

Man charged with murder Tuesday in South Alfred Street homicide

George McGee II, 22, charged in slaying and robbery of Melaku Abraha

BY CHRIS TEALE

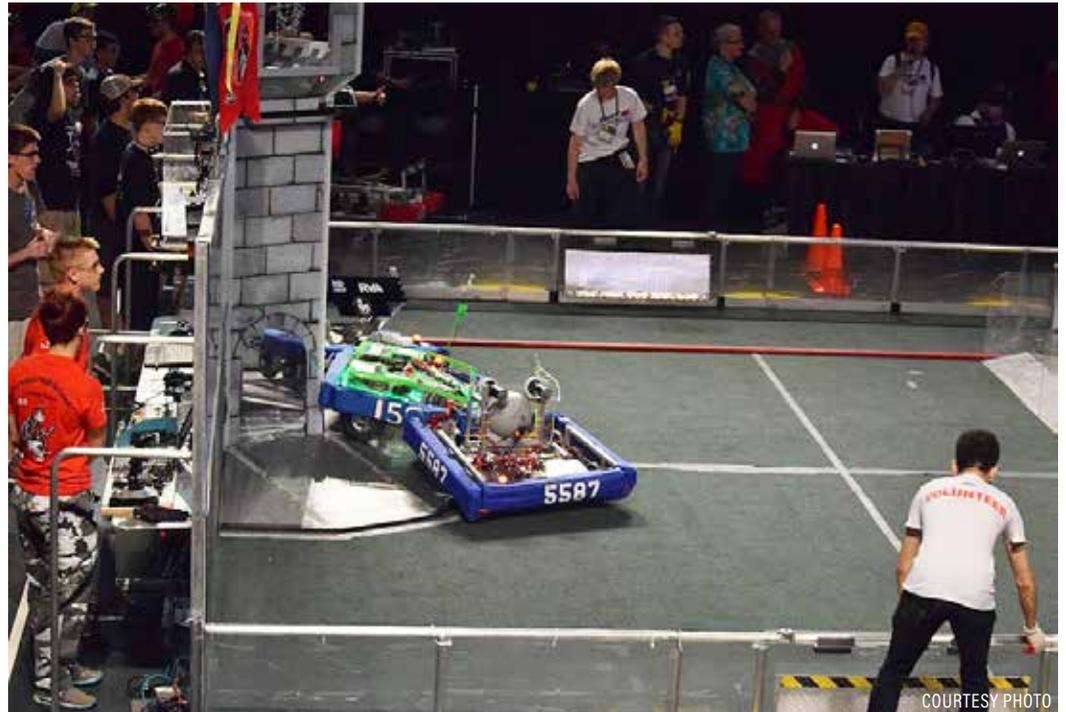
The Alexandria Police Department announced late Tuesday it has charged a suspect in connection with the slaying of Melaku Abraha on the 200 block of S. Alfred St.

George McGee II, 22, of Capitol Heights, Md., was charged with murder and robbery, and is being held without bond in Prince George's County. Abraha was robbed and assaulted on March 28, then died of his injuries in a local hospital April 1.

"As always, I am impressed by the hard work of our Alexandria Police Department detectives and their unwavering commitment to the victim and his family," said Police Chief Earl Cook in a statement. "Their dedication resulted in an arrest in less than two weeks. I would also like to thank the Prince George's County Police Department for their assistance in arresting the suspect."

Department spokeswoman Crystal Nosal did not have a timeline for when McGee will be extradited to Alexandria.

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The T.C. Williams robotics team's robot (No. 5587) competes in the FIRST Robotics Chesapeake District Championships. In just the second year of the program, the Titans are ranked No. 44 out of 132 high schools in the area.

T.C. Williams robotics team kicks into high gear

In program's second year, Titans make strides in regional and district competitions

BY CHRIS TEALE

After just two years in existence, the T.C. Williams High School robotics team seems set for greatness, having finished second in a regional tournament and competed in district competition April 7-9.

The team is made up of 21 current and former science, technology, engineering and math students at the school involved in a wide variety of areas like programming, electrics and

building. They are coached and mentored by local resident Dan Solomon, managing director of media company Litton Entertainment in D.C. Team members do their work on weekends at Tech Shop, a maker space in Crystal City.

Teams are given six weeks to design, build and test robots in a contest that changes each year. The competition is organized by international youth organization For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology. There are two core values at its heart: gracious professionalism

that embraces respect amid competition and so-called "coopetition," which emphasizes both cooperation and competition between teams simultaneously.

Alliances at tournaments are formed between three teams, who each bring a robot to competition. A game is between two alliances, and last two minutes and 30 seconds, with alliances competing together throughout tournaments.

The Titans compete in the Chesapeake District against

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COURTESY PHOTO

ACPS CELEBRATES ITS BEST Alexandria City Public Schools honored Patrick Henry Elementary School principal Ingrid Bynum as principal of the year on Monday. Bynum helped Patrick Henry regain full accreditation last year for the first time in three years, and has been principal since 2012. She is one of two ACPS educator finalists for The Washington Post's 2016 principal and teacher of the year. To learn more about the other finalist, **SEE PAGE 3.**





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ACPS CELEBRATES ITS BEST Alexandria City Public Schools honored T.C. Williams history teacher Molly Freitag (second from right) as the school system's teacher of the year. Freitag teaches AP World History, and was instrumental in bringing U.S. Rep. John Lewis to speak at the school earlier this year, among other accomplishments. She is a finalist for The Washington Post's 2016 teacher of the year also.

Volunteer Alexandria announces philanthropy award winners

City volunteer organization Volunteer Alexandria announced Monday the winners of its philanthropy and community awards, which will be presented May 3 at the 18th annual Alexandria Business Philanthropy Summit.

Ray Crowell, a U.S. Air Force veteran, was named 2016 Outstanding Veteran of the Year for his commitment to helping veterans build sustainable and scalable businesses, while Whole Foods Market Old Town was named 2016

Large Business Philanthropist of the Year for its work to help end city hunger.

Port City Brewing Company founder Bill Butcher was named the 2016 Small Business Philanthropist of the Year, and The Campagna Center president and CEO Tammy Mann was named 2016 Non-profit Leader of the Year. Finally, ALIVE! board member Cheryl Malloy was honored as 2016 Nonprofit Board Leader of the Year.

"Alexandria has so many

wonderful philanthropists and we are incredibly pleased to have such an accomplished and distinguished group of awardees again," said Volunteer Alexandria executive director Marion Brunken in a statement.

The summit will feature a keynote address by U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Bob McDonald. It is the first of three "Spring for Alexandria" events in May, including two community service days.

- Chris Teale

Times honored at Virginia Press Association awards

The Alexandria Times took home several prizes at the Virginia Press Association's annual awards, held April 9 in Richmond.

Publisher Denise Dunbar won first place for column writing, while the entire staff won third-place in the speciality pages or sections category for its October 21, 2015 voter guide.

Times design and production director Jennifer Powell won two prizes for advertising design: a second-place finish in the fashion and personal care category and third place in the food and drug category.

The VPA awards take place every year during the association's annual conference. - Times staff



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From left to right: Times publisher Denise Dunbar, staff reporter and photographer Chris Teale, design and production director Jennifer Powell and editor-in-chief Erich Wagner.

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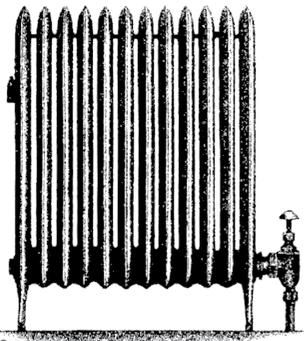
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CRIME

Police announce overall crime reduction in 2015

The Alexandria Police Department announced Wednesday that major crimes dropped by 2.4 percent overall in 2015, while the homicide rate remained flat.

According to the statistics released April 7, the city's homicide rate remained unchanged from 2014 at four. The city saw a 10.5 percent drop in the number of burglaries reported in 2015, as well as a 4 percent drop in larcenies, accounting for most of the overall crime reduction.

"The personal safety of

each and every resident and visitor of Alexandria is paramount to our mission," said Police Chief Earl Cook in a statement. "Our commitment to community engagement has been and will continue to be a priority for myself and the men and women of the Alexandria Police Department. These crime statistics show that we can engage the community in new ways and still continue to reduce criminal incidents."

One concerning number to come out of the 2015 sta-

tistics was a significant uptick in the number of aggravated assaults investigated by police. The department reported 148 aggravated assaults in 2015, compared with only 104 in 2014, an increase of 42.3 percent. And the number of rapes reported increased from 15 in 2014 to 19 last year.

In other categories, the number of robberies remained flat at 139 cases, while police investigated 254 auto thefts, up one from 2014's 253 cases.

- Erich Wagner

Three males stage armed robbery near Commonwealth Avenue

The Alexandria Police Department is investigating an armed robbery that took place Sunday evening near Commonwealth Avenue and East Maple Street.

Officers responded to the area at approximately 10:30

p.m. April 10 after reports of a robbery. Police spokeswoman Crystal Nosal said three male suspects brandished a firearm and stole personal items from the victim. Nosal had no further details on the suspects or the victim as of

press time, except that there were no injuries.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Alexandria Police Department's non-emergency number at 703-746-4444.

- Chris Teale

POLICE BEAT

The following incidents occurred between April 6 and April 13.



*Editor's note: Police reports are not considered public information in Virginia. The Alexandria Police Department is not required to supply the public at large with detailed information on criminal cases.

Source: raidsonline.com

Third suspect indicted in Beverley Park homicide

Two other defendants await court hearings

BY ERICH WAGNER

The third suspect accused in the death of a man found last November in Beverley Park in the North Ridge neighborhood was formally indicted Monday in connection with the crime.

Alexandria Commonwealth's Attorney Bryan Porter announced Tuesday that a grand jury handed down a two-count indictment against Reinaldo Mauricio Portillo Membrano, charging him with first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder. At 17 years old, Portillo Membrano is a juvenile, but Porter said he will be tried as an adult.

On November 9, 2015, Alexandria police found Jose Luis Ferman Perez dead in the park commonly referred to as "The Pit." On January 13, police announced they had arrested three suspects in connection with the crime, and said the slaying was "gang-related," meaning that it was allegedly committed by members of a gang, but not gang-motivated. That term refers to a crime committed "in the furtherance of gang activities."

