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Screened-in Porch, Salute, and Unanimous Curtain Call

Mount Vernon Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan given impromptu recognition for service.

By Ken Moore The Gazette

ark Viani hijacked a Planning Commission case involving screened-in porch to give an impromptu salute to Mount Vernon District Commissioner Earl Flanagan.

"I wasn't planning on doing this tonight when I came here, but I just thought about it," said Viani. "I just want to take a minute here to acknowledge a lifetime of service that I think has really made us a better world, a better country, a better county, and a better community."

Flanagan has been the Mount Vernon planning commissioner since he was appointed by then you as an individual, speak as a

District Supervisor Gerry Hyland in December 2006.

Instead of three-minutes of public testimony on Shon and Crystal Moore's application for a screenedin porch in Lorton, Viani, land use attorney, used the allotted time during the public hearing to speak about Flanagan instead.

"Therefore, as my last motion as the Mount Vernon planning commissioner, I am prepared to agree with the staff's recommendation."

-Earl Flanagan

"I am not speaking to you as an advocate or an attorney tonight. I'm actually just going to speak to

resident of the Mount Vernon District, speak as the co chair of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, speak as the president of the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation," said Viani.

"I just want to take a minute here to kind of acknowledge what

is happening tonight," he

Flanagan made his last motion involving a Mount Vernon District case at the meeting on March 15. He will attend his last commission meeting on March 22. Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck appointed Walter C. Clarke to replace Flanagan in April.

"I could embarrass Earl with some of the stories about growing up in Chicago and beginning as a childhood star on radio, but



Earl Flanagan, Mount **Vernon District Planning** Commissioner.

instead I'll focus more on the beginning of his public service as a sergeant with the 71st Infantry Division, as part of Patton's Third Army in the Second World War," said Viani.

He described Flanagan's duties

in the war. "Earl operated in that capacity all the way through Northern France, the Battle of Bulge, crossing the Rhine, into Germany, and eventually into Austria. And in the process of those bloody final weeks of the war, he was involved in the liberation of a concentration camp. I'm sure you all know this story, but I think it has to be publicly acknowledged."

"Following the war, Earl had his private practice and then served in the department of HUD as a federal employee dealing with architecture," said Viani. "More locally, he served, obviously, on the Planning Commission. Even more locally, in the Mount Vernon District, a well established history, both on the Mount Vernon Council and the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation and a million other local organizations.

SEE UNANIMOUS, PAGE 5

Two NOVA Students Receive Local Nursing Scholarships

Honored during the Harriet H. Fatzinger Nursing Memorial Scholarship Luncheon.



NOVA President Dr. Scott Ralls with Master of Ceremonies Dr. Glenn Fatzinger.

By Steve Hibbard The Gazette

wo NOVA nursing students received scholarships worth \$1,200 in memory of Harriet H. Fatzinger's legacy during a special luncheon at The Mount Vernon Inn last Wednesday, March 14.

The scholarship's 11th and 12th recipients were NOVA students Anusuya Adhikari, 22, a Certified Nursing Assistant and Med Aide originally from Nepal and now living in Manassas; and Monica Miranda, 20, a licensed practical nurse who works at Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center in Woodbridge and now living in Manassas. Most of the scholarship winners have been women; but last year they had two male winners.

"I feel honored. It's not only fi-

nancial help for me; I felt motivation to work harder," said Adhikari who hopes to become a geriatric nurse practitioner and work in nursing homes.

"I'm very grateful because it's going to be helping me a lot in paying for tuition and books because my parents are not only putting one student through college but two," said Miranda who hopes to become a certified registered nurse and anesthetist. She is originally from Texas; her parents are from El Salvador, so she grew up

in an immigrant household.

The scholarships are in memory of the late Harriet Fatzinger, a 1972 cum laude nursing graduate from NOVA's Annandale Campus. She worked 13 and a half years at United Airlines and as a nurse at Key Center, as well as a school secretary at Groveton Elementary. She started a program 19 years ago ministering at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church and also had a strong interest in helping people with disabilities. Her husband Dr.

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Public Safety Heroes Honored

Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce presents Valor Awards.

he 40th annual Valor Awards was held on Friday, March 9, at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner honoring men and women who have shown valor, courage, and service to others. Every year the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce pays tribute to public safety employees in the Fairfax County Police Department, Fire & Rescue Departments, Sheriff's Office, and Herndon and Vienna Police Departments for their exceptional bravery.

Honored guests included elected officials U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10), Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, Supervisors John Foust (Dranesville), Jeff McKay (Lee), Pat Herrity (Springfield), John Cook (Braddock), Kathy Smith (Sully), and Dan Storck (Mt. Vernon). Chaplain Jerrold Foltz gave the benediction.

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Chris Lawrence, News Anchor at NBC4, was the emcee, and the event was recorded in the official Congressional Record.

