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Volunteers place wreaths on headstones at Alexandria National Cemetery Dec. 16 as part of the annual Wreaths Across America event.

Wreaths Across America

Volunteers turn out to honor veterans.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Dozens of volunteers braved freezing temperatures at Alexandria National Cemetery Dec. 16 to participate in Wreaths Across America, the annual ritual of placing wreaths at the headstones of America's veterans.

The annual event, founded 26 years ago by Maine wreath maker Morrill Worcester, honors those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces. More than 1.2 million wreaths were distributed to 1,238 locations across the country, including Alexandria National Cemetery, one of the 14 original national cemeteries established in 1862.

A Wreaths Across America caravan traveled to
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Pathway to Zero

Taking action to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Habibollah Behzadi took a walk every day with his wife around their neighborhood in the West End. On their Aug. 11 walk, when it started to rain heavily, they began to head home. They were walking hand in hand over a pedestrian crossing when an SUV came down the street and hit both of them. They were rushed to the George Washington emergency room, where

“Traffic violence in our city is taking an increasing toll on the people who live, work and visit here.”

— Jim Durham, representing
Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory
Committee

Habibollah Behzadi struggled for 38 hours before he died from a combination of heart contraction, brain hemorrhage, intestinal rupture and fractured bones. His wife survived, but with serious injuries.

After a series of surgeries, with more still to come, she requires the help of a walker and a cane. In addition to the physical injuries, she suffers from lingering post-traumatic stress disorder.

It's the reality of life for those living in the wake of a traffic crash. Daheem Behzadi, SEE TAKING ACTION, PAGE 14

Into the Ring

Alexandria Boxing Club welcomes national champions home.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Javier Martinez throws a punch, and Troy Isley ducks out of the way. Another punch, another dodge. Isley is watching every move, watching every jab and extension, and waits for just the right moment. Then he lashes out with a flurry of blows that sends Martinez into a corner. Once Isley gets started, he doesn't stop. With speed that can be difficult to follow, he hammers at Martinez, one hit connecting after

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Keyshawn Davis, undefeated for over 24 fights this year and winner of the National Golden Gloves.

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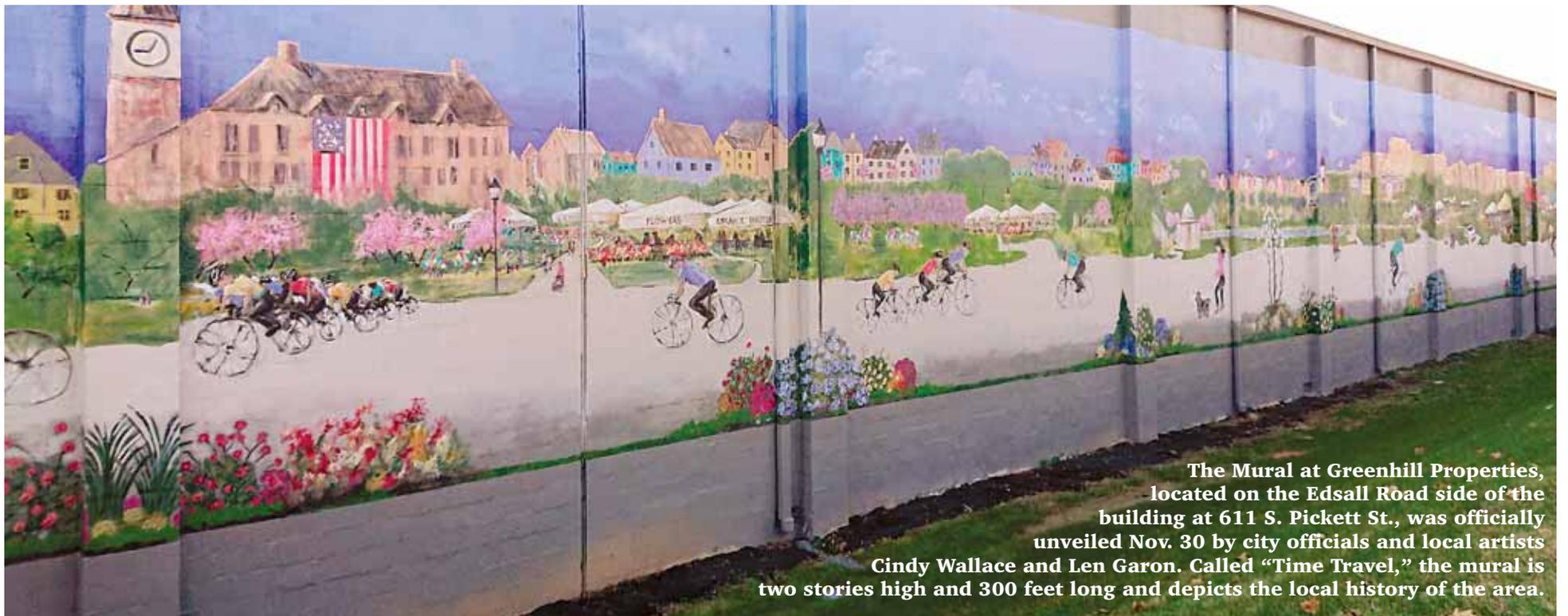
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The Mural at Greenhill Properties, located on the Edsall Road side of the building at 611 S. Pickett St., was officially unveiled Nov. 30 by city officials and local artists Cindy Wallace and Len Garon. Called "Time Travel," the mural is two stories high and 300 feet long and depicts the local history of the area.

'Time Travel'

West End mural depicts local history.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

If a picture paints a thousand words, then a mural the length of a football field can tell the story of the area's history as evidenced in "Time Travel," which was formally unveiled Nov. 30 in the West End of Alexandria.

Local artists Len Garon and Cindy Wallace were commissioned earlier in the year to paint the mural on the Edsall Road side of a warehouse located at 611 S. Pickett St. Measuring two stories tall and 300 feet long, the mural depicts the area's history from left to right.

"This is a celebration of the renaissance of the West End of Alexandria," said Wallace as she added her signature to the mural. "We began with American Indians then moved on to Fort Ward and the Civil War and ended with today's modern times."

Officially called The Mural at Greenhill Properties, the artists were commissioned by Greenhill developers to help beautify the city's West End. Greenhill owns the majority of property bordered by Edsall Road, Van Dorn Street and S. Pickett Street, including the Giant-anchored Van Dorn Station. The company has submitted concept plans to the city for Pickett Place, a mixed-use development featuring more than 3 million square feet of residential, retail, hotel and office space.

"We are excited about this project," said Greenhill Principal Richard Greenberg. "The mural is a way to bring some color and vibrancy to the area as we continue to work with the city on our long range plans for the West End."

In attendance at the dedication of the mural were art students from Samuel Tucker Elementary School.

"This is a great opportunity to show the students how our community celebrates art," said teacher Sean Murphy, who organized the field trip. "Hopefully it will inspire them in their own work."



Local artists Cindy Wallace and Len Garon give a thumbs up after adding their signatures to the Mural at Greenhill Properties during the dedication on S. Pickett Street.



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The Mural at Greenhill Properties artists Len Garon and Cindy Wallace, at right, are joined by city and project officials at the Nov. 30 unveiling of the S. Pickett St. mural. From left are: Chamber of Commerce CEO Joe Haggerty, City Council members Del Pepper and Paul Smedberg, project organizer Mindy Lyle, Chamber of Commerce board chair Gin Kinneman, Greenhill Properties Principal Richard Greenberg, and artists Cindy Wallace and Len Garon.



Students from Samuel Tucker Elementary School gather with art teacher Sean Murphy, seated in front, during a field trip for the unveiling of The Mural at Greenhill Properties Nov. 30.



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Remembering a Piece of Alexandria Black History

Special recognition of George Washington Parker, first elected in 1870.

By RIKKI GEORGE
GAZETTE PACKET

History corrected itself Dec. 17 with a special recognition of George Washington Parker, Alexandria's first African-American councilman, at Third Baptist Church, 917 Princess St.

City activist McArthur Myers presented a historical document to city leaders and clergy, certifying Parker's election in Alexandria's fourth ward in May 1870.

The event's aim brings attention to both George Washington Parker and Alexandria's African-American heritage as a whole. Written out of the history books, "Parker is a forgotten name," said Myers. "He had a progressive mind Today, we're bringing him back home."

Parker, who died in 1873, was an active visionary during the Civil War and the post-Civil War Reconstruction period.

A mason of Universal Lodge #1 and the first documented clergy-

man of Third Baptist Church, Parker brokered a land acquisition of a church edifice around 1865 to accommodate a growing membership base, according to the church's current pastor, the Rev. James V. Jordan. That site is where Third Baptist Church stands today.

An entrepreneur, Parker owned a hotel on Fayette and Payne streets and worked as assistant deputy U.S. Marshal for the U.S. Census in the Jefferson Township of Alexandria.

And, finally, as educator, Parker along with others like him taught former slaves and demanded equality along the way.

It would be approximately 100 years later before another African American, Ira L. Robinson, was elected to Alexandria's City Council.

This is "especially meaningful for me following the footsteps" [of Parker], said Councilman John Chapman. "It [the document] will be placed in prominence to tell the story of firsts who led the city."



From left: MacArthur Myers; Krystyn Moon, Ph.D., University of Mary Washington; former Mayor Bill Euille; Councilmembers John Chapman and Del Pepper; the Rev. James V. Jordan, Third Baptist Church; and Dr. F.J. Pepper recognize the election of George Washington Parker, the first African-American councilman to serve Alexandria.

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PEOPLE

Santa Collects Last Minute Requests

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

Ernie notes of a bagpipe and a deep booming Ho Ho Ho announced the arrival of Santa Claus at Hooray for Books! on Sunday, Dec. 17. Children signed up for picture slots with Santa by purchasing a gift certificate that will be used to buy books, toys and games for the children at the Alexandria Domestic Violence Program's holiday party. Although the five-minute slots are scheduled for three hours, the slots are sold out quickly every year.

