8



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ENTERTAINMENT

p.m. leave from Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Highlights the wonders of Holland's innovative eco-design, modern urban greening and sustainability efforts. \$136/person includes motor coach and show admission. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 2901923601 or call 703-642-5173 for more.

Visit to Dyke Marsh. 8:30-11 a.m. at Belle Haven Park, 6401 George Washington Memorial Parkway. Dixie Sommers leads this walk to scope the waterfowl on the river and check out Haul Road for sparrows, kinglets, woodpeckers, and eagles. Sponsored by Northern Virginia Bird Club. Visit audubonva.org/ for more.

Antiques Club. 9:30-11 a.m. in the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. The Alexandria/Mount Vernon Antiques Club will have Mr. Sanders of Four Sales, Ltd., one of the largest estate firms in the mid-Atlantic region, giving a program on getting appraisals for items in your home. Call 703-360-4979.

National Brass Quintet Concert. 7 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Works by Anderson, Bach, Handel, Bohme, Bozza, Chandler and McKee. Email kfmail@verizon.net or chuckseipp@aol.com for more.

THURSDAY/MARCH 16

Author Claudia Kalb. 7 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St. An award-winning journalist will deliver "Inside the Minds of History's Great Personalities with a French Twist" talk and have her latest book, the New York Times bestseller "Andy Warhol was a Hoarder." \$5. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum or call 703-838-4994.

Vanessa Carlton in Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Part of a 20-date solo tour. \$110. Visit www.birchmere.com.

FRIDAY/MARCH 17

Spring Garden Kickoff. 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn tips for the lawn and garden from Master Gardeners including best practices for selecting plants and starting seedlings. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 2901896101 or call 703-642-5173 for more.

Opening Reception. 6:30-9 p.m. at the Principle Gallery, 208 King St. For Principle Gallery with Kevin Fitzgerald. Visit www.principlegallery.com/alexandria for more.

St. Patrick's Day Free Rides. Free Lyft rides will be offered to would-be drunk drivers throughout Alexandria. Visit www.soberride.com for more.

MARCH 17-19

Cherry Blossom Monuments

Cruise. Departing at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. from the waterfront at Cameron and Union streets. View and listen to the history of the monuments, memorials and bridges on the Potomac River and see the cherry blossoms. \$30 round-trip for adults on weekends; \$17 roundtrip for adults on weekdays; \$16 round-trip for children under 12 on weekends; \$10 round-trip for children under 12 on weekdays. Visit VisitAlexandriaVA.com/spring or call 703-684-0580 for more.

MARCH 17-18

Local Documentaries. Screenings at various times at Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Local filmmakers include Ben Powell and Taylor Powell, Falls Church, with film "Charlie & Sam," Vanina Harel and Aditi Desai, Arlington, with film "The Culture of Collards," Joe Dzikiewicz and Jaclyn O'Laughlin from Arlington and Alexandria with film "Encaustic," and Lauren Knapp of Alexandria, with "The Sandman." \$10. Visit www.bethesda.org or call 301-215-6660 for more.

SATURDAY/MARCH 18

Advocacy Workshop. 1-4 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how to effectively use the voice to create change by speaking up for the environment. Visit audubonva.org/contact-stacey for more information.

Author Discusses Historic Furniture. 2 p.m. at the Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. Hal Stuart, author of Virginia Sectional Furniture 1800-1860, compares two of 19th century Virginia's most successful furniture makers - James Green of Alexandria and African-American entrepreneur Thomas Day. \$5 in advance, \$7 the day of the program. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789 for more.

Country-Western Dance. 6-9:30 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association is sponsoring the dance. \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit www.nvcwda.org or call 703-860-4941.

Tom Rush in Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. \$45. Visit www.birchmere.com.

MARCH 18-19

Women of Civil War Alexandria Tour. 11 a.m. Tour starts at The



In Concert

Rosanne Cash in concert, Friday, March 10, 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. www.Birchmere.com

Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Presented by the National Women's History Museum. \$15. Call 703-461-1920 or visit www.nwhm.org/get-involved/events/walking-tours.

paperbacks, children's books and audio-visual items. All genres. \$1 day on Sunday, March 26. Visit www.beatleyfriends.org or call 703-746-1702 for more.