- STEVE HIBBARD



Pilot Garrett G. Wymer receives his Valor Award from Ed Roessler Jr., **Chief, Fairfax County Police Depart-**

Middlebrooks, and PFC Ali Sepehri are

awarded the Silver Medal of Valor for their

actions involving a helicopter crash. Dur-

ing the civil unrest that broke out in the

City of Charlottesville. The crew quickly

assessed their landing options and MPO

Middlebrooks and PFC Sepehri hiked ap-

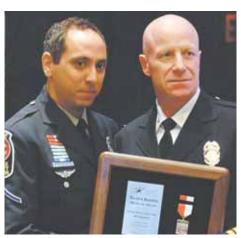
Silver Medal of Valor Recipients



Members of Fairfax County's Urban Search & Rescue Team, Virginia Task

Gold Medal of Valor Recipients

Fairfax County's Urban Search & Rescue team, Virginia Task Force 1 is awarded the Gold Medal of Valor. In the effort to save lives and alleviate suffering, Fairfax County's Urban Search & Rescue team, Virginia Task Force 1 was deployed to San Juan, Puerto Rico which had sustained extensive damage from Hurricane Irma only days prior to the arrival of Hurricane Maria. Upon arrival, the team immediately established a base of operations and conducted search and rescue operations in the Virgin Islands. While conducting lifesaving and humanitarian aid missions in Puerto Rico,



Police Officer First Class Ali Sepehri receives his Valor Award from Ed Roessler Jr., Chief, Fairfax **County Police Department.**

Hurricane Maria formed as a Category 5 hurricane taking direct aim at San Juan. Even with the threat of the oncoming hurricane, the team continued their search and rescue operations on the Virgin Islands. The team endured the assault of Hurricane Maria for 24 hours only to continue

the search and rescue after the storm had passed. The members of VATF-1 acted without

regard to their personal safety under extremely hazardous conditions. They demonstrated courage, dedication, and determination.



Master Police Officer Douglas E. Middlebrooks receives his Valor Award from Ed Roessler Jr., Chief, Fairfax County Police Department.

Pilot Garrett Wymer, MPO Douglas proximately 300 yards in order to gain access to the crash site while Pilot Wymer provided responding fire crews and ATC personnel with aerial coverage. The fully engulfed helicopter contained two fallen Virginia State Troopers and both MPO Middlebrooks and PFC Sepehri continued to search the wreckage for any other troop-

ers at the scene. Without regard for their own personal safety, the crew of Fairfax 1 landed in an unfamiliar location without ground support in order to render immediate high level medical care to fallen officers. Pilot Wymer, MPO Middlebrooks, and PFC Sepehri demonstrated exemplary courage, composure, and compassion during an incident involving extreme personal risk.

Silver Medal Of Valor



Officer Isa L. Martin receives his Valor Award from Ed Roessler Jr., Chief, Fairfax **County Police Department.**

Officer Isa Martin is awarded the Silver Medal of Valor for his bravery and quick actions when he arrived early to work and observed a man attempting to breach the station's secure fences. Officer Martin drew his offduty weapon while simultaneously issuing verbal challenges to the driver. With the help with another officer who arrived on the scene, they secured the subject without further incident. Despite his status as a new officer, Officer Martin handled this violent subject with both extreme professionalism and restraint.



Second Lieutenant Michael D. **Gubesch receives his Valor** Award from Ed Roessler Jr., **Chief, Fairfax County Police** Department.

Second Lieutenant Michael Gubesch is awarded the Silver Medal of Valor for his brave actions in halting a dangerous pursuit. Faced with a dangerous criminal that clearly had no intent to stop, Second Lieutenant Gubesch made a critical decision to end the pursuit before more lives could be put in harm's way. He used his patrol vehicle to execute a perfectly timed Precision Immobilization Technique (PIT) that spun the vehicle around on the road. The subject brazenly continued to try and escape but was stopped by the quick thinking and decisive actions fellow officers on the scene. Potentially placing himself in harm's way, Second Lieutenant Gubesch executed sound judgment in a tense situation, ending with a successful conclusion.

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News

Unanimous Curtain Call

"He even was our 'Person of the Year' back in 2000," said Viani. The Board of Supervisors voted him the Mount Vernon District's Lord Fairfax in 1999.

"Earl, but for your efforts we live in a much better world," he said. "Thank you very much for your lifetime of service."

Flanagan received a round of applause from all his colleagues on the commission.

"We appreciate those comments," said Chairman Peter Murphy. "As you're know, we will embarrassing Earl further at a Planning Commission Awards Banquet in April. And, also, he is going to be honored by the Federation of Citizens Associations, the news has just been released, for his service to the country, the Commonwealth and the county. Those three "C's" are very important in Earl's life, and we're all looking forward to both those banquets," said Murphy.

Murphy then addressed Lorton resident Shon Moore, the applicant requesting the screened in porch. "Mr. Moore, is there anything you'd like to rebut from what you've heard?"

"No sir, not at this time," said Moore.

"Smart man," said Murphy.

"With that, Mr. Chairman, I note that there was no opposition testimony," said Flanagan.

"They wouldn't dare," said Murphy.
Flanagan continued: "... but wish to report for the record that the South County Federation does not oppose this application based on the Lorton Station homeowners approval of this application. Therefore, as my last motion as the Mount Vernon planning commissioner, I am prepared to agree with the staff's recommendation and I move that the PC approve FDPA-1996-MV-037-06."

Flanagan's final motion was approved unanimously.

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News



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— Susan Laume





Mount Vernon
District Supervisor
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Two Receive Local Nursing Scholarships

Glenn Fatzinger runs the NOVA memorial scholarship program, which has raised \$94,000 from 157 people so far. He also teaches two history classes as an adjunct professor at NOVA's Alexandria Campus.

"When Harriet died, we wanted to honor her legacy; she was interested in helping people with special needs and for less fortunate people," said Fatzinger, adding, "The scholarships are awarded retroactively. We award it in the second year to students because we want to be sure they're going to graduate."

