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ACPS Superintendent Dr. Gregory Hutchings lays out his "100-Day" vision at T.C. Williams High School last Wednesday, Feb. 6.

'Raise the Bar for All Kids'

Public schools chief to boost rigor, equity.

BY DAN BRENDEN
GAZETTE PACKET

Having analyzed the situation over the first 100 days of his tenure, Superintendent Dr. Gregory Hutchings laid out his vi-

sion, principally for "equity," for the public school system's future.

"Equity is the number one reason why ACPS is not the number one school division in this state, in the country," he told a crowd of parents, teachers and

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Right to Organize

DASH bus drivers to begin collective bargaining, following clashes over unionization.

BY DAN BRENDEN
GAZETTE PACKET

The Amalgamated Transit Union, representing local DASH bus drivers, will begin collective bargaining negotiations next week, on the heels of a successful unionization effort in November.

DASH drivers voted overwhelmingly to unionize — 97 in favor, 13 against, 21 abstentions — in a Nov. 15 election overseen by the National Labor Relations Board. They'll fold into ATU Local 689, which represents transit workers, including Metro employees, throughout the region. Local 689 in turn affiliates with the Amalgamated Transit Union, which covers the U.S. and Canada.

The union and DASH management will begin collective bargain-

ing negotiations on Tuesday, Feb. 19. DASH General Manager Josh Baker thinks the process could take most of a year.

Negotiations come in the wake of several points of contention last fall between drivers, the union, and DASH management.

PAY AND BENEFITS

DASH pay is "lower" and "slower" than other regional bus systems, said Tyler Boos, a DASH driver. DASH drivers' top pay grade, which takes 20 years to reach, is \$29 per hour. That compares to \$34 and 5 years with WMATA Metrobus, and \$32 and 5 years with Fairfax Connector, according to Chris Townsend, a union organizer.

"Unfortunately, we are simply not yet in a stable enough fiscal

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'Tragedy on the Potomac' McClellan to keynote Friendship Firehouse breakfast.



Jim McClelland

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Jim McClelland, a professor of history and the dean of liberal arts at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, will keynote the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association's 245th annual meeting and breakfast Feb. 18 to kick off the city's George Washington Birthday celebration of events.

McClelland is the author of the two-volume American history text "Historical Moments: Changing Interpretations of America's Past" as well as numerous journal articles. His presentation will be "Tragedy on the Potomac," the story of a day in the history of Al-

exandria that began with "great joy and ended in a disaster that traumatized the nation and altered the course of American history."

McClelland is the recipient of The University of Texas at Arlington's 1997 Distinguished Alumni award, described by the school as "the highest honor the university can bestow on one of its graduates." He has graduate degrees from the University of Texas at Arlington, George Washington University and Union Institute and University at The Institute for Policy Studies. In 2012 he was named a Living Legend of Alexandria.

The Friendship Firehouse breakfast is the traditional kick off to the city's George Washington

Birthday celebration of events that includes a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary Soldier at 11 a.m. and the signing of the Armed Forces Community Covenant with the Commandants of Fort Belvoir and Quantico at noon. The parade through Old Town begins at 1 p.m. New this year is the Hunt for Washington treasure hunt. The Friendship

Firehouse breakfast will take place Feb. 18 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 901 N. Fairfax St., at 8:30am. Tickets are \$40 and include a three course meal and the presentation of the Reverend Ben Lynt Distinguished Community Service Award. For tickets or more information, contact Bill Kehoe at kehoeFD@aol.com or 703-751-6416.

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Shaping the City: How Planning Commission Voted

Item	Applicant	Address	Request / Purpose	Outcome	Votes	Notes
Special Use Permit #2018-0110	Billy Klipstein, LLC.	605 Prince St (Prince Street Inn)	Permit apartment hotel	Approved	7 to 0	
Development Special Use Permit #2018-0024	NOVA Petroleum Realty, LLC	5740 Edsall Rd (Edsall Shell)	Construct a full-service gas station with convenience store, drive-through carwash	Approved	7 to 0	
Discussion Item: Landmark Mall Re-Planning Process	City P&Z	Landmark Mall	Discussion of planning process, community input to date, and next steps.	N/A	N/A	Goebel recused
Special Use Permit #2018-0111	ARP Waterfront, LLC	105 & 107 North Union St (Outdoor Food & Crafts Market)	Permit outdoor food and crafts market	Approved	7 to 0	
Text Amendment #2018-0013	City P&Z	N/A	Amend zoning ordinance to create the RMF/Residential Multifamily zone which provides land areas for multifamily residential development with limited neighborhood serving commercial uses and allows increased floor area in exchange for the provision of affordable housing.	Approved, as amended	7 to 0	
Text Amendment #2018-0011	City P&Z	N/A	Amend sections of zoning ordinance definitions/regulations pertaining to average pre-construction and finished grade; building height; setback ratio; front yard, height and threshold height; roof decks and penthouses; infill for single and two-family residential zones; contextual block face; lot frontage and width; special exceptions.	Approved, as amended	6 to 1	Brown against
Discussion Item: Open Space in Private Development, Open Space Definitions, Requirements, Compliance	City P&Z	N/A	P&Z staff presented and answered questions regarding Open Space in Private Development	N/A	N/A	
Discussion Item: City Landscape Guidelines; Update of Landscape Guidelines	City P&Z, RPCA	N/A	Update of the Landscape Guidelines, last revised in 2007, which establish minimum standards for landscaping in new developments	Approved, as amended	7 to 0	
Rezoning #2018-0009; Development Special Use Permit #2018-0014; Transportation Management Plan Special Use Permit #2018-0103	Maple Multi-Family Land SE, L.P. d/b/a Trammel Crow Residential	600 N Royal St (Bus Barn)	Construct multifamily residential building, including increase in floor area ratio and to increase the density in exchange for affordable housing	Approved (DSUP & TMPSUP as amended)	7 to 0	
Special Use Permit #2018-0115	Fresh Eats, LLC	1605 King St	New use for a restaurant	Approved	Administrative	
Special Use Permit #2018-0013	Elizabeth Myllenbeck	207 King St	Minor amendment for additional operating hours	Approved	Administrative	
Special Use Permit #2018-0019	FASM Fitness, LLC	530 First Street	Change of ownership	Approved	Administrative	

Here's what the Planning Commission decided at its February meeting, held over two evenings, Tuesday, Feb. 5 and Thursday Feb. 7. All commissioners were present. For more, visit www.alexandriava.gov/Plannin

ASC to Host Lacrosse Night Feb. 20

BI's Young among guest coaches from local high schools.

The Alexandria Sportsman's Club will hold its first annual Boys and Girls Lacrosse Night on Feb. 20 at the Old Dominion Boat Club. The evening will feature remarks from coaches representing all four Alexandria high schools, including Patrick Young, a professional lacrosse player newly named as head coach of the Bishop Ireton varsity men's lacrosse team.

"There are few times as an athletic director that you have the opportunity to hire a coach who plays professionally," said BI's Bryce Bevell. "His passion for de-

veloping young men will help not only our lacrosse program, but our school community as a whole."

Young was drafted 13th overall in the Major League Lacrosse draft in 2016 and currently plays professionally for Ohio Machine. He received his Bachelor of Arts in American Studies with a minor in Sociology from the University of Maryland, College Park.



Patrick Young

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Also confirmed to attend are T.C. Williams boys head coach Dennis LaGanza, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes coaches Kathy Jenkins (girls) and Tim Dodds (boys), Bishop Ireton coach Rick Sofield (girls), and Episcopal High School coaches Ashley Taylor (girls) and Scott Conklin (boys).

Alexandria high schools field lacrosse teams that are annually ranked among the top 10 in the nation with some of the best collegiate programs featuring local alumni. In 2017, three Alexandria high school girls' lacrosse teams — SSAS, Episcopal and Bishop Ireton — reached the Final Four of

the Virginia Independent School Athletic Association state semifinals.

The inaugural ASC Boys and Girls Lacrosse Night is free and open to the public. It will be held Feb. 20 at the Old Dominion Boat Club in Old Town (200 Strand St.). Complimentary light dinner and refreshments begins at 6:30 p.m. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. with awards for the Athletes of the Month followed by a presentation and Q&A with the featured coaches. www.alexandriavasports.org.

— JEANNE THEISMANN

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NEWS BRIEFS

Defendant Pleads Guilty To First Degree Murder

On Feb. 7, in the Alexandria Circuit Court, Dallas Jermaine Smith, a 32-year-old Alexandria resident, pleaded guilty to a two-count indictment alleging murder in the first degree and use of a firearm in the commission of murder in connection with the death of Smith's grandfather, 84-year old Jerry Scott.

The investigation showed that in the early morning hours of July 22, 2018, Smith broke into his grandfather's residence on East Reed Avenue in the Lynhaven neighborhood of the City. Smith was apparently angry because he had previously lived in the home with his grandfather and had been evicted from the premises about a month before the murder.

Smith entered through a basement door, forced an interior door open and found the victim in bed. Smith fired at the victim six times with a 9mm handgun, hitting him three times. Smith then attacked the victim with a bladed weapon, causing significant upper-body trauma to the victim while he was still alive. The victim soon died from his wounds.

Smith, a convicted felon, had been prevented from legally purchasing firearms since 2009. Investigation revealed that Smith avoided this prohibition by purchasing the component pieces of a 9mm semi-

automatic pistol from the internet and then assembling the pieces into a working firearm.

The sentencing hearing in the case will be held on May 23. The maximum penalty for murder in the first degree is life in the penitentiary and a fine of not more than \$100,000. The maximum penalty for use of a firearm in the commission of murder is three years in prison. There is no parole in Virginia.

The defendant is incarcerated in the Alexandria Adult Detention Center awaiting sentencing.

Arlington Man Indicted for 2016 Rape

On Feb. 11, Jesse Bjerke, a 37-year-old Arlington County resident, was charged in an indictment related to the Sept. 3, 2016, sexual assault of a woman. The assault occurred at a pool located in a condominium complex located on South Pickett Street in the City. The victim was a lifeguard at the pool and was not acquainted with her assailant.

Bjerke was charged with six felonies: Rape, object sexual penetration, abduction with the intent to defile, and three counts of use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. The rape, object sexual penetration and abduction charges each carry a maximum sentence of life in prison. The fire-

arms charges carry a total mandatory minimum sentence of 13 years in prison.

Bjerke is presently incarcerated in the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center awaiting trial.

Officer Cleared In Shooting

The Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney has completed its review of the officer-involved shooting incident that occurred on Dec. 2, 2018, in Old Town Alexandria. The shooting involved one Alexandria police officer and, pursuant to APD policy, was investigated by the Virginia State Police.

The investigation determined that the Alexandria Police Officer reasonably feared for his life and therefore fired his weapon in justified self-defense.

The person who was shot in the incident, Michael Ligon, a 28-year old city resident, has been indicted on five criminal offenses: Attempted malicious wounding of a law enforcement officer, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, discharging a firearm in a public place, and being in a public place while intoxicated from alcohol, marijuana, opiates and phencyclidine (PCP).

The maximum penalty for these offenses is 21 years of incarceration, with 5 years of that sentence constituting a mandatory sentence that cannot be suspended in whole or in part.

Ligon is incarcerated in the Alexandria

Adult Detention Center awaiting trial.

Teen Charged for School Bomb Threat

The Alexandria Police Department has made an arrest in a series of incidents targeting Francis C. Hammond Middle School, according to a Feb. 12 press release.

A juvenile was charged with false summoning of law enforcement officials and threats to bomb related to phone calls regarding the school that were made between December 2018 and February 2019. The repeated calls caused a disruption of education for students, and requests to neighboring jurisdictions for police assistance in searching the building for possible threats to students and staff.