Although investigators have not clarified the nature of Ferman Perez's death aside from describing his wounds as "upper body trauma," officials with the Virginia medical examiner's office said last December that he had suffered chop and stab wounds to his head and neck.

Porter said he could not provide additional information about Ferman Perez's death or speak about any evidence, citing the pending legal cases, but in a statement he seemed to dispel speculation that the actual homicide occurred somewhere other than the well-loved park.

"On April 11, 2016, the Grand Jury for the City of Alexandria handed down a two-count indictment against Reinaldo Mauricio Portillo Membrano, alleging that Mr. Portillo Membrano murdered



FILE PHOTO

Alexandria Commonwealth's Attorney Bryan Porter announced Tuesday that a grand jury had indicted a third suspect in connection with the slaying of Jose Luis Ferman Perez in Beverley Park last November. Reinaldo Mauricio Portillo Membrano is charged with first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder in the case.

Jose Luis Ferman Perez in Beverley Park on or about November 8, 2015," Porter wrote.

As Portillo Membrano awaits trial, the cases against two other suspects accused in Ferman Perez's slaying continue to move forward. Alvaro Saenz Castro, 21, of Alexandria, was charged with first-degree murder, and Porter said he "has agreed to plead guilty" at a hearing on June 23. But Porter noted that circumstances could change between now and then.

And 17-year-old Leidi Granados Gutierrez, who was 16 at the time of the crime but also charged as an adult, pleaded guilty to one count of destroying physical evidence of a felony on February 11. She is scheduled for sentencing on April 28 and faces a maximum of five years in prison.

The news comes months after police announced arrests in this case and in that of Eduardo David Chandias Almendarez, who was found dead in Four Mile Run Park last December. Police charged Edwin Alexander Guerreo Umana, 18, of Arlington in connection with that crime.

Ferman Perez and Almendarez's deaths sparked a discussion of gang activity in Alexandria. Although police said the two crimes were not

connected, they confirmed that all suspects except Gutierrez were affiliated with the notorious MS-13 gang.

Alexandria Police Chief Earl Cook said after the suspects' arrests that gang activity is a problem across the D.C. region, and that while some gang members live in Alexandria, officers have



FILE PHOTO

strived to ensure gang-related crimes do not occur here.

"It's a regional issue, and it's a regional issue meaning the eastern seaboard, but certainly in our region, the [National Capitol Region]," Cook said at the time. "We have a tremendous problem right now with gang violence, and we've seen it increase tremendously, and now it has visited the city of Alexandria, which only says none of us are immune from it."

Porter said a trial date has not yet been set for Portillo Membrano, but will be chosen by April 21.

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She said he is being held under a fugitive from justice warrant, meaning he is wanted to face charges in another jurisdiction.

Nosal said McGee is the only suspect wanted in connection with this case.

Mayor Allison Silberberg

paid tribute to Abraha at city council's legislative meeting Tuesday night. She said he was a 15-year resident of Old Town and went for a walk in his neighborhood every evening. Silberberg mentioned that one of his daughters is set to be married in May.

"Certainly our thoughts

and prayers go out to the whole Abraha family and the large community that he touched," she said. "He was certainly a man of the people."

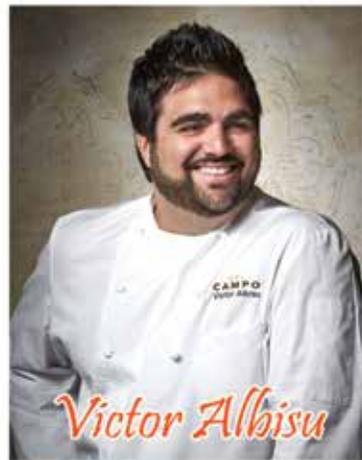
The slaying shocked a primarily residential section of South Alfred Street, close to the Alfred Street Baptist Church across the intersection of Duke



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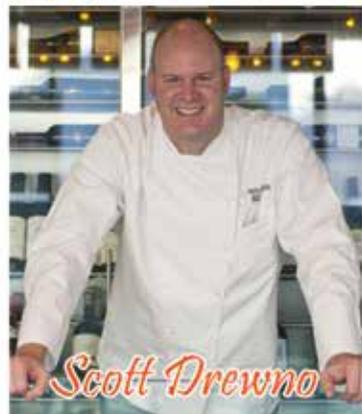
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and South Alfred streets.

At around 9:33 p.m. on March 28, officers responded to the report of an assault in the area. Upon arriving, they found the 69-year-old city resident Abraha suffering from a head injury yet conscious and conversant.

Abraha was taken to a local hospital, and investigators later determined he was assaulted during the course of a robbery. After the incident, the victim's condition deteriorated and he died April 1.

Neighbors told ABC7 and FOX5 at the time that they heard a noise, and after coming outside, they saw Abraha lying on the ground. Family friend Genet Mulugenat Ima told ABC7 that Abraha had walked to an ATM nearby, and that his attackers watched him withdraw money.

"Then they followed him, beat him. He was down and lost a lot of blood," Ima told reporters.

Friend and neighbor Jerusalem Shimeles told ABC7 at the time the homicide was unexpected, especially as Abraha was well liked.

"I don't know who did this

to him," Shimeles said. "Last time we had a big snow, he is the guy who helped us shovel. He'll be missed; he's a really nice guy."

The slaying was the first homicide in Alexandria in 2016. There were four homicides last year. On December 4, 22-year-old Eduard David Chandias Almendarez was found dead in Four Mile Run Park, then on November 9, Jose Luis Ferman Perez, 24, was found dead in Beverley Park with head and neck wounds. Leon Williams, 37, was shot and killed October 7 on Belle Pre Way, and Shakkan Elliot-Tibbs, 22, of Woodbridge was shot and killed July 2 along the 700 block of N. Fayette St.

In January, police officials announced arrests in connection with the killings of Almendarez and Perez. The murders of Williams and Elliot-Tibbs remain unsolved.

The Alexandria Police Department asks that anyone with further information about this incident contact Detective Bikeramjit Gill at 703-746-6751.

LONG LIVE YOU

Foods for a healthy life

BY DR. VIVEK SINHA

Around 2,000 years ago, a Greek physician named Hippocrates — also known as the “Father of Modern Medicine” — made the proclamation, “Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food.”

This statement is as relevant today as it was back then. Essentially, it means that food affects our bodies; our bodies affect our minds; and, in turn, our minds affect our bodies.

One of the most significant ways that food affects our bodies is through inflammation. Inflammation is our body's normal response to injury, but problems arise when inflammation occurs without injury.

There has been tremendous research that shows if we can reduce the abnormal inflam-

mation in our bodies, certain disease processes will be improved. Cancer, heart disease, and arthritis are just a few of the disease processes that are linked to inappropriate or excess inflammation.

There are four main methods that I advise my patients to assist their body with reducing inflammation: exercise, acupuncture, massage and dietary changes. Exercise like walking, biking and Tai Chi also have added benefits of stimulating the brain, strengthening the bones and improving cardiovascular function.

Acupuncture is a traditional Chinese healing technique of stimulating pressure points in the body. Very thin needles are inserted into certain points in the body, which then are left

there for minutes or hours. This increases blood flow and releases endorphins — feel good hormones. Massage eases muscle tension and relieves the stress that can cause joints to stiffen.

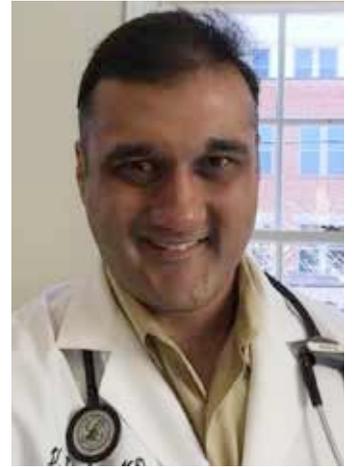
In addition to the above methods for inflammation reduction, diet also plays a major role. There are foods that can increase the inflammatory process and foods that help reduce it. The foods one should avoid include processed foods, canned goods, foods high in sugar and saturated fat. All of these can cause spikes in blood sugar, fluid retention and elevated blood pressure, which lead to increased inflammation within the body.

I often tell my patients, the fresher the food you eat, the better your overall health will be.

All of this begs the question — what are the healthy foods that can also help reduce the inflammatory process in the body? Luckily, there are many easily accessible foods that we can eat to drastically improve our overall health and well being.

Fish: Salmon, mackerel, tuna and sardines are all high in omega-3 fatty acids and a great source of vitamin D. Fish has been proven to decrease risk for cardiovascular disease, improve skin and hair, boost brain development in younger children and decrease the overall risk for developing dementia. Do not fry it, however.

Whole grains: Brown rice, steel cut oats and quinoa are all examples of foods high in fiber. Fiber is digested slowly, so it prevents the body



Dr. Vivek Sinha

from experiencing blood sugar spikes, which can lead to inflammation build-up in the body.

Dark leafy greens: Kale, spinach, broccoli and collard greens are all excellent sources of vitamin E. Vitamin E plays a major role in decreasing the inflammatory markers that are present in our body. In addition,

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Ever since Baja Fresh opened, this eatery has been focused on not only providing fresh, reasonably priced food, but also helping local schools and nonprofits.

Baja Fresh has a number of different ways and means of assisting charities in raising funds.

They host "spirit" days, where a portion of the proceeds goes to a specific school or charity. Other times, Baja Fresh offers coupons for nonprofits to sell or give away. Nonprofits also embrace the Baja Fresh party packs, which feature fresh Tex-Mex cuisine with napkins and cutlery included and make it easy to offer food at a fundraiser. Contact Baja Fresh directly to learn more about the choices and how the restaurant can assist with raising money for a good cause.

Meanwhile, just a short distance away, Dishes of India is also community minded. For almost 20 years, Dishes of India has been hired as a regular provider of beautifully presented, delicious party platters for nonprofit events.

The Bhatt family, which owns the restaurant, has been a stalwart supporter of several Alexandria nonprofits, including Stop Child Abuse Now, the Alexandria Rotary Club's Taste of Giving event, which raises money for their grant programs, and the Carpenter's Shelter cook-off to help the homeless.