Santa started making his visits this year on Nov. 17 when he and Mrs. Claus lit the Washingtonian Christmas tree as they do every year — then to the Junior League, the Union Street Public House, Meals on Wheels and the Scottish Christmas Walk. Later today he heads to Chadwicks. He said, "Mrs. Claus (the elves call her Mrs. C) and I have a little program with singing and stories and puppets from 5-45 minutes depending on the desires of the mom and kids."

PEOPLE AT WORK

Santa says he and the elves have been constructing toys for the last 800 years. He often brings Q.C. Elf with him. Q.C. stands for quality control. When Santa picks out the toys they have already been reviewed by Q.C. "There is such a rush to

produce toys at Christmas and children decide at the last minute so it is inevitable that some flaws will slip through." He says earlier this week Q.C. found a block that had B,C,D and then A. They were out of order and the A was lazy on its side. "You can't give a child a toy like that."

He explains that Q.C. is a little rebellious. Elves aren't supposed to move except at



Santa Claus tells Erin Nally that he can tell she loses things: "I see you lost your tooth."



PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE/GAZETTE PACKET

Santa has had a request for some awful noise so he picks up his bagpipe and plays "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."

night but Q.C. misbehaves and has to be put in timeout in a little house that Santa brings with him.

Santa adjusts his wire glasses and tosses back his white-trimmed hat. He says that kids usually ask for the most popular toys, and it changes every year. This year it is fingerlings. "But

Q.C. and Santa misestimated the demand. So we put all the names of the good ones in a lottery. But there are very few fingerlings so I guess we should call it a 'littery'."

"Anyone want a picture?" The first in line is 6-year-old Erin Nally who sits on Santa's lap and Santa tells Erin he knows she keeps losing things. "I can tell because she lost her tooth." Erin shares with Santa that she wants a Cabbage Patch Doll for Christmas. Her mother received a Cabbage Patch doll as a child, and the doll's name was Erin. "You named your daughter after a Cabbage

Patch doll?" Santa asks. Santa asks if Erin has an elf. "Yes, a good elf and she likes marshmallows. I give them to her in a marshmallow cup."

Next in line are 11-year-old Cassie and her 9-year-old sister Blaine Page who greet Santa with great enthusiasm. They have been to see Santa many years in the past. Santa asks if they have ever had a tussle. Their mother shakes her head no, "I don't think so."

"Well, just to be sure, I want you to both wrap your pinky fingers around mine and repeat after me. I (put your name here) promise." Blaine repeats, "I put your name here promise."

"No," her sister responds with a giggle. Santa continues, "to never, ever,

ever fight with my sister or at least until Christmas. On the 26th you're free to fight."

Santa asks if they have an elf at home. Yes, Twinkle and Flash. "You'd be surprised how many are named Elfie," Santa comments.

Two more sisters are waiting to see Santa. The older sister promptly climbs on Santa's lap but her baby sister clutches her stuffed monkey firmly and buries her face in her father's shoulder. After several unsuccessful minutes of coaxing, Santa has an idea. "Why don't you sit with your dad in Santa's seat? I'm leaving for a few minutes. I have something to do." Santa circles around the room and appears behind the family. The photographer snaps quickly and the picture with Santa is successful.

Santa takes a quick break. "I have a request for some awful noise." He picks up his bagpipe and plays "I Wish You a Merry Christmas."

PEOPLE NOTES

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos welcome.

The American Horticultural Society has selected **Beth Tuttle** as its next president and CEO. Tuttle brings to the role more than 25 years of experience.

Tuttle was president and CEO of DataArts, a resource for in-depth data about the finances and activities of cultural nonprofits. Before joining DataArts in 2013, she was managing director of METStrategies, LLC, which provides strategic counsel, planning, and branding services to cultural, philanthropic, and social benefit organizations.

Tuttle is co-author of "Magnetic: The Art and Science of Engagement" (AAM Press, 2013), a study on the practices of high-performance museums. She has served as deputy director and chief of external relations and planning for the Smithsonian's Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, and senior vice president for communications for The Freedom Forum and Newseum. In the advocacy arena, Tuttle has worked with America's Promise Alliance, which is dedicated to helping young people achieve success.

A graduate of Brown University, Tuttle is a cer-

tified Master Gardener Volunteer who helped to establish the community and school garden at George Washington Middle School in Alexandria. In becoming the 33rd president in the AHS's 95-year history, she takes over from Holly H. Shimizu, who has been serving as interim executive director during the national search process following the departure of previous Executive Director Tom Underwood in February.

The Northern Virginia Community College Educational Foundation named officers for the 2017-2019 term.

John J. Renner II assumed the office of president of the Educational Foundation on July 1 succeeding **Don Strehle** who led the Foundation for the past two years.

Tony Burchard was elected 1st vice president for the coming term.

Renner is shareholder at Renner & Company, CPA, PC, a Northern Virginia accounting firm founded in 1989 and located in Old Town Alexandria. The firm serves primarily nonprofits, individuals and businesses, including government contractors, located in the Washington D.C. Metropolitan area.



Cassie and Blaine Page hook pinky fingers with Santa and promise never ever to fight with each other, at least until after Christmas.

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HOLIDAY GIFTS

Finding Local Treasures

BY GALE CURCIO

In the Alexandria area, there are a dozen antique, consignment and thrift stores that are full of unusual items that make great holiday gifts. There are the classics, like crystal, silver and china. Gifts for collectors include action figures, trading cards, old cars and trains. They are also a go-to place for holiday decorations for the house or office.

Here's a look at a few of these stores.

Formerly known as Thieves Market, Mount Vernon Antique Center, 8101 Richmond Hwy., has something for everybody. There are plenty of antiques, but there are also vintage items, gift items, clothing, jewelry and more. Located on Route 1, across from Costco, there are currently more than 30 vendors in the store. Merchandise changes on a daily basis, and most vendors will keep a "wish list" if a customer is looking for something in particular.

Inside and upstairs at the Mt Vernon Antique Center is a computer store – The Eldest Geek. At the other end of the store is Yellow Gold. Not only do they sell gold jewelry, but they also design and repair gold and silver fashion jewelry and watches. Libby Bryant, who used to work at Hodges Gallery in Belle View Shopping Center, now has a space upstairs which is full of eclectic treasures. She does framing and restoration of all kinds of artwork.

Lisa Balough, volunteer at Select Seconds Thrift Store, 5834-D North Kings Hwy., said, "Select Seconds is a frequent stop for savvy shoppers. The jewelry case has a full selection that varies daily. The housewares se-



Volunteers Susan Labovich and Diane Field help customers with their holiday shopping at Twig Thrift Store.

lection runs the gamut from high end collectible to everyday practical. Clothing choices for women, children, and men from dressy evening wear to the coolest jeans. Appliances, books, linens, office items, great shoes and purses, and wonderful toys for children and adults."

AnnElise Waller, volunteer at The Twig Thrift Store, 106 N. Columbus St., said that they have a nice collection of pink-tag labels: "These are clothing items that are especially nice and good for the holidays."

Another volunteer, Susan Labovich, said, "We have so many beautiful things but we also have customers who come in looking for ugly Christmas sweaters. "Some times of year, we get tons of donations. It's hard to turn them away. The other thing we do that's really nice is that churches give their clients vouchers to shop at Twig. Another nice thing is that if we get blankets and things we can't sell we bring them to the animal shelter."

Over at Look Again Resale Shop, 900 King St., manager Jeff Elmendorf, said, "We have the best selection of Christmas presents at good prices. Our store is actually two stores in one. We have quality donations and nice antiques, but items range from \$1 items to higher end items."

As a new manager, Elmendorf said, "If people haven't been here lately, we have a lot less clutter lot and more good stuff. We have transformed the store. "Many people don't realize that we are a charity, but our proceeds help the prevention of blindness."

Evolution Home, 6239 Shields Ave., is the next step in the evolution of a 15-year old business and combines a large consignment area with various dealer booths – full of fun and unusual items. Owner Susan Driscoll, said, "Our theory is that our homes are constantly evolving. Small apartments, first time homes, forever homes, homes with kids, homes with dogs, empty nests and retirement dream homes — as we move through each stage of life our styles, tastes and budgets change. Evolution Home has one goal, to be with you through each change. We are committed to providing quality antique, vintage, modern and consignment home

furnishings and accessories."

The Back Porch Thrift Store, 8794 Sacramento Drive, has nominally priced necessities, affordable apparel, very reasonable vintage, retro and contemporary furniture,

books, collectibles and home decor for every taste. Their inventory changes daily and customers will find antique furniture, luxury crystal ware, popular DVDs, rare books, vintage jewelry, designer clothing, stylish home decor, electronic goods, heritage china, collectibles and more.

There are two Goodwill Stores on Route 1, 6220 Richmond Hwy. and 8228 Richmond Hwy. as well as a new 2nd Avenue Value Store, 8750 Richmond Hwy.



PHOTOS BY GALE CURCIO

Holiday decorations in the window of Look Again Resale Shop.



Twig Thrift Store has a selection of holiday items.



Dealer booth at Mount Vernon Antique Center has a selection of holiday items and other gift items.



Dealer at Mount Vernon Antique Center has a wide selection of Fiesta ware.



Get decorating ideas while browsing at Evolution Home.

NEWS

Pastor, Wife Convicted In \$2 Million Fraud Case

A federal jury convicted an Alexandria pastor and his wife Monday, Dec. 18, for a \$2 million fraud scheme that victimized members of their congregation and prospective investors in a Nigerian oil scheme.

According to court records and evidence presented at trial, Terry Wayne Millender, 53, the former senior pastor of Victorious Life Church in Alexandria, and his wife Brenda Millender, 57, operated Micro-Enterprise Management Group (MEMG), a Virginia company that alleged to help poor people in developing countries by providing small, short-term loans to start or expand existing businesses by working with a network of established micro-finance institutions. The Millenders were founding members of MEMG, while Terry Millender served as chief executive officer.