Anyone with more information about these incidents is asked to call Detective James Pond at 703-746-6703.

Correction

The Feb. 7 Gazette Packet article, "Abortion Bills Aborted in Richmond," stated: "In a nationwide survey of women who terminated second or third trimester pregnancies during 2008-2010, published in BMC Women's Health, 12 percent indicated health reasons." The survey was of women who terminated first or second trimester pregnancies.

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Second Chances

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Some might call them the odd couple. Virginia “Ginny” Obranovich is outgoing with a vibrant personality while her husband Richard is more reserved and prefers to stay in the background. But as they approach their 28th wedding anniversary, the two have written their own love story, one that was born out of tragedy.

March 22 will mark 30 years since Obranovich’s first husband, Alexandria Police Corporal Charles Hill, was killed during a hostage situation in Old Town. Hill was the last APD officer killed in the line of duty, leaving behind his wife and two young sons.

“I had known Richard for about 5 years from working at Hecht’s,” said Ginny Obranovich. “I had been widowed for about a year when he asked me out on a date. Things just went from there.”

Richard Obranovich, who worked in the store’s corporate finance department, was divorced at the time and was attracted to Ginny’s sense of independence.

“My main attraction was to her independence and strong direction,” said Richard Obranovich. “Of course there is her great looks and personality as well.”

They were married on May 19, 1991, and together they raised Ginny’s sons, Charles Hill Jr. and Robert Hill, who were ages 7 and 3 at the time of their father’s death.



Ginny and Richard Obranovich



Ginny Obranovich’s first husband, Corporal Charles Hill, was the last APD officer killed in the line of duty in March of 1989.

“Both boys have been very supportive of Richard and me,” Ginny Obranovich said.

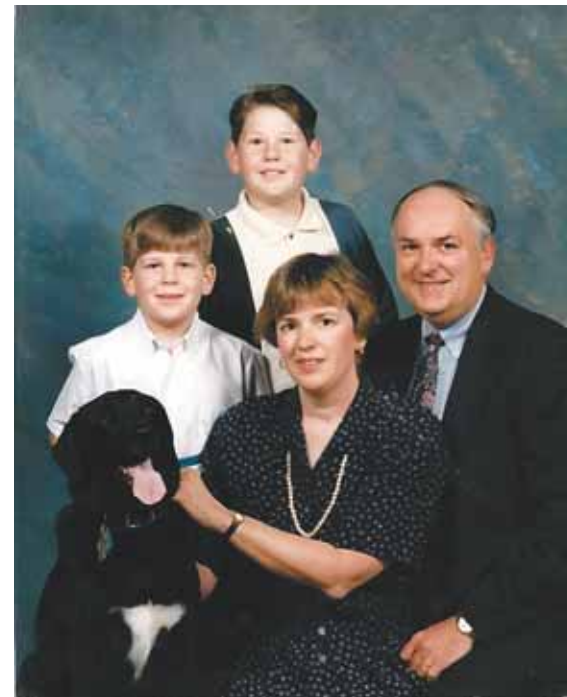
While Ginny and Richard Obranovich are retired from their corporate jobs, the couple is the driving force behind the Alexan-

Love is in the air for Alexandria Police Foundation couple.

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Ginny and Richard Obranovich on their wedding day, May 19, 1991.



Ginny and Richard Obranovich with sons Charles Hill Jr. and Robert Hill.

dria Police Foundation. Ginny Obranovich is the volunteer executive director while Richard Obranovich handles the financial reports.

“I started with the police department in 2011 as the volunteer coordinator,” Ginny Obranovich said. “Richard decided that in order to see more of me he would volunteer as well. In 2013, we met with the Police Foundation’s Willem Polak and Pat Miller and have been volunteering with the organization ever since.”

When asked about any special plans for Valentine’s Day, the couple laughed.

“We don’t have any special Valentine’s routine,” Ginny Obranovich said. “We’re pretty low key with the holidays.”

Valentine’s Day plans this year include meeting with members of the Del Ray business community to discuss the Charles Hill Park, named in memory of Corporal Hill.

“I always try to give Ginny my full support when it comes to anniversaries and special events regarding her former husband,” said Richard Obranovich, who helped with the APF efforts to build the Fallen Officers Memorial located at APD headquarters. The memorial honors Hill and the other 17 Alexandria police officers who have been killed in the line of duty.

Richard’s gesture means a lot to Ginny and her sons.

“That’s important for me, that I don’t forget Charlie,” Ginny Obranovich said. “The boys and I appreciate Richard’s support with

that.”

While the couple spends a lot of time together at police headquarters, they also know how to give each other space.

“He does his thing but at the same time it’s nice having him there with me,” said Ginny Obranovich. “His whole background is finance so he knows how to keep me in line with the foundation.”

When asked about the secret to their successful relationship, both said mutual respect is important.

“Richard keeps me grounded,” said Ginny Obranovich. “We are a good balance and I think we get along well. We don’t argue and truly have a mutual admiration for each other.”



PHOTO BY CAROLYN BELL

Surprise Party

Lorraine Lloyd, vice president of sales and international marketing for Visit Alexandria, was surprised by her husband Richard and more than 75 friends at a 65th birthday party Feb. 10 at Chadwick’s. “I can’t believe he pulled this off,” said Lloyd. “I have thrown him parties before but this is a first for him. What a great way to celebrate.”



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Heart of Del Ray

Taqueria Poblano owner Jeffrey Wallingford, front, is presented the 2019 Heart of Del Ray award Feb. 8 from members of the Del Ray Business Association. “We couldn’t do it without our staff, business community and customers,” Wallingford said. “A wise man once said, ‘the love you take is equal to the love you make’ — and that is what Del Ray is all about.” The restaurant was voted as the business “that serves as the heart and soul of Del Ray” through its warm and welcoming attitude, a commitment and generosity to the community and overall contribution to the Del Ray community.



At the podium, Rear Admiral Oswald addressed the Rotary Club of Alexandria. Seated to his left is former U.S. Rep. Mary Bono.

Astronaut Speaks to Rotary

Local NASA astronaut, Rear Admiral (USNR Ret) Steve Oswald spoke about the Earth and ecology at the Jan. 22 meeting of the Rotary Club of Alexandria. Attended by over 120 people, the event was held at Belle Haven Country Club in Alexandria.

Also in attendance was Mary Bono, former U.S. representative California's 45th congressional district, serving from 1998 to 2013. She is married to Oswald.

The Rotary Club of Alexandria hosts featured speakers who encourage Rotarians to think differently, to apply leadership and expertise to issues, and find solutions to make a difference at home and abroad.

Oswald is a 1973 graduate of the Naval Academy, with a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering. He is a 1978 graduate of the Naval Test Pilot School at Patuxent

River, Md. He subsequently logged more than 7,000 hours of flight piloting more than 40 aircraft. Oswald joined NASA in November 1984 as an aerospace engineer and instructor pilot, and was selected as an astronaut candidate in June 1985. He piloted two missions on Space Shuttle Discovery in 1992 and 1993. Additionally, Oswald commanded a mission on Space Shuttle Endeavor in 1995. On these missions, he accumulated 33 days in space.

While speaking to the Rotary Club of Alexandria, Oswald reflected on his time in space, and acknowledged it changed his perception of the Earth and ecology. Additionally, Oswald answered questions on the growing prominence of private space programs, the Space Command within the U.S. Air Force, and the implications of an autonomous Space Force.



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Mike Ginsberg, Suburban Virginia Republican Coalition co-founder; Michael Clinkscale, recent GOP City Council candidate; Colton Worley, Alexandria Area Young Republicans Vice Chairman; and Sean Lenehan, chairman, Alexandria Republican City Committee at the committee's January meeting.

Ginsberg Speaks of GOP Synergy

Mike Ginsberg, co-founder of Suburban Virginia Republican Coalition (SUVGOP), was the guest speaker at the February meeting of the Alexandria Republican City Committee (ARCC).

Ginsberg discussed his organization's recent formation and opportunities for the region's various GOP organizations to share information and find synergy. He shared survey results that suggest ideas and strategies for upcoming campaigns to improve

connections with voters.

Alexandria's representatives to the Virginia House of Delegates and Senate are Democrats and are up for re-election in 2019. ARCC Chairman Sean Lenehan said that the GOP will likely have challengers to the incumbents and they should be announcing their candidacies soon.

ARCC (at www.alexgop.org) is the local branch of the national Republican Party. Alexandria Area Young Republicans (AAYR) can be found at www.alexryrs.org.

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'Raise the Bar'

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others in a packed T.C. Williams cafeteria last Wednesday, Feb. 6. "Every single discussion all revolved around inequities that we have in our schools — [which] sometimes we're afraid to discuss, sometimes we don't even know are there, it has become so normal," he said.

Equity, often a fuzzy term in political discourse, doesn't mean equality in Hutchings' view.

"We've got to go from equality to equity," he said. "It's not about everybody getting the same thing. It's not about every school having the same budget, ... the same number of supports. It's about making sure everybody has what they need."

Much of Hutchings' vision builds from the book, "Building Equity: Policies and Practices to Empower All Learners," by Dominique Smith, et al., which he's distributed to staff and the School Board.

Smith and her co-authors describe the difference between equality and equity this way: "Equality is rooted in the concept of fairness, and a fair race is impossible when its various runners start at variable distances from the finish line, and the course takes them over very different terrains. Similarly, providing equal access to the stairway does not promote fairness to those who use wheelchairs. Achieving equity requires that

this fact be acknowledged — and that we build a ramp alongside every stairway."

A basic building block for equity is "physical integration," meaning that, as much as possible, students of different gender, background, etc. mix together. This echoes a major theme from the school system's recent audit on its policies and practices relating to students with disabilities.

"At least 85 percent of the [special education] students in this school district are [of] average to above-average intelligence," said Terry Werner, the schools' director of specialized education. Some might need a little more personalized attention, but overall they should face the same challenging material as non-disabled students in regular classroom settings.

Hutchings would apply this principle broadly, in terms of both student composition and academic rigor. He proposes conducting an "equity audit" of each school in the division.

"This is a topic that everybody gets nervous about, that we don't want to talk about, but we do have some modern-day ... segregation in our classes," he said last Wednesday. "You should not be able to walk into a classroom and know this is a 'low-performing' class, or this is an 'honors' class. ... If kids have never been exposed to rigor before they walk into T.C. Williams' doors, they are probably not going to be success-

ful in an A.P. [Advanced Placement] or honors course, period. So we have set them up for failure and we have caused the problem of not having children of color in some of these classes."

He believes that many students do not face sufficient rigor as part of their core curriculum, and that this constitutes a deep, systemic failing in the school division at present.

"We have very low expectations in some of our general education classes," especially in middle school, he said in a subsequent interview. For example, "right now, only honors students are required to do a science [fair] project. ... That should not be optional. ... The science project may not be the same caliber for every student, but every student should understand the concept of it and know how to do a project. ... When I saw it, I was appalled. ... We shouldn't say, oh, they're 'general ed,' they can't handle that. Raise the bar for all kids, give them the necessary supports, and we will see them achieve."

School Board member Margaret Lorber says she agrees with Hutchings' take on the "equal-equity dichotomy." She doesn't necessarily think students should be graded against different yardsticks, but she agrees that coursework should in some measure account for students' different individual situations. For example, in evaluating a science project should, one should whether a student's parent is a physicist or works three jobs and doesn't have much time to help, she said.

"I agree that our school division needs to prioritize equity. We need to end segregation in our schools and provide all students

with access to a challenging curriculum," said School Board member Michelle Rief.