DEADLINE MARCH 19

2017 Open Exhibition. At the Torpedo Factory, 201 N. Union St. Open call for proposals for a solo exhibition in the summer of 2017. The individual or group associated with the chosen proposal will receive a solo exhibition in Target Gallery from July 13-Sept. 3. The artist(s) will also receive a \$1,000 stipend. Call 703-746-4590 or visit torpedofactory.org/target for more.

TUESDAY/MARCH 21

Megan Beyer Lecture. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Discussion with Megan Beyer, an arts and gender equality advocate, and journalist. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

Documenting 20th Century Lives. 1-3 p.m. at at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Historian Zack Wilske talks about historical records available through the Genealogy Program of the US Citizenship and Immigration Services and the National Archives. Free. Visit www.mvgenalogy.org or call 703-768-4101.

MARCH 21-26

Spring Book Sale. 4-8:30 p.m. at Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. \$3 or less, unless specifically marked: hardbacks,

MARCH 21-APRIL 23

3-Dimensional Views Artshow. Various times at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 N. Union St. This show will also highlight the work of three featured artists: Emma Bednar, Gayle Roehm, and Emma Thompson. Free. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com or call 703-548-0935 for more.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 22

WWI Airman Experiences. 7 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. "Lecture-A Great War Veteran with a Love of History," focusing on Lloyd Diehl Schaeffer, an airman of the Great War. Free for Alexandria Historical Society members, \$5 for non-members. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum or call 703-746-4994 for more.

THURSDAY/MARCH 23

Greendale Women's Golf League. 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre Drive. The Greendale Women's Golf Association is an 18-hole league that plays once a week on Thursday mornings at the Greendale Golf Course on Telegraph Road. The league is open to experienced golfers of all abilities. Join the information session to discuss the upcoming golf season. Call 703-399-6496 or visit

gwgl.wordpress.com for more.
Kasey Chambers in Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Seth Walker opens. Visit www.birchmere.com or sethwalker.com/ for more.

MARCH 24-APRIL 16

Water Taxi to National Mall. Departing at 11:10 a.m., 1:35 p.m., and 4:30 p.m. from the waterfront at Cameron and Union streets. Potomac Riverboat Company offers a 30-minute direct water taxi to the National Mall in Washington, D.C. to access events of the National Cherry Blossom Festival, including the Blossom Kite Festival. \$28 round-trip for adults, \$16 one-way for adults; \$16 round-trip for children under 12; \$8 one-way for children under 12. Visit www.potomacriverboatco.com/water-taxi/national-mall/ or call 703-684-0580 for more.

FRIDAY/MARCH 24

Women of Civil War Alexandria Tour. 11 a.m. Tour starts at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Presented by the National Women's History Museum. \$15. Call 703-461-1920 or visit www.nwhm.org/get-involved/events/walking-tours for more.

Photographer Lecture. 7-9 p.m. Gallery at Convergence, 1081 N. Quaker Lane. Nina Tisara's photographic series: "Converging Paths and United in the Spirit," and "Witnessing Worship: Connecting through the lens of faith," will run March 17 to June 17. Call 703-998-6260 for more.

SATURDAY/MARCH 25

"Beyond the Battlefield" Walking Tour. 10 a.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Take a trip down "Mercy Street" in this 1.75-mile walking tour featuring locations featured in the PBS drama. \$15 in advance, \$20 the day of the program. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum or call 703-838-4994.

Friendship Firehouse Museum Tour. 11 a.m.-noon at the Friendship Firehouse, 107 South Alfred St. Learn about the Friendship Fire Company's firefighting procedures and equipment, as well as the different roles the organization played in serving the community. \$5 for adults and \$4 ages 10-17. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov or by call 703-746-3891 for more.

The Migration Project. 7:30 p.m. at the Durant Art Center, 1605 Cameron St. Stories of relocation explore the push and pull of human flight, featuring Jane Franklin Dance, artists Rosemary Feit Covey and Dawn Whitmore. Call 703-746-5560 for more.