The Millenders recruited investors by emphasizing its Christian mission and use of the funds to help the poor, promising guaranteed rates of return, assuring investors that the loans' principal was safe and backed by the assets of MEMG. The jury found that these representations were false and fraudulent, and that the money was actually used by the Millenders to conduct risky trading on the foreign exchange currency market, options trading, payments towards the purchase of a \$1.75 million residence for the Millenders, and other personal

expenses. To conceal how they had actually used the money, the Millenders falsely assured investors that they would get their money back and blamed delays in repaying investors on the 2008 financial crisis, among other things, according to a U.S. Department of Justice release.

In addition, after MEMG failed, the Millenders created another entity called Kingdom Commodities Unlimited (KCU), which purportedly specialized in the brokering of Nigerian oil deals. Multiple victims entered into loan agreements with the Millenders, totaling over \$600,000. Like the MEMG agreements, the KCU agreements lured prospective investors into giving the Millenders money by promising high rates of return and short term loans. The Millenders used the KCU lenders' money to pay for their rent and golf trips, as well as a birthday party and other personal expenses.

The Millenders face a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison when sentenced on March 30, 2018. Actual sentences for federal crimes are typically less than the maximum penalties. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after taking into account the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Co-conspirator Grenetta Wells, 56, of Alexandria, who served as chief operating officer at MEMG, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud and is scheduled for sentencing on Jan. 12, 2018.

Conspiring to Distribute Opioids

An Alexandria man was sentenced Friday, Dec. 15, to 90 months in prison for his participation in a conspiracy to distribute oxycodone and methadone.

According to court documents, Robert T. Hancasky, III, 32, conspired with others, including his father, Robert T. Hancasky, Jr., to obtain oxycodone and methadone and distribute it to others. Hancasky, Jr. obtained oxycodone and methadone through a prescription from his doctor. The father and son duo then agreed to distribute these prescription opioids to customers and addicts in northern Virginia. Hancasky, III

also participated in a scheme to obtain oxycodone by passing fraudulent prescriptions at local pharmacies. In furtherance of this scheme, Hancasky, III produced a fraudulent prescription for oxycodone, recruited "runners" to pass fake prescriptions at local pharmacies, and compensated the runners with oxycodone pills. In his plea papers, Hancasky, III also admitted to distributing heroin as well as buprenorphine, a Schedule III controlled substance.

Hancasky, Jr., pleaded guilty to his role in the conspiracy on Dec. 8, and is scheduled to be sentenced on April 13, 2018.

CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported by the Alexandria Police Department.

DEC. 18

The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a crash involving a transit bus and a passenger in the 500 block of S Van Dorn Street. The passenger has

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DEC. 16

The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a robbery in the 100 block of Jasper Place. Two suspects assaulted and stole personal items from two victims. There were no injuries.

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OPINION

Merry Christmas

Whether you believe the Christmas story literally or in spirit, you know it is the story of joy, hope and love, with the promise of redemption.

The pages of the Connection Newspapers (including the Alexandria Gazette Packet, the Mount Vernon Gazette, the Potomac Almanac and the Centre View) have been full of holiday spirit beginning before Thanksgiving. Group and individual efforts to help the needy, holiday parades, Santa arriving by boat, Santa arriving by horse-drawn carriage, Santa arriving at the Malls, tree lightings, Menorah lightings, stories of giving, secular celebrations, religious celebrations. Shopping locally. Giving locally.

Christmas is about the birth of Jesus Christ. Whether you believe the Christmas story literally or in spirit, you know it is the story of joy, hope and love, with the promise of redemption.

It is also about embracing the teachings of Jesus: to love thy neighbor as thyself; to help the needy; to feed the hungry and clothe the poor; to care for those who are sick; to invite and welcome strangers; to treat others as you would have them treat you.

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Matthew 7:12: "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 25:35-40:

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'"

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one

of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

SO LET US SHARE the verse relating the birth of Jesus from the Bible, Luke 2: 4-19:

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out

of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife,

being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

"And there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is

come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds."

— MARY KIMM

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Editor's Note About the Rest of 2017

This is our last regular edition of 2017. Next week, after Christmas, we will publish our annual Children's Issue, devoted entirely to the artwork and writing of local students. We have more submissions from local students than ever, and so some children's and teens' artwork and writing will spill over into the first week of the new year.

Our next regular edition will publish Jan. 3-4, 2018, with deadline for content and advertising of Dec. 30 (late ads accepted).

In the meantime you can reach the editors

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't Fall, Santa

To the Editor:

In just a few days, Santa Claus makes his annual jetski trip on the Potomac River. Let's hope he doesn't fall into the water. While Santa knows if you've been naughty or nice, he must not know the river is becoming an environmental cesspool. Because of high bacteria levels, the river is not safe to swim or fish. Over the past 20 years, our city has dumped more than 2.3 million gallons of combined sewer overflow into our river.

How can this happen?

In 1990, Virginia Gov Douglas Wilder received a joint report from the General Assembly that our city's sewer system was regularly dumping sewer waste directly into the Potomac

River. At that time, the estimated cost to fix the problem was \$20 million.

Rather than bold leadership and responsible planning, our city leaders ignored the problem and applied for waivers. We see this pattern of neglect across our city such as deferred school infrastructure and City Hall building issues.

In addition to not fixing the problems, our city leaders added fuel to the fire as overcapacity was compounded with even more development.

This year, the Virginia House of Delegates said we had stalled long enough and legislation was passed and signed by the Governor to stop polluting the Potomac River. Now instead of an estimated cost of seven million in 1990, we now face an estimated cost of \$400

million.

Where will those funds come from?

Our real estate property taxes are already among the highest in Northern Virginia. Our debt levels are already massive and over the next 10 years, our city plans to borrow \$1.16 billion. We could hope for a bailout and more waivers from incoming Gov Ralph Northam but this type of Santa Claus wish list request has resulted in our current predicament.

Just nine miles west on Duke Street is a pipeline facility in Fairfax City. In 1992 (about the same time our City Council started ignoring our own environmental issues), Texaco and its partners paid \$32 million in EPA costs and more than \$200 million to settle with local

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HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Entertaining and Educational

Gifts to stimulate intellect and curiosity.

BY ASHLEY CLAIRE SIMPSON
GAZETTE PACKET

This year, popular items on children's holiday wish lists are likely video games, mobile devices, and trendy articles of clothing. There's a more enriching way to approach holiday gift giving for youths, though.

Keeping in the holiday spirit doesn't mean mentally checking out, according to Dr. Lisa Turissini, chair of Marymount University's Education Department. Stimulate their intellect and curiosity with gift giving this year, and ultimately provide children with much more than the surges of adrenaline they'll receive from unwrapping something shiny or with a battery.

Turissini, who has been an educator for more than 30 years, leans toward gifts that result in experiences. When holiday season rolls around, she suggested an array of gifts that ultimately lead to more knowledge, or more memories.

"Experiential gifts stay in our memories forever, and an interesting trip can be one of the best family gifts," she said. "Music lessons, for instance: As kids learn new skills, such as playing a musical instrument, they gain confidence. Also, the process of studying, practicing, and performing teaches kids how to set and achieve goals. Kids taking these kinds of classes or lessons are able to explore their creativity."

These types of gifts don't have to be expensive either.

"Board or card games are great because they will lead to a coming together for a family game night, which is old-fashioned fun," she said. "Developing strategies through critical thinking and learning how to be a good winner are some of the benefits. Our family in particular enjoys Risk, Monopoly and Uno."

She added that downloading a collection of good Podcasts makes a great gift, too.

Local early education experts agree that playing is an important part of childhood, and gift-giving season is a great opportunity to provide them with the tools for the best kind of play.

"Children learn through play," Turissini said. "When playing with educational toys and games, children can develop perception, intuition, and reasoning as they engage in creative activities. Educational toys can help children connect to their thought processes and further develop their capabilities to think freely. Common toys that help boost cognitive skills include puzzles and number games. By providing children with well-devised play experiences, inside and outside, children develop appropriate social interaction skills, language skills and emotional development."

While technology has changed so much about this generation of elementary school aged children, teachers continue to see the benefit of traditional learning toys. Tech-



Fisher-Maltese

nology isn't all bad, but, kids need time away from screens to interact with the real world.

"I've taught little people for eight years and higher ed for almost six years," said Dr. Carley Fisher-Maltese, an Early Childhood Education assistant

professor for George Mason University's College of Education and Human Development (CEHD). "Some STEM-related toys that I'd consider purchasing for my own kids would be telescopes, microscopes, and logic and/or puzzle books."

Despite the lure of mobile devices, youngsters today still seem to find fun in the simple stuff.

"I love books of science experiments, particularly kitchen science, where you can find pretty much everything you need in your kitchen. My kids love making slime — they even have kits you can buy to make it — and making volcanoes explode with a little baking soda and vinegar. I also like building toys for kids, such as marble mazes and magna tiles. There are some good robot-building kits and drones that connect to your phone or tablet that you can buy for older kids."

Think outside the box — literally. Dr. Debbie Stone, GMU CEHD assistant professor of Child, Family and Community Engagement, said some of the best gifts are impossible to wrap up or put in a gift bag.

"I am a big advocate for open-ended toys such as building materials, art supplies, a dollhouse, kitchen, etcetera," Stone said. "Anything that sparks open-ended play and problem solving gets my vote."

Children need to keep moving over holiday break, too. A gift as simple as a jump rope could help with this.

"It is important for children to engage in physical activities during holiday break," Turissini said. "Bike riding and nature walks are terrific ways for children to get the physical exercise that they need. In colder weather building a snowman or going sledding can be fun for all. By allowing children to participate in a variety of activities you will ensure continued not only healthy emotional and physical development, but also kids who are recharged and ready to get back to school."

With existing excitement in the air, it's a perfect time to spark a love of discovery within children.