Asked if, in addition to his characteristically positive and affirming leadership style, he intends to turn the screws on division staff and educators, he said: "Absolutely. ... Don't let the warm-and-fuzzy fool you." He plans to set higher expectations for teachers, but also provide them the professional supports to achieve.

Hutchings believes equity concerns pertain not just to students, but also to parents and families.

"Our under-served and our under-represented families ... feel that they do not have open access. They sometimes don't feel that the PTA is the place that they want to go," he said. "What I heard was that, because the PTA traditionally has been our more affluent families, educated families, in most cases our white population, that some [non-white and immigrant] families ... just don't feel they have anything in common."

He affirmed the PTA Council's nascent efforts "to bring meetings to the community," such as perhaps expanding the practice of conducting meetings at differing settings and times of the day.

Lorber agrees that equitability in parents' access to the administration is a persistent challenge. Inasmuch as the barriers are logistical rather than social, she thinks the school system has improved in recent years. For example, the division now provides translation services and publishes major announcements and resources in English, Spanish, Amharic (Ethiopian), Arabic. Lorber also applauded outreach efforts of the schools' Family and Community Engagement (FACE) program.



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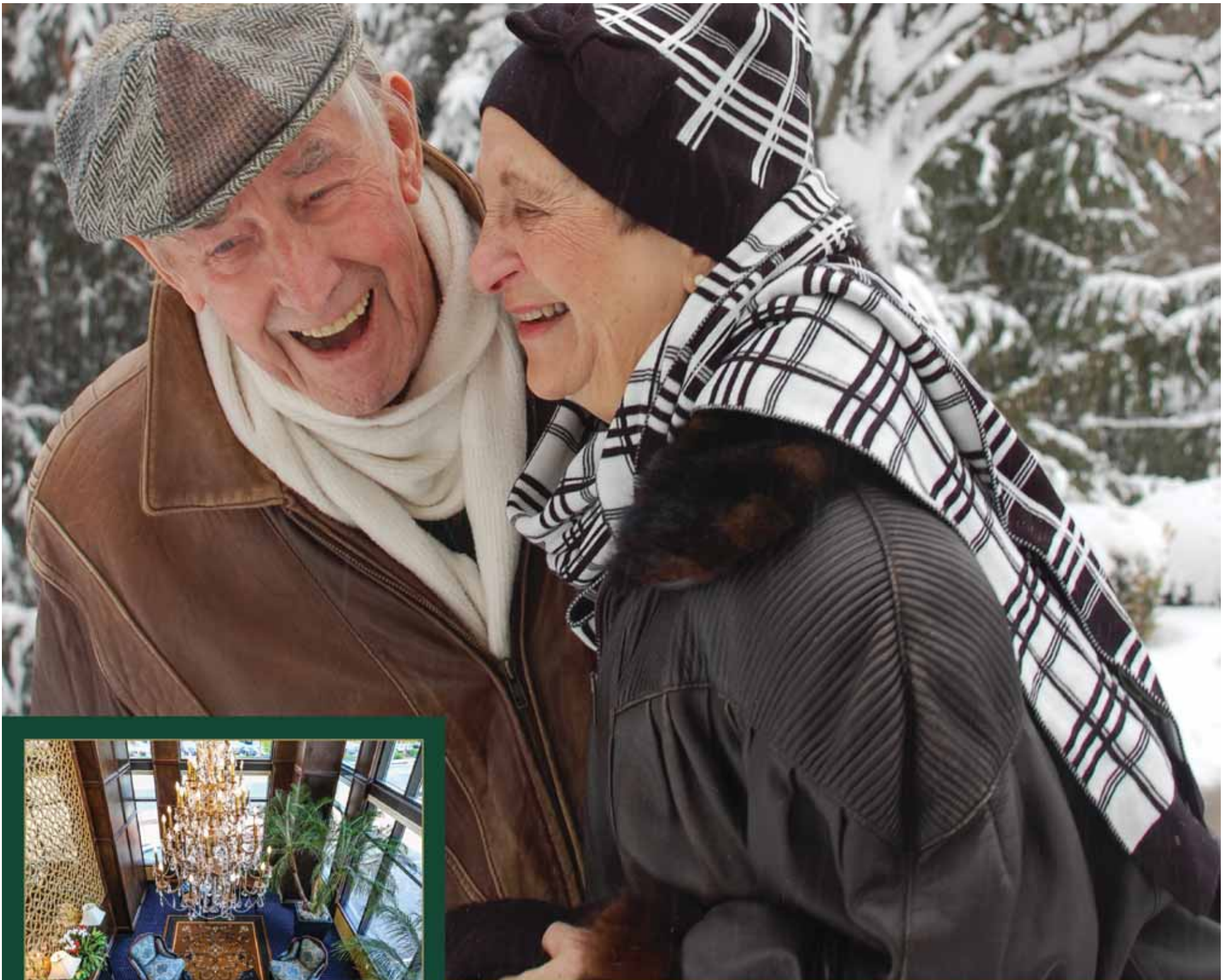
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OPINION

Maintaining Focus in Richmond

BY ADAM P. EBBIN
STATE SENATOR (D-30)

As controversies seem to arise with each news cycle, the General Assembly is continuing its work, convening floor sessions and committees with its customary unflinchingly-courteous efficiency. Despite the emotional toll of the last two weeks, our state government must maintain the trust of our diverse constituencies by coming together to pass a budget and complete the work we were sent here to do.

COMMENTARY

Thirteen of my bills have made it through the Senate to the House of Delegates.

My bills to ban discrimination in housing and public employment against LGBT Virginians faces tough opposition in the House. I am optimistic about my bill to establish "municipal net-metering" pilot programs, enabling localities to offset the cost of electricity used by energy-intensive buildings with power generated by renewable sources at another city- or county-owned location. Another bill would ensure independent oversight of \$1 billion in energy efficiency funding.

Despite overwhelming bipartisan support in the Senate, my legislation to end the modern-day debtors' prison caused by the practice of suspending driver's licenses for non-driving



(often drug-related) offenses was defeated in subcommittee on a party-line vote. My bill to ban all governmental use of software prohibited by the Department of Homeland Security passed unanimously, as did my bill to lower employment barriers for community college professors seeking to teach career and technical education/dual enrollment classes in high schools. This legislation

would strengthen our employment pipeline for students who do not have access to in-demand courses in fields such as cybersecurity, emergency medical technician (EMT), veterinary science, and culinary arts.

In addition to debating legislation, we have begun considering amendments to the biennial budget. Major changes to the federal tax code and an infusion of revenue due to the Supreme Court decision in *South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc.* that will bring in additional out of state internet sales tax revenue complicated both the "caboose" budget and tax conformity — normally perfunctory procedural matters that include addressing the difference between projected and actual revenue, and aligning Virginia's tax code with the federal tax code.

A compromise plan was adopted that returned money to taxpayers through a mid-October refund of \$110 per person and funding was retained for several key priorities. For the

first time since 2005, the plan also included conformity legislation that raises the standard deduction by 50 percent to \$4,500 for individuals and \$9,000 for couples. When the Governor signs this legislation, the state will be able to begin preparing tax software to process returns.

I voted in favor of the Senate budget that includes important education priorities, including: increasing teacher pay by 5 percent, replacing federal funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative grant, and providing \$70 million in school construction loans to help rebuild older derelict facilities. Several key floor amendments, proposed by Senate Democrats, included increased funding for school counselors, mental health supportive housing, water quality improvement, and staff to decrease evictions in the state.

I passed a floor amendment to increase funding for the Virginia Housing Trust Fund (VHTF) by \$1.5 million per year. The VHTF provides "gap funding" to help bring affordable housing projects online. The funds invested will help finance an additional \$78 million in affordable housing development over the biennium. Much work remains to be done to invest more in affordable housing, but I was proud that the Senate budget takes a step in the right direction.

With so much at stake, we cannot afford to lose focus.

It is my continued honor to serve the 30th district.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keep Tree Lights On

To the Editor:

To the City Council and the public in Alexandria:

Recently it dawned on me that with all the ideas flowing into the city about alternatives to bolster the traffic flow for the businesses that depend largely on the Metro that the soon-to-come shut down of the service has one thing left that has not been explored and, if it has, it was done when the times didn't need it.

I'm talking about not just the buses running more frequently but to keep the tree lights on through the Metro closure from Memorial Day through Labor Day. It seems to me that the rustle of the leaves in the summer will make the lights sparkle even more and the glimmer will inspire those who do come to see the new city and the new river front all lit up like other famous cities are.

So what I'm trying to say is: Don't turn off the lights, keep them on. Keep the city lights on. The entire city needs to sparkle not just the riverfront and we are so happy with that. We must remember



PHOTO BY DAVID MARTIN

City lights in the trees along King Street.

there is more to Alexandria than the riverfront.

David M. Martin
Gold Works USA
Alexandria

City Has Its Own Vibrancy

To the Editor:

Alexandria has assets with which The Wharf and National Harbor

cannot compete: history and historic infrastructure. These assets must be maximized not overwhelmed, diminished or hidden. Competition means recognizing and developing your best and unique attributes and not trying to beat the competition at their own game. The "hipness" of The Wharf and National Harbor and their ability to maximize those assets cannot be denied. Alexandria cannot have it both ways. Overemphasis on hip

will diminish historic attraction. That is not to say that Alexandria should become a museum; it is not without nightlife and "vibrant" attraction now. Unfortunately City Council has developed a reputation for listening to developers first to the exclusion of local small business and ordinary citizens. This new council has the responsibility and opportunity to change the way council has done business. We wait with hope if not confidence.

David A. Norcross
Alexandria

Too Much At Stake

To the Editor:

Like so many others, I was appalled by the revelation of a Blackface image on Governor Northam's medical school yearbook and felt that he should definitely resign from office. On further reflection, however, I came around to the belief that the governor should instead keep his job in Richmond. My reasoning is that if Northam resigns or is forced from office, surely the dominoes will fall, meaning that the Repub

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OPINION

Rebuilding Mobility

BY RILEY CONRAD
AMERICORPS OUTREACH COORDINATOR
REBUILDING TOGETHER DC • ALEXANDRIA

After living in Alexandria for nearly 40 years, Gloria reached a breaking point with her home. She lived alone and suffered from severe mobility issues, relying on a walker and oxygen tank to help her get around. She was not able to comfortably leave her home beyond the occasional trip to the grocery store and visits to the doctor.

Before contacting us, Gloria was overwhelmed by a long list of repairs that she was not physically or financially able to address. Her air-conditioning unit had stopped working, her kitchen cabinet fell down over her stove, and the stairs were a serious fall risk. Spending a lot of time in a home that was seemingly falling apart around her was not healthy for the body or the mind.

We sent a team from Booz Allen Hamilton into Gloria's home on National Rebuilding Day 2018. It was one of seven homes Booz Allen Hamilton volunteers worked on. They tackled the projects that Gloria had "racked her brains trying to figure out how [she was] going to pay for." A licensed electrician determined that her circuit breaker for her outdoor air-conditioning unit was defective and installed a new one. Late one

Friday summer night, volunteers replaced her kitchen cabinet, added railings to interior and exterior stairs, and installed a window that used to be boarded up. When asked if she thought her home was healthier as a result of the work the volunteers had done she said, "Oh yes, because of what they have done, it is. It really is." She was thrilled that the repairs made her feel safe again in her own home.

There are people with stories similar to Gloria's all around our area who need their neighbors to step in and lend a hand. Volunteers from varied backgrounds and skill levels have transformed homes and the lives of the people living in them every year on National Rebuilding Day since 1986. If your company or organization would like to participate in this year's National Rebuilding Day on April 27, please contact us at 703-836-1021.