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SPORTS

NOVA Ice Dogs Win League Championship

Alexandria's Northern Virginia Ice Dogs Hockey Team won the U-16 Upper Patrick CBHL League Championship on Feb. 26 beating the #1 ranked Piedmont Predators in a game that went to a shoot-out. After three periods the score was tied 2-2 with NOVA goals by Ben Mitzelfeld and Jamie Arnold and assists by Rhett Styles, Justin Kim, Patrick Graves and Graham Kalan. Neither team scored during the five-minute sudden death overtime.

With Warren Payne in net for the Ice Dogs, the game was decided in a five-man shootout. Jamie Arnold scored his second goal of the game as the third NOVA shooter. The Piedmont Predators also scored a shoot-out goal so the game came down to a contest between the fifth shooters. NOVA's fifth shooter, Alex Simuro, scored for the Ice Dogs and Payne topped off a stellar game, stopping Piedmont's last shooter giving NOVA the 3-2 championship win.

Led by head coach Jim Fullem and assistant coaches Todd "Digger" Graves and Mike Sterego, the Ice Dogs went into the play-offs in third place.

In the playoff game, NOVA beat #2 ranked Hampton Roads 3-2 on the Whalers' home ice with goals by Rhett Styles and Graham Kalan with James Purpuro scoring the game winner to get them into Sunday's



The NOVA Ice Dogs are the champions of the Chesapeake Bay Hockey League for the U-16 Upper Patrick Division.

Championship game. Trevor McHugh was in goal for that win.

Members of the 2017 NOVA Ice Dogs U-16 Championship Team are Rhett Styles (#6), Jamie Arnold (#8), Justin Kim (#10),

Alex Simuro (#12), Andrew Meighan (#13), Scott Samples (#26), Ben Mitzelfeld (#28), Patrick Graves (#30), Gavin Gustafson (#33), Graham Kalan (#55), Jake Cornelius (#67), James Purpuro

(#71), Jack Stanley (#74), Mick Sterego (#94), Warren Payne (#30) and Trevor McHugh (#97).

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Opposing Trump Immigration Policies

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ning mate Hillary Clinton, but that he had still had important work to do.

“Stop my classmates from being deported,” Kaine said she wrote. “Be the hero.”

“The letter was about fear,” Kaine continued, making statements in both English and Spanish. “The policies of this administration are policies that divide and create fear. If you do things that make our immigrant communities afraid of law enforcement, our entire communities become less safe.”

Kaine said he was there to stand together against the new immigration policies and in support of comprehensive immigration reform.

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Chairwoman from New Mexico U.S. Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham (D-1) said reformed policies should “recognize the economic and social contributions of immigrants and uphold the protections in our Constitution.”

ICE detaining people without due process, Grisham said, is an affront to the values of the United States and “should scare every American.”

“We do not support immigration policies that make all undocumented people priorities for enforcement,” she said. “I just can’t believe this, this is where we are headed.”

Democratic Caucus Vice-Chairwoman from California U.S. Rep. Linda Sánchez (D-38) said she had recently met with both President Donald Trump and the acting director of ICE. She told Trump what happened at Rising Hope was not an isolated issue and was “appalling, wrong.”

“ICE has been using heavy-handed tactics to intentionally incite fear in immigrant communities,” Sánchez said. “However, raids do not make our neighborhoods safer or fix our broken immigration system.”

Immigration lawyer Nicholas Marritz from the Legal Aid Justice Center in Falls Church said there is a lot of fear in the immigrant community following Trump’s orders and ICE’s activity — real or perceived.

He said he and others have tried numerous times to get ICE to respond with their



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Rising Hope’s pastor Rev. Dr. Keary Kincannon (left) said the hypothermia shelter is an important lifeline to a lot of people in the community, providing up to 170 bed-nights per week. At right is U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8).

own account of the events of Feb. 8 at Rising Hope, as well as the names of the men who were detained there. Without them, Marritz said, it’s difficult to build a case. So far ICE has refused to give them a substantial response.

AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, Marritz translated a statement from a woman in the United States illegally but with children born here. Through Marritz, she said she doesn’t feel like she can leave her home freely in this climate.

“Mr. President,” Marritz translated for her, “you cannot make us criminals in our country. Give us an opportunity to come out of the shadows, into the light, to show what we can do. ¡Basta ya! Enough is enough!”

“I would ask the President that he govern with wisdom,” the woman continued as Marritz translated, “because all of us who live in this country and under this flag have

rights. May he respect the dignity of all human beings who live in the United States.”

“We The People’ make America great,” she concluded, in English.

Standing in solidarity with the speakers were state Sen. Scott Surovell (D-36), state Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31), state Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30), Del. Paul Krizek (D-44), Arlington County Board Vice-Chair Katie Cristol, Alexandria Mayor Allison Silberberg and Fairfax County School Board Member Karen Corbett Sanders.

The elected officials were joined by leaders from other non-governmental organizations working on behalf of undocumented individuals and families, including representatives from ACLU of Virginia, Lenka Mendoza of Dreamers Moms in Action, and Michelle LaRue of CASA attended to endorse the rights of Virginia’s undocumented population.

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Obituary



LTC Billy Gene Sims, (age 87)



Billy Gene Sims, husband, patriarch, homesteader, soldier, businessman, passed on March 4, 2017.

Dreamer, pioneer, he met and fell in love with Edith Hammond at a USO dance in California. Bill and Edie embarked on 65 years of adventurous life. They raised a large, loud and loving family.

Drafted into the U.S. Army he fought in the Korean War. He was a field artillery officer and master aviator who flew two Vietnam tours. He was awarded the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star for Valor and Purple Heart.

Bill and Edie homesteaded in Kasilof, Alaska. For 40 years they owned Antiques ‘n Old Stuff at multiple locations in Washington, D.C., Chambersburg, PA and Brunswick, MD. He was an auctioneer and his motto for business and life was “Specializing in Making Folks Happy.”

As a founding member of Holy Family Catholic Community in Middletown, MD. he was a lector, greeter and founder of the annual church auction. He embraced those down-on-their-luck, hiring and counseling those in need -- including homeless, hitchhikers and people who wandered in off the street.

Born in Brownsboro, TX on March 22, 1929, he was six when his mother died from gangrene. At 15, he left home, hitchhiking across the country, hopping trains, and courageously forging a life. He earned a GED, then a BA from U of MD.

Survivors include Edith, of Alexandria, VA, six children: Billy M. (Gail) Sims, Hagerstown, MD; Marcus T. (Lourdes) Sims of Clarksville, MD; Vanessa Armstrong of Fort Defiance, VA; Monica Sims Crimmins (John Hannon), Diana Sims (Keith) Snider and John D. (Theresa) Sims, all of Alexandria, VA; grandchildren Benjamin Narduzzi; Gabriel (Anna) Narduzzi; Emily (Nick) Macedonia; Bess (Chad) Sussman; Nathaniel (Katelyn) Snider; Alexander Snider; William Snider; Samuel Snider; Annalisa Sims, Marcella Sims; Johnna Sims; Billy Gene Sims; and Nourah Barden; brother William Kenneth (Nefa) Sims, numerous “adopted” family members and lifelong friends.

Burial at Arlington National Cemetery to be announced. Please view and sign the family guestbook at www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com

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Grover J. 'Bud' Manderfield, a prominent Washington area banker and business executive, passed away at INOVA Alexandria (VA) Hospital on February 17, 2017 surrounded by his beloved family.

Mr. Manderfield was born in Massillon, Ohio, the son of Grover P. and Hilda Wagner Manderfield. He grew up in Woodbridge, VA, where his father was a well-known banker, business executive and member of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors. 'Bud' Manderfield graduated from Sullivan's Preparatory School in Washington, DC and Catholic University of America in 1956.

After service in the Air Force, Mr. Manderfield began his banking career in 1958 as the fifth employee and loan officer of Bank of Occoquan in Occoquan, VA. As the bank grew and merged with other banks, so did Mr. Manderfield's career, spanning more than three decades.