"Picture a future where, rather than making a trip to the local store for a toy, your child could create toys for him or herself," Turissini said. "It sounds like something out of a futuristic movie, but conceivably, kids can make their own creations using a 3D printer, which today is extremely expensive. But, as with computers and flat-screen TVs, the price of 3D printers will eventually go down as the technology becomes more widely available. In a couple of years, your child and her friends could be printing their own dollhouse furniture, trains, and cars."



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residents for their products seeping into the ground and local water tables. If our river had been polluted for the past 28 years by a large multinational corporation instead of the deliberate inaction by our city leaders, we would be suing for billions. While we can't do that, we can hold our leaders accountable. We have a duty to protect our sacred natural resources — and protect Santa too!

Sean Lenehan

Chair, Alexandria Republican City Committee

Name School For Sarah Brady

To the Editor:

Sarah Brady achieved national prominence through her extraordinary efforts during six Congressional votes over seven years and three Presidencies to promote the personal safety and security of all regardless of race, creed, color, age, sex, or economic circumstances. Her efforts culminated in President Bill Clinton signing into law the "Brady Bill" which added background checks and a waiting period for the legal purchase of handguns. This legislation which was vigorously opposed by the powerful National Rifle Association and other state and national groups, was ultimately passed through the enormous efforts, encouragement, and valiant leadership of Sarah Brady.

All of this was accomplished by a remarkable woman who grew up in the Parkfairfax

section of Alexandria, attended George Mason Elementary School, Jefferson Junior High, George Washington High School, and graduated from Hammond High School in 1959. She received a Bachelor's Degree with a concentration in education from the College of William and Mary in 1964.

Following graduation, she returned to Alexandria to teach at Ficklin Elementary School for four years while living in the Southern Towers apartments in the west end of Alexandria. Later she was employed by the U.S. Congress for 10 years, tended to her husband Jim Brady who became partially paralyzed while serving as President Ronald Reagan's press secretary, and served as chairwoman for Handgun Control for 15 years which was ultimately named for her and her husband. Politically, she was a staunch supporter of Ronald Reagan and later spoke at the Democratic National Convention to re-elect Bill Clinton. Internationally, she and Jim had audiences with the Queen of England and the Pope.

In my view, Sarah Brady is a prominent national figure with strong Alexandria roots whose life should provide stirring inspiration to Alexandria's youngsters for years to come.

To support her choice, please go to www.acps.k12.va.us/westend by Jan. 3, 2018.

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Modern Day Divisiveness

To the Editor:

Successful 'Tartuffe' at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes

BY MAGGIE KLEIN
OAKTON HIGH SCHOOL

Elvis Presley's "Blue Suede Shoes" blares, bright swing dresses twirl, and a Californian family dances out of a 1950's sitcom and onto the stage of St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School's offbeat production of the classic "Tartuffe."

Written in 1664, this classic French comedy is one of Moliere's most famous plays. It follows a wealthy family headed by father Orgon, who falls under the influence of the deceptively pious Tartuffe. Orgon offers his daughter's hand in marriage to Tartuffe (much to young Mariane's dismay), but Tartuffe sets his sight on Orgon's wife Elmire. The story has stood the test of time and been adapted for film, television, and opera despite originally being banned by church officials for its critique on religion.

As the titular "cunning scoundrel," JP Payro embraced the complexities of the slimy Tartuffe. Whether falling on his knees in faux religious zeal or leisurely striking a downward dog yoga pose, Payro revealed just as much with his actions as with his words. Orgon (Christian Corpening) was just as physically committed as Tartuffe, and the pair played off of each other to keep long scenes lively. Corpening embodied the

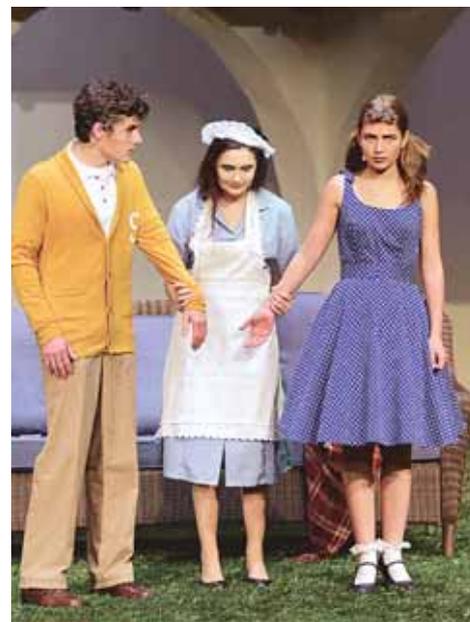


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From left: Campbell Weiss, Nikki Bires, and Bette Vadja in the St. Stephen's & St. Agnes production of "Tartuffe."

commanding father figure as he practiced his putt on a golf green, lunged and jumped at Tartuffe, and burst out from under tables.

Elmire (Julia Burke) also exhibited an engaging dynamic with Tartuffe as she disgustingly fought off his advances and then theatrically ceded in a ploy to prove his true intentions to her husband. Children

State Sen. Adam Ebbin has claimed the "Appomattox" statue does not meet the standard as a "unifier, to inspire us collectively and to venerate our greatest citizens." Because he did not attend any hearings of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials, the council meeting when the vote was taken, or relevant lectures, perhaps he and others do not know some important facts.

The statue is a memorial to the brave Alexandrians whose names are inscribed on its base. These boyhood chums and volunteers in Alexandria's 17th regiment mustered to defend their city and country, Virginia, from invading forces unconstitutionally recruited by President Lincoln to forcibly compel legally seceded states back into the union whose treasury was dependent on the tariff revenues of Virginia, North and South Carolina and Kentucky for 87 percent of the federal government's income. Without it, the Union would fail.

The courage and sacrifices involved in putting one's life on the line to defend freedom against an invader is surely the greatest contribution a citizen can make, so those men are certainly some of our greatest citizens. It has always been so and is today. They most assuredly do inspire us as patriotic Americans and therefore merit our veneration.

How regrettable that some now wrongly claim they were traitors. Secession was legal and Northern legislators had invoked that right as early as 1803, but never exercised it. After the war Congress recognized Confederate soldiers as American war vet

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Mariane (Jen Lansing) and Damis (Jackson De Vallance) rounded out the family. Together, they non-verbally established a familiar sibling dynamic in the background of other scenes, and separately, they were believable as their respective angst-ridden teen girl and hot-headed young boy selves. Mariane sank to the floor in distress and rolled her eyes at her maid Dorine (the sassy and energetic Nikki Bires), and Damis plunged in and out of a fountain and wielded badminton rackets with reckless abandon. The pair brought youthful energy and comedy to an already funny show.

A breathtaking set (Daniel Wozniak) and period hair and makeup (Hanna Kidane) ground the production to the world of 1950's California. An enormous Spanish mission style house (built to code!) complete with white stucco arches and red terracotta roofing made the set multidimensional. Turf grass covered the stage and a lavish, functioning fountain served as gorgeous decor and the perfect place to eavesdrop.

Primary colored costumes, pin curls, and classic red lips solidified the time period. To further enhance the updated setting, musicians Matthew Lu recorded jazzy renditions of 1950's classics to be played during scene transitions. This and the dimmed lighting of lanterns on the house created a relaxed California vibe that made transitions seamless.

Ready for Winter?

BY IOANA LUTAI
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MANAGER
VOLUNTEER ALEXANDRIA

Heavy snow and ice, power outages, frozen or bursting water pipes, and treacherous driving conditions can be a hazard. Does your family have everything it needs for a long, cold winter? Have you stocked up on the essential supplies and prepared a go-kit in case you need to evacuate? If not, now is the perfect time to prepare provisions, before an emergency happens.

Start by gathering items you might need to stay safe in your home. Make sure you have flashlights, batteries, a first aid kit, warm clothing, blankets, a radio, bottled water, portable phone charger, and non-perishable food such as peanut butter, canned tuna, and crackers.

Check your car's tires and replace them if the tread is low. Inspect your wipers, lights and fluid level. Make sure your brakes and transmission are working properly. Keep a lock de-icer in your house, not your car, in case your car door and trunk locks freeze. If you have an accident or your vehicle breaks down, roadside assistance may take several hours to arrive. Keep a portable emergency kit stocked with water, food, extra clothing, flashlight, first aid kit, blanket, shovel, salt or cat litter, booster cables, and a portable cell phone charger in your car.

If you have pets, remember: if it is too cold for you, then it is too cold for your furry friends. In the winter, outdoor pets need a shelter that protects them from wind, rain and snow. Make sure they have old rugs or towels for warmth. They also need food and fresh, not frozen, water. If you take your pets out for a walk, make sure they have protective clothing such as booties to keep salt and chemical off their delicate paws.

Need a holiday gift idea for friends, family, and coworkers? Consider giving an emergency kit — it's a gift that truly says that you care about their safety. We all think about the time we will spend and the fun we will have with our families during the holiday season. Make sure your family is prepared for winter.

For more information and to become an emergency preparedness volunteer visit VolunteerAlexandria.org. For questions, contact Ioana at emergencyresponse@volunteeralexandria.org or 703-836-2176.



VOLUNTEER ALEXANDRIA



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Members of the Alexandria Fire Department distribute wreaths to volunteers at Arlington National Cemetery as part of the Wreaths Across America event Dec. 16.

Volunteers Turn Out To Honor Veterans

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the capital region from Columbia Falls, Maine, where the wreaths were made. At Arlington National Cemetery, members of the Alexandria Fire Department helped distribute 245,000 wreaths as part of the annual tradition honoring America's veterans. Funding for the wreaths is provided by corporate and individual donations. www.wreathscrossamerica.org



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Volunteers place a wreath at a gravesite in Alexandria National Cemetery Dec. 16 as part of the nationwide Wreaths Across America event.



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Festive Carolers

Around 200 carolers from the Young Adult Ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington sang in the streets of Old Town Alexandria on Dec. 9.