The next Carpenter's Shel-

ter cook-off is April 24, and Dishes of India will be one of the 20 restaurants helping raise funds for 750 of Alexandria's homeless and formerly homeless women, men and children.

"We appreciate our generous, loyal customers, who are involved with lots of charities with good causes," said

co-owner Naresh Bhatt. "As a family, through Dishes of India we like to give back by helping some of these charities that assist the less fortunate."

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Ethics commission presents draft pledge

City attorney to review proposal, further discussion to follow

BY CHRIS TEALE

City council unanimously accepted the Ad Hoc Code of Conduct Review Committee's draft code of conduct and ethics pledge at its legislative meeting Tuesday night. City attorney James Banks now will undertake a legal review of the documents before they are docketed for a public hearing in the future.

Council formed the committee in late January, fulfilling one of Mayor Allison Silberberg's major campaign pledges and setting in motion more discussions on ethics and transparency. City councilors each appointed a member, while City Manager Mark Jinks had two selections to the nine-member panel.

Committee chairman George Foote explained to councilors in a presentation that there were two options for its recommendations: have the code of conduct be compliance-based and filled with rules, or be values-based to give city leaders something to aspire to. Foote said the committee chose the latter option, given the strong ethical framework already in place.

"You don't wait until your car breaks down until you take it in for a tune-up," he said.

Councilors were broadly in agreement that the code of conduct represents a good start to what is already a strong ethical foundation in city government.

"I think we are certainly a leader in this area, and I think we should continue to extend that leadership," said Vice Mayor Justin Wilson.

Foote said the committee left council to decide on a number of issues that had been discussed in January, including a complaints procedure for citizens to raise their ethical concerns and how those complaints would be acted upon. Foote added

that the committee did not make any recommendations on how to encourage public participation, but that the appointment of an ethics officer or ombudsman might be a solution that council could consider.

Part of the code of conduct makes a distinction between the appearance of a conflict of interest and the existence of a conflict of interest, while the ethics pledge only makes mention of the appearance of a conflict. City Councilor Tim Lovain said that consistency was key in this area, with which Foote and his colleagues agreed.

The committee recommended that all members of the city's boards and commissions sign the ethics pledge, along with city councilors, the city manager, city attorney and city clerk. Wilson took issue with the desire to see board and commission members sign the pledge, but Silberberg said she saw no issue with the need to sign. Wilson said that as some boards and commissions are constituted under Virginia law and have their own pledges, the Dillon Rule may prevent further layers.

The code of conduct provides for councilors to lead education sessions on ethics and transparent governance at least once a year at a school or in discussion at a community group meeting.

City Councilor Paul Smedberg raised concerns that he and his colleagues may not be qualified to lead such discussions as they are not ethics professionals, but Foote said it was all part of a wider plan.

"You wrestle every day with ethical problems large and small," he said. "It's a matter of just fostering the culture of ethics."

As part of that community outreach, councilors are asked under the draft pledge to go out

and discuss ethical governance specifically with residents. City Councilor John Chapman said he wanted to ensure it did not take precedent over other issues facing the city.

"I just wouldn't want to see the major themes in the community be overtaken by [ethics]," he said. "I would want to see them side by side."

City Councilor Willie Bailey said councilors set the example through their actions on the dais, while he said he had no problem with going out into the community.

"The best way I can facilitate [discussion] is I got elected to city council, and I'm going to lead by example," he said.

Another suggestion was

to have an award be given to an individual who exhibits particularly ethical behavior. City Councilor Del Pepper said it was a good idea to reward a student or young person, while Chapman said it should be treated more like a lifetime achievement award that recognizes a long record of ethical actions.

Banks now will undertake a full legal review of the draft code of conduct and ethics pledge before it returns to council for further discussion and a public hearing. The committee's work is now officially over, although Foote and his fellow members expressed a willingness to consult with officials on an informal basis

as the code evolves.

Councilors praised the committee's work, which met four times in the space of three weeks in March and studied codes of ethics from across the country as well as numerous scholarly works on the subject. Foote emphasized that the work is just beginning.

"Our studies have revealed many practices across the country that promote good and inclusive government through sustained attention to ethical conduct and ethics education and advice," Foote wrote in a letter to council. "We urge you to continue to explore these practices along with regular attention to the terms of the code of conduct."

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more than 100 local high schools, and last month finished second out of 40 teams in the FIRST Robotics Greater D.C. regional competition at Walt Whitman High School.

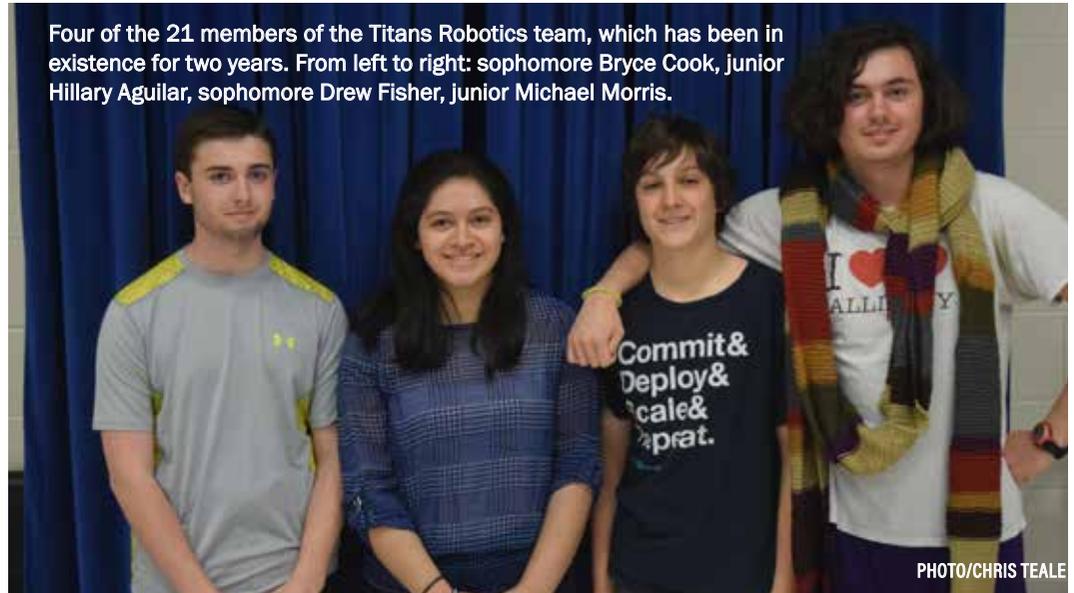
That took T.C. to the Chesapeake District Championships at the Xfinity Center at the University of Maryland, where it struggled due to communications issues with its robot. De-

spite the loss, the team is now ranked No. 44 out of 132 in the district, and members have dreams of a berth in the world championships if it can achieve further success next season.

The process of building, designing and competing is something that several team members said excited them, especially as it has very tangible results.

“Most of the things I do in school, when I finish the assignment I just see a number or

Four of the 21 members of the Titans Robotics team, which has been in existence for two years. From left to right: sophomore Bryce Cook, junior Hillary Aguilar, sophomore Drew Fisher, junior Michael Morris.



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a grade, and that's all there is,” said sophomore Drew Fisher, one of the team's programmers. “There's no end product that I can be proud of. But with robotics, I can see all the work I've done. I can see all the work I've done with other people, and we have something that started out as a pile of metal pieces and it ends up being able to do a lot of really cool stuff.”

At the district tournament, the game was entitled “FIRST Stronghold,” a medieval theme that required alliances to breach their opponent's outer defenses

and weaken their castle tower by catapulting plastic boulders into various targets. The outer defenses changed with each bout through audience selection. Points were scored for getting through those outer defenses and for scoring hits with boulders, while each alliance had to defend its own castle.

But building a robot is about so much more than the physical specimen, as several students are involved in the business side of operations. Sophomore Bryce Cook looked to raise money to fund the team, which operated on a budget of around \$14,000 this year to fund tournament entry fees and other expenses.

Next year, Cook said he anticipates needing around \$30,000 to cover entry to more high-profile events. The business team reaches out to local businesses, city council and the chamber of commerce for funds, and has plenty of other factors to consider in marketing.

“They code the robot and build it, but it's up to the business team to make the money and get the money,” Cook said. “We send emails, we do marketing, and we have to think of how we want our robotics team to look as far as logos and T-shirts. We have to think about what we want to bring to competition, if we want to bring pins or brochures.”

The programming side presents its own challenges, especially as the code needs

constant attention to ensure the robot functions as desired.

“With FIRST, I've been able to not only bring it in and make it real, I've been able to sort through so many different styles of programming, different ways of approaching a challenge, because the code I wrote for the robot wasn't actually what I would consider finished until last Friday at district championships,” said junior Michael Morris, another programmer. “It was very much an iterative process. It's a very trying process.”

Meanwhile, safety is a key point of emphasis at competitions. Junior Hillary Aguilar is one of those responsible for the team's safety training both before and at competitions, with a safety manual provided to teams outlining how to stay safe.

Beyond building robots and making them work, team members have learned other valuable lessons they feel will stand them in good stead for the future.

“One of the most important things is that FIRST is more than robots,” said Fisher. “There's the whole business aspect of it, and then there's all these different things that go together in order to make this competition that seems to be centered around robots, but it's really about working with other people, and it all prepares you for how it's going to be in your life when you work for some company and you need to work with someone else.”

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Officials firm up details on broadband Internet initiative

Project to cost around \$8 million, council to vote on funding in budget sessions
BY CHRIS TEALE

Alexandria's efforts to improve its broadband Internet and cable television offerings made progress last month, as a budget memo released by city staff revealed more details about the proposal.

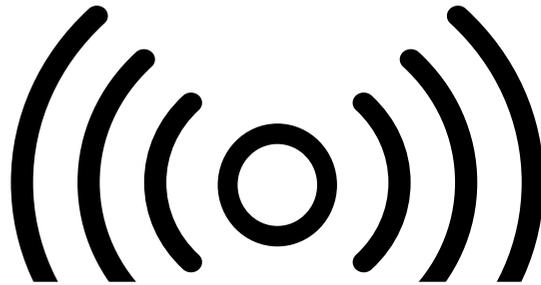
The city issued a request for information last summer and received 10 responses, all from companies in the private sector. Officials look likely to replicate what has been done in neighboring jurisdictions and build a fiber optic network to connect city facilities like schools, libraries and recreation centers.