From 1962 to 1976, he was Director and President of the Bank of Virginia/Northern Region and from 1976 until 1980 Director and President of First American Bank of Maryland. In 1980, he was named President and Chief Operating Officer of Suburban Bank Corp. In 1985, Suburban merged with Sovran Financial Corp, creating the largest financial institution in the Washington region. Mr. Manderfield remained as President of the new Maryland subsidiary and was named President of Sovran as well as a member of the bank's Board. He retired from banking in 1987.

After retiring from banking, he began a second career in finance. With friend and colleague Mark Fried, he co-founded RAMCO/Gemini, an asset-management company in Northern VA dedicated to providing asset management services to the financial industry and its regulatory agencies.

Mr. Manderfield was also a leader in many professional and community organizations. He served as Chairman of both the Prince William County Planning Commission and the Prince William County Board of Zoning Appeals.

In the early 1960s, as Chairman of the Prince William County Planning Commission, Mr. Manderfield spearheaded efforts by the county and local businessmen to successfully buy back 446 acres of land on Cockpit Point in the Cherry Hill area of the county that then belonged to the District of Columbia. For more than 20 years he served as President of Cockpit Point Non-Profit Development Corporation, which sought to broaden the county's tax base by attracting industry to the area.

Mr. Manderfield was also a Consultant to the Federal Reserve System and the U.S. Office (now Department) of Education. Additional Directorships include MasterCard/International, Board of Trustees of Catholic University and the Young Presidents' Organization/International. He was also a member of the Chief Executives Organization/International.

Mr. Manderfield served as President of the Maryland Bankers Association, State Vice President for the American Bankers Association and was an active member of the Virginia Bankers Association. He was a Director of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Washington Research Center where he served on the Executive Committee. He also was a member of the Board of Trustees of INOVA Hospital Systems, Director of Maxima Corporation and Director of NVR Federal Savings Bank.

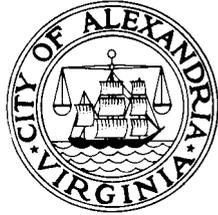
He was a member of the Congressional Country Club in Bethesda MD, the Commonwealth Club in Richmond, VA and the Old Dominion Boat Club in Alexandria, VA.

Mr. Manderfield is survived by his beloved wife of 22 years, Iris 'Sam' Manderfield, ten children (Steve & Paula, Joe & Kayla, Bob & Jane, Ed, Dave & Molly, John & Nancy, Ann Manderfield Smith & Richard, Mary Manderfield Domyan & Richard, Tom, Cathy), one step-daughter (Kimberly Wordsworth-Murphy & Greg), 14 grandchildren (Marissa, Tyler, Jackson, Jon, Brian, Kevin, Katie, Abby, Ryan, Reed, Mike, Kristen, Nicholas, Nathan) and one great grandchild (Aubrey). His first wife, Loretta Beale Manderfield, preceded him in death as did his sister, Fredona Manderfield Gartlan, a mental health advocate and the wife of the late Virginia State Senator Joseph V. Gartlan, Jr.

A Funeral Mass, immediate family only, was held Friday, February 24, 2017 at St. Mary's Church, Alexandria, VA. Interment and Memorial Service with friends and family will be held at a later date.

For online condolences, please visit www.demainefuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Sisters of Mercy: 515 Montgomery, Merion, PA 19066 or www.mercymidatlantic.org; National Alliance on Mental Illness, (NAMI), PO Box 8693, Reston, VA 20195 or www.nami-nova.org; ALS Association, 1275 K Street NW, Suite 250, Washington, DC 20005 or www.alsa.org



Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Monday, March 13, 2017, at 4:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

A PUBLIC HEARING on the City Manager's Proposed Annual Operating Budget for FY 2018 (Including Schools) and the Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 2018-2027 (Including the Schools CIP). Adoption is scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. A public hearing on the ordinance establishing the real property tax rate will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED DOCKET WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. JACKIE M. HENDERSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

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JAMES D. HEREFORD, JR.
ALEXANDRIA- CAPT James "Buck" Donald Hereford Jr., USN (Ret) 90, passed away at home February 25, 2017. He was a current resident of Alexandria, VA and longtime resident of Virginia Beach for over 40 years. A native of Wichita, KS, he was born July 17, 1926.