Rebuilding Together DC • Alexandria is an award-winning, mission-driven organization that creates healthy neighborhoods for residents by maintaining housing for low-income homeowners, revitalizing community spaces, and creating homeownership opportunities. Since 1986, more than 29,000 volunteers have worked on 2,200 projects, leveraging \$8.8 million worth of in-kind value to the area. We are now accepting applications from Alexandria homeowners for free home repairs. Visit www.RebuildingTogetherDCA.org.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Throughout February, Alexandria's Office of the Arts hosts a series of free programs as part of Black History Month.

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- February 27 The Last Dragon (PG-13)

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- February 13 School Daze (R)

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- April Rodgers
PE Teacher

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Overhead**

**22 teachers are
getting kids active
with wiggle cushions,
tap shoes, and more
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"Girls on the Run NOVA has benefited greatly through our ongoing partnership with RunningBrooke and Move2Learn. Having such a long-standing relationship has allowed us to truly focus on the girls in Alexandria City who would not have access to high quality youth development programming without access to financial aid options."

- Katey Comerford
Executive Director, Girls on the Run, NOVA

"We have begun to use movement breaks in our hour-long Reading Workshop block. The breaks have notably increased students' reading stamina, improving their ability to read independently. This is particularly significant, as research shows that this independent reading time is the key to closing the gap between below and on-level readers."

- Kristi Altieri
1st Grade Teacher



Senior Services Gala To Honor Community Leaders

BY MARY LEE ANDERSON(
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/
SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

Senior Services of Alexandria will pay tribute to individuals who have helped make Alexandria a caring and compassionate community for everyone, and will continue its history of honoring a family who has passed down a tradition of community service at its 2019 Annual Gala on Saturday, March 16 at the Westin Alexandria in Old Town. The evening's honorees are: U.S. Rep. Don Beyer and his daughter Stephanie Beyer Kirby, Lynnwood Campbell, and Jen Walker.

SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

"SSA is proud to honor those who have helped make Alexandria a great community for all ages," said Jack Fannon, board chair of Senior Services of Alexandria. "We will also honor Alexandria's seniors who rely on the programs and services that SSA provides in order for them to age with dignity."

Congressman Don Beyer is serving his second term as the U.S. representative from Virginia's 8th District, representing Arlington, Alexandria, Falls Church, and parts of Fairfax County. He serves on the Joint Economic Committee, the House Committee on Natural Resources, is Vice Ranking Member of the Science Space and Technology Committee, Ranking Member on the Oversight Subcommittee, and a member of the New Democrat Coalition. He was the lieutenant governor of Virginia from 1990 to 1998, and was ambassador to Switzerland and Liechtenstein under President Obama.

Congressman Beyer's signature work as lieutenant governor included advocacy for Virginians with disabilities and ensuring protections for Virginia's most vulnerable populations as the Commonwealth reformed its welfare system in the mid-1990s. He was Virginia's Democratic nominee for governor in 1997.

After leaving office, Congressman Beyer spent 14 years as chair of Jobs for Virginia Graduates, a highly successful high school dropout prevention program, and was active for a decade on the board of the D.C. Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. As



**U.S. Rep. Don Beyer and
Stephanie Beyer Kirby**

chair of the Virginia Economic Recovery Commission, he helped pass permanent pro-business reforms and was co-founder of the Northern Virginia Technology Council.

Congressman Beyer has spent four decades building his family business in Northern Virginia after a summer job at a car dealership in 1974. He is a graduate of Williams College and Gonzaga College High School in Washington, D.C. He was named a Presidential Scholar by President Lyndon Johnson. Congressman Beyer has four children and two grandchildren. He and his wife Megan reside in Alexandria.

Stephanie Beyer Kirby is a vice president with Beyer Auto Group family of dealerships. The Beyer Auto Group owns a collection of franchise dealerships including Subaru, Land Rover, Volvo, Kia Mazda and Volkswagen in the Washington, D.C. Metro Area. Stephanie is a member of the Executive Leadership Team and primarily focuses on Operations and Strategic Initiatives. Prior to this she served as a general manager and held positions overseeing real estate development, service operations, marketing, and internet sales. Beyer Subaru repeatedly gives back to nonprofits in the city through their Share the Love campaign. She sits on the Quality Board of Inova Alexandria Hospital and local nonprofit RunningBrooke.

Stephanie is serving in her third year as a member of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce's board of directors. Her Alexandria Chamber involvement also includes chairing the Chamber's Young Leader's Network, which highlights emerging business leaders through its 40 Under 40 Awards



**Lynnwood
Campbell**

Celebration. She recently led the event planning and fundraising efforts for Maury Elementary's 10th Anniversary PTA Gala.

Prior to joining the family business, Stephanie was a deputy finance director of the Kaine for Governor Campaign where she was responsible for Virginia, Maryland, and D.C. Stephanie holds a degree in communications and commerce from the University of Pennsylvania and is a graduate of the General Management and Leadership Program with the National Automotive Dealers Association (NADA.) Her crowning achievement is being a wife to her husband Trey and mother to her two children Ava and Will.

Lynnwood Campbell is a life-long resident of Alexandria and has had a major impact on Alexandria's public schools and policies toward children, seniors, human rights, the city budget, and charitable giving. Lynnwood attended school in Alexandria and entered 8th grade at St. Mary's Elementary School where he was the first African American student. He attended Western High School in Washington D.C., where he met his future wife, Deborah, who attended the arch-rival Wilson High School. They have a daughter Robin. Lynnwood is a graduate of Howard University with a degree in accounting and business administration.

He was working at Price Waterhouse when he was called to active duty assigned to the Military District of Washington as the deputy finance and accounting officer. After completing his Army obligations at the rank of captain, Lynnwood returned to Price Waterhouse.



Jen Walker

He later retired from the Department of Treasury following 32 years of service. He began as a policy accountant and progressed to several director positions: Director of Accounting, Director of Employee and Workplace Principles and Director of Internal Review and Quality Assurance.

He served two terms on the Alexandria Human Rights Commission and three terms on the Alexandria School Board where he helped implement the Early Childhood Development program, all-day kindergarten, the C-Average rule requiring better grades for high school athletes, the Junior ROTC program at T.C. Williams High School and the Minority Achievement Committee. He has served on numerous not-for-profit boards including chairman of the United Way of the National Capital Area, chairman of Neighborhood Health, chairman of Senior Services of Alexandria, chairman of the Alexandria Executive Committee of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and Treasurer of the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. He also served as a board member of ACT, The Northern Virginia Urban League, The Washington Urban League, The Alexandria NAACP and the Washington Society for CPAs.

In 2011, Lynnwood was named as a Living Legend of Alexandria. Of his contributions, Lynnwood says simply, "People asked me to serve, and I served."

In Jen Walker's world, few pursuits top volunteering. She says it "costs nothing but time, yet it can make a huge difference in people's lives."

Jen has found the time repeatedly while managing a full-time career with McEneaney Associates Realtors, Inc. She has been actively involved with: Del Ray Business Association; Alexandria YMCA; Alexandria Chamber of Commerce; Mount Vernon Community School; Maury Elementary School; Cora Kelly Elementary School; George Washington Middle School; Rebuilding Together Alexandria, youth sports teams including Alexandria Little League and the Alexandria Wahoos; Blessings in a Backpack; Campagna Center; Meals on Wheels; Volunteer Alexandria Snow Buddies; Leadership Alexandria; City of Alex

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'Living Coral' Named 2019 Color of the Year

"... can help to brighten a space lacking natural light."

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

A breeze of warm air to heat the winter chill is how some designers are describing one of the trendiest colors on tap for this year. "Living Coral" was selected as the 2019 Color of the Year by the Pantone Color Institute, the self-described global authority of color. It's a shade that is expected to have a prominent presence in interior design, home accessories and fashion this year.

"It works well with most of the foundation colors everyone has in their homes including white, taupe, gray, and brown," said designer Amanda Mertins of Patina Polished Living in Alexandria. "If you choose to paint, it can help to brighten a space lacking natural light."

Described as a nurturing color that can be found in nature, Living Coral is a shade of orange with a golden undertone. "It can be used as a wonderful accent color," said Mertins. "Introduce it with artwork, toss pillows, rugs and throws."



PHOTO COURTESY OF NICELY DONE KITCHENS AND BATHS

Life-affirming and reminiscent of coral reefs, Living Coral is credited with the ability to breathe life into any space in one's home. "[It's] is vibrant, energizing shade ... that can be incorporated as a light accent or bold statement in both a kitchen or bath," said designer Natalia Fabisiak of Nicely Done Kitchens and Baths in Springfield. "As the timeless trend of white kitchens continues, Living Coral offers the perfect pop of color an all-white kitchen may need."

"Coffee mugs, dish towels, trays and trivets are an easy and inexpensive way to introduce the trending color of the year into your kitchen," added Fabisiak.

Home accent pieces are the way that de-

signer Julie Ackerman of Home Polish in Bethesda recommends using the Pantone pick. "Dishware, serveware or decorative accent pieces and porcelain figurines, like those by Herend are a great way to incorporate Living Coral into your home," she said.

For a more long-term commitment, Fabisiak says, "In a bathroom, Living Coral can be used as a wall color that can be easily paired with neutral tile and fixtures. If painting the walls is too drastic, bath accents like coral towels or a rug can brighten up the space beautifully as well.

In announcing the selection, Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute, said, "Color is an equaliz-

When used on a wall in a kitchen or bathroom, Living Coral can make a bold statement, says designer Natalia Fabisiak of Nicely Done Kitchens and Baths.



PHOTO COURTESY OF PATINA POLISHED LIVING
Living Coral can be introduced into one's home through art, says designer Amanda Mertins.

ing lens through which we experience our natural and digital realities and this is particularly true for Living Coral. With consumers craving human interaction and social connection, the humanizing and heartening qualities displayed by the convivial Pantone Living Coral hit a responsive chord."

Each year, the Pantone Color Institute makes a prediction about the color that will be on trend for the upcoming year. The selection process, which takes about nine months, has color gurus at Pantone spanning the globe, taking note of the trends in industries that run the gamut from ranging from film and entertainment to art and interior design.

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Through Feb. 24, Thursday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Fax Ayres' photography employs a 'lightpainting' technique to embue his subjects with an almost surreal quality. He sets up still life vignettes in the dark and then carefully paints individual components with light, assembling multiple images together to create the final photograph. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

“Three Sistahs.” Through Feb. 24, at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria. “Three Sistahs” is an intimate musical which exposes the souls of three strong independent women as they gather together in the family home one last time. They reflect on the past, present and their hope for the future with powerful music and insights about their lives and relationships. Performances will be Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m., and 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., Jan 24- Feb 24, 2019. Tickets are \$55 with student and active military and group discounts available. Four or more tickets are \$50 each. Call the theatre at 703-548-9044 or go online to www.metrostage.org.

Winter Golf. Through Feb. 28, skip the traffic with the Afternoon Drive special at the heated and covered ranges at Burke Lake Golf Center and the newly renovated Oak Marr Golf Complex. All buckets are \$2 off, Monday-Thursday, 4 p.m. until closing. Or try the indoor studio at Pinecrest Golf Course's Valis Family Golf Learning Center, featuring three indoor hitting bays or a private session with the TrackMan Golf Simulator Suite (five person max.), both reserved by the hour. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf.