According to Dr. Scott Ralls, president of NOVA: "Glenn Fatzinger and the whole Fatzinger extended family, and Harriet Fatzinger, they are not just supporters of NOVA, they're champions of NOVA and NOVA students. Glenn teaches at NOVA and participates in everything we do, but he also provides important scholarships for our nursing students who will then go into the Northern Virginia community and become health care providers. He's one of the people who makes it happen."

Dr. Marsha Atkins, the dean of nursing at NOVA, said scholarships are especially important to nursing students. "Nursing is an expensive profession. Students that go into nursing make a tremendous



From left: Dr. Scott Ralls, president of NOVA; nursing scholarship recipient Anusuya Adhikari; and Dr. Glenn Fatzinger.

jobs. It's almost impossible to work full-time and go to nursing school full-time and be successful. Without scholarship support, it would make it even more difficult for them," said Atkins who graduated in 1972 with a two-year nursing sacrifice. They have to quit their degree from NOVA. "I graduated

the same year that Mrs. Fatzinger did. And I went to school on scholarships, so I truly know how important it is. So, we're real blessed to have this offered to our students." Added Dr. Nicole Reaves, NOVA's Medical Education Campus provost: "This is a great way

to celebrate the life of Mrs. Fatzinger and also to support the success of our students ... Typically the barrier to success for our students is finance, so if we can eliminate that barrier through scholarships, this is what we do to support them and their success."



From left: Dr. Scott Ralls, president of NOVA; nursing scholarship recipient Monica Miranda; and Dr. Glenn Fatzinger.

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Fort Hunt Team Wins Youth Basketball Championship

The Fort Hunt 8th grade boys County basketball team won the Fairfax County Youth Basketball D2 Championship on Saturday, March 10, beating Manassas Park 58-43 at the James Lee Recreation Center. The team finished the season with a 14-2 overall record.

Alex Catanzaro, Tyler Lawrence and Cole Cosby were named to the D2 All League Team, and Aiden McClanahan was the Championship game MVP.

"Both on and off the court this was an exceptional group of boys, who were successful due to their character, determination and teamwork. It was a very exciting season for the players and families, and we were proud to represent the Fort Hunt community on the county level," Head Coach Pat McClanahan said.

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From left: Pat McClanahan, Head Coach; Carter Lawrence; Owen Joachim; Alex Catanzaro; Jackson Mayo; Even Wunderlich; Nick Castrilli; Aiden McClanahan; Cole Cosby; Noah Potholm; Tyler Lawrence; Tony Castrilli, Coach; and Scott Cosby. Coach.

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Photo-documentary Study. Through March 25, arious times at Theatre Two, Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington. Select photos from artist/photographer Nina Tisara's photo-documentary study of worship in Alexandria's predominantly African American churches for Avant Bard's production of the "Gospel at Colonus."

March 150. Through March 25, gallery hours at Torpedo Factory Art Center's Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Target Gallery's popular annual exhibition and art sale, March 150, returns to the Torpedo Factory Art Center for the 8th year. This yearly all-media exhibition features nearly 200 works created by artists local to Alexandria and the greater D.C. region. The only requirement to be on view in the exhibition is that artists needed to use the gallery-supplied 10" x 10" panel. All work in the show is priced at \$150. visit torpedofactory.org/event/march150-8th-annual-special-exhibition-art-sale/.

Woodlawn Needlework Show and Sale. Through March 31, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (closed Tuesdays) at Woodlawn and Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Highway. The 55th annual Needlework show and sale at Woodlawn Estate, the historic home of Nelly Custis, America's foremost needleworker. Exhibits, vendors, workshops, house tours, and more for the whole family. Adults \$15, k-12 \$6, 5 and under free. Call 703-570-6903 or visit www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org/

annualneedleworkshow/.

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"Drone Zone." Through March 31, gallery hours in the Art League Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St., Studio 21. Drones appeared in Beverly Ryan's artwork in 2015, inspired by questions about their use in warfare. Ryan explores questions related to this topic in her multi-media exhibit, "Drone Zone." visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-

"Outdoors In." Through April 1, various times at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. "Outdoors In" showcases the ways artists see nature and depict it in



The play reading for "It's My Party!," about the Women's Suffragists' fight, will be held on Monday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. at MetroStage in Alexandria.

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Party Like It's 1919

"It's My Party!," about Women's Suffragists' fight, gets reading at MetroStage.

By Steve Hibbard

laywright Ann Timmons will be presenting the world premiere reading of her play, "It's My Party!," as part of Pipeline Playwrights' second-annual play reading series on Monday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. at MetroStage in Alexandria.

"It's My Party!," directed by Catherine Tripp, explores what happens when two different factions ignite political change using very different tactics. This play reveals competing strategies, daring stunts, and bitter rivalries that propelled the suffragists' fight for the 19th Amendment. Using modern vernacular for some characters, the language highlights the generational and philosophical split between and within the two major factions.

According to Timmons, "It's My Party!' is a play about the two primary groups of American women who crusaded for the passage of the suffrage amendment (19th Amendment) in the early 20th century. Their strategies are wildly divergent, based on different understandings of how to best accomplish this," she said.

"The National Woman's Party represents the 'radical' wing headed by Alice Paul, who adopted techniques of the militant suffragists in England led by Emmeline Pankhurst. The National American Women's Suffrage Association is the larger, more mainstream group led by Carrie Chapman Catt, and it prefers to work within the existing system," she said.