He served for 30 years in the United States Navy and was a World War II Veteran. Following graduation from North High School in 1944 and a year at Missouri Valley College, he began his Navy career in 1945 as an enlisted man and then attended the University of Notre Dame under the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program and graduated in 1947 with a BS degree in Business Administration. He was commissioned as an Ensign in June 1947 as a Naval Supply Corp Officer.

He served aboard the USS Noble, USS Eugene A. Greene and USS Hancock. He was the Commanding Officer of Naval Supply Depot Guam. His other tours include: Instructor NROTC at Georgia Institute of Technology, U.S. Naval Post Graduate School, graduate of U. S. Naval War College, DGSC Richmond VA, Norfolk VA, Keflavik Iceland, Mechanicsburg PA, San Francisco CA, Panama City FL, Chincoteague VA,

He was a member of the Order of DaMolay, and OES Chapter 433, of Wichita KS and the National Sojourners 21, Canal Zone. He was a long time member of the Norwieg Lodge No. 113, AF & AM, American Legion Post 113, and Boys State. Active in Boy Scouts for over 50 years, he served as a committeeman with Troop 372, Virginia Beach, VA and Troop 996, Alexandria, VA. Buck was also active with MOAA, TROAA, Thalia Civic Association and Thalia Methodist Church.

Buck is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Dottie Hereford and son James D. Hereford III. Left to cherish his memory is his sister Mary Lou Ames, his daughters, Nancy Kissel and her husband Dan; Patricia Boward and her husband Bob. He was the loving grandfather of Donnie, Karen, and Jonathan Hereford; Kyle and Kristen Boward; Rachel Kissel and great granddaughter Julia Hereford.

The family wishes to extend their sincere gratitude to Capital Caring.

Buck will always be remembered for his sincere dedication, his bright smile and quick wit.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 18th at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria, VA 22308. In lieu of flowers, the family request contributions be made in Buck's memory to: BSA Troop 996, c/o Aldersgate UMC, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria, VA 22308.

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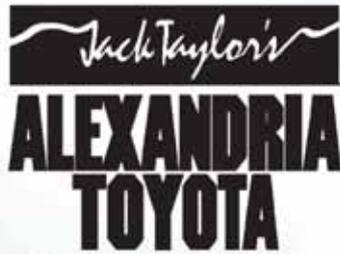
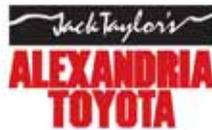
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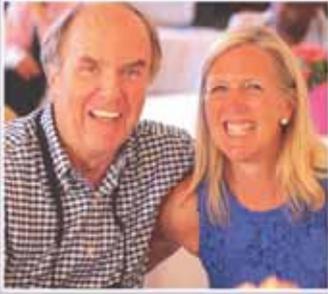
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On April 22, 2017, five of Old Town Alexandria's private homes and gardens will open to the public, as part of the 84th Historic Garden Week. Reston homes and gardens will be open on Tuesday, April 25. Featured here, a home on Lake Newport. See www.vagardenweek.org

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Mount Vernon Gazette

Old Town Prepares for Historic Garden Week

Part of state-wide event.

Five Old Town Alexandria homes and gardens will open to the public on April 22 as part of the 84th Historic Garden Week. The homes will feature flower arrangements created by the members of the Garden Club of Alexandria and The Hunting Creek Garden Club, which are sponsoring the tour, open from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The house and garden tour will feature something for everyone:

Houses with History

- ❖ Four of the tour houses were built over 150 years ago, in 1794, 1802, 1820 and 1859
- ❖ George Washington dined in one of the tour houses in 1797
- ❖ A young Robert E. Lee was tutored in mathematics in one tour house
- ❖ Founding Father George Mason's grandson owned another of the houses
- ❖ One house was designed and built by the man who designed GW's tomb at Mt. Vernon
- ❖ Thomas, the ninth Lord Fairfax, lived in one of the tour houses.