Art Exhibit: Ritualisms. Through March 3, gallery hours at Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. New Target Gallery Exhibition contemplates the universality of rituals. The exhibition juxtaposes different artists' interpretations of rituals through their work, daily routines, habits, or personal quirks. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

“Opposites Attract.” Through March 10, at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Show featuring everything Quiet and Loud, Large and Small, Smooth and Rough, Bright and Dull, Stiff and Flowing, Smiles and Frowns – the list goes on and the artists had a great time incorporating this theme into their work. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

Beginner Square Dance Lessons. Through March 27, 7:30-9 p.m. at the Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St. Keep up with New Year's resolutions and enjoy both mental and physical exercise with Square Dance Lessons. \$30 for each four-week session. Open to couples, singles and groups. Email boomerangs@wascaclubs.com or call 571-210-5480.

Art Exhibition: High School Students. Through March 30, at The Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. The Alexandria All City High School Art Exhibition hosted by the Convergence Arts Initiative returns for its fourth year. This year's experience features more than 90 Alexandria high school students representing six high schools including public, private, and



Dominion Brass Concert

Benefit concert for Rising Hope Mission Church with Dominion Brass, a large brass and percussion ensemble of professional musicians. Sunday, Feb. 17, 3-4:30 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. Free. Donations to support Rising Hope will be collected during the concert. Call 703-300-0985.

independent. Returning for 2019's collaborative event are students from Bishop Ireton, Episcopal High School, T.C. Williams, St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School, Commonwealth Academy, and The Howard Gardner School. Visit ourconvergence.org.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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

Life Drawing. Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Drop-in for the session and bring supplies to draw or paint live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

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 HHSingers.org, or call 703-352-5271.

THURSDAY/FEB. 14

Happy Valentine's Day, Frederick Douglass! 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. A history lesson you'll never forget. For school aged kids. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1705.

Pre-K Fun. 4-5 p.m. at Burke Branch Library - Meeting Room, 4701 Seminary Road. Sing and dance to the songs of Stevie Wonder and Louis Armstrong. Includes a craft. Ages 3-5. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1704.

Butterflies and Blossoms. 7:30-9 p.m. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. A talk by Margaret Chatham on larval host plants and the lepidoptera that eat them. Beautiful butterflies and lovely blossoms are all the result of

trying to make a living. The plants need someone to pollinate them, but at the same time need to limit the number of caterpillars and other insects that can eat them. The butterflies and caterpillars need to avoid being eaten long enough to lay eggs for the next generation. We'll learn what natives to plant to nurture more than just monarchs. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring or call 703-642-5173.

18th Century Dance Classes. 7:30-9:30 p.m. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Alexandria. In preparation for George Washington's Birthnight Ball on Feb. 16, 2019, learn 18th-century English country dancing from expert dance instructors at Gadsby's Tavern Museum. Tickets are \$12 per class or \$30 for the series. Reservations are recommended. Visit Alexandriava.gov/Shop or call 703-746-4242.

FRIDAY/FEB. 15

Celebrating Building Bridges and Creating Community Through Poetry. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Wendi Kaplan, Poet Laureate, invites everyone to a special reception “Celebrating Building Bridges and Creating Community through Poetry.” Formal program beginning at 7 p.m. The reception will highlight Ms. Kaplan's tenure as the City's Poet Laureate through poetry, programs and activities. The reception is free, RSVPs requested at poet@alexandriava.gov.

Second Glance. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. An everyday object can be irresistible. Beyond the intended purpose to get the job done, objects can represent a memory or merge in unlikely, whimsical combinations. “Second Glance” features excerpts from Jane Franklin's “EyeSoar” and new work in cooperation with Fine Art Photographer Fax Ayres. Cost is \$15. Visit www.nvfaa.org/events/second-glance.

SATURDAY/FEB. 16

African American Children's Book Fair. At Alexandria Black History

nuances of urban slavery expand the understanding of slavery and Alexandria. Advance purchase of tickets recommended; limited space available. \$15 per person, \$12 for Gadsby Tavern Museum members. Visit www.alexandriava.gov.

Monthly Puppet Shows. 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. at the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. The National Capital Puppetry Guild continues their series of monthly family-friendly puppet shows at the Durant Arts Center. With a performance by Bob Brown Puppets' Second Hand Stars. Monthly Puppet Shows are designed for the youngest of audiences, so toddlers are welcome. \$6, for all ages. Children must be accompanied by at least one adult. Make your reservations at www.alexandriava.gov/Arts and select Durant Arts Center. Tickets are available at the door.

Locals' Alley Saturdays. 12:30-2:30 p.m. at The Old Town Shop, 105 S. Union St. at King Street. Meet the makers of local goods, featuring: Popped Republic flavored popcorn tasting. Call 703-684-4682 or visit www.TheOldTownShop.com.

Calligraphy Class. 1-3 p.m. At Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. In honor of Huntley residents who loved both books and art, Historic Huntley is offering a set of classes that introduce different aspects of the art of bookmaking. Explore the art of beautiful writing with a variety of pens and brushes in a program. \$15 per person. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/historic-huntley.

Movie Matinee: Loving. 2:30-4:45 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library - Second Floor, 717 Queen St. A dramatization of the Loving family's relationship and the 1967 Supreme Court case, which overturned the Jim Crow law banning interracial marriage. PG-13. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1703.

George Washington's Birthnight Banquet & Ball. 5:30-11 p.m. (9 p.m. if attending the ball only). At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Don dancing shoes for this famous celebration of Washington's Birthday at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, set in the year 1799. The evening includes an 18th-century banquet, English country dancing, dessert collation, character re-enactors plus the General and Mrs. Washington. Period costume optional; “after-five” attire encouraged. Cost is \$125 per ticket. \$150 per person ticket includes dinner in the same room with the Washingtons. \$250 per person ticket reserves a spot at a table with the Washingtons for dinner. Reservations required. To purchase tickets, visit Alexandriava.gov/Shop or call 703-746-4242.

First Friday: “Chinese New Year Celebration.” 6-10 p.m. at the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. The evening will include the Fairfax Chinese Dance Troupe dancing several traditional Chinese Folk Dances accompanied by Alice Guzheng Ensemble, Mr. Zhang on a traditional instrument called hulusi, and a vocalist Mr. Lin. A Chinese Kungfu, Martial Arts demonstration and the City's Mobile Art Lab leading interactive art activity will round off the evening's festivities. A “meet and greet” begins at 6 p.m. with festivities beginning at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be available complements of the Office of the Arts. \$9 per person. Children under 5 years old are free. Children must be accompanied by one adult. Reserve today at www.alexandriava.gov/Arts and select Durant Arts Center. Tickets are available at the door.

ENTERTAINMENT

Off the Menu: Restaurant Notebook

BY HOPE NELSON

The customers of several Alexandria restaurants and retailers may feel jilted this Valentine's Day, but at least one eatery in town is feeling the love from its foodie faithful in the face of hard times. This February, a tour of closures – and near-misses – has dotted the restaurant landscape around town.

Society Fair Gets By With a Little Help From Its Friends

Society Fair, a South Washington Street mainstay for several years, raised some eyebrows – and jangled some piggy banks – over the past couple of weeks with a call for financial assistance from the public. The restaurant and market, owned by Dan Fisher and Nadine Brown, created a GoFundMe page asking customers to give them a financial boost.

APPETITE

"2018 was a difficult year to say the least. We lost some amazing staff that went on to new opportunities. We lost our catering manager who went back to her old job. We lost our beloved butcher. It has taken us almost a year to rebuild our staff," the GoFundMe page read. "... December and January with the government shutdown and record-breaking temperatures were like a final one-two punch. This is a unforgiving business at times and we have made mistakes."

The campaign's goal was listed at \$30,000, and as of press time the initiative has raised \$7,420. But according to co-owner Brown, that is enough to tide

Society Fair over for now.

"Because of all of you and a generous landlord we will not be closing after service (tomorrow)," she wrote. "We have many changes coming and hope to be able to provide cake and gumbo for years to come."

Flat Top Burger Closes in Del Ray

Visitors to Flat Top Burger on the outskirts of Del Ray have found the lights off and the doors locked over the past weeks. The burger-and-shake shop, which opened its doors in December 2016, has closed in its current location at 529 E. Howell Ave., adjacent to Route 1 and just beyond the Monroe Street bridge. Owners and managers have not returned calls for comment, but a post on Flat Top Burger's website reads, "Flat Top Burger is closed – but don't worry, we will be re-opening soon at a new location! Check back soon for more information!"

Williams Sonoma Closes in Old Town

Drivers along the George Washington Parkway will likely notice a shuttered storefront along the 800 block of South Washington Street. The Williams Sonoma location that had resided in the strip for many years has closed its doors for good. The company has been systematically closing underperforming stores (while opening new ones in promising locations) for the past several years. In the wider region, the Reston Town Center location also closed in January.

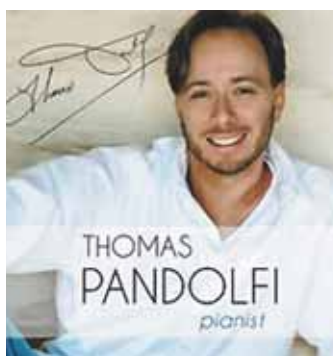
Hope Nelson owns and operates the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at www.kitchenrecessionista.com. Email her any time at hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.

CALENDAR

An Evening of Love Songs. 8 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. Join in for an unforgettable evening of love songs with music legends Leonard, Coleman and Blunt (LCB), three former lead vocalists from the Temptations, Platters, and Drifters as they perform the most popular songs of the past decades. Hear some of the greatest hits, such as "Under The Boardwalk," "My Girl," "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes," "Get Ready," "On Broadway," "Only You" and some new romantic melodies written and produced by Joe Coleman. Reserve seats today at leonardcolemanandblunt.com/calendar/.

SUNDAY/FEB. 17

2019 Alexandria Wedding Showcase. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road. 2019 Alexandria Wedding Showcase will feature more than 60 vendors, a grand prize \$25,000 wedding giveaway, a fashion show, demonstrations, a multicultural wedding display, and destination experts, all at an event benefiting Brides Across America. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/event/2019-alexandria-wedding-showcase/10189/ or www.bridesacrossamerica.com.
Harry Allen Winter Lecture Series. 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn about the keystone plants in a garden in a lecture on "Selecting and Planting Trees." National Arboretum Head of Horticulture Scott Aker will offer tips on plant selection and proper planting and demonstrate a quick way and easy way to determine a tree's health. Adults. \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring or call 703-642-5173.
Walking With Washington Tour. 2-



Pianist Thomas Pandolfi

Philharmonic Orchestra Concert

The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic continues its Spotlight on Women Composers season. Concert explores outstanding works by women composers Fanny Mendelssohn, Louise Farrenc, and Clara Schumann and features acclaimed virtuoso pianist Thomas Pandolfi. Sunday, Feb. 17, 3-5 p.m. At George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan St., Alexandria. \$25. Visit www.wmpamusic.org.

4 p.m. at Ramsay House, Alexandria Visitor's Center, 221 King St., Alexandria. Explore important sites associated with George Washington in his hometown of Alexandria. This guided walking tour of historic Old Towne covers significant people and events in Washington's life and in American history, with stops at Ramsay House, Market Square, Carlyle House, Wise's Tavern, Duvall Tavern/Charles Lee House, Gadsby's Tavern, Washington's townhouse, The Lord Fairfax House, the "Light-Horse" Harry Lee house and Christ Church. Free. Visit washingtonbirthday.com.

Eclipse Chamber Orchestra. 3 p.m. At Alexandria Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Eclipse Chamber Orchestra Recital Series In Honor of Valentine's Day. Featuring the Columbia String Quartet; Susan Midkiff and Jane Bowyer Stewart, violins; Denise Wilkinson, viola; and Kerry Van Laanen, cello. Cost is \$25 suggested donation. Visit www.eclipseco.org.