Private companies then would be able to rent use of the fiber infrastructure and provide service to residential and commercial users through a public-private partnership.

"The idea is that we're doing some of the work for them, hence the private partnership angle of this, so they don't have to build from scratch," said Vice Mayor Justin Wilson. "Then they're going and providing the service directly to consumers."

The price tag for the project is around \$8 million, according to a budget memo sent by city staff on March 23. That number is based on what Michael Stewart, the city's deputy finance director, said were rough architectural assumptions on how the more than 80 city facilities can be connected, the amount of cable required and the cost to dig up the road and install it.

Stewart said the price could change in the future, depending on how the price of fiber optic cable fluctuates, but that it was arrived at in part by see-



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– Vice Mayor Justin Wilson

ing the prices other localities got for the same product.

Funding is slated to come from a variety of sources, including from the city's capital budget if approved by city council during the ongoing fiscal 2017 budget negotiations. The Federal Communications Commission also awards grants under its E-Rate Modernization Program to connect schools and libraries to broadband, something officials said this project should be in line to receive if all goes according to plan.

"The way the E-Rate program works, they're looking to give money to school systems and library systems where they can make a really good business case to say, 'If they own their own fiber rather than leasing it, they'll save money over time,'" said Stewart. "We think that our project offers a really good business case, so making the argument that this is a great investment of E-Rate funds, we think we'll be able to make a strong argument."

The city currently has a contract with Comcast to connect city facilities that Wilson said is set to expire in June. That will be renegotiated and extended, although Wilson and Stewart said the telecommunications giant is looking to get out of the business connecting municipal facilities nationwide. With publicly owned fiber optics in place, both agreed it will save the city money in the long term through leasing to private companies and not paying rent to Comcast.

"We're building an asset that then we can partner with the private industry to leverage," Wilson said. "Private companies are going to come in and say, 'OK, we want to use the city's fiber network in this area of the city for us to provide service.' We'll negotiate with them and lease it out, like we do today with Comcast, Verizon and others for access to our right-of-way."

"The price that we're paying for that lease is antici-

pated to just continue to rise indefinitely, and at some point they're going to take it off the table and say they're not going to lease this anymore," Stewart said. "To compare that against a debt service payment over the next 10 years or 20 years, however long we want to issue bonds for, we think it's actually going to save us money to do that."

City council will consider whether to lend its funding support to the project during its budget add/delete process, which goes on this month. Stewart said he anticipates funding for the next two to three years, with the design phase set to begin this summer if it gets council's go-ahead.

Stewart said there also will be conversations with utility providers like Washington Gas and Dominion Virginia Power among others, as well as the city's public works department in an effort to minimize the number of times streets are dug up for construction. He said synchronization hopefully would make the change as undistruptive as possible.

Wilson said the desire for better Internet and television options beyond Comcast is something he hears about often from businesses and residents, and greater competition may foster better service in the city.

"This is something our community is yearning for, and this is a way we can help provide it, and I think in a way that protects the taxpayers at the same time," he said. "It's a vintage public-private partnership. We did the RFI and we got some great interest, and I think it started our creative juices flowing here and we were coming upon a model that I think will be very helpful for us."



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SPORTS



Titans continue strong start

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T.C. midfielder Claire Constant wins an aerial battle against Falls Church defender Allison Roca. Constant scored once and had a hand in two others in the Titans' 5-0 victory.

T.C. girls soccer's winning streak at six games after 5-0 win against Falls Church

BY CHRIS TEALE

With just over five minutes remaining in the game and with the T.C. Williams girls soccer team ahead 4-0 over Falls Church, defender Allison Church played a through-ball into the path of freshman striker Caroline Bates, who had already scored twice.

Bearing down on the goal and with only Jaguars goalkeeper Leann Loch left to beat, Bates finished with ease down low to complete her hat-trick and put the exclamation point on a dominant 5-0 win for the Titans Monday at Parker-Gray Stadium.

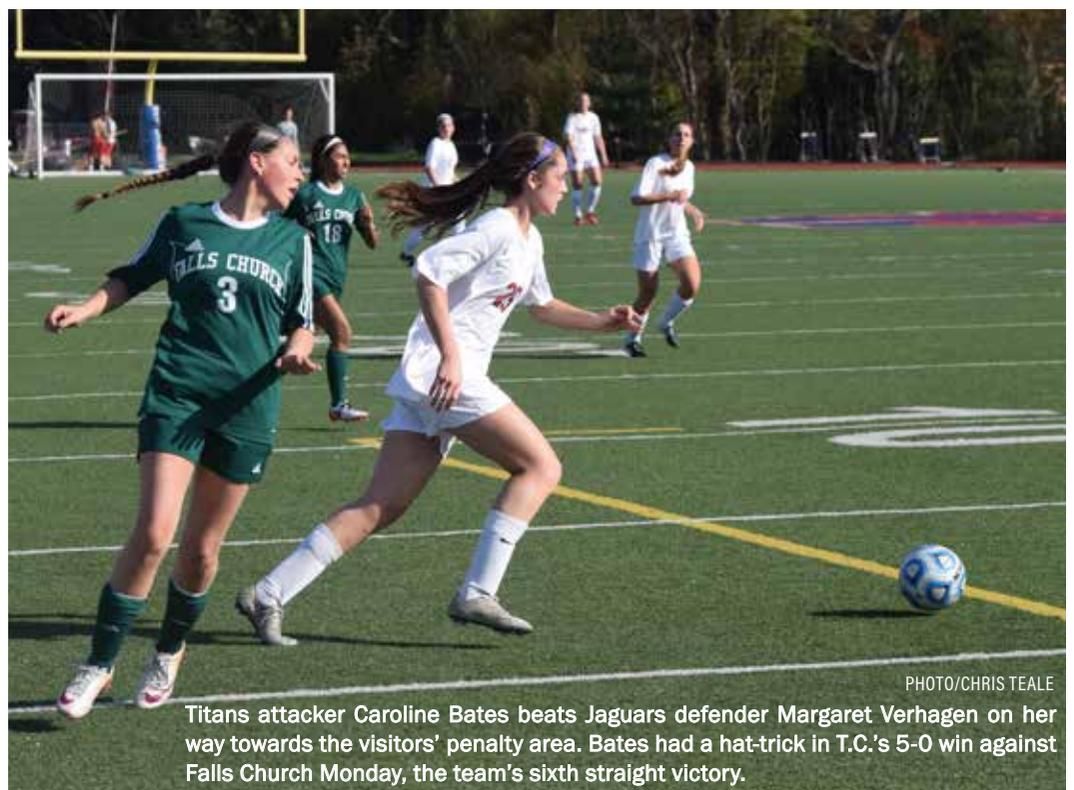
The victory extended T.C.'s winning streak to six games

and its overall record to 6-1, the best start in living memory. In those games, the team has conceded just four goals. It has been quite a turnaround for a program that went 4-7-3 last season and 5-9 in 2014.

"We stopped paying attention to preconceived notions about a team, because as we've seen, we're a completely different team from last year," said senior defender Alex Milliken. "No one expects us to come out like we have, so we just have to expect that they're going to be a good competition, and Falls Church was a really good competition."

On a blustery day and with their home field lending itself to a fast pace of play under late-

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PHOTO/CHRIS TEALE

Titans attacker Caroline Bates beats Jaguars defender Margaret Verhagen on her way towards the visitors' penalty area. Bates had a hat-trick in T.C.'s 5-0 win against Falls Church Monday, the team's sixth straight victory.

“I think the girls are very humble, but they’re excited to be here because they really haven’t had a season like this so far. I think they’re happy to be here, but they know that any given day, something could change very quickly.”

—Ally Wagner, Head coach, T.C. Williams girls soccer

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afternoon sunshine, the Titans enjoyed the majority of the possession and chances against a Falls Church team that entered the game with a 3-3 record.

The home side’s pressure paid off with just under 18 minutes left in the first half as Bates finished with a low strike to grab her first goal. Then with 10:30 left before halftime, she scored again from a rebound after Isabella Ponzi’s header from a Claire Constant corner was blocked.

After the break, Constant got in on the scoring with a rocket from outside the penalty area to make the score 3-0 with around 30 minutes left. Substitute Paige Dow added a fourth goal thanks to a cross from Ponzi, then Bates completed her hat-trick. As of the time of writing, Bates has scored in every game except one for the Titans, leading the way for an offense that has found its passing rhythm.

“I really think our passing game is very strong,” said senior Philomena Fitzgerald. “We find gaps that we can break defenses down, and we force one-on-one situations and we normally come out on top. Our strikers are good about that, and we end up with goals.”

After a 2-1 loss away against Stuart in its first game of the season, T.C. has rattled off several impressive wins, including victories against a number of Patriot Conference opponents. A 7-1 win at Gar-Field was followed by 5-0 and 2-1 victories over Patriot foes

Lake Braddock and West Potomac, respectively. The Titans then beat Lee 4-0 and Annandale 5-0, and head coach Ally Wagner said that she expected such dominance given the talent on the field.

“I always expect a good start, but I anticipated it being this,” she said. “We all talked about it as long as we are mentally here, we are absolutely capable of having a start like this. Something just clicked.”

“We knew that everyone would think of us as an easy game; we knew we had to come out strong and prove them wrong,” said senior defender Hannah Bates. “Then once we started our winning streak, the teams started coming out even harder because you always want to down the team with the streak. So far, we’ve been able to keep up the hard work.”

Defensively, the Titans looked in control against a Jaguars team that tried to spring counterattacks. Junior goalkeeper Savannah Richardson was called into action to make some solid saves, and her teammates said being able to build from a solid backline has benefited T.C.

“One of the biggest differences from last year is we play a team offense and a team defense,” Milliken said. “Especially the last couple of games, we’ve had shutouts, so it starts from the back. We’ve been able to find gaps in the midfield, and the midfielders have been good about coming to and connecting the offense and defense.”

The Titans return to action Friday at South County, harboring hopes of a No. 1 seed in the Patriot Conference tournament next month but with several tough tests ahead. Wagner said that her team must stay on their toes given the strength of their schedule and the remaining conference games.