Gardens with Distinctive Design and Spring Flowers

- ❖ A garden designed by landscape designer, Jane MacLeish
- ❖ A spacious walled garden built on two levels
- ❖ A garden elevated from the street and screened from view
- ❖ The gardens of Mt. Vernon, the American Horticultural Society, Green Spring Gardens, Gunston Hall, Carlyle House, and Lee-Fendall House are all included with the tour ticket.

The Alexandria Tour Ticket includes entrance to:

- ❖ Five private homes and gardens in Old Town
- ❖ Tea and light refreshments from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the garden of a private house
- ❖ Herb and Craft Sale at Carlyle House: Visit the 18th century mansion house, stroll through its gardens, and buy plants from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- ❖ The Marketplace at the Athenaeum will sell clothing and accessories from high-end, distinctive vendors from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Also at the Athenaeum will be a display of botanical art showing native plants and pollinators and a photo exhibit of bees and flowers,
- ❖ Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden: Built in 1785 and home to several generations of the Virginia Lee family, as well as labor leader John Lewis, this house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places
- ❖ The American Horticultural Society, headquartered at River Farm, which overlooks the Potomac River with 25 acres of gardens, will be having a plant sale on April 21-22
- ❖ George Washington's Mt. Vernon: With funding from the Historic Garden Week, the Garden Club of Virginia has helped restore the bowling green, one of Mt. Vernon's major landscape features
- ❖ Green Spring Gardens, which includes a garden designed by landscape designer Beatrix Farrand
- ❖ Gunston Hall, the 550-acre National Historic Landmark 18th century home of George Mason, au-



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Five Old Town Alexandria homes and gardens will open to the public on April 22 as part of the 84th Historic Garden Week.

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Alexandria Tour Details

Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$45 at www.vagardenweek.org and at the Alexandria Visitors Center (221 King Street). On the date of the tour, they may be purchased for \$55 at any house on the tour or at the Alexandria Visitor's Center. Group tours of 20 people or more, \$40 per person. Single site tickets are \$25 per person. The Alexandria tour will be held on its scheduled day, rain or shine.

The pay-for-parking lots and garages in Old Town are located at:

- ❖ Cameron Street at North Saint Asaph Street
- ❖ Cameron Street at North Pitt Street
- ❖ South Pitt Street, between Prince and King Streets
- ❖ North Fairfax Street at King Street
- ❖ North Lee Street at King Street
- ❖ South Union Street between Prince and Duke Streets.

Historic Garden Week tours throughout Virginia have been held annually since 1929, except for a period during World War II, when members of the Garden Club of Virginia (GCV) took time off to tend to their Victory Gardens and help with the war effort. Known as "America's Largest Open House," every year, more than 3,300 GCV members work to produce the tours during the last full week of April. Tour proceeds go to the restoration of gardens and grounds of Virginia's most historic sites, including Monticello and Mt. Vernon. Last year the tours grossed just under \$1 million. To learn more about the restorations, go to www.gcvirginia.org and look under Restorations. There are six tours in the northern Virginia area this spring featuring 34 private homes/gardens.



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Butterfly Weed Wins Perennial of the Year

BY CAROLE FUNGER
THE GAZETTE

The designation Perennial Plant of the Year is awarded each year by the Perennial Plant Association to the perennial that outshines its competitors not only in appearance, but also in its noteworthy characteristics. To be considered, a plant must be able to grow in a wide range of climates, require little maintenance and have multiple seasons of interest. And, it should be relatively pest and disease free.

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That's a tall order for many plants, but late last year, orange-flowering butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) more than rose to the occasion. In November it was voted 2017 Perennial Plant of the Year, becoming the 27th to receive such an honor.

What makes butterfly weed so special?

Native to much of the continental United States as well as Ontario and Quebec, butterfly weed grows wild in a variety of climatic conditions including dry forests, along roadsides and in prairies and open fields. A member of the milkweed family, it tops out at about 1 to 2 feet. Its natural preference for average to dry soil makes it an excellent drought-resistant plant.