She continued: "The play presents the ways leaders of these groups help and hinder each other in pursuit of their shared goal. At a time when women are struggling to gain any political power in the U.S., it fascinates me that these women manage to keep their 'eyes on the prize' and not be distracted by forces (internal as well as exter-



Ann Timmons

nal) trying to pit them against each other and neutralize their argument."

She said she loves writing historical plays and immersing herself in the research of a given period. "The past has so much to teach us. I felt this particular

fight, with its tremendously partisan nature, resonated with today's political movements, where factions often splinter over specifics and litmus tests abound," she said.

"But the challenge is, of course, tearing myself away from the research and creating a framework for the story that modern audiences can relate to. How to put the specific situation of the Suffrage fight from 1913-1919 in context, while creating a world that is relevant and entertaining. As opposed to an illustrated history lesson," she said.

She continued: "I hope audiences will see the connections between what the suffragists did to win the vote and what women and minorities are doing today to win seats at the table. This story shows different tools these women used as they spoke truth to power and accomplished an important goal. I would love to see the stories of Alice, Lucy, Carrie and the other heroic women inspire new audiences to keep fighting the good fight."

Pipeline Playwrights is a group of women playwrights based in Northern Virginia, working together to support, present, and promote each other's work with the goal of moving their plays into the local and national theater pipeline. Each of the current Pipeline Playwrights — Jean Koppen, Ann Timmons, Nicole Burton, and Patricia Connelly — is presenting a reading of a new full-length play in the 2018 spring reading series at MetroStage.

Timmons will be presenting "It's My Party!" on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at MetroStage. The venue is located at 1201 North Royal St. After the reading, enjoy refreshments and informal conversation with the playwright and actors.

paintings, sculptures, textiles, mixed media, and drawings. Before the camera, much of what we knew about nature came from artists and others who drew and painted what they saw and experienced. Artists include local students. visit www.DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits.

THURSDAY/MARCH 22

Local Author Thursday. 5-7 p.m. at The Old Town Shop, 105 South Union St. Book signing by John Adam Wasowicz, "Daingerfield Island." Light refreshments. Call 703-684-4682 or visit

www.TheOldTownShop.com.

World War I Lecture Series. 7 p.m. at The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, 201 South Washington St. Join The Lyceum for Women's History Month and three lectures about women's contributions to the World War I war effort. "Sowing the Seeds of Victory: The Women's Land Army of America in Virginia and Washington DC, 1917-1920," by Anna Kiefer. In 1917, the Women's Land Army of America began recruiting women who would work the land while America's farmers served in the Great War. \$10 per person. Reservations recommended. . Tickets at shop.alexandria.gov.

Vegetable Gardening Part 3. 7-8:30 pm, Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Manage and Maintain Your Vegetable Garden. Discover simple, earth-friendly and smart gardening practices, like crop rotation and intercropping, to attract pollinators and other beneficial insects and to control common garden pests. Learn to identify diseases and how to manage them. Also pick up tips on space-saving techniques for small gardens. Free. Advance registration requested at mgnv.org. Questions, telephone 703-228-6414 or emailmgarlalex@gmail.com.

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Jazz 4 Justice Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 E. Campus Drive, Alexandria. The Alexandria Bar Law Foundation and NOVA Nighthawks present John "The Smoker" Kocur, a saxophonist and composer who is a fixture in the D.C. Jazz Scene for 10 years. A Jam Session starts at 6 p.m. The T.C. Williams High School Jazz Band, directed by Doug Rogers, will also perform. Buy tickets through the website J4JAlexandria.wordpress.com.

Lost Towns of Fairfax County -Mount Vernon Region. 7:30-9 p.m. at Mount Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parkers Lane. Mount Vernon Regional Historical Society presents Fairfax County historians Heather Bollinger and Jeff Clark speaking about some of Fairfax County's lost towns and communities
— vibrant areas which featured schools, churches, shops, and civic centers. This talk will focus on communities in the Mount Vernon area, such as Colchester, Accotink, and both the white and African-American communities of Woodlawn. visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/circuit/ lost-towns-fairfax-county-mountvernon-region

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/MARCH 22-24

Used Book and Art Sale. Thursday, 1-5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Used book and art sale fills two buildings at the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church. Gently used art, children's books, rare/old books and individually priced books will be in the church building. Saturday is half price in the church and \$5 a bag in the mansion. visit mvuc.org.

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Way of the Cross). 7:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 1427 W. Braddock Road. The 14 Stations of the Cross will be prayed in a musical setting for choir and organ by Franz Liszt. The Blessed Sacrament Adult Choir will sing with organist Quinn Moss. Email jmccrary@blessedsacramentcc.org or call 703-998-6100, ext. 103.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MARCH 23-31

"Cherry Blossom Week." Daily, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thursdays until 9 p.m. at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. The Torpedo Factory Artists' Association (TFAA) is honoring the annual National Cherry Blossom Festival with their own Cherry Blossom Week. With a schedule of events that includes artist demonstrations, private tours, and instudio specials, cherry blossom fun blooms at the Torpedo Factory Art Center. More than 50 of the 82 working artist studios at the Torpedo Factory Art Center will have cherry blossom-inspired art on display or for sale, and interactive events will occur all week. Complete details of the TFAA's Cherry Blossom Week, including studio maps, can be found at torpedofactoryartists.com/cherry.