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Taking Action To Eliminate Traffic Fatalities and Serious Injuries

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Habibollah Behzadi's daughter, was one of several Alexandrians sharing their accounts of the impact of a traffic crash on a family at the Dec. 16 City Council meeting. At the meeting, the council unanimously adopted the Vision Zero Actions Plan, a data-driven approach to traffic safety with the goal of eliminating all traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2028.

The plan has four strategies for combating traffic fatalities and serious injuries. The first is improving data collection and evaluation, which means collecting and processing more data on where crashes take place and assessing programs dealing with traffic safety on their effectiveness. Vision Zero also pushes for this data to be made public and accessible. On the legislative side, Vision Zero calls for the city to evaluate policy and traffic guidelines to potentially look at safety reforms. The plan also tasks the city with pushing for state-level legislative efforts to implement stricter traffic safety laws. Vision Zero collaborates with the city's Safe Streets program to develop, prioritize, and implement safety measures. The broadest section of the Vision Zero plan, and one emphasized in the council discussions, was reforming traffic culture into a culture of safety. The public comment drew support for the plan from Alexandrians. Alan Dinsmore, representing the Commission on Aging, said the commission was supportive of the plan from the beginning because older individuals in Alexandria are among those most at risk for being killed or seriously injured in a crash. Jim Durham, representing the Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee, thanked the city for developing the action plan.

"Traffic violence in our city is taking an increasing toll on the people who live, work and visit here," said Durham. "Time to act is now. More than 38 percent of crashes resulting in [kills and serious injuries] happen in 35 mph streets. [We] ask that you implement a city wide plan as soon as possible."

One of the recurring questions, from the public and members of the council, was why some of the plan's proposed changes were so restrained. In year one, 10 intersections in Alexandria will have "No Right on Red" turn restrictions implemented. Michael Doyle, representing Alexandria Families for Safe Streets, pointed to the safe street reforms in New York City where the entire city became a "no right on red" city.

"It provides consistency," said Doyle. "Take these sweeping programs now, then step back on certain intersections and certain streets if it needs to be changed. But this could save lives now. This is the time to be bold. We're encouraging the city to be bold in its action."

"If these are dangerous situations on turns, why don't we just say [right on red is illegal]?" Vice Mayor Justin Wilson asked.

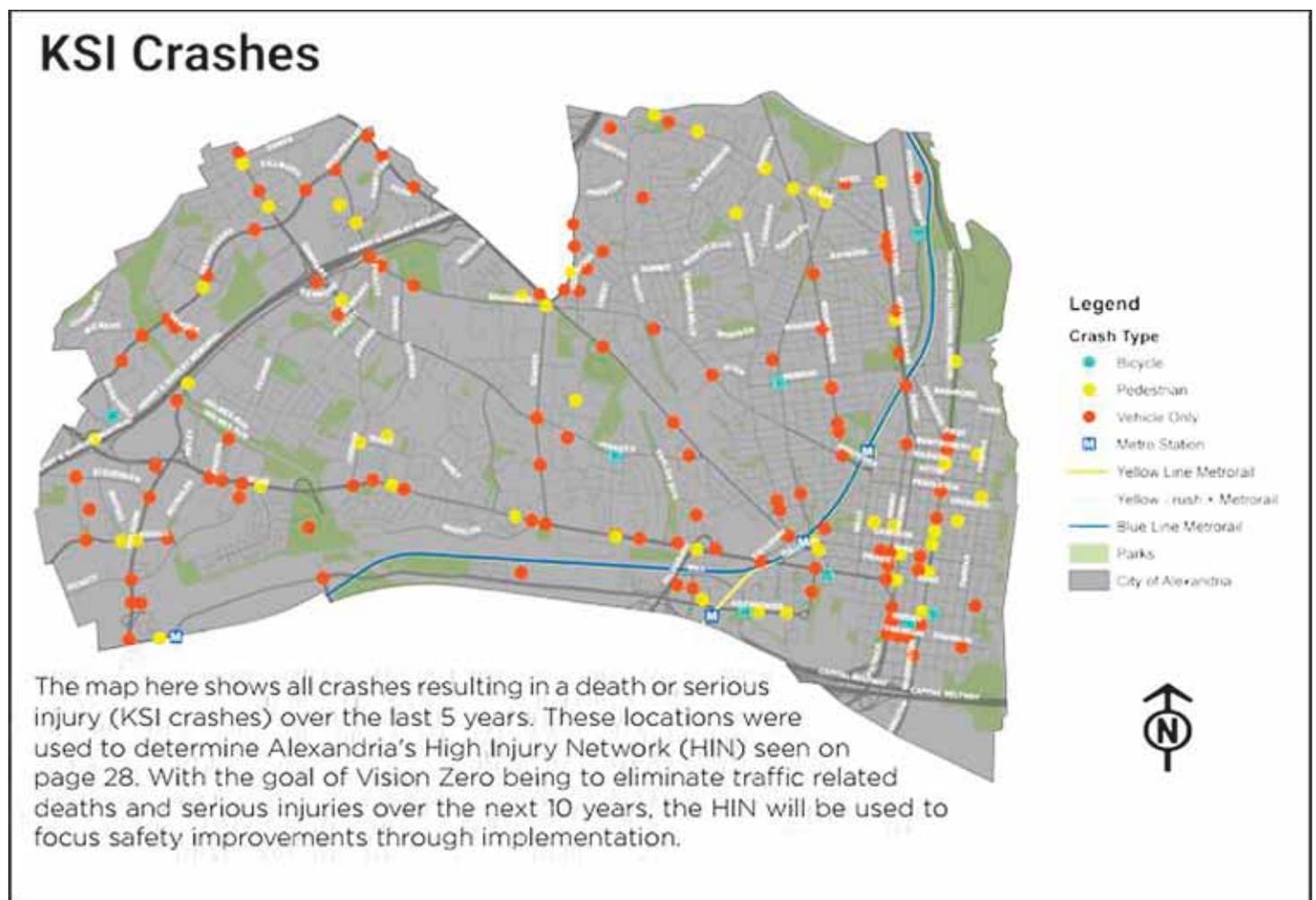
But Hillary Orr, deputy director of Transportation and Environmental Services, said the city's approach is to start smaller and expand with proper data.

"I don't think in this plan we're ready to



Alexandria citizens stand in support for the Vision Zero Action Plan.

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Five year map of those killed or seriously injured in traffic crashes.

commit to a blanket 'we're going to do these policies,' said Orr. "We implement some, and see how they change the behavior of an intersection before broader implementation." Much of the conversation around Vision Zero focused on the plan's emphasis on changing the culture of driving. Councilwoman Redella "Del" Pepper compared it to awareness of communicable diseases that started in elementary schools.

"A lot of this is on the individual," said Councilman Willie Bailey. "We can sit up here all day and vote on things, but we need to get the word out. We need to make sure

we're always talking about Vision Zero. Getting the word out on safe streets. In Falls Church, for instance, if you go through Falls Church over 25 mph you're going to get a ticket, and that's just in conversations folks have about Falls Church."

All of the speakers and City Council members were supportive of the plan.

"Please do not let anybody else experience what my family has gone through," said Daheem Behzadi. "Please [support] Vision Zero."

The City Council unanimously approved the Vision Zero action plan.

CORRECTION

In the "Democrats Line Up in Alexandria" in the Dec. 14 issue, candidate Robert Ray was misquoted.

The proper text should read: "In my living memory, the majority of Alexandria City Council members and Mayors have also been developers, commercial bankers, Realtors or their representatives. Mayor Silberberg is a recent exception to the mayoral trend. It is natural that the interests of those professions have shaped the direction of Alexandria City government, but I think that can go too far."

Boxing Club Welcomes National Champions Home

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the other, over and over and driving in until the bell and the round is decided.

Isley, from Alexandria, is the middleweight men's national champion. At the World Championships in Germany earlier this year, Isley represented the United States and won bronze. It's a long road for someone who started boxing to avoid being picked on in the neighborhood, but at the Alexandria Boxing Club it's becoming a familiar story. Isley wasn't alone in his homecoming as a champion. Three champions from this year's U.S. Nationals were from the Alexandria Boxing Club. Joining Isley was Amelia Moore, elite champion in the 141 lbs category and Keyshawn Davis, who was undefeated over 24 fights this year and won the National Golden Gloves earlier this year. They were joined by Shakur Stevenson, who won silver at the 2016 Olympics. Stevenson, originally from New Jersey, moved south to train at the Alexandria Boxing Club.

On Dec. 15, the Alexandria Boxing Club and guests from around the city came together at their space in the Charles Houston Recreation Center to welcome the returning national champions back to their home gym.

"I didn't like it at first," said Isley. "It was tough. I had to be here every day. But then I got into the ring ... it was nerve wracking, but then it all goes away."

Isley said boxing helped him learn to control his anger. Isley would get into fights as a child every day, pushed around by other local kids, but once he started boxing he said he never got into a fight again. Isley's father, Kevin Johnson, boxed when he was younger. His basement was full of work out equipment and old boxing supplies he says Isley started training with at a young age to defend himself.

Johnson remembered the early days of



Kevin Johnson (left) and his son Troy Isley.

taking Isley to the boxing club, where Coach Kay Koroma put him in a ring with other youths and Isley beat every other fighter. Johnson said that Koroma told him then if Isley kept coming to the gym, he could become a world champion.

"I knew he could do it," said Johnson. "My wife was hesitant, she was worried about the physical aspect, but he was a natural. I'm very proud of him. I knew he had it in him, but to see him put in the work and reap the rewards ... sometimes it's hard to wrap my head around it."

Isley, 19 now, spends most of his time in Colorado training as part of Team USA.

The day of the celebration found out that he had just been accepted to DeVry University to study business.

Isley said kids who are interested in boxing should try it out first and see how prac-



Amelia Moore cuts the cake at the Alexandria Boxing Club's event for the national champions.

tice lives up to their expectation. Too often, Isley says his friends come in and want to jump in the ring, but Isley says the first step is spending a long time standing in front of a mirror learning to jab.