Dominion Brass Concert. 3-4:30 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road,

Alexandria. Dominion Brass, a large brass and percussion ensemble of professional musicians, presents benefit concert for Rising Hope Mission Church. Free. Donations to support Rising Hope will be collected during the concert. Call 703-300-0985.

Patrons' Show Fundraiser. 6-11 p.m. At the Art League Gallery, Studio 21, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Featuring 800 works of art, each one available to go home with ticket holders. Many of the photographs, paintings, drawings, sculptures, wall hangings, and ceramics far exceed the cost of admission. The night of the event, ticket holder's names are drawn in random order, and those called early have their first choice among the hundreds of works. Visitors may view the works through Saturday, Feb. 16, at The Art League Gallery. Visit www.theartleague.org.

MONDAY/FEB. 18

Washington's Birthday Celebration. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. At

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George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Hwy., Mount Vernon. Free. Celebrate the first president of the United States on the most exciting day of the year. Witness a presidential tribute featuring honored guests and a wreath laying at Washington's tomb. Listen to remarks given by esteemed speakers during the Official Observance Ceremony of George Washington's Birthday. Watch Continental soldiers conduct a marching drill, fire their guns and charge at their enemy in an exciting military demonstration. After the smoke clears, listen to the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps play patriotic music. Listen to the Washington family share stories about past celebrations of the General's birthday, including the first public celebration and the gathering during the winter encampment at Valley Forge. Visit www.MountVernon.org/Birthday or call 703-780-2000.

Breakfast and Meeting. 9-10:30 a.m. At Crowne Plaza Old Town, 901 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Breakfast and Meeting of the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association. Meet special guests and enjoy a hearty breakfast with members of this historic association at this annual tradition. Be there for the first appearance of the day of General and Lady Washington. Dr. Jimmie McClellan, Dean of the Liberal Arts Division of Northern Virginia Community College, is the guest speaker. Tickets are \$40. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.FriendshipFireCo.org or call 703-829-6640.

Wreath Laying Ceremony. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. At the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolution, Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 321 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Join the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution as they host colonial military and civilians to honor the soldiers of the Revolution. Free.

Concert at Market Square. 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Come enjoy a free one-hour concert by the parade marching band units in honor of the General and Lady Washington at Market Square. Free.

Historic Alexandria Open Houses. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. At various museums throughout Old Town Alexandria. In honor of George Washington's birthday, admission is free at these historic Alexandria sites: Friendship Firehouse Museum, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Old Presbyterian Meeting House, Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum and Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum. Free.

Armed Forces Community Covenant Ceremony. 12-1 p.m. At Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Come honor our nation's veterans and active military, and sign the community covenant document showing your support for our armed forces and their families at the Parade Reviewing Stand adjacent to Market Square. Free.

George Washington Birthday Parade. 1-3 p.m. Old Town Alexandria. The nation's largest George Washington Birthday parade marches a one-mile route through the streets of Old Town Alexandria. This community parade honors one of the Alexandria's favorite sons. Free. For more information, including parking, maps, route and status, visit www.WashingtonBirthday.com or call 703-829-6640.

TUESDAY/FEB. 19

On-Line Genealogy Privacy. 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria.

Sponsored by the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society, Bruce deGrazia, University of Maryland professor of Cyber Security Management and Policy, will speak about how to protect your privacy while engaged in genealogical research on the Internet. Free, open to public. Visit www.mvgenealogy.org.

Diverse Documentaries – “I Am Not Your Negro.” 7 p.m. At Barrett Branch Library - Second Floor, 717 Queen St., Alexandria. This documentary, based on the unfinished work of James Baldwin, reflects on the death of three historic African-American men and the current civil rights, Black Lives Matter movement. PG-13. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1703.

Night with Super Moon. 7:30-9 p.m. At Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. The moon won't really be any bigger in February, but it may look that way. Take an evening boardwalk stroll and experience the bright super moon as it rises in the sky. The full moon will be at its closest point to Earth for the year, which can make it look larger than usual. Cost is \$8 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered for the program. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 20

Antiques Club Program. 9:30 a.m. at Hollin Hall Center, Room 216, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Dr. Brian Belanger, curator at the National Capital Radio & TV Museum will give a program on “The Fibber McGee and Molly Show” at the Alexandria-Mt. Vernon Antique Club. All are welcomed. Call 703-960-4973.

Afternoon Book Club – Their Eyes Were Watching God. 2-3 p.m. At Burke Branch Library Meeting Room, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Celebrate Black History Month by joining us for a discussion of “Their Eyes Were Watching God” by Zora Neale Hurston. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1704.

Be an Inventor! 4-5 p.m. At Burke Branch Library Meeting Room, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Learn about African American inventors and try some inventing of one's own. Grades 2-5. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1704.

Amazing African American STEAM. 4 p.m. At Barrett Branch Library - First Floor, 717 Queen St., Alexandria. Hands on art and science projects for ages 5+. No registration required. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1703.

Duncan Book Discussion Group – “Underground Railroad.” 7 p.m. At Duncan Library Meeting Room, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. The Duncan Book Discussion Group meets on the third Wednesday of each month. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1705.

Alexandria's African-American History. 7-8:30 p.m. At Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Join Audrey Davis, Director of the Alexandria Black History Museum, and learn some of the fascinating history of African Americans in Alexandria. Visit alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1702.

THURSDAY/FEB. 21

African-American Experience During the Civil War. 7 p.m. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. In celebration of Black History Month, Audrey Davis, the Executive Director of the Alexandria



Still Life Alive

Patricia Uchello One Woman Art Show, featuring 100 original oil paintings of flowers, fruit, landscapes and seascapes. Uchello's work has been collected by IBM, the International Monetary Fund, etc. On display through April 2, 2019, 9-5 p.m. at River Farm, 7931 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria. Email pmuchello@aol.com or visit www.patriciauchello.com.

Patricia Uchello's solo exhibit “Still Life Alive,” is on display at River Farm, headquarters of the American Horticultural Society.

Black History Museum, will lead a conversation on the African-American experience during the Civil War. The lives of Contrabands in occupied Alexandria, how they worked, survived and succeeded in moving towards freedom will be discovered. Furthermore, as the only Alexandrian that consulted in the PBS mini-series “Mercy Street,” she will lend insight into the making of the show. \$15. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

Lecture: Did You Know? 7 p.m. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St., Alexandria. Presenting interesting and little known facts about George Washington. Rather than focusing on one aspect of George Washington's remarkable life in some detail, Professor Henriques will touch on a variety of interesting and relatively little-known facts about Washington, including some that are not very complimentary. \$12 per person, \$10 for members of the Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society and Gadsby's Tavern Museum volunteers. Tickets available online at shop.alexandriava.gov.

FRIDAY/FEB. 22

George Washington's Birthday Celebration. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. At George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mt. Vernon. Celebrate the national observance of George Washington's birthday by visiting his home and burial site free of charge. The traditional wreath-laying ceremony at Washington's Tomb takes place at 10 a.m. followed by Mount Vernon's official celebration on the bowling green including a keynote speaker and 21-gun salute to the first president. Special military demonstrations and patriotic music will follow at 11:15 a.m. Mount Vernon celebrates Washington's 287th birthday with a naturalization ceremony. Visit mountvernon.org.
Mount Vernon in AR. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount

Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mt. Vernon. Celebrate Washington's love of emerging technologies with the estate's formal debut of “Mount Vernon in AR” tour. Mount Vernon is one of the country's first historic sites to integrate augmented reality tours into its regular visitor offerings, inviting guests to enjoy lesser-known stories of the first president's estate revealed by immersive 3D imagery layered over a view of the real landscape. Holograms of George and Martha Washington, 360-degree recreations of former buildings and gardens, and images of artifacts placed in their original context, are among the many tools used in the one-of-a-kind storytelling. This tour is \$12.50 in addition to general admission. “Mount Vernon in AR” availability is weather dependent. Visit mountvernon.org.

Movie Matinee – “The Hate U Give.” 3:30 p.m. At Burke Branch Library Meeting Room, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1704.

Artist Reception. 6:30-8:30 p.m. At The Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. The Alexandria All City High School Art Exhibition hosted by the Convergence Arts Initiative returns for its fourth and most exciting year so far. This year's experience features over 90 Alexandria high school students representing six high schools including public, private, and independent. Returning for 2019's collaborative event are students from Bishop Ireton, Episcopal High School, T.C. Williams, St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School, Commonwealth Academy, and The Howard Gardner School. Visit www.ourconvergence.org.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/FEB. 22-23

Tales from the Nest. 7:30 p.m. at Evolution Home, 6239 Shields Ave., Alexandria. Featuring an evening of

comedic short plays, written by local playwright, Veronique Autphenne. These tales offer a snapshot of family life and relationships in the beautiful, flawed, absurdly competitive, and often hilarious suburbs we call home. \$15. Tickets available at eventbrite.com/e/tales-from-the-nest-tickets-55087694778.

SATURDAY/FEB. 23

Screen-Printing Activity for Families. At Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. Materials are limited, so reservations are encouraged via Office of Historic Alexandria website. This event is co-sponsored by the Alexandria Black History Museum and the City of Alexandria Office on the Arts. Free. Reservations strongly suggested. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov.

Specialty Tour: A Complicated Hospitality. 10-11 a.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Through the stories, experiences, and archival traces of those enslaved by John Gadsby, consider how the nuances of urban slavery expand the understanding of slavery and Alexandria. Advance purchase of tickets recommended; limited space available. \$15 per person, \$12 for Gadsby Tavern Museum members. Visit www.alexandriava.gov.

Talk on Urban Agriculture. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. At Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Discussion on Urban Agriculture - “Grow What You Eat: Starting Your Own Vegetable Garden.” Learn easy-to-implement practices for selecting a site, and evaluating and improving soil. Find out which plants grow best locally, which are best planted directly via seeds and which are typically transplanted as seedlings. Discover how to attract pollinators and other beneficial insects. Learn to identify and manage pests, weeds and diseases. Get free seeds and a vegetable garden calendar

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customized for the region. Free. Advance registration requested at mgmv.org. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.

Locals' Alley Saturdays. 12:30-2:30 p.m. at The Old Town Shop, 105 S. Union St. at King Street. Meet the makers of local goods, featuring: Sweet Sophia local honey product tasting. Call 703-684-4682 or visit www.TheOldTownShop.com.

George Washington Symposium. 1-4 p.m. At George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Free. The theme is "George Washington: Symbol of an Age." The George Washington Symposium is held annually on Washington's birthday to provide the public with enlightening contemporary research on the life of George Washington. Mark Tabbert, the Memorial's director of collections, serves as the symposium's master of ceremonies. Attendees are asked to pre-register at www.GWMemorial.org.

Civil War Winter Drill Day. 1-4 p.m. At Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Members of the 3rd U.S. Regular Infantry, Company K, will interpret the life of the Union soldier. The program features drills, discussion of equipment, uniforms, weaponry and army life, and information on the popular field of Civil War reenacting for military and civilian interpreters. Visit fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

Alexandria Big Band Winter Bash. 4-5 p.m. at Del Ray United Methodist Church, 100 East Windsor Ave. Hear some of the biggest #1 hits in Alexandria's fun-filled Big Band Winter Bash featuring the Alexandria Citizens Swing Band. Free. Call 703-920-8675 or visit bigbandwinterbash.eventbrite.com.