SATURDAY/MARCH 24

World Day of Puppetry. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at at the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. The National Capital Puppetry Guild and the Office of the Arts will present the 2nd Annual "Celebrate the World Day of Puppetry" with family-oriented puppet performances, hands-on workshops, exhibits and sales tables. Nine puppetry performances will feature Bob Brown Puppets,

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"Beyond the Battlefield." 10 a.m. outside the Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. The Lee-Fendall House will offer "Beyond the Battlefield," a guided walking tour of Civil War sites in Historic Old Town. The tour will last approximately two hours and cover a route of 1.75 miles.

Participants re encouraged to wear comfortable shoes. Advance tickets are \$15 through the museum's website, or \$20 the day. Space is limited. visit www.leefendallhouse.org, or call 703-548-1789.

What's In Your Closet – Thrift Shop or Treasure? 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Woodlawn and Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. Bring that textile piece you want to know more about to be appraised by expert Newbie Richardson of Costume and Textile Specialists. Call 703-570-6903 or visit

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ENTERTAINMENT



Old Trattoria Is New Again

By Hope Nelson

ometimes, all it takes to infuse an Alexandria institution with new energy is just a little TLC. At least, that was the case for La Trattoria, the new butterfly emerging from the cocoon of the venerable Trattoria da Franco, one of Old Town's

APPETITE most historic and beloved Italian eateries. Blending modernization with the Trattoria's existing old-world charm,

owner Michael Strutton aims to preserve the historic while propelling into the future of Alexandria dining.

But then, Strutton was a loyal patron of Franco Abbruzezetti's creation in the first place. And he thought he knew how to resurrect an establishment that might have seen better days.

"I've been coming here for years as a customer; pretty much every Saturday night I came here for probably five years. I'm extremely involved in my Italian culture, so this was to me in Old Town as close as I could get to that as far as food, and just a vintage experience which I appreciate more than trendy or 'fad' type dining," he said. "I knew that Franco had ideas of retiring or selling, and I knew that this place was underperforming and really needed an injection of energy and vision ... and so it was just always on my mind."

When Abbruzezetti did list the restaurant with a broker, Strutton made his intentions known. And after months of negotiation and legalities, La Trattoria emerged in its new form.

The first thing you'll notice about the restaurant nowadays is its curb appeal. Strutton and his team renovated the patio right away, hoping to take advantage of the waning warm days when summer turned to fall and then to colder climes still. Then they turned their attention to the dining room and bar — where there were some decisions to be made.

"Our initial vision was to make (the dining room) more of a pizzeria and (the bar) to be a more formal dining room," he said. But impending popularity soon nixed those plans.

"We were just so full, we were overfilling into the other room, and even more than that, long waits and turning people away," he said. "And we just sat down and decided that the pizzeria had to go. We just had too much demand for finer dining."

Take a lap through the bar area and it's easy to see the facelifts that have gone into brightening the room. The shelving unit behind the bar is gone, revealing exposed brick, and the wine storage to one side of

Details

La Trattoria, 305 S. Washington St. **Hours**: 4:30-11 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 4:30-midnight

Friday, 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday-Sunday **Homemade**: "We make all the pasta now, all the bread. Quality is very important to me. It's less about profit to me than it is about pride," says owner Michael Strutton.

the area was removed to display a window that many patrons never knew existed. The now-formal dining room has received a fresh look, as well, maintaining its elegance with a fresh coat of paint.

But what diners are really there for is the food, and Strutton beams when discussing it. Rather than focusing on European Italian cuisine, Strutton aimed for the restaurant to pivot more towards an Italian-American cultural focus.

"I think most of the restaurants in this town are European-style Italian, and they're a different culture. I don't speak Italian, I've never been to Italy – but I have been to Brooklyn," he laughed. "I'm from New Jersey, my family's from New York, so this is an entirely different culture. Even the language is different."

Along with upping the ante in the ambiance department, La Trattoria's menu has also been brought up to modern dining standards.

"We elevated the ingredients for every single dish," Strutton said. When it comes to Parmesan, "we buy a wheel of grana padano and we shred it. ... The average customer probably doesn't even recognize it difference, but to me it's an important part."

So, too, has the sauce seen a bit of a change.

"This is my family recipe sauce. ... To me it's a process of building something; using really good tomatoes are essential. Cost is really high for those things but it's so worth it," Strutton said.

La Trattoria's rebirth has brought with it a great many changes, of course, but Strutton aims to keep diners coming back with hints of the old blended with new ideas. While that can be a difficult balance with longtime regulars, Strutton says he wants to make it work.

"We still have a lot of regulars and it's a tricky thing, easing them into the new brand and concept without them feeling like they've been left behind. It's not the same place. You walk in, it's totally different," he said. "But it is the same in that ... I'm here every night, the same people make the food, the concept, the charm is still here."

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museum will host a special program on the connections established by Frederick Douglass on his trip to Ireland and Britain in 1845. Free. Call 703-746-4356.

Arlandria Eggstravaganza. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Four Mile Conservatory Center, 4109 Mt. Vernon Ave. This annual family-friendly event is one of the most EGGciting spring events in the Alexandria/Arlington area. This year's event features entertainment by the Rainbow Rock Band, Groovy Nate, and Uncle Devin. The day also features plenty of food, activities, and games for the whole family. Multiple egg hunts for children under 11 with a special area for those 3 and under. Free. visit

www.arlandriaeggstravaganza.com. Women's Civil War Day. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Civil War reenactors will interpret the dress, skills and contributions of women during the Civil War period with on-going displays and activities. The program features a quilting demonstration, interpreters portraying the role of women in camp, on the battlefield and engaged in soldier relief efforts, and displays of period clothing and accessories. Free. Call 703-746-4848 or visit alexandriava.gov.