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“Once we saw we had the

ability to do big things and we were scoring goals and getting shutouts, we realized this was a potential unlike any other season before,” said Milliken. “I think it’s brought the team closer, we know we’ll be supporting each other on and off the field, so it’s been a good season.”



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Vegetables: Essentially all vegetables are beneficial and well utilized by the body. A general rule is: the brighter the color, the more antioxidants and vitamins are present. Some great examples are tomatoes and hot peppers. Tomatoes contain lycopene, which is known to decrease inflammation. Hot Peppers contain the chemical capsaicin. This chemical is such a potent anti-inflammatory substance that it is used in many popular sports creams and topical ointments.

Fruits: Eating three to four servings of fruit per day is critical for a well balanced, anti-inflammatory diet. Strawberries, blueberries, peaches, grapefruit, etc. all have shown to lower a substance called C-Reactive Protein. Our livers produce CRP in response to injury, infection or inflammation.

Healthy fats: It is important to acknowledge that not all fats are bad for our health. When taken in moderation, healthy fats contained in foods like almonds, walnuts and extra virgin olive oil are rich in fiber, calcium, omega-3 fatty acids and are also high in antioxidants.

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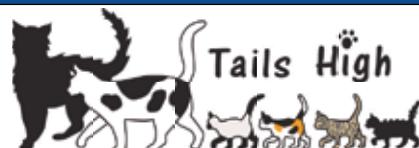


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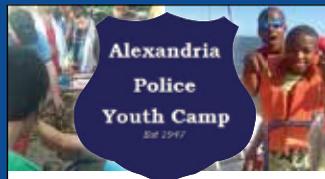


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OUT OF THE CLASSROOM | Education Section



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St. Stephen's and St. Agnes celebrates Artstravaganza

At the 13th annual ART-Stravaganza last month, St. Stephen's and St. Agnes lower school students experienced a day devoted to the visual and performing arts.

More than 20 professional artists joined teachers and upper and middle school students in sharing their energy, passion and knowledge with junior kindergarten through fifth grade students. The students spent the day attending an array of lively workshops which gave them hands-on opportunities to learn about percussion instruments, watercolor, magic, fiber art, iconography, Colonial music and toys and more.

"It is magical to hear music echoing down the hallways and teachers counting 'one, two, three, four,' as dancers choreograph movements for students," said music teacher Rebecca Gehlhoff. "ARTStravaganza is just one element that helps accomplish St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School's mission, which includes 'to inspire an enthusiasm for artistic endeavor.'"

This year's workshops included world percussion instruments, watercolor,

collage, oil pastels, magic, Latin American music, photography, Japanese brush painting, Latin American instruments and music, modern dance, drawing, illustration, iconography, fiber art, Colonial music and toys and other topics.

In addition to hands-on demonstrations and activities, students also had a chance to talk with the artists about their lives, learning how they discovered their passions, the paths they took to become professionals, and about the dedication that goes along with mastering their crafts.

School officials said they are committed to developing students' artistic and creative abilities, which are essential to 21st century learning. ARTStravaganza was developed in 2003 from the idea that younger students would greatly benefit from an opportunity to work with a diverse group of professional artists, dancers, and musicians who would share their love of the arts.

Every year since its inception, a wide variety of professional artists from all over the country have been invited to the lower school campus to participate.

Immanuel Lutheran School students welcome grandparents

On April 1, Immanuel Lutheran School students welcomed grandparents from all across the country to celebrate Grandparents Day. Grandparents traveled from as far as California, Arizona, Florida and Michigan, some driving all night just to be a part of this event.

The morning began with a lower school showcase, with students in junior kindergarten through fourth grade sharing a number of poems, songs and recitations. Included in the program was the junior kindergarten class sharing the poem "Who has Seen the Wind" by Christina Rossetti, the President's Song from the kindergarten students, and second graders reciting Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem "The Tide Rises, The Tide Falls."

Following the showcase, upper school students shared a selection of show tunes they learned in their vocal master class this year with voice teacher Stephanie Lange.

Students and grandparents in the lower school later spent time together

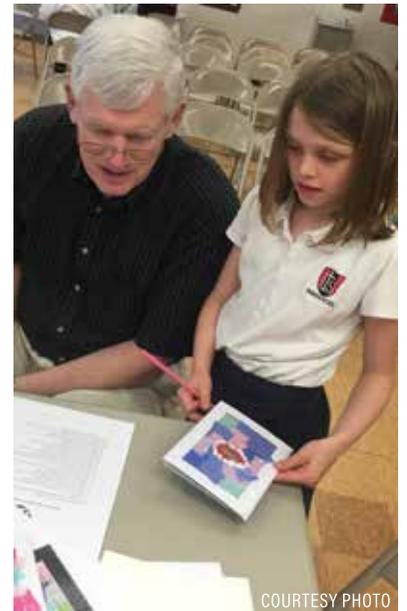
er creating art projects, while students had the opportunity to interview their grandparents to learn more about their lives and their family histories. Upper school students also performed orations that they have been preparing for an oration showcase on April 15. Grandparents also were invited to join their grandchildren for a pizza lunch and April birthday celebration.

"We give thanks for the grandparents, families and special friends in our lives who support our school and love and nurture our students as they learn, grow and become thoughtful young men and women," said headmaster Julia Habrecht in a statement. "It was wonderful to have so many grandparents and other family members join us, many traveling from great distances, to spend a special day together.

"Our students are truly blessed to have such caring and supportive families, and this wonderful community of families truly enriches our school in many ways throughout the year."



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Senior Adrienne Atkins won Best of School for "Bad Angles."

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SSSAS wins awards at visual art exhibit

The Alexandria All City High School Visual Art Exhibit highlighted the work of student artists at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School.

St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School participated in the event along with students from Bishop Ireton, Episcopal High School and T.C. Williams. This exhibition featured a diverse display of drawing, painting, photography, ceramics and mixed media works.

SSSAS won awards in four

categories. Senior Adrienne Atkins won Best of School for "Bad Angles;" senior Nicholas Gerson won Best Painting for "The Living Sculpture of Ludovisi;" senior Palmer Voorhees won Best Mixed Media for "Woman," and junior Maggie Bell won Best Sculpture for "El Cometa."

The Gallery at Convergence presented the event, which took place from March 11 until April 9. It was an opportunity for art students from

across the city to come together for a friendly, community competition.

Students experienced the makings of a professional, juried show and participated in all aspects of the exhibition from submitting to a call to framing and hanging their work. The event showcased artwork created by around 80 students. Prizes were awarded in painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, mixed media, ceramics, and sculpture.

ACDS students spend a week walking in the shoes of others

Kindergarten through fourth grade students at Alexandria Country Day School spent the school's Festival of Learning week walking in the shoes of others to learn empathy, compassion and more about themselves.

They began each day "trying on a different pair of shoes" as they rotated through a variety of workshops. Through simulations and hands-on activities, students gained an understanding of what it might be like to be: someone who cannot see; someone who cannot hear or speak; someone who has been treated unfairly; someone who is sick; someone who is aging; someone who cannot move easily; someone who doesn't have enough food, and someone who immigrates to the U.S.

"I really liked the workshops," said second grader Claire Marino. "Writing with my feet was my favorite. I learned that just because someone has a disability doesn't mean that they can't do everything that I can."

In the afternoon, each grade participated in deeper discussion, research and engagement to develop further understand-

ing of their topics. Fourth graders, who focused on what it is like to be someone who is aging, traveled to senior centers to conduct interviews.

They then went back later in the week to share multimedia presentations created from the interviews. In first grade classrooms, students read stories about people who cannot hear and speak, learned sign language, and spoke with a deaf ACDS alumnus.

"At ACDS, one of our focuses has been, and will continue to be, helping our students further develop empathy and the ability to see an experience from another person's perspective," said Melissa Davis, head of the ACDS lower school in a statement. "This year's Festival of Learning workshops gave our students the opportunity to experience firsthand some of the different strategies people employ to persevere in challenging situations.

"I was exceedingly impressed with the depth of understanding and empathy our students showed in classroom conversations about the ways — big and small — that we are all able to connect to the experiences of others."



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Saints yearbook earns national recognition

St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School's Upper School yearbook, "Traditions," has been recognized for excellence and is featured in the 2016 Jostens Look Book, celebrating the best-of-the-best in yearbook design and coverage.

"Traditions" was one of only 494 yearbooks selected from approximately 3,000. The Look Book will feature a spread from the 2015 edition designed by Sylvie Howton, who graduated in 2015. Sylvie is currently a graphic design major at the University of Southern California.

The Jostens Look Book is a collection of spreads and photos from outstanding yearbooks and their creative themes, cool covers, dazzling designs, relevant coverage and strong photography. Along with design excellence, the annually published Look Book honors the important role well-crafted yearbooks play in helping schools chronicle the experiences, stories, and achievements most relevant to students that academic year.



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Bishop Ireton musicians and choir take center stage at the Kennedy Center

Last month, members of Bishop Ireton's symphonic wind ensemble and choir joined the Baldwin Wallace Conservatory's wind ensemble on stage at the Kennedy Center's Concert Hall to pay tribute to two luminaries in the world of music education, former Bishop Ireton teacher Garwood Whaley and Maestro Frank Battisti.

Brendan Caldwell, director of wind ensembles

at Baldwin Wallace and a 1992 graduate of Bishop Ireton, organized the concert. The highlight was the world premiere of two pieces of music, "Light at the End of Forever" by Brian Balmages and "Advance Always" by Clint Needham.

"Light at the End of Forever" is a piece inspired the book, "God Grew Tired of Us," by John Bul Dau, one of the "lost boys of Sudan." Earlier this year, students

at Bishop Ireton read Bul Dau's book and met him during a visit to campus.

"Advance Always," Bishop Ireton's motto, draws upon the writings of St. Francis de Sales, whose teachings are the basis for the educational philosophy of Bishop Ireton. The evening's four conductors included Caldwell, Battisti, Balmages and Randy Eyles, the conductor of the Bishop Ireton Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

Burgundy students practice diplomacy



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Last month, 16 middle school students from Burgundy Farm Country Day School traveled to New York City for the Montessori Model United Nations Conference, where they represented Cuba. Working alongside others from all over the world, Burgundy students brainstormed solutions to current world issues including women's rights, climate change, and world hunger. One team of two was chosen to speak on behalf of their committee at the actual UN General Assembly.