Birds' Courtship Rituals. 5:30-7:30 p.m. At Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Journey through the park with a guide to one of Huntley's largest meadows. Listen for the call of the male woodcock and hopefully see his elaborate courtship dance and flight. This program for adults involves a walk of approximately 1.5 miles on uneven terrain. Cost is \$9. Bring a flashlight and meet at the South Kings Highway entrance to the park. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows.

Annual Washington's Birthday Gala. 5:30-10 p.m. At George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Formal (white tie optional). Reception at 5:30 p.m. Entertainment in the Memorial Theater at 6:45 p.m. Banquet in the Memorial's Grand Masonic Hall at 7:30 p.m. The presentation of the George Washington Memorial Award will take place during the banquet. Tickets are \$150. Reservations are required. To purchase tickets, visit www.GWMemorial.org or call 703-683-2007.

SUNDAY/FEB. 24

Mikah Meyer Discussion. 9:30 and 11 a.m. At Fairlington United Methodist Church, 3900 King St., Alexandria. Meyer, a national parks adventurer and National Cathedral countertenor singer, will share music and a message inspired by his nonstop, three-year road trip to all 418 National Park Service sites. Come hear how the church has played an inspiring role in this project. Following services at 12:15 p.m., there will be a light lunch and Q&A session with Meyer in the church fellowship hall; the lunch event is free and no RSVP is required. Visit fairlingtonumc.org.

Harry Allen Winter Lecture Series. 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Get tips from horticulturalist Karen Rexrode as she leads a lecture on the



Columbia String Quartet preparing for their upcoming performance. From left: Kerry Van Laanen, Jane Bowyer Stewart, Denise Wilkinson, Susan Midkiff.

In Honor of Valentine's Day

Eclipse Chamber Orchestra Recital Series in Honor of Valentine's Day, featuring the Columbia String Quartet; Susan Midkiff and Jane Bowyer Stewart, violins; Denise Wilkinson, viola; and Kerry Van Laanen, cello. Sunday, Feb. 17, 3 p.m. At Alexandria Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. \$25 suggested donation. Visit www.eclipseco.org.

"Uncommon Cut Flower." She will share some of her favorite plants that are both beautiful ornamentals in the garden and unusual cut flowers. Adults. \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door. Visit fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring or call 703-642-5173.

Walking With Washington Tour. 2-4 p.m. at Ramsay House, Alexandria Visitor's Center, 221 King St., Alexandria. Explore important sites associated with George Washington in his hometown of Alexandria. This guided walking tour of historic Old Towne covers significant people and events in Washington's life and in American history, with stops at Ramsay House, Market Square, Carlyle House, Wise's Tavern, Duvall Tavern/Charles Lee House, Gadsby's Tavern, Washington's townhouse, The Lord Fairfax House, the "Light-Horse" Harry Lee house and Christ Church. Free. Visit washingtonbirthday.com.

Artist Talk: Fax Ayres, Photography. 2:30 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Fax Ayres' photography employs a 'lightpainting' technique to imbue his subjects with an almost surreal quality. He sets up still life vignettes in the dark and then carefully paints individual components with light, assembling multiple images together to create the final photograph. Fax Ayres lives and works in Charlottesville. The exhibition runs Jan. 10-Feb. 24, 2019. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

Pohick Church Coffeehouse Fundraiser. 5-7 p.m. at Historic Pohick Episcopal Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Come for an evening of entertainment, snacks, coffee and hot chocolate. Performers will include youth, adults and local musicians. All are welcome. The event is free, but donations are encouraged: all proceeds go toward the summer Sr. High Mission Trip. Visit www.pohick.org.

The Capitol Steps Benefit Performance. 7 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run Road, Fairfax. Join in for a SILLYarious evening as the Capitol Steps political satire comedy troupe performs a show to benefit high school theatre for the Cappies of the National Capitol Area. Free parking. Adults, \$30; students/senior citizens, \$20; children 12 and under, \$10; and groups of 10 or more, \$15. Contact Amy.Young@cappies.com or visit

www.cappies.com/nca.

MONDAY/FEB. 25

Whither Landmark: What Happens After Wonder Woman? 7:15 p.m. At The Hermitage Auditorium, 5000 Fairbanks Ave., Alexandria. Find out about the Howard Hughes Corporation's big plans for a redeveloped Landmark Mall, which will be an open-air mixed-use community with retail, residential and entertainment. Part of the Agenda:Alexandria program, which falls on the fourth Monday of the month, begin at 7:15 p.m. Programs are \$5 each or free with \$35 membership, payable on-line at www.AgendaAlexandria.org/sign-up page or at the door by check or credit. All are invited to a pre-program dinner, if desired. Dinner is 6:45-7:15 p.m., prices starting at \$32 with reservations by the Friday prior to the program. Visit www.AgendaAlexandria.com.

Manumission Tour Company. 7:15-8:30 p.m. At Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St., Alexandria. The Manumission Tour Company brings the knowledge from their manumission walking tour to the Barrett Branch Library for an evening immersed in the history of African-American Alexandrians. Free. Visit alexlibraryva.org/event/1557299.

Liberated Muse Arts Group. 7-8:30 p.m. At Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Liberated Muse Arts Group Presents: "Zora Past the Sun" a musical and poetic tribute to Zora Neale Hurston. Call 703-746-1702 or visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

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Right to Organize

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position” to raise and shorten the pay scale, DASH General Manager Josh Baker told employees in an all-hands Aug. 30 memo. In October, he proposed increasing wage rates by a dollar and halving the time to reach the top pay grade, beginning in FY 2020. The proposal is now tabled, pending a collective bargaining agreement.

“Since the day I got here [about two years ago], pay has been one of the main items of discussion, and it has been a priority of mine,” Baker said. “We started working on it, but it’s unrealistic to be able to do something in that period of time.” He also cited budget constraints, saying, “The pie is so big, what we can do is only so much. How we slice that up, I’m happy to look at different ways. But ultimately the pie is the pie.”

DASH receives about three-quarters of its operating revenues from the city government, the rest from passenger fares other other sources.

The union also wants a more generous retirement plan for drivers, who don’t get a city pension.

DASH isn’t technically a city operation, but is a nonprofit transit company. Though City Council owns all the company’s stock, elects its board of directors, and allocates city money to it, the company is a separate, independent entity. DASH in turn contracts its workforce, including drivers, through Transit Management of Alexandria, a sub-corporation owned by First Transit, a firm.

The city’s decision to organize DASH this way “had nothing to do with [avoiding] pension liability,” said city spokesperson Craig Fifer. The main reason is that “nation-wide contractors like First Transit maintain significant resources that are more efficient at economies of scale.”

Under its 401(k) plan, DASH matches employees’ retirement contributions dollar-for-dollar up to 4 percent, and 25 cents per dol-

lar up thereafter up to 5 percent. DASH can also approve a discretionary supplemental contribution up to 2 percent, contingent on available budget.

According to Baker, 40 percent of DASH employees contribute more than 4 percent of their pay to their 401(k) plans, 19 percent of employees contribute 2-4 percent, and 3 percent of employees contribute less than 2 percent — a 62 percent overall participation rate.

Some drivers say that low pay prevents their taking advantage of the full employer match.

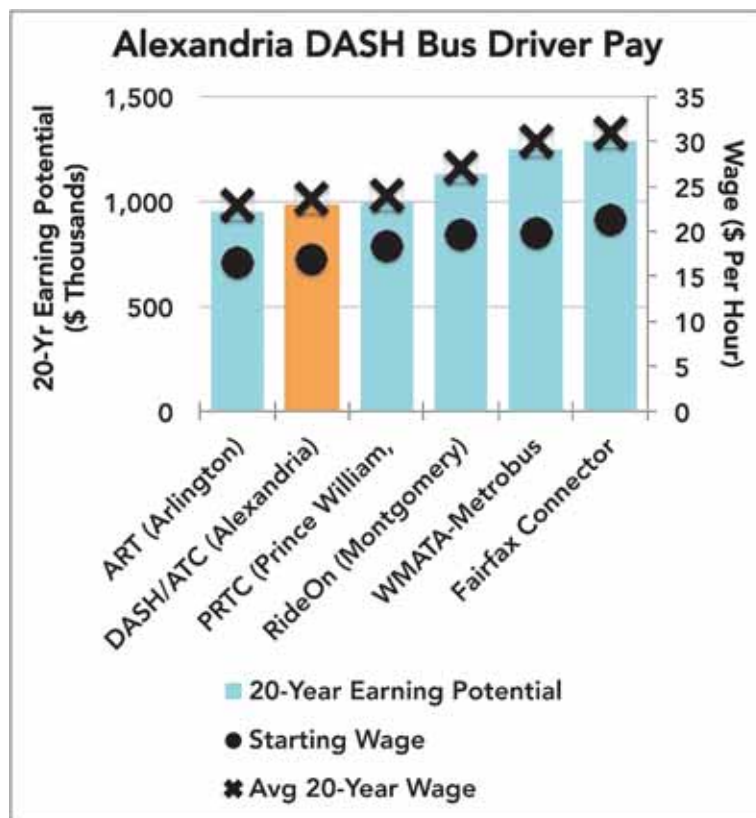
For example, Tyler Boos, a driver, contributes one percent. He says he “had hoped to increase it each year but found my yearly raises only keep up with rising bills.” He prefers not to put other savings in his retirement account “because that money is too hard/costly to access and I sometimes need it because I’m largely paycheck to paycheck.”

PERCEIVED RETALIATION

A second point of contention is the firing of Latonya Robinson, a DASH driver, in January. The union believes DASH fired her over trumped infractions, in retaliation for her relatively prominent pro-union activism, and thinks she should get her job back.

Robinson was fired on Jan. 4 for infractions on Dec. 5. Infractions included “insubordinate behavior [“foul language” directed at a supervisor] and violation of the zero-tolerance electronic device [cell phone] policy,” according to her termination letter.

According to Robinson: While standing outside her bus during a layover between runs, she argued on the phone with a dispatcher about her bus’ positioning relative to another bus at her location. Her bus was parked, without passengers, idling to keep warm. She re-entered her bus upset from the phone call she’d just had, plus other mounting tensions, and took



DATA SOURCE: OCT. 10, 2018 DASH BOARD MEETING PACKAGE, WWW.DASHBUS.COM/EVENTS/ATC-BOARD-DIRECTORS-MEETINGS.

DASH is second from the bottom [among six regional competitors] in starting pay rate, 20-year average rate, and 20-year earning potential,” according to an October presentation by DASH General Manager Josh Baker to DASH’s board of directors. The median and average equivalent hourly wages for all occupations in the metropolitan region are \$26.11 and \$33.74, according to the Bureau of Labor’s most recent Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates.

out her phone to call the dispatcher back. But she changed her mind and put her phone away before making the call. She didn’t follow the dispatcher’s instruction to reposition her bus because the other bus had already pulled away, and so “there was no need.”

Company’s policy prohibits using phones “while on and operating” a bus. Though Boos thinks other drivers commonly use their phones while onboard a stopped bus on a cold day. Usually management would “look the other way,” but “they didn’t look the other way for her,” he said. He believes “100 percent” that her firing was retaliatory. “The whole concern with phones, on paper, is safety. ... If it’s really a safety concern, how do you wait a month to fire somebody for it? You basically view them as a ticking time bomb, but you let them roll around the streets for a month? That doesn’t make any sense.”

Even though she makes more money in her new job driving for a Metrobus contractor, Robinson wants her DASH job back.

“I was born and raised here in the city. I rode DASH all of my life. ... I know these streets and I know the people,” she said.

Baker declined to comment on specific personnel issues, but denied any retaliation, saying: “If I

ever was to find a case where an individual was retaliated against, regardless of the reason, ... I would take swift and immediate action.”