Powhatan Way of Life. noon-2 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Huntley Meadows will show you how the Powhatans used the plants and animals we see every day for medicine, food, clothing and fun. Learn about a way of life from 400 years ago by grinding corn, making a clay pot and mastering corn darts. Go on a guided tour to see the park from the perspective of a Virginia Indian. For ages 4-adult. \$10 per person. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/

huntley-meadows.

Painting with Wool - Needle Felting Workshop with Dani Ives. 3-6 p.m. at Woodlawn and Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. An introduction to the ever-popular style of needle felting, to "paint" a design from wool. Call 703-570-6903 or visit www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org/ annualneedleworkshow/

SATURDAY-SATURDAY/MARCH 24-31

Fairfax County Parks. Egg-citing activities are breaking out at parks throughout Fairfax County in March. visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ park-news/2018/psa055.

On Sunday, March 25 — Stop by the Easter Egg Hunt at **Sully Historic Site**. The historic site is offering an egg hunt, egg-related games and an Easter craft for children age 1-8. \$8 per child. Wagon rides cost another \$2 per person. **Lake Fairfax Park** will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for children age 1-6. \$8 per child.

Hidden Oaks Nature Center is running a Dinosaur Egg Hunt on March 25, 29, 30, 31 and April 1. Enjoy a dinosaur-themed program and outdoor egg hunt while visiting Dinoland in Nature Playce. The program is for children age 2-8. \$8 per child.

On Saturday, March 31, Burke Lake Park is hosting a day of fun called Baskets and Bunnies. There will be egg hunts, carousel and train rides, crafts and games. \$12 per person in advance; \$16 the day of the event. Clemyjontri Park is offering an Easter Egg Hunt, crafts and photo ops with the Easter Bunny for children age one to nine. \$7 per child. Add a carousel ride for \$2.

SUNDAY/MARCH 25 Marine Band Living History: For

"The President's Own." 2 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 E. Campus Drive, Alexandria. Concerts are free, no tickets required. Visit www.marines.mil/.

Women's History Month at Ivy Hill **Cemetery.** 3 p.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King St. Authors H.L. Brooks, and Dea Schofield conduct readings and a book signing. They will read from their new books, amid a haunting atmosphere in the vault. This reading event is not recommended for children under 15. Space is limited, R.S.V.P. at 301-395-9541 or 703-549- 7413 ext.1112 or

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MONDAY/MARCH 26

Children's Needlework Workshop.

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Common Sailors and the Braddock Expedition. 7 p.m. at The Lyceum, 121 N. Fairfax St. In this lecture, Kyle Dalton will explore the lives and experiences of common sailors in the eighteenth century through the lens of the Braddock Expedition. A little known detachment of 33 Royal Navy sailors trudged through the wilderness and fought at the disastrous battle on the Monogahela. Admission is free, donations are welcome. visit www.novaparks.com or call 703-549-

MONDAY-FRIDAY/MARCH 26-31

Spring Break Camps at Huntley Meadows Park. Elementary school age children can discover what life was like for the first people to use what is now Huntley Meadows Park. Program attendees will need to bring a snack, lunch and drink.

The Pioneer Survival Camp is for 6-12-year-olds. Camp hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$295 per child for county residents and \$310 for out-of-county campers. Register online at go.usa.gov/xneTd.

* Animal Babies in Spring is for 4-6-year-olds. Camp hours are 9 a.m. noon. \$195 per child for county residents and \$210 for out-of-county campers. Registration is at go.usa.gov/xneTw.

Huntley Meadows Park is located at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Call the park at 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ huntley-meadows-park.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 28 All That Glitters is Goldwork, 4-6

p.m. at Woodlawn and Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Highway. Join Royal School of Needlework graduate, goldwork expert and Nelly's Needler Deborah Merrick-Wilson for this introductory workshop. Materials include a complete, ready-to-go kit, and a comprehensive Directory of Metal Threads. Call 703-570-6903 or visit www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org/ annualneedleworkshow/.

18-Century Alexandria. 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Alexandria Historical Society

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THURSDAY/MARCH 29

Easter Egg Hunt. At Cameron Run Park, Alexandria. Children, 2-11 years old, are invited to celebrate spring with coloring, games and photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny. Bring an Easter basket to collect eggs, a raincoat if it's sprinkling, and a camera to take photos with the Easter Bunny. Each hunt is \$10 per child, plus a \$3 online service fee. visit apm.activecommunities.com/ novaparks for details and to register.

FRIDAY/MARCH 30-SUNDAY/APRIL 1

Easter Egg Hunt. Friday, 3 p.m.; Saturday, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 and 2:30 p.m.; Sunday, 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronoco St. Activities include games, crafts, refreshments, and photos with the Easter Bunny. Every participating child will receive an Easter egg. \$12 children, \$5 adults. Call 703-548-1789 or visit leefendallhouse.org.

SATURDAY/MARCH 31

Hike Thru Wildflowers. 10 a.m.noon at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Huntley Meadows naturalist and artist Margaret Wohler leads a spring hike focusing on spring wildflowers. Learn techniques to sketch these flowers and how to enhance your observation skills. Cost is \$9/person. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ huntley-meadows.