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SCENE AROUND TOWN

Learning how the sausage gets made

Arena Stage looks at LBJ, warts and all

BY JORDAN WRIGHT

Robert Schenckan's exhilarating play "All the Way," now playing at Arena Stage, allows us to step into the large Texas boots of our 36th president. Set between November 1963 and November 1964, it begins with Lyndon Baines Johnson's sudden and untimely ascension to the presidency and his efforts toward passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

All the pivotal players of the period are represented, and the cast adopts many roles to fill in for the lesser characters. Jack Willis offers up a formidable LBJ — strident, bullying, terrifying yet indelibly effective — a larger-than-life president at the peak of his powers.

Then there's Lady Bird Johnson (Susan Rome), Walter Jenkins (John Scherer), George Wallace (Cameron Folmar) and his wife Lurleen Wallace (Adrienne Nelson), Richard Clodfelter as Hubert Humphrey, Richmond Hoxie as the slithery, red-baiting J. Edgar Hoover and Stephen F. Schmidt as his henchman Cartha DeLoach, David Bishins as Robert McNamara and Tom Wiggin as Stanley Levison, the white civil rights activist.

Pitted against segregationist lawmakers, influence peddlers and power brokers were those black Americans who had been lobbying tirelessly for voting rights and anti-discrimination laws.

Maintaining peace between the activists, the protesters and church representatives were Martin Luther King, Jr. (Bowman Wright), NAACP leader Roy Wilkins (David Emerson Toney) and Ralph Abernathy (Craig Wallace), who worked with younger, more outspoken



SNCC student activists, led by Stokely Carmichael (Jaben Early) and Bob Moses (Desmond Bing), to secure an opportunity to change the course of history. Shannon Dorsey becomes an integral part of this flawless cast as Coretta Scott King.

There are so many knock-out performances to chronicle, but most memorable are Johnson, King, Lady Bird and Wallace, whose stump speech echoes modern-day rhetoric and will throw chills up your spine.

Under Kyle Donnelly's su-

perb direction, this groundbreaking production emerges as a riveting tale of back-door dealings, arm-twisting, personal threats and bullying, ameliorated by a hefty dose of schmoozing, drinking and ego stroking in the Oval Office.

Johnson made it his business to find everyone's Achilles' heel and capitalize on it, brutally if necessary. Regarding the passage of the Civil Rights Act, he declares, "I'm gonna out-Roosevelt Roosevelt!" The story presents Johnson warts and all — from southern charm and



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In Arena Stage's production of "All the Way," Jack Willis (left) embodies President Lyndon Baines Johnson as he ascends to the presidency and works to pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The play features a stunning cast, including Bowman Wright as Martin Luther King Jr. (top right).



foul language to his innate political savvy.

No interaction between the characters is stagnant with set designer Kate Edmunds' rotating presidential seal depicting the Oval Office. Players step on and off, circulating, converging and dispersing. It is hugely effective, lending an intense and immediate energy to the proceedings. Less effective are the multiple TV screens above the stage, so compelling is the action on stage.

When at last the bill sees passage after all of Johnson's wrangling, he admits,

"There's no gracious losers. There's no sore losers, just the walking dead." There's a whiff of the Gulf of Tonkin incident, a memorable speech by civil rights leader Fannie Lou Hamer, and a dramatic turn in recalling the tragedy of three students murdered while trying to register black voters in Mississippi.

Through May 8 at Arena Stage, 1101 Sixth St., SE, Washington, DC 20024. For tickets and information call 202-488-3300 or visit www.arenastage.org.



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Now through April 28

CIVIL WAR BALL DANCE CLASSES In preparation for the Civil War Ball on April 30, learn the waltz, polka, Virginia Reel and more from an expert dance master. Tickets cost \$12 per class, or \$30 for the series.
Time: Each Thursday, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Location: Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St.
Information: 703-746-4242, gadsbys.tavern@alexandriava.gov or www.gadsbystavern.us

April 14

FIRST THURSDAY Pull out your favorite hat, Easter bonnet, or Crazy Hat Day-inspired creation and stroll The Avenue for the theme, "Hats Along the Avenue." First Thursday features music from Mars Rodeo, photo booth, discounts for wearing your hat at select local businesses and more. Participants are encouraged to bring non-perishable items to support Blessings in a Backpack, a nonprofit that serves over 100 local children at Mount Vernon Community School and Maury Elementary School.
Time: 6 p.m. to dusk
Location: Mount Vernon Avenue
Information: www.visitdelray.com

April 16

FIREFIGHTING HISTORY WALKING TOUR Explore Alexandria's firefighting history on the "Blazing a Trail: Alexandria's Firefighting History" tour. Participants learn about volunteer firefighting in early Alexandria, three devastating fires and the five volunteer fire companies. The tour begins at Friendship Firehouse, proceeds east on Prince Street and returns via King Street. For age 10 and older. Tickets cost \$6 for adults, \$4 for ages 10-17.
Time: 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Location: Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St.
Information: 703-746-4994

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY Feel good — and secure — about clearing out financial documents and other personal papers at Commonwealth One Federal Credit Union's community shred day. No electronic items, binder clips, binders, checkbooks, or magazines allowed.
Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Commonwealth One Federal

Credit Union, 4875 Eisenhower Ave.
Information: www.cofcu.org

FOCUSMUSIC CONCERT The FocusMusic concert series presents Johnsmith, a folk singer who is a favorite at festivals, clubs, and house concerts alike. Tickets cost \$18 at the door, or \$15 in advance or for members.
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Church of St. Clement, 1701 N. Quaker Lane
Information: 703-380-3151 or herb@focusmusic.org

APRIL IN PARIS 31ST ANNUAL LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW Event begins with vendor shopping and silent auction, then a buffet luncheon followed by modeling of fashions from Details of Occoquan and more. Tickets are available in advance from the Aldersgate receptionist, and cost \$20 during weekday business hours or \$25 at the door. Proceeds benefit local U.S. Route 1 mission projects.
Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road
Information: 703-765-6555 or www.aldersgate.net

April 20-23

DUNCAN LIBRARY SPRING BOOK SALE Thousands of books for adults, teens and kids of all ages on sale, most costing between \$1 and \$3 each. All proceeds benefit the Duncan Library, especially children's programs.
Time: Wednesday 7 to 9 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: Duncan Library 2501 Commonwealth Avenue
Information: www.friendsofduncanlibrary.org

April 20

SPRING2ACTION Alexandria's online giving day to benefit more than 130 nonprofits. This year, the goal is to engage 10,000 people to raise \$1.5 million to support local charities. Be a part of this annual day of giving and join together with the entire community as we give back to the nonprofits that make Alexandria strong.
Time: All day
Location: Alexandria
Information: www.spring2action.org

April 22

FAMILY FUN NIGHT Bring the whole family to Family Fun Nights for swimming and fun for all ages. Pool games include beach ball relays, water basketball, diving for prizes and fun on the "Aqua Challenge" floating obstacle course. Participate in swimming skill assessments for youth, learn pool safety tips and more.
Time: 6 to 9 p.m.
Location: Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility, 3210 King St.
Information: 703-746-5435 or ralph.baird@alexandriava.gov

April 23

HISTORIC HOMES & GARDEN TOUR Celebrate the 83rd anniversary

of Historic Garden Week in Virginia with a tour featuring privately owned Old Town homes and gardens plus historic properties like the Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, Carlyle House Historic Park and George Washington's Mount Vernon. Visitors have the rare opportunity to see behind the brick walls into some of the most gorgeous residences in this unique neighborhood. Admission costs \$40 in advance; \$45 the day of; \$25 for single sites.
Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Old Town
Information: 703-746-3301 or www.vagardenweek.org

CARLYLE HOUSE GARDEN DAY HERB & CRAFT SALE

Celebrate spring with the Friends of Carlyle House's annual garden day herb & craft sale where culinary and decorative herbs and plants from Mount Vernon will be available for purchase. Listen to performances by area musicians throughout the day, bring your garden questions to master gardeners and shop for items made by local artisans and crafters.
Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St.
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CIVIL WAR SURGEON AND FIELD HOSPITAL PROGRAM

Learn about military medical practices presented by Von Barron, a Civil War medical historian and interpreter. Barron will portray U.S. Army Regimental Surgeon Captain Turner Kitt in a hospital setting that features a variety of medical tools and equipment of the era.
Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road
Information: www.fortward.org

CONCERT AT ST. LUKE'S Local string players of the National Symphony Orchestra Youth Program including a string quartet, three solos and a large string ensemble perform the music of Dvorak, Schubert and the world premiere of Scott Solak's Barcarolle with viola and piano. Tickets cost \$20 for adult; \$15 for seniors; free for students 18 and under.
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road
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April 24

CARPENTER'S SHELTER COOK-OFF Indulge in an afternoon of food and fun while supporting Carpenter's Shelter. Enjoy tastings from over 20 area restaurants, bid on hot ticket items during the live auction and listen to live music. Proceeds help support over 750 homeless and formerly homeless men, women and children in the community each year.
Time: Noon to 3 p.m.
Location: The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave.
Information: www.carpentersshelter.org/cook-off

April 25

CITY CONCERT A city sponsored concert by Jazz Big Band of Thomas S. Hart Middle School from Pleasanton, Calif.
Time: Noon to 1 p.m.
Location: Market Square, 301 King St.
Information: 703-746-5592

April 27

ROBUST WALKATHON A style of exercise that combines aerobic walking with calisthenics for strength and flexibility. This event will also raise funds for the successful aging committee. Participants will alternate walking with exercise stations on the walking trail around the lake.
Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive
Information: 703-746-5429 or margaret.orlando@alexandriava.gov

April 30-May 1

REVOLUTIONARY WAR ENCAMPMENT One of the largest Revolutionary War encampments in the area. Step back in time and experience more than 500 Continentals, Redcoats, Hessians, cannon and cavalry in action. Meet hundreds of Revolutionary War military re-enactors, learn more about life in the 18th-century, discuss military techniques, and watch battle re-enactments.
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway
Information: www.mountvernon.org/encampment

April 30

CIVIL WAR BALL Enjoy an evening from the 1860s in the historic ballroom at the Civil War Ball. The ball will include live music, dance instruction and period desserts. Period attire, either civilian or military, is encouraged. Tickets cost \$45 each, reservations required.
Time: 8 to 11 p.m.