Butterfly weed's large clusters of flowers are a brilliant orange-yellow, a beacon among other subtler-toned plants. Happily blooming from June through August, they produce copious amounts of nectar that attracts hordes of butterflies, birds and a wide assortment of insects. The distinctive flowers are composed of five petals that stand up (called hoods) and five petals that hang down. The hoods enclose a single orange horn that when cross-pollinated, forms a follicle. Later in the season, the follicle opens up along one side to disperse silky-tailed seeds.

Not to be outdone, butterfly

weed's foliage has its own attractions. Long and pointed, the 4" leaves provide food for the larvae of native Monarch butterflies, while also lending a deep green backdrop to the brilliant flowers.

Plant butterfly weed in full sun in well-drained, moderately dry soil. For an eye-catching composition, pair it with other strong-hued perennials like *Liatris spicata*, *Echinacea 'Double Scoop Raspberry'* and *Hemerocallis 'Stella D'Oro.'* Or, let its orange flowers shine amidst subtler toned flowers like lemon-yellow *Hemerocallis 'Happy Returns'*, white *Phlox 'David'* and apricot *Cosmos*.

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Kitchen Design Trends to Expect in 2017

Local designer share popular design ideas.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

Those looking for kitchen design ideas have a new source of inspiration: the National Kitchen & Bath Association's (NKBA) list of trends for 2017. Local designers reveal which trends are most popular in the Washington, D.C. region.

NKBA predicts that contemporary-styled kitchens will overtake traditional to become the second most popular design after transitional. Locally, Michael Winn, president of Winn Design + Build expects to see "a strong move towards transitional and contemporary styles, with no fussy designs."

Homeowners are looking for "kitchen spaces that look comfortable, calming and clutter-free," said Shannon Kadwell of Anthony Wilder Design/Build, Inc.

Clean lines, built-in shelving and simple door styles dominate kitchen designs. Megan Padilla, senior designer for Aidan Design reports an interest in custom storage ideas. "We're inspired by our work with clients who often have collections of table



White and gray painted cabinets like those in this kitchen by Winn Design + Build will dominate kitchen color schemes in 2017.

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décor — everything from antique trays to vintage oyster plates," she said. "By creating custom storage these cherished items can be readily accessible."

When it comes to painted cabinetry, gray is the new white and the popularity of both colors shows no signs of slowing down, according to the NKBA survey. However, blue painted and high gloss kitchen cabinets are emerging, especially in the Washington area, says Winn. "Blues and grays are very popular [and] 'White continues to be popular."

For overall color schemes, two-toned kitchens are gaining popularity while blue and black are emerging as sought after colors. "We're seeing a rise in product offerings available in matte black — from appliances to plumbing fixtures to cabinet hardware," said Padilla. "We love it paired with white in a classic black and white kitchen, but also as an accent piece. Matte black also pairs beautifully with brass, which has been trending for the past couple of years."

Quartz is the most sought-after kitchen

countertop material, followed by granite. "Most of our clients aren't really interested in a kitchen that [is] too trendy since they plan to have it in place for 15-20 years," said Padilla. "We've seen an uptick in interest in incorporating color by way of alternate neutrals. Navy blue is probably the top choice, but taupes and lighter blues are also on the list."

An interest among homeowners in incorporating technology in kitchen design is increasing as well. About one third of the NKBA professionals surveyed reported recent projects that included wiring and pathways for future tech integration. "I would also expect the technology side to be a focus in D.C.," said Samantha Klickna, project developer with Case Design/Remodeling, Inc. "The ease and comfort of controlling your home while at the office or on travel is very appealing and convenient for the city dweller."

Induction cooktops and convection ovens are trending higher, and microwave drawers are surpassing freestanding or built-in microwaves in popularity. "People have been purchasing appliances like steam ovens and induction ovens now more than ever before," said Kadwell. "People have less time, but still want to cook. They want to be able to cook quickly, so they're looking for appliances that can accomplish that."



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