Locals' Alley Saturdays. 12:30-2:30 p.m. at The Old Town Shop, 105 South Union St. Meet the makers of local goods, featuring Dimitri Olive Oil & Vinegar tastings. Call 703-684-4682 or visit

www.TheOldTownShop.com. **A Treasury of Tea.** 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Discover myths and facts behind the history of tea and the many tea types. Hear about social impacts of tea, changing fashions of the tea table, and teatime traditions and etiquette, and learn how to brew teas to perfection. Adults. Reservations required: \$32/person (program + tea), \$12 (program only). Call (703) 941-7987, TTY 703-324-3988.

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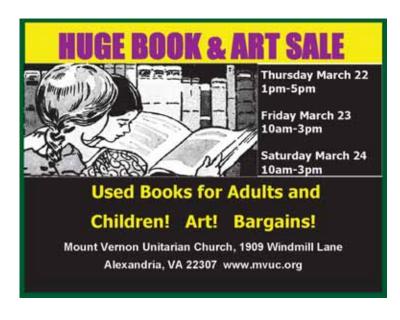
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Budget Plans Spotlight Priorities

By Paul Krizek STATE DELEGATE (D-44)

t's only been a little over a week since the General Assembly adjourned and already the repercussions of not approving a budget are playing out in numerous negative ways. Working Virginians are left in limbo, worrying whether they will have critical access to affordable healthcare.

With no budget approved it is still very possible that Medicaid expansion, which was in the House-approved budget, and its enormous benefi-

COMMENTARY cial impact on our citizen's health and the

economy, may not materialize this biennium.

At the local level, cities and counties are presenting their budgets to the public without the knowledge and security of just how much support they can count on from the state. Here in Fairfax County, the FY2019 advertised budget is predicated upon an anticipated 23 percent of funding coming from Richmond and a meagre 1.5 percent from the Federal government; and that's after the Feds took \$5 million in Title I funding away from our county. This state budget drama affects us nationally too as Amazon considers where to locate its HQ2 and protracted budget fights threaten to lower our bond rating.

Governor Northam called the General Assembly back into special session to meet on April 11 and approve the budget with Medicaid expansion to extend health insurance to nearly 400,000 Virginians and a compromise agreement with Republicans to include work incentives. The Legislature will not be allowed to consider any other bills or policies not sent down by the Governor.

This is something that, though we could have done it four years ago, allows the budget to include much needed raises to teachers and other state employees, possibly stimulating our economy with new millions of dollars that we

have foregone for too long.

The biggest sticking point for the Republican senators, who currently are the reason for this budget impasse, is



that this federal reimbursement could one day dry up. The House budget version adds a "kill-clause" that shuts the program down if such an unlikely scenario presents

> ment has never gone back on its Medicaid

On Monday night, I and several other community

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members, attended a helpful and informative Fairfax County budget briefing to the community hosted by our Mount Vernon Supervisor Dan Storck and Mount Vernon School Board member Karen Corbett Sanders. The new County Executive, Bryan Hill, gave a compelling presentation on the need for a small increase in the real estate tax rate to fully fund the presented budget.

counties in the nation as evidenced by the independent audit funded by the Commonwealth's "Gibson Study" that found Fairfax is a model of best practices for other jurisdictions throughout Virginia. Sanders explained that the bud-

get prioritizes paying our teachers a salary closer to the market average after accounting for performance, merit and longevity. It also adds \$25 million to our county bond capacity, which speeds up school renovation by four years. It further prioritizes public safety, early childhood care, nursing services for medically fragile students, park support, and other critical county services. The county has proposed a

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Member Orientation for Fairfax County NAACP, email

SUNDAY/APRIL 1

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Etiquette classes aim to teach lost art of manners.

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BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

n a sunny, autumn day a group of 10-yearold children sat around an a formal dining room table at a home in Arlington. The boys wore blazers, pressed khakis and shiny loafers, while the girls have donned festive dresses, nude stockings and wore grosgrain ribbons in their neatly combed hair. They had arrived at the home for a lesson in etiquette, but most of them would have rather been someplace else.

"I have to leave early for a soccer game," said Jimmy, who didn't bother hiding his glee over missing part of the class.

In an era when it's commonplace to order pizza

on a smartphone and coordinate play dates by text, old-fashioned etiquette can appear obsolete. A recent survey of teachers shows that 73 percent of instructors believe that students are less polite than when the teachers themselves were students. In the age high-tech conveniences, children can become over scheduled and under socialized, which has led to an uptick in the number of parents who are enrolling their children in etiquette classes, say protocol instructors.

"Parents have a tremendous interest in etiquette classes because so many parents realize that they

don't have that knowledge themselves, said Dorothea Johnson, who founded the Protocol School of Washington and is the author of the book "Modern Manners: Tools to Take You to the Top," which she coauthored with her granddaughter actress Liv Tyler.

"I think most parents know that good manners and etiquette will be important to their [children's] future," added Henryette Neal who teaches etiquette classes for children through the Fairfax County Park Authority. "Young people will be educated, but without proper social skills they will not be able to present themselves properly." Neal is also the owner of owner of Steppin Out Charm and Imaging Studio.