Location: Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St.
Information: 703-746-4242 or www.alexandriava.gov/gadsbystavern

ALEXANDRIA EARTH DAY

Program includes children's activities; exhibits by community groups; food sales; recycling; Arbor Day tree planting; and a musical performance.
Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Lenny Harris Memorial Fields, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave.
Information: www.alexandriava.gov/earthday

May 3

BUSINESS PHILANTHROPY SUMMIT Volunteer Alexandria celebrates the city's commitment to military, volunteer and philanthropic service. This year's keynote speaker is U.S. secretary of veterans affairs Bob McDonald.
Time: 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.
Location: First Baptist Church, 2932 King St.
Information: www.volunteeralexandria.org

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE A civic ceremony observing the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust. Program includes announcements and acknowledgements by the mayor and other dignitaries as well as honoring citizens.
Time: Noon to 1 p.m.
Location: Market Square, 301 King St.
Information: 703-746-5592

May 5

FALLEN OFFICER WREATH LAYING CEREMONY During National Correctional Officers and Employees Week and in honor of National Police Week, the Alexandria Retired Police, Fire and Sheriff Association, the Alexandria Police Department and the Alexandria Sheriff's Office will hold a wreath-laying ceremony.

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To Kill a Mockingbird 4/23 - 5/14

Based on Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize winning novel set in Alabama during the Great Depression, *To Kill a Mockingbird* follows Jem and Scout Finch, whose father has been appointed to defend Tom Robinson, a black man framed for a crime he didn't commit. Will justice or racism prevail?

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At Home Fishing for compliments

BY MARY G. PEPITONE

Soothing watery habitats and style pair swimmingly in home aquariums. Forget the stereotypical box tank on a metal stand; some homeowners are fishing for custom built-in displays that are living works of art, says Jose Blanco, Director of Operations for Living Color Aquariums in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and star of “Fish Tank Kings” on the National Geographic Wild channel.

“When we talk about aquariums that have a ‘wow’ factor, it’s usually a saltwater environment, with the vibrant colors of corals and variety of unique fish and sea life,” Blanco says. “A freshwater tank features grasses

and rocks instead of coral, but can be easier to maintain, because the salinity of the water is one less thing to worry about.”

Before going financially underwater on a stylish seascape, Blanco says to start small, especially if a homeowner is going to be responsible for the regular maintenance of an aquarium. “Kids are especially excited to find Nemo and bring him home,” he says. “But after the novelty has worn off, an aquarium remains a living habitat that needs to be maintained regularly.”

Blanco says the average tank his company installs is between 300 and 1,000 gal-

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PHOTO/LIVING COLOR AQUARIUMS
Custom cabinetry was built around this nearly 700-gallon acrylic aquarium. In Living Color Aquariums' high-end aquatic habitats, the filtration and pump systems in the water are hidden within faux coral reefs.

HOME OF THE WEEK

Magnificent estate in Alexandria City

This 9,800 square-foot home artfully unites the past and the present with a layout unrivaled in elegance and beauty. The main house, comprised of four finished levels, was built in 1938 and underwent significant renovations and additions in 2001.

It features eight bedrooms, along with six full and three half bathrooms, a custom chef's kitchen, a luxurious master suite, formal dining and living

rooms, two offices, a heated mudroom, a hidden wine cellar and more.

The stunning traditional architecture includes wide hallways, soaring ceilings, four fireplaces, custom moldings, and details that achieve luxury, grandeur, familiarity and comfort all at once.

An inviting wraparound screened-in porch overlooks the backyard and guest cottage with its own kitchen and bath. Parking is available for more than four cars in an at-

tached two-car garage, large driveway, and detached garage under the guest loft.

The breathtaking brick Colonial is seated on three fourths of an acre of level terrain and surrounded by landscaped front- and backyards and beautiful slate patios and walkways. Located in a picturesque neighborhood just outside of Old Town and D.C., this warm and timeless home exemplifies the best that Alexandria has to offer.



PHOTOS/HOMEVISIT REAL ESTATE MARKETING TECHNOLOGIES

This beautiful home features eight bedrooms and nine baths. Seated on a large, picturesque lot just outside of Old Town, it includes the main house and a welcoming guest cottage.

At a Glance:

Location: 319 Mansion Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302

Price: \$4,500,000

Bedrooms: 8

Bathrooms: 6 full, 3 half

Fireplaces: 4

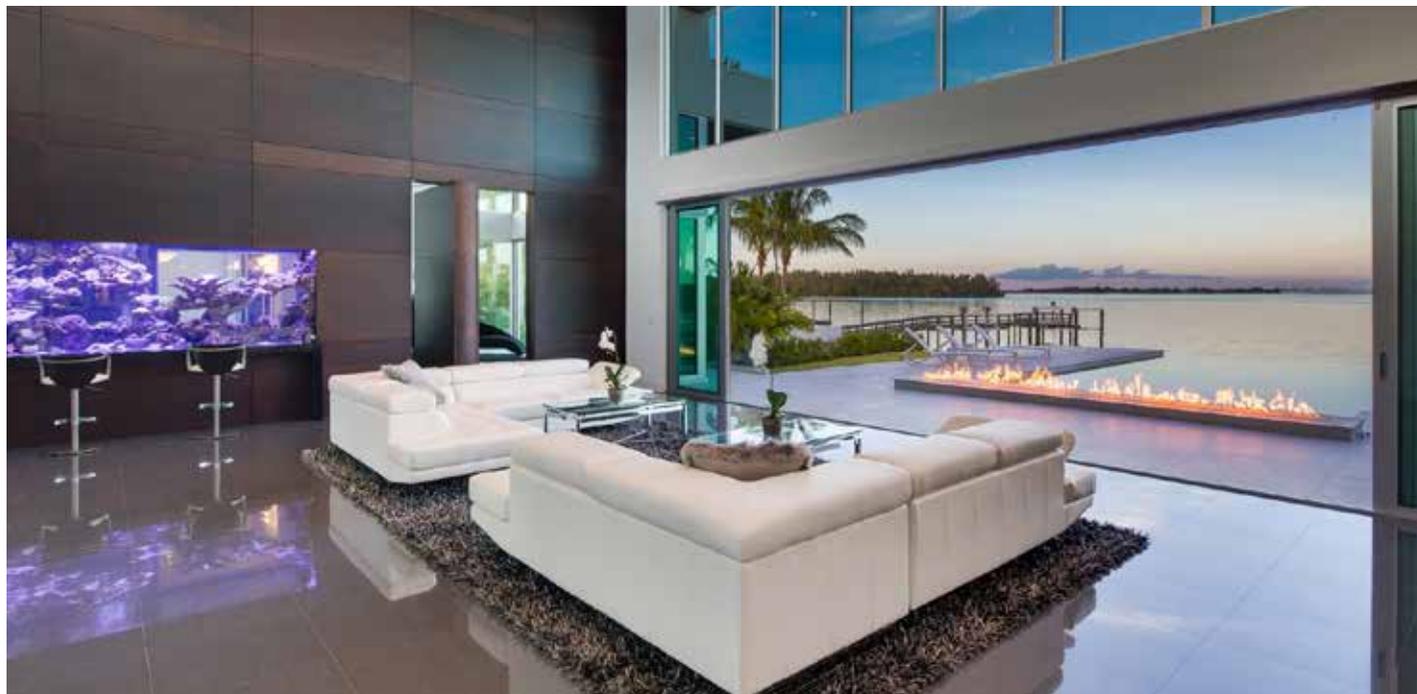
Built: 1938

Contact: Phyllis Patterson, ppatterson@ttrsir.com, phyllispatterson.com, 703-310-6201, TTR Sotheby's International Realty, 400 S. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314

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lons. But a starter, stand-alone tank size of 50 gallons might be the first step before taking the plunge into the built-in variety with custom cabinetry, with a tank commonly designed using acrylic, a clear, glasslike plastic that is half as heavy as glass.

“We primarily fabricate acrylic aquariums, because they can be made in different sizes and shapes, featuring curved fronts — all without visible seams,” Blanco says. “You can join pieces of glass together, but you will always see the joint with a line of silicone adhesive. Tanks can also become scratched, but those can be buffed out of acrylic,



PHOTO/DSDG ARCHITECTS AND RYAN GAMMA

This 2,800-gallon acrylic saltwater tank is located in Longboat Key, Florida, and blurs the line between indoor and outdoor seascapes. The cool color of the aquarium comes from LED lights, and the structure features reef rock with live coral.

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not glass.”

Diving into the purchase of a tank without considering its placement in the home can have disastrous consequences. “Water always travels the path of least resistance, so you have to make sure it stays in the tank and have an equipment pan underneath it, in case it springs a leak,” Blanco says. “Aquariums are also heavy, and depending on where it is placed in a home, you might need to reinforce floor joists to accommodate the weight.”

Ideally, it is best to place an aquarium along an inner wall of a home, away from heating/cooling vents or a fireplace. It should not be placed under windows or near an exterior door, where exposure to the sun or a cold breeze can cause the water temperature to fluctuate. For a saltwater tank, the temperature should remain constant, between 76 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

In Living Color Aquariums’ high-end aquatic habitats, the filtration and pump systems in the water are most often hidden within faux coral reefs. Exotic livestock, such as eels, manta rays and puffer fish can be at home in an aquarium, as long as you consult with a profes-



PHOTO/DSDG ARCHITECTS AND RYAN GAMMA

The calm of a saltwater seascape is brought into the bathroom of this home in Longboat Key, Florida. A 200-gallon acrylic tank serves as a see-through wall between the bedroom and bathroom.

sional who knows the compatibility of the sea species.

“You can have a predatory eel in a tank, but don’t stock it with fish that will easily fit within its jaws,” Blanco says. “Also, it’s important to build the strata of a tank with different fish: You want bottom dwellers, along with active swimmers that occupy the middle and upper parts of the tank. You don’t want fish competing for food or space.”

For a custom-made aquarium, be prepared to shell out a lot of clams. Blanco says a smaller 300-gallon tank installed can cost around \$30,000 and go up

from there. It’s important to do business with reputable aquatic companies, so be sure to check references and view other residential projects, before being sold a fish story.