Last year, Moore placed second at the U.S. Nationals. She took the loss hard, and vowed to make 2017 a comeback year.

"I was upset," said Moore. "It was a growing experience. I was tired. I would wake up every morning feeling ... that I lost to myself. It hits really hard. I let it slip through my fingers. Coming out of it, I decided to go for everything this year."

Throughout 2017, Moore won several national tournaments, including the National Golden Gloves, Ringside Championships, and the National Police Athletic League Championships and taking the title at the Nationals. The frequent travel left her

frequently sick and occasionally broke. She said she was often hungry, tired and frustrated. But worst of all, there's a feeling of complete isolation in travelling from tournament to tournament. Two months ago, Moore said she almost quit and walked away, but that she had to keep pushing through. Every one of the boxers who spoke at the welcoming party said they'd had similar moments where they considered quitting.

"It was so focused, such a grind," said Moore. "When you finally achieve that goal, there's a sigh of relief. Every ounce of energy is worth it for that moment, [but] you have to stay focused and don't quit."

All of the boxers agreed that the close knit community at the Alexandria Boxing Club helped push them through some of those low moments.

"Boxing is a family," said Stevenson. "It's a lifestyle. You grow as a team and as a person."

Mayor Allison Silberberg and City Councilman John Chapman were among those welcoming the boxing champions home.

"The Alexandria Boxing Club is astounding," said Silberberg. "The successes are the result of great effort and tremendous discipline."

They're not just champions in the ring, they're champions of our city."

The club has been active since the early 1980s, but Dara Shen, team manager of the Alexandria Boxing Club, said the club continues to fight for its place in the city.

"The face of the neighborhood is changing," said Shen. "It's gentrifying."

Shen says the club is facing pressure from the city, who Shen says think the space could be better utilized and are asking the club to meet new regulations. The Alexandria Boxing Club is currently negotiating a lease with the city, which expired in September but has been continued until Jan. 1, 2018.

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Cameron Run's Future City Council reevaluates Nova Partnership on Cameron Run Park.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

With all of the discussion going on around the city's long term plans for Cameron Run Park, Councilman Timothy Lovain had an idea: take a visit to the park himself and see what kind of activities go on there during the average winter day. The city is in need of greater park space, and its eye has turned towards Cameron Run, dominated by a large aquatic facility that's closed during the fall and winter.

"It was the middle of the day on Sunday," said Lovain. "I was there for 45 minutes. One car came into the parking lot, turned around, then drove back out again. A bicyclist stopped at a picnic table. Those were the only other humans I saw. Whatever happens, we need much more intensive and year round use of this park. With the recreation needs we have, that's imperative."

The city's relationship with the Northern Virginia Parks Authority (Nova Parks) over Cameron Run has been a source of frustration at meetings throughout the year as the city decides whether or not to renew its lease. While the City Council ultimately decided at the Dec.

16 meeting to try to continue working with Nova Parks over the next few months to find a mutually agreeable solution, it's clear something will have to change at Cameron Run.

The City Council voted to endorse seven priorities for Cameron Run park as the guiding principles of the park's future in city plans. The priorities are for a well maintained and accessible park that fits the needs of city resi-

dents year-round. The park should offer some amenities for free and family entertainment for a reasonable cost, while not putting an undue burden on city resources. One priority called for the site to have an aquatic use, though whether that facility is some form of the existing water park of a new indoor facility is to be determined.

Since the topic was brought up for discussion at the Nov. 14 City Council meeting, Jack Browand, division chief for the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities, said Nova Parks came to the table with the city to discuss how to frame a potential partnership.

"I'm concerned about continuing a partnership with them," said Councilman Paul

Smedberg. "We have to ask that tough question, have they been good partners up to this point?"

"It's unfortunate to see, at the last minute, new energy injected into the conversation the city has been talking about for years; about having a year-round space," said Councilman John Chapman. "Now that the Nova Board feels we're serious about it, now we're getting somewhere."

Many of the Alexandria citizens speaking on the public hearing expressed similar frustrations about the handling of Cameron Run Park.

"There's batting cages, but not much else to do there," said Daniel Beeson, a resident of Cameron Park and representing the Eisenhower Partnership. "There are things that could be done to make it happen. The [Eisenhower] area is going to be a mini-Manhattan... and there's a 20-30 year process for West End development as well. This

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Finding Peace and Joy

Relieving stress and finding meaning in the holiday season.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

When artist Kathryn Coneway is feeling overwhelmed by the stress of the holiday season, she heads outside to find peace and calm in nature.

“I get easily overwhelmed by the crowded parking lots and busy stores,” she said. “When I’m feeling overwhelmed, I’ll go to Huntley Meadows Park and walk around. The beauty of nature restores me. You’re with other people when you’re there, but there’s still solitude.”

From those who are dashing to finish holiday shopping and those who are financially strapped to those grieving a loss or dreading dealing with strained familial relationships, the stretch of time between Thanksgiving and Christmas is often hectic and emotionally charged. Recharging and infusing the holidays with joy and peace might mean redefining the holiday season.

“Research shows increased happiness after thinking of three good things that happened to you today and what caused them,” said Jerome Short, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology at George Mason University. “Also, people report improved mood from doing five kind acts in a day, expressing gratitude, pursuing important goals, and playing sports.”

An evening of music and quiet creativity is one method that Elizabeth Rees, associate rector

at Saint Aidan’s Episcopal Church in Alexandria uses to recharge during the holiday season. The event called “Healing Arts” is held at the Center for Spiritual Deepening at St. Aidan’s. “Sometimes for me, meditative art helps me to get into a different space,” she said. “And with instrumental cello and guitar music in the background, it [is] beautiful.”

Visual imagery is another technique Rees employs. “I went to a... prayer-yoga-dance gathering this week, and [the instructor] had us physically pretend to pick up things that we want to let go of or that are weighing us down to place on an imaginary fire,” she said. “I loved the imagery: my burdens and distractions going up in smoke along with my prayers rising to God to make space in me for something new.”

Coneway uses the season’s natural surrounding to inspire her art, which is another way in which she finds joy and relaxation. “The gift of this time of day is the display of light and colors of early morning and evening,” she said. “I encourage families to gather around the table and [create] art together. Whether its parents addressing Christmas cards while children are drawing or making a collage out of wrapping paper or tissue paper, I encourage families to work on something together.”

Serving others and expressing gratitude are research-driven techniques for finding happiness says Dr. Lois T. Stover, Ed.D., dean, School of Education and Human Services at Marymount University.

“Make holiday cards and send them out. It’s fun to drop a word of kindness anonymously to someone in the neighborhood and then tell that person to pass along the idea, leaving words of kindness or gratitude themselves for someone else,” she said. “Create an ‘I am

thankful for ...’ wall and cover it with sticky notes that complete the sentence as new thoughts come to mind each time you pass by.”

There’s plenty of holiday joy that comes without a price tag, suggests Stover. “Drive through various neighborhoods just after dark and exclaim ‘Oooh – aah’ over homes or other buildings that have particularly fun



Artist Kathryn Coneway and her family spend time in Huntley Meadows Park when they’re feeling overwhelmed by the holiday rush.

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Sylvain Richard, Pat Keithly and Eileen Myers attended a “Healing Arts” event at the Center for Spiritual Deepening at St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church in Alexandria. Such activities can bring peace and joy during a hectic holiday season.

“Moments of quiet and rest and being able to be present in the moment help me to get through the frenzy.”

— Elizabeth Rees, Associate Rector, Saint Aidan’s Episcopal Church

or beautiful displays of lights,” said Stover. “Listen to holiday music in a variety of genres and make play lists of favorites. Sing along loudly. It’s hard to feel down while belting out anything from ‘Frosty the Snowman’ to ‘Joy to the World.’”

For those looking to maintain the religious meaning of the season, Rees suggests daily devotions sent electronically. “I’ve found

some wonderful daily prayers that arrive each day by email. Just a minute or two of focus on what is deep and joyful and holy help center me for the day,” she said. “For me, Ignatian prayer has been speaking to me lately, imagining myself into the stories of scripture. Moments of quiet and rest and being able to be present in the moment help me to get through the frenzy.”



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ONGOING

39th Annual Weichert Toy Drive.

Through Dec. 15, various times at Weichert Realty, 121 N. Pitt St. Members of the community are invited to drop off new, unwrapped toys at the company's sales offices which will be delivered throughout the holidays in conjunction with local charities that assist financially and physically disadvantaged children. Call 703-549-8700.

Snow Day on Stage.

Through Dec. 16, various times at The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. This nonverbal production features live music and lots of wintertime fun, just in time for the holiday season. \$9. Visit www.artsonthehorizon.org.

"A Christmas Carol."

Through Dec. 16, various times at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. \$17. Call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

Del Ray Artisans' Holiday Market.

Through Dec. 17, weekend hours only, Fridays: 6-9 p.m., Saturdays & Sundays: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Free to browse. Call 703-838-4827 or visit www.delrayartisans.org.

Watercolor Exhibit.

Through Dec. 19, various times at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. See "Nature from Three Points of View", the work of Jan Burns, Madeleine Chen, and Shari MacFarlane, at the Horticulture Center. Sunday, Oct. 29 is the Artists Reception. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring or call 703-642-5173.

4th Annual Holiday Market Festival.

Through Dec. 23, various times in the Carlyle District, 300 John Carlyle St. Art and craft items, enjoy sweets, mulled wine and live entertainment from local musicians. Visit www.alexandriaholidaymarket.com.

The Old Bull and Bush.

Through Dec. 24, various times at MetroStage, 1201 North Royal St. An effort to reopen the famous Hampstead England pub on stage to celebrate the holidays with food, song, jokes, dance and a sing-along. Call 703-548-9044 or visit www.metrostage.org.

Potomac Fiber Art Show.

Through Jan. 7, various times at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Studio 29. The show will be supplemented with juried items on Dec. 5. The Torpedo Factory has new hours, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily and weekends, and 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Visit torpedofactory.org.