PERCEIVED MANAGEMENT INFRINGEMENT

Townsend wants a fuller investigation into Baker’s use of American Labor Group, a labor relations consulting firm, leading up to November’s unionization vote. Baker hired the firm for “legal representation” (costing \$16,200) and to provide “educational consulting activities” (costing \$28,800) to DASH employees, according to a Nov. 27 memo. But Townsend and others believes the consultants were really “union busters” brought in to thwart the unionization effort.

“It is my personal opinion that we have absolutely no need for a union here,” said Baker in an Nov. 4 memo to all bus operators. Nevertheless, “I am confident that the group we hired is committed to providing you with unbiased, neutral information and does not engage in persuasion,” he said subsequently.

Services listed on American Labor Group’s web site include “direct union avoidance;” “employee card-signing mitigation;” and “counter-union organizing drives”

designed to “help [employees] reach the conclusion on their own that the union’s sales pitch is not what it’s cracked up to be.”

But Baker said he hired the firm only to help clarify labor law and answer questions. He terminated the firm’s services on Nov. 10, after learning of a negative perception about the firm’s activities, he said.

“Those [advertised services] were not the services I asked for. ... I was very clear with them, I am OK if the union is here. And I think I made that very clear when I let them go,” he said. He didn’t attend any presentations the consultants gave to groups of employees prior to the November unionization vote, saying, “my very presence would have been coercive.”

Boos, Robinson, and veteran drivers Charles Barrett and Lonnell Glover all believe they were deliberately excluded from these presentations. Boos thinks the presentations intended to “pick off the more the more vulnerable, more swayable drivers,” and to keep out drivers favorable toward the union. Barrett thinks “they knew whom to approach with this, and they knew whom not to approach,” including “several senior guys.”

“The vote tells the story. ... If in fact that’s what was happening, it was totally ineffective,” said Baker. “I terminated their services long before they had the chance to meet with every driver.”

American Labor Group declined to comment, citing attorney-client privilege.

At the time, various public officials expressed concerns about perceived infringements on DASH drivers’ right to organize. They include then councilpersons-elect Mohamed “Mo” Seifeldein, Elizabeth Bennett-Parker, Amy Jackson, Canek Aguirre; then School Board member-elect Michelle Rief; state Del. Mark Levine (D-45); and U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8).

In a letter to DASH drivers the day before their unionization vote, Beyer said: “I am aware of and appalled at the unjust treatment of DASH bus employees by management. ... You should have the freedom to form a union and negotiate higher wage and benefits, without fearing consequences from your employer. Unions are a key piece of our economic recovery. They ensure that working people have a voice in discussions over work conditions, and they play an important role in the long-term debate about how we structure our economy so that benefits are shared more equitably. ... I will fight efforts to undermine workers’ rights and I stand with you in these endeavors.”

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City Council Public Hearing. 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chamber (2nd floor), 301 King St. City staff have completed an evaluation of the Residential Pay by Phone Pilot Program. Staff will recommend making the program permanent and expanding the program area so that residents on blocks throughout the city near metered areas are eligible to petition for Residential Pay by Phone parking. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/ParkingStudies for more.

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lican Speaker of the House will likely become governor and will preside with a one or two vote margin in the General Assembly. And, if that scenario occurs, I have no doubt that among one of the new governor's first orders of business would be to repeal or at least significantly marginalize the expansion of the Medicaid program.

It's important to remember that Governor Northam almost single-handedly was responsible for the enactment of Medicaid Expansion, which will bring comprehensive health insurance to more than 200,000 very low-income African Americans in the Commonwealth (including a few thousand in the City of Alexandria). Repealing or marginalizing Medicaid Expansion, in my mind, would represent a far greater affront to the dignity, the value and the hopes of the African American community than Northam's shameful, ignorant and, yes, racist affront 35 years ago by applying black shoe polish on his face.

Finally, it's worth pointing out that Alexandria's own reputation remains somewhat "blackfaced" as long as the "Lost Cause" Confederate statue remains in the middle of a major thoroughfare in Old

Town and our only public high school — the largest one in the Commonwealth — still bears the name of a segregationist.

Richard Merritt
Alexandria

Remember Washington's Knight

To the Editor:

Fisher Ames (1758-1808), the great orator of Massachusetts, made a decisive speech favoring the controversial 1796 Jay Treaty. His winning its adoption saved Washington from a major political defeat, and earned him the President's gratitude — an invitation to Mt. Vernon.

Republicans in the House of Representatives were holding up the appropriation to fund the unpopular treaty. Washington desperately wanted this treaty with England which would open their ports to trade with us, end the Royal Navy's interdiction of American ships, and get England finally to complete the terms of the peace treaty of 1783. At the close of his Presidency, this treaty would vindicate his policy of neutrality be-

tween England and France who were at war. However, Republicans opposed it because of their sympathies to France for helping America win our war of independence, and the fact Jay did not get Britain to complete all the terms of the 1783 peace.

After a month's deadlock Ames, the last to speak, essentially argued the Constitution. The "President and the Senate are the agents and instruments of treaties." Congressmen are not elected to work in this province, but have to support the Senate's and Executive's treaty efforts like they support our legislations, he said. "The treaty is the promise of a nation," he continued, and spoke of all the accomplishments of the United States. He declared the treaty (while not perfect), was a chance for America to gain respect in the world. Many present became emotional at his putting America on par with the great nations of Europe. "I see no exception to the respect that is paid among nations to the Law of Good Faith." It was unlike anything heard before in the Congress. One Supreme Court Justice exclaimed: "Bless my stars! I never heard anything so great since I was born!" Vice President Adams re

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Obituary



William Hanford Knotts known to many as Bill or Pop Bill was a resident of Opp, Alabama when he passed away at the age of 86 on Monday 12/31/2018 at Mizell Memorial Hospital.

A son of Everett and Nellie Knotts he was born on the 5th of July 1932 in Mannheim, WV and grew up in the town of Grafton as one of 11 siblings. He met the love of his life Emma Gean Knotts at a carnival in Ft. Walton Beach Florida while he was stationed at Eglin Air Force Base. They married in Crestview Florida on the 9th of June 1952 and proceeded to start a family with 4 children (Carol, William L., Debra and Rebecca), 5 grandchildren (Kerry, Brad, Erik, Paul and Tina) and 14 great-grandchildren.

William proudly served our country for over 40 years in the Air Force and working for the Department of Defense. During this time, he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting. He loved traveling the country with Emma to spend time with family. While at home he spent time gardening, watching birds and butterflies. He will be laid to rest with his loving wife of 65 years in Arlington National Cemetery on February 15th, 2019 at 1:00PM.

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So Far, So Good



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

This column will be the definition of premature.

After subjecting you regular readers to multiple columns discussing my anxiety – and fear – about the potential/presumptive and possibly debilitating and life-changing/life-ending side effects of immunotherapy, I am here to say that after my first pair of bi-weekly infusions – occurring over the past three weeks, I am no worse for the experience.

I'm feeling better than I felt while undergoing chemotherapy: No eating issues, less fatigue, less shortness of breath and more energy. The only caveat to this emptor is whether the infusions are actually shrinking my Adam's Apple tumor, which was the primary reason for making the medicine change we did.

Now whether the side effects are still coming; I certainly don't know, but should they still be on the way, I can't help but wonder: Will they change the quality of my life – for the worse? Because, for the bi-weekly moment, I am less impacted by my treatment than I have been for years.

I can't say with any degree of certainty however, or recall what my oncologist might have said concerning the likely onset of the "over 30 percent report some side effects" as the reprint from "chemocare.com" indicated. Generally speaking, my oncologist would rather not discuss future scenarios: What happens when? What do we do if? When do we do what? And so I don't ask nearly as many questions as I used to.

It's not that I'm less curious, it's that I'm more experienced. And I have learned through my experience, that part of being a cancer patient is unfortunately, waiting and seeing – and of course, hoping. Talking/anticipating/being told what to expect is helpful – up to a point.

The point which is most helpful is when something actually happens. Knowing what to expect is less important than knowing what to do/how to manage expectations should they manifest. It may be something or it may be nothing. Trying not to make matters worse is the key.

Being a cancer patient/survivor is a series of challenges – both emotional and physical. Finding a stride in which you can take the ups and downs and all-arounds will help you live life in the cancer lane. And just because the road is bumpy, doesn't preclude you from smoothing it out.

Actions and reactions, plan "A" and plan "B" are par for the course. So be grateful for today because tomorrow the course may play much more difficult. Being positive about the negative offers the path of least resistance.

Today, I am not experiencing any side effects, thankfully.

"Tomorrow" however, as Scarlet O'Hara said at the end of "Gone With The Wind," "is another day." Worrying, as I had been admitting to in previous columns, about something which as yet had not happened, is especially unhelpful and wastes precious time.

As a cancer patient, there's plenty of actual bad news, generally, so there's no benefit is rushing it along. Let it happen naturally, or not at all; and occasionally, you might be pleasantly surprised, as three weeks into my new immunotherapy regimen, I am, as what side effects I anticipated/feared have not affected.

I realize I'm probably early in assessing the likely side effects of my treatment but, for the time being, I can find some peace and quiet; and when you're a cancer patient diagnosed originally as "terminal," "peace and quiet" is never to be taken for granted.

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SSA Gala

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andria Wayfinding Committee; ACPS 2020 Stakeholders Committee; First Thursdays; Del Ray Home tours and many more.

Jen has long provided critical support for wide range of events, organizations, and entities. They include Art on the Avenue, First Night Alexandria, Alive!, Senior Services of Alexandria, Alexandria Police Foundation, Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Northern Virginia Aids Ministries, National Rebuilding Day, Kelly Cares, and the Miracle Field.

For more than 20 years, Jen has made significant contributions to Alexandria communities and beyond. Jen Walker's name is synonymous with community, and she has earned incredible respect from her peers and Alexandria residents for her generosity. From starting Cinema Del Ray to mysteriously spreading a message of kindness throughout Alexandria with her signs, it is simply natural for Jen to give back. Jen Walker is first a philanthropist and community leader, and second a homes specialist. Jen has been involved in countless charitable community organizations and leadership roles in Alexandria all while helping clients buy or sell their homes.

SSA's Annual Gala takes place Saturday, March 16 at the Westin Alexandria beginning at 6 p.m. with a cocktail reception, silent auction and raffle followed by dinner and dancing until 10 p.m. To purchase tickets go to seniorservicesalex.org or for more information about the Gala call Cassie Chesson, SSA's Development Director at 703-836-4414, ext. 114 or email development@seniorservicesalex.org.

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plied: "Divine! ... Tears enough were shed."

This speech, extemporaneously delivered for an hour and a half, turned nine Republicans to vote with the Federalists. When President Washington later got a copy said: "In the opinion of most that heard it delivered or have read it since, his reasoning is unanswerable."

About to leave Philadelphia, Washington rewarded Ames by inviting him to dinner at the President's Mansion. Neither recorded that dinner conversation, but Washington sent a note to his manager at Mt. Vernon directing he "have a few Bottles of Porter there and some wine for particular company ... among these Mr. Aimes [sic] will, I expect, be one ... and is one I wish well treated while he stays."

Washington had a true friend in young Fisher Ames and likely hosted the "Cicero of New England" at Mt. Vernon when Ames traveled here in 1796. No local records have yet surfaced chronicling a stop in Alexandria, but it is known he came through Georgetown, and it can be deduced he used the road that came through Alexandria on his way to Mr. Vernon. Perhaps a record will yet appear in this town? Let's remember Washington's knight: Fisher Ames.

Harold Knudsen
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