The result of fast-paced lifestyles combined with overloaded schedules is a generation of children who place more value on social media savvy than on knowledge of social graces. Family dinners are replaced by fast food, says one parent. "Who needs good manners to gobble down a slice of pizza," said Carole Mincey of Alexandria, whose 14-year old daughter and 11-year old son have taken etiquette and ballroom dance from Mrs. Simpson's Classes, one of the area's invitation-only etiquette schools. "Because everyone is so busy and technology is so advanced, reality television shows are setting standards of behavior and handwritten thank you notes have been replaced by emails and texts."

Good manners are as important to a child's future success as academics, says another parent. "I feel like if people know what do to do in social situations it empowers them," said Sarah Henry of Chevy Chase, mother of a 10-year old daughter and a 12-year old

son. "If you're unsure of what to do it can make you feel intimidated. So it's all about empowering children with knowledge. And it's good for them to be exposed to proper etiquette in case they're not getting it at home. And if they are getting it at home, etiquette classes can reinforce it."

Interactive class sessions help keep their children engaged in the etiquette lessons. "They key is to keep the children occupied," said Johnson. "For example, when teaching proper introductions, I would call two children up to the front of the room and have them introduce themselves to each

other."

etiquette instructor

— Henryette Neal,

In addition to learning such common courtesies such as saying "Please," "Thank you" and "You're welcome," children learn to write thank-you notes and introduce themselves to others by making direct eye contact and offering a firm handshake.

"Knowing how to give a proper handshake is important. When I took my seven-year-old granddaughter Liv to formal events, her little hand went out as she was being introduced to someone," said Johnson. "I could take her anywhere because she had impeccable manners."

Henry says that in a class that she coordinated for her daughter's Girl Scout troop, part of the curriculum included having the children form a receiving line with parents where they practiced handshakes and eye contact.

Obituary

George A. Weisiger, 74, of Jacksonville, Fl. died January 25, 2018. Born October 6, 1943 in Alexandria, Va., George was the son of Jesse and Sarah Weisiger and resided in both Alexandria then in Fairfax County and graduated from Groveton High School in 1965. Upon graduation from R.P.I., present-day Virginia Commonwealth University, in Richmond Va. he served in the ployed by Civil Service in Ft. Knox, Ky. He is survived by his sister Jessie Dyess and a nephew Tom Dyess and his family in Jacksonville Fl. George cherished his home places in Alexandria and Fairfax County. Go Groveton Tigers!



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Almost Exactly Four Days ...



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

... was the length of time during which we were powerless a few weeks back when the wind nearly brought down the house; yet it was no laughing matter. I might have written this column sooner but until Tuesday, March 6 – when the power finally came back on, we were semi-frozen to the bone. The old-fashioned thermostat in our living room indicated 42 degrees at its most frigid.

Aside from the obvious physical discomfort made a bit more bearable while wearing hats, gloves, coats and scarfs - inside. the toll the cold took on my mental acuity was much less manageable. My brain still worked, but not overtime. It was, to invoke a "Star Trek" reference: "On impulse power," somewhere between barely functioning and imminent

This power outage was the most significant we had experienced at "Belly Acres" in the 26 years since we took ownership in late May 1992. And though this four-day non-sojourn was difficult, it was for us not a return down power-outage lane. We have been lucky in our time here; very little has upset the apple cart. Considering the hundreds of trees that surround our house, and the many thuds they all made as they fell and hit the ground that extremely late Friday night/early Saturday morning, the miracle is that not one of them hit the house, or either of our two cars parked in the driveway.

I wouldn't say I woke up in the morning to find our house relatively unscathed because as of 3:30 a.m. when I felt the house shudder for the first time, I never was able to fall back asleep as I kept bracing myself for incoming trees and limbs. Given the potential damage and hassle a direct hit likely would have caused, a power outage seemed a minor inconvenience, all things considered.

As it happened, when the power came back on, I was not at home. I was en route to the Glenmont Metro station in Wheaton to pick up Dina. When I came to a stop at "Kiss and Ride," I looked at my cell phone and noticed a "missed call" from one of my neighbors. I immediately called back and soon heard my neighbor, Helene, singing "We're in heaven, ...," with the explanation – not in verse – that

power had returned to New Birmingham Manor (the official name of our 10-home deadend street). BG&E, our utility company, had finally come by to cut/trim the tree that had been uprooted in the storm and fallen across the power line which electrifies our neighborhood.

As difficult as it had been for some of us, it had not been nearly as difficult for the four neighbors who had generators and thus were prepared and able to keep the lights on and the heat circulating. One of whom was kind enough to call around the neighborhood and offer hot showers as well as refrigerator and freezer storage to anyone interested. Given that the previous week was a post-chemotherapy week for me when I'm not eating much and shopping at supermarkets even less, we had minimal food in the freezer - all of which ended up being a loss, and a bit less than usual in the refrigerator which, after putting the contents into two coolers filled with ice, ended up

Oddly enough, I haven't re-inventoried the refrigerator/freezer as yet. I don't know if I'm being paranoid or just plain lazy, but I haven't felt inclined to stop and shop, not even at the Giant. I imagine the feeling will pass because after eating out every night; some fast, some slow, over the last week or so, I'm probably way over our imaginary budget and way under prepared for the next go around. But as is often heard on basketball courts on playgrounds all over America: "No harm. No foul.

The four days without power weren't particularly pleasant but we survived the ordeal nonetheless and may have even learned something in the process: our long underwear still

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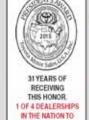
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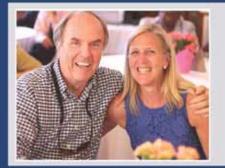


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