Cameras and Clay.

Through Jan. 21 at Potomac Fiber Art show through Jan. 7, various times at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Studio 29. Featuring the work of 34 photographers and clay artists. Visit torpedofactory.org.

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

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MetroStage Celebrates

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SUNDAY/DEC. 24

Waterskiing Santa. 1 p.m. at the waterfront between King and Oronoco streets. Free. Visit www.waterskiingsanta.com.

SUNDAY/DEC. 31

New Years Noon. 10 a.m.-noon at the Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. The fourth annual bash includes performances by "Oh Susannah" and "The Great Zucchini" and an 11:55 a.m. for a countdown to "Noon Year" with music and a balloon drop. All ages invited, but especially appropriate for children ages 2 and up. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1704.

First Night Alexandria. 2 p.m. to midnight at venues throughout Old Town. Activities include the Ninth Annual Fun Hunt, musical entertainment, food, drink and midnight fireworks over the Potomac River. Visit www.firstnightalexandria.org or call 703-746-3299.

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.

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.

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.fortward.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 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.leefendallhouse.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 www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

Dinner for the Washingtons. 11 a.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. \$7 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

Evenings at the Athenaeum. 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.

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 St. near Motley Pool. The cafe will feature coffee, live music to help commuters start the day off right and donuts from Sugar Shack. maurispotts@gmail.com

CAMPS, CLASSES & 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.

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The Harmony Heritage Singers (Mount Vernon Chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society), a daytime, a cappella, Chorus, rehearses on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, monthly, at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Newcomers welcome for fun or to book for a performance. Visit www.HHSingers.org, or call Bruce at 703-352-5271.

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CALENDAR

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JAN.9-FEB. 4

"Déjà Vu," Art Exhibit. Various times at at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Studio 29. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery show "Déjà Vu," highlights the work of artists Elizabeth Davison, Elise Miller, and Dianne Harris Thomas. Visit torpedofactory.org.

FRIDAY/JAN.12

Concert at Blessed Sacrament. 8 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 1427 W. Braddock Road. Free. Email mcushmac@comcast.net or call 703-548-1176.

SATURDAY/JAN. 13

Watercolor Workshop: Painting on Yupo. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Paint on slick plastic called yupo with instructor Marni Maree. \$90. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes or call 703-642-5173.

THURSDAY/JAN. 18

Air Force Band Concert. 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall 4915 East Campus Drive. Special appearance by tubist Patrick Sheridan. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/.

SATURDAY/JAN. 20

Winter Tree Day. 10-11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Take a walk in the woods to examine trees in their wintry state. Get to know some evergreens and learn how critters use trees as their homes during our coldest months. \$6. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes or call 703-642-5173.

Tea Tasting: A Tea for Each Continent. 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Sample teas from each of the seven continents of the world. \$25. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes or call 703-642-5173.

THURSDAY/FEB. 1

Alexandria Poetry Contest Entry Deadline. 5 p.m. at the City of

Alexandria, The Office of the Arts, a division of the Department of Recreation. The "DASHing Words in Motion" poetry contest, topics edge on transportation, ideas might stem from The Alexandria Transit Company's DASH buses motto is "Keep Alexandria Moving." Call 703-746-5565 or email cheryllanne.colton@alexandriava.gov.

SATURDAY/FEB. 3

Watercolor Workshop: Paint a Winter Scene. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn to paint a winter landscape in watercolor with the help of artist Erik Hottenstein, who demonstrates techniques for translating photographs into winter scenes and provides guidance for your individual piece. \$90. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes or call 703-642-5173.

SATURDAY/FEB. 18

Alexandria Wedding Showcase. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at The Westin Alexandria 400 Courthouse Square. 50+ exhibitors, fashion show, brides across america wedding dress giveaway. Call 703-652-5367 or visit alxweddingshowcase.com/.

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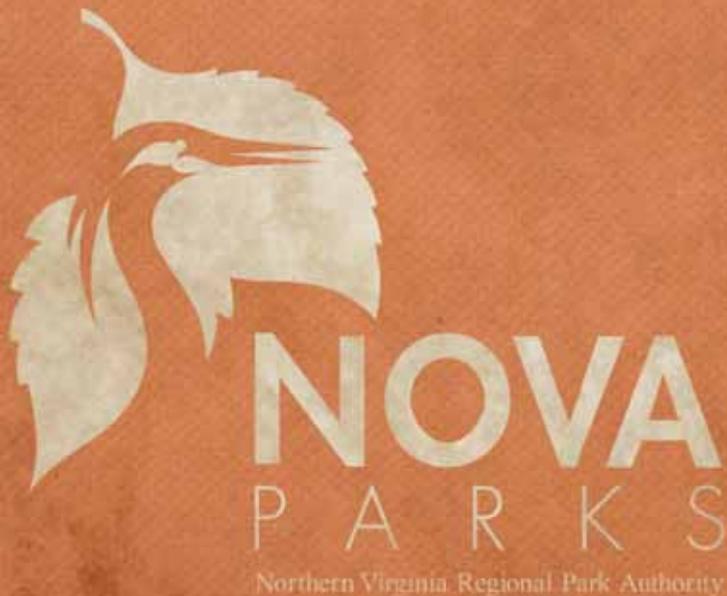




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Fundraising Bake Sale

Fourth grade classrooms were turned into bakeries on Dec. 1 as St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School held its 23rd annual fourth grade bake sale benefiting Children's National Health System, which raised \$1,795. The bake sale took place inside the classrooms, where faculty, staff, students, and parents purchased the baked treats. Fourth grade students organized the baking, advertised the sale around school, decided how to price the items, made change, and rolled the coins. Then they made a list of toys they'd like to buy, and took a trip to Target with their teachers to purchase the items with the bake sale proceeds. All the gifts went to Dr. Bear's Closet at Children's National Health System for patients and their siblings to enjoy.



Local Resident Honored

Lisa Larson, an experienced IT management, software development, and organizational change consultant, received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance (VEGA) for her work in Cambodia and Lebanon. The award was presented in the District on Tuesday, Dec. 5, which is also recognized by the United Nations as International Volunteer Day. Above, Larson accepted her award with Andrea Patrick, associate vice president at IESC.

Holiday Door Decorating Contest Winners

The Old Town Walled Garden Club has named the winners of the 50th annual Alexandria Holiday Door Decorating Contest. This long-standing tradition is one of the highlights of the holiday season in the Old and Historic District, supported by local businesses who donate prizes to the winners. This year prizes were donated by Restaurants Brabo, Hunting Creek, Bastille, and Hummingbird.

This year in first place was the home at 205 N. Columbus St. The homeowner, who made its double wreaths brightly adorned with fruits and seasonal greens, will feast on Brabo's Chef's Five Course tasting menu. In second place, winning a three course dinner for two at Hunting Creek, was the home at 410 Prince St., another double door design with rustic swags featuring fruits, pinecones and berries. In third place was the home at 418 S. Fairfax St. This design added a rope tassel with pinecones and pine

branches to a rich magnolia wreath decorated with citrus slices. For their creativity, the homeowner is awarded a bistro dinner for two at Bastille or The Bar at Bastille. Two wreaths earning honorable mention will receive gift cards for use at Hummingbird Bar and Kitchen: an interpretation of a traditional Williamsburg fruit board at 800 S. Royal St. and creative use of sage leaves in a traditional evergreen wreath at 404 S. Lee St.

In addition to the tradition of the Holiday Door decorating contest that brings the community together, the Old Town Walled Garden Club has started another tradition of assisting the community. This year the club supported the local chapter of Rebuilding Together Alexandria with a \$500 donation. Their vision is having a vibrant Alexandria where people of all income groups and cultures live in safe and healthy homes. In addition to the donation, club members will also provide gardening services in the spring.



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First Place: 205 N Columbus



**Second Place:
410 Prince**



**Third Place:
418 S Fairfax**



**Honorable Mention:
404 S Lee**



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404 S Lee**

Student Films Win Carlyle House Contest

T.C. Williams and Arlington Career Center students received awards in the Friends of Carlyle House's First Annual Film Contest in November.

The film contest was devised by the Friends Board as a way to reach out to a younger audience. Since the contest kicked off before Halloween, this year's theme was to make a scary film. The films also had to feature the Carlyle House and mention John Carlyle in the film.

There were two entries, "Carlyle" by the T.C. Williams TV Production and Photography Club, and "The Ghost in the Ring" by students of the Arlington Career Center. Both films were screened for the friends and families in attendance and first place was awarded to T.C. Williams, with second place going to Arlington Career Center. Cash prizes were awarded to all entrants.

View both films on YouTube. "Carlyle" is at youtu.be/GJ1VmTsjSuM. "The Ghost in the Ring" is at youtu.be/iO8Xe5Qz43Q.



Winning team from T.C. Williams, along with Friends Board President Suellen Savukas, Phoebe Tomsu, Abdul Khan, Anyah Wells, Leon Story, Ian Birchler de Allende, Guarav Bhanot, and Essey Tesfay.

Hutchings To Lead ACPS

Board selects TC alumni.



The School Board has selected Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., a graduate of T.C. Williams High School, as superintendent of Alexandria City Public Schools.

Hutchings, formerly the director of pre-K-12 initiatives with ACPS, will return to ACPS in early July from Shaker Heights Schools, located in a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, where he is currently in his fifth year as superintendent.

Under his leadership, his district worked to close the achievement gap and ensure students of all backgrounds have access to the resources, tools and opportunities needed to succeed. He worked collaboratively with the Board of Education and school community on the creation of a strategic plan focused on academic excellence, equity and exploration as a way to realize the goals of the district. He also became one of only eight superintendents in North America to lead a district offering the International Baccalaureate (IB) program to all students at all grade levels, including pre-K.

As superintendent, he led district efforts to refine business processes and systems to repurpose operating funds to academic initiatives that benefited more students. He also led efforts to galvanize public support and funding that addressed the infrastructure needs of school buildings.

Hutchings served as a teacher and in leadership roles at the middle and high school levels as well as in central office administrative positions. He began his teaching career in Manassas at Prince William County Public Schools and then served as an assistant middle school principal with Chesterfield County Public Schools, near Richmond. In Nashville, Tenn., he was promoted from an assistant high school principal to middle school principal.

Hutchings was with ACPS from 2010 to 2013, where he was promoted from director of middle school programs to director of pre-K-12 initiatives.

Raised in Alexandria, Hutchings came up through the ranks of ACPS. He attended Patrick Henry and William Ramsay Elementary Schools followed by Mount Vernon Community School and James K. Polk Elementary Schools. He then attended Francis C. Hammond Middle School and graduated from T.C. Williams High School in 1995.

Hutchings holds a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from Old Dominion University and a master's in educational leadership from George Mason University. He earned a doctorate in educational policy, planning and leadership in 2010 from the College of William and Mary.

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erans. Many are buried with their
wives in Jackson Circle at Arling-
ton Cemetery, one of our country's
most prestigious sites.

However, some people today
still wrongly reject Confederates as
Americans. They are our contem-
porary dividers, not unifiers.

The Custis-Lee Mansion was the
former home of Gen. Robert E.
Lee, built by his father-in-law to
honor George Washington, but
Congress made it a memorial to
the Confederate general for his
role in reconciliation after the war.

If "Appomattox" is moved/re-
moved as a sop to 21st century
political correctness and misun-
derstanding/ignorance of our
past, we who cherish an accurate
and full account of our history will
be greatly disturbed at this disre-
spect to the truth of our past. We
will recognize that some of our
proud heritage has been removed
from the unified whole story of our
history — which must be pre-
sented as an inclusive account of
what happened to be correct and
true.

Purging what some do not like
will not change the past or pro-
vide a reliably instructive aid to
our present and future under-
standings. Deliberately presenting
a partial truth as the whole truth
is falsification and unworthy of
honorable citizens.

Of course, I and others may ob-
ject — heartily — to other statues,
memorials and public art in the
city, but have refrained out of re-
spect for others who prize them. I
note that "Appomattox" was
funded and has been maintained
privately — without tax or required
developers' funds, unlike other
expressions reflecting our city's
history and artistic taste to which
I was compelled to contribute
without anyone first asking my
permission.

Ellen Latane Tabb
Alexandria

Sanctuary Vs. Inclusive

To the Editor:

Over the past several years,
there has been considerable de-
bate on whether or not Alexandria
is in fact a sanctuary city. For a
number of years, the city of Alex-
andria (along with Virginia Beach,
Fairfax County and Arlington
County) were considered by many
government officials to be the four
sanctuary cities of Virginia. Re-
cently, this list has been revised
and scaled back to include only
Fairfax and Chesterfield counties.
This begs the question of what
constitutes a sanctuary city, since
most sources indicate that sanctu-

ary cities will limit their coopera-
tion with the Federal government
concerning immigration law en-
forcement. However, the Alexan-
dria Council maintains that al-
though Alexandria is not a sanctu-
ary city, it is an Inclusive City
based upon Alexandria Resolution
2246, which was passed on Oct.
9, 2007.

However, paragraph 5 of this
resolution indicates that "beyond
what is required by State and Fed-
eral law, the City and its various
agencies will neither make inquir-
ies about, nor report on the citi-
zenship of those who seek the pro-
tection of its laws or the use of its
services." The Alexandria Police
Department, the Sheriff's Office
and the Office of the Common-
wealth Attorney are all in agree-
ment that their officers cannot ask
about citizenship when someone
is arrested or booked into the Al-
exandria jail.

The Sheriff's office will only for-
ward to ICE a copy of all felony
arrests, but not gross misde-
meanor or misdemeanor arrests.
Should a person be a known to ICE
as an illegal alien, then a detainer
would then be placed with the jail.
However, if the illegal alien does
not have a prior record with ICE,
nothing will happen, and the ille-
gal alien could be let out of jail
without an ICE detainer. How can
ICE be notified that an illegal has
been arrested if they are not al-
lowed to ask?

The truth is that Alexandria is
operating as a de facto sanctuary
city, under the guise of a misap-
propriated terminology. By most
accounts, the term inclusive city
refers to urban planning and gov-
ernance matters; i.e., "the needs
of all people are valued equally
(to include the marginalized), so
that all residents have a represen-
tative voice in governance, plan-
ning, and budgeting processes,
and have access to sustainable
livelihoods, legal housing and af-
fordable basic services such as
water/sanitation and an electric-
ity supply" (from the Inclusive Cit-
ies Project website).

This matter should be re-exam-
ined, and Alexandria should be
realigned to the Commonwealth's
desire to have only two Virginia
counties operating as sanctuary
areas. The Inclusive City designa-
tion in the Alexandria Resolution
2246 is not relevant to the pre-
cepts of the sanctuary city concept,
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Cameron Run

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will become a central park. It represents a major opportunity for green space for folks living and working there in the near future.’

Jennifer Adkins, chair of park and rec commission, also emphasized the need for year-round facilities at Cameron Run Park and said Nova Parks had been largely non-responsive to requests from the city to work towards that.

“Throughout this process, across many public meetings, we would periodically ask representative of Nova Parks ‘Hey, what about partnering with us to invest in aquatics center or indoor pool use?’ No. How about investing in this way or that way to transform park? The answer was consistently no. At one point, they came up with a plan they said would do something: add a lazy river, which is still a seasonal use, and throw a dog park into a corner to get dog park people to come and testify. It did not reflect an understanding at all of these priorities. [It] did not reflect anything we’d discussed with the public.”

Like Chapman, Adkins said she was happy to hear Nova Parks start to express an interest in partnering towards the goals but was frustrated it took threatening to not renew their lease for it to happen.

“OK, why did this suddenly come up in mid-November?” Adkins said. “Because all of the sudden the city is taking a hard look at this city asset and trying to figure out how to best use it to serve its citizens.”

But for many on the council, despite these frustrations, it was too early to give up quite yet on the Nova Parks partnership.

“I think after 36 years of an arrangement between city and Nova Parks, that in a way, they have earned the right of first refusal to negotiations,” said Lovain. “To strike them completely opens up a can of worms. To have a nine-month window to first try to negotiate with Nova Parks and at the end, if those are unsuccessful, then existing lease will expire.” As part of the consideration of interim and long-term uses for Cameron Park, the City Council declared that if partnership negotiations based upon the priorities are unsuccessful by Sept. 30, 2018, then the existing lease would expire on July 1, 2021 and the Cameron Run parkland would revert to city control and custody for use for public park and recreation purposed with the goal that it become a recreational complex providing year-round active and passive uses.

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“Suit Yourself, Biscuit”



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Talk about a superfluous statement. I was asleep in bed and awoke to find one of our five cats, Biscuit, the oldest at 11+, lying sphinx-like on the front right of our bed. Though it was dark, I could see in his yellow eyes that he was awake.

Wanting to feel a cat against my body, I said, “Biscuit, come here. Come lie against my chest.” No response so I repeated the request. This time with a bit more conviction: “Biscuit, come here. I want to feel you next to me.” Again, no response. In fact, no reaction whatsoever. So I muttered, without thinking even: “OKAY, Biscuit, suit yourself.”

And then I laughed. Of course he’s going to suit himself. That’s what cats do. I should be grateful he didn’t jump off the bed. After all, he was minding his own business.

And that business is the entire philosophy of the feline species captured in two words. If any of you has ever owned a cat and been sensitive to and appreciative of their differences with the canine population, cats don’t really come when you call them. Nor do they respond to a million other things you ask of them. If you understand and embrace that behavior, you’ll likely begin to see this non-responsiveness as part of their charm.

However, when they do come when you call them, or when they climb uninvited onto your chest while lying in bed or snuggle with you on the couch; oh, how special you feel. And if you don’t feel put upon or tolerated and can instead savor the uniqueness of their knead (and do everything you can to encourage its repetition), then you can indeed find pleasure and purpose in that moment, rare though it may be – or maybe not.

Accepting the parameters of the relationship with your cat, and managing your expectations, will go a long way toward understanding what your cat is able to give you. And what cats can give you is companionship and love – on their terms of course. The mere fact that Biscuit is lying on the bed should be enough to make me happy. Expecting that he would rise due to my beck and call, at night, especially while he’s cat-napping is unreasonable on my part. Biscuit is not being difficult in the least. He is simply adhering to a non-responsive-type behavior that generations of cats – and generations of cat owners, should be accustomed to, not questioned or even curious about.

As an extraordinarily experienced cat owner (almost 40 years), I should have known better. Yet I couldn’t resist the temptation/control the urge to give Biscuit (a cat) the chance to change the course of presumptive cat history and come to me when I asked. The problem is, once in a blue moon – or was that a red moon (it certainly appeared to be above the fold on the front page of The Washington Post the other day), cats will break with historical convention and respond/react/reply in kind with both word and deed. They’ll come, they’ll snuggle, they’ll talk, they’ll nuzzle, they might even lick. In fact, they’ll do everything they can to endear themselves to you.

But it doesn’t happen often or rather it doesn’t happen consistently. Yet it remains the goal of every committed (or rather should be) cat owner to make every attempt to induce their cats to succumb to their cat-seducing charms. Like right now, Twinkle, our white, five-and-half-years-old domestic medium hair, is doing everything she can to get my attention. She’s walking back and forth across my note pad (as I’m trying to write; I’m busy), she’s rubbing her head against my face and using the top of my pen as some sort of head scratcher, she’s lying on her left side with as many as four paws outstretched across my left arm as I use it to block her advance and she’s talking non-stop.

She’s being such a pain, but you have to love them. If you can’t appreciate their untimely intrusions and instead expect some kind of predictable dog-like obedience, you need more than “The Cat Whisperer,” you need “The Cat Screamer,” because it’s NOT HAPPENING.

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