“We take care to install a customized container, with lights and a habitat, but once the fish are introduced, the aquarium comes to life,” Blanco says. “With that comes the responsibility of maintaining this comparatively little box of the ocean, when we’re talking about a saltwater tank.”

Blanco says a majority of the

Our View

Ethics committee whiffs on reform proposals

The Ad Hoc Code of Conduct Review Committee made its much-anticipated recommendations for an ethics pledge and code of conduct at city council's meeting Tuesday night. The recommendations are perhaps better than nothing, though they appear to raise more questions than they answer.

We are, frankly, disappointed, both in the product and in the process that resulted in this proposal.

Mayor Allison Silberberg made ethics reform one of the pillars of her campaign last year and took office with significant popular support for an initiative. She announced plans to tackle the issue on her first day as mayor. But a compromise proposal introduced by Vice Mayor Justin Wilson at the January 30 council meeting, which passed unanimously, called for a committee with a narrow mandate, an accelerated timeframe and no public hearing.

Despite impressive individual credentials in the realm of ethics reform, committee members produced a report that, in the words of chairman and Silberberg appointee George Foote was "aspirational" and "values-based" rather than compliance-based. Although in the form of a code of conduct, the recommendations would not be legally binding since there would be no penalty for violations.

We suppose having a code of conduct that encourages city councilors to speak publicly about ethics issues and requiring them to sign an ethics pledge will raise awareness around the topic. But it's difficult to see what exactly is gained from vanilla statements like, "officials will behave in a manner that inspires public confidence." And City Councilor Tim Lovain expressed concern Tuesday that vague wording in the code of conduct could open elected officials to legal action.

This report is a shame, because it's a missed opportunity to expand safeguards against public corruption. Major ethics violations are like tornadoes: they don't appear from nowhere, but instead erupt when a combination of conditions creates instability.

Corruption in general occurs when need meets opportunity in an environment that lacks safeguards. Do those conditions exist in Alexandria? Well, our elected officials make a paltry amount of money relative to the hours they put into the job.

City councilors make just \$27,500 and the mayor only \$30,500 for an office that, when all of the ceremonial appearances, prep work and meetings are added up, amounts to an almost full-time commitment for city councilors and more than a full-time job for the mayor. Council can eliminate this element of instability by passing a significant pay raise that would take effect after the next local election.

But opportunity for ethics violations also exists in Alexandria, and that's what this committee should have addressed. Two very specific and helpful changes would be easy to make: First, lower the ownership level that triggers a disclosure in development projects from the current 10 percent. Second, require elected officials to publicly announce it whenever a person appearing before council — applicant or opponent — has contributed to their campaign.

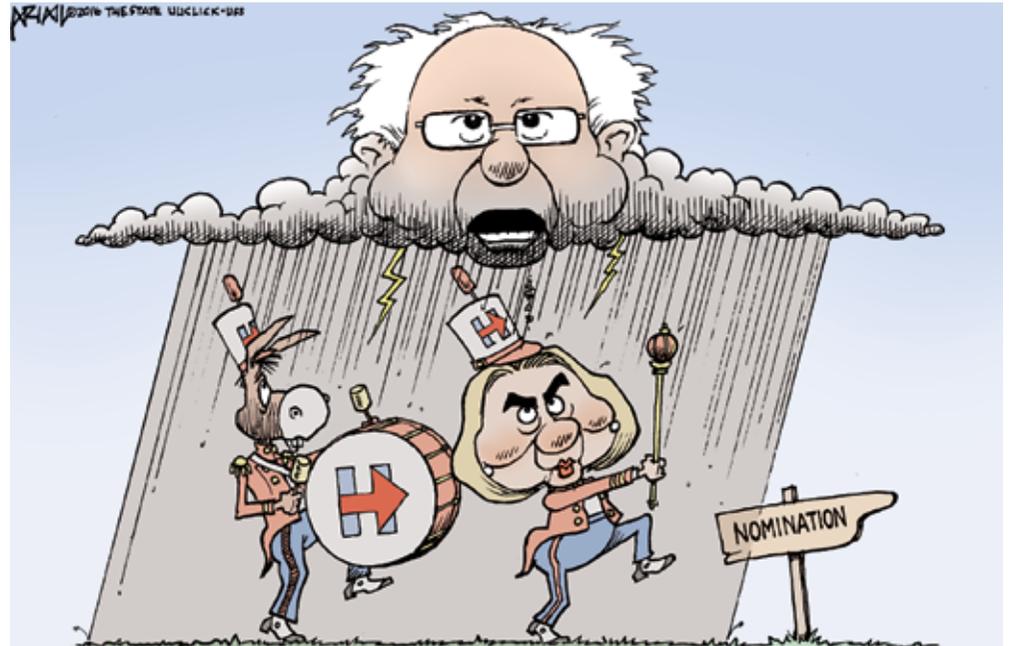
As we said in January, an ethics reform study group should make "concrete, useful proposals." This group didn't do that.

Our recommendation is for council to hold a public hearing on this report, take that citizen input and go back to the drawing board. Real ethics reform is needed in Alexandria, but this isn't it.

Opinion

"Where the press is free and every man is able to read, all is safe."

- Thomas Jefferson



Your Views

Lower speed limits improve safety on Seminary Road and in town

To the editor:

It takes less than a minute.

As a Seminary Road resident, I want to thank motorists on Seminary Road who have been driving at 25 mph since March 25. The difference has been amazing.

Most cars are following the lower speed limits, and our streets already feel safer. My family felt safer walking along Seminary Road and pulling out of our driveway. In addition, while working in the front yard on Saturday, we saw an increase in families walking along the street and even a family riding by on bicycles. Making our streets safe for families and people of all ages to walk, bike, drive or take the bus, was, after all, the city's objective.

If you have driven here in the last week, have you noticed how much — or how little — extra time it took? Less than a minute. The difference in driving time on Seminary Road at 25 mph compared to 35 mph from I-395 to North Quaker Lane is less than one minute. It seems longer than that when driving, but that is probably because I am in a rush and every second seems so important when I am behind the wheel.

How important are lower vehicle speeds for safe streets? Driving more slowly provides greater time to react, for example, to avoid a person walking across the street, so the likelihood of a crash is reduced by driving at 25 mph compared to 35 mph. There is also less risk

of serious injury or death if a crash were to occur.

According to the Brian C. Tefft of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, the average risk of death for a pedestrian is 10 percent at an impact speed of 23 mph and 50 percent at 42 mph — a five-fold increase in risk of death. The city reported that the 85th percentile speed on Seminary Road was previously 42 mph.

Seminary Road and North Quaker Lane serve neighborhoods and neighborhood streets should be safe for all. Thanks for driving 25 mph on these streets to help achieve that objective. It takes less than an extra minute.

- Michael Michaelis
Alexandria

Volunteers are champions in our community

To the editor:

April 10 through 16 is National Volunteer Week. It is a time to reflect on the civic traditions that make American communities great, and it is one of the best times to recognize and thank volunteers for their incredible efforts and inspiring actions.

I encourage everyone not only to thank a volunteer today, but also to take action themselves and discover the joy and impact that they can create when they give of themselves through volunteerism.

Can you imagine our community without volunteers? Who would deliver hot meals to the elderly and homebound? Who would respond to local disasters like tornados or floods? Who would mentor our youth and tutor at-risk children? Who would run food pantries, donate blood or repair homes? The list goes on and on — volunteers are making a huge difference every day.

As a member of Gov. Terry McAuliffe's advisory board on service and volunteerism, I am proud to announce that last year, more than 2 million Virginians volunteered and served more than 300 million hours, utilizing their talents

“Last year, more than 2 million Virginians volunteered and served more than 300 million hours, utilizing their collective talents and skills to improve the commonwealth.”

and skills to improve the commonwealth. Their collective impact can be valued at \$8 billion. Thank you to all who serve.

Please take time during this special week to thank a volunteer and encourage others to do the same. These individuals are truly champions in our communities — providing the support and services so many of our families and individuals need.

If you're interested in learning more about volunteering in Virginia, please visit www.vaservice.org or call 800-638-3839.

- City Councilor
John Taylor Chapman

Library capital funding cuts endanger facilities and materials

To the editor:

I applaud the advocacy for investment to support local infrastructure expressed by Vice Mayor Justin Wilson (“City must invest to support infrastructure needs,” March 31). I hope that this concern for funding infrastructure needs extends to Alexandria's public libraries.

In the approved fiscal 2016 budget, which governs the current year, the library capital facilities maintenance budget is \$175,000. It was slated to be \$285,000 for fiscal 2017 and \$100,000 for fiscal years 2018 to 2025.

But the proposed budget has reduced that figure to only \$10,000 for fiscal 2017 and zero funding for

fiscal years 2018 to 2020. This risks not only serious deterioration of library structures, but also can put at hazard the precious resources that they house.

Of course, to govern is to choose, and painful choices and tradeoffs must be made as to where to deploy scarce resources. Nevertheless, given the risks to buildings and their contents resulting from such drastic cuts in facilities maintenance, there is a good case for restoring much, if not all, of the funding for the library CFMP so drastically cut in the proposed budget.

- Charles Ziegler, Vice president for advocacy, Friends of the Beatley Central Library



Alexandria in Action

with John Porter

Making a difference in neighbors' lives

Want to make a difference? Want to have a larger impact?

If you answered, “Yes,” to these questions, we have just the thing for you — an opportunity both to make a difference and to have a larger impact through Spring2ACTION 2016 on April 20. This annual day of online giving promises to be the biggest and best yet, enlisting support from 10,000 donors and raising \$1.5 million for deserving Alexandria nonprofits.

Since its inception in 2011, Spring2ACTION has received support from more than 31,500 donors and helped Alexandria nonprofits raise \$3,391,271. The growth in donors from 1,265 in 2011 to 9,431 last year, coupled with \$1,276,909 raised in 2015 compared to \$104,156 in its first year, is remarkable, but the direct

impact these donations have had — the difference they have made — is the real story.

In 2015, ALIVE! raised funds for its Family Emergency Program. Executive director Diane Charles commended Alexandrians who “stepped up to help their neighbors in need ... giving more than \$17,000 to people right here in our community who were struggling to pay their rent and utility bills.”

While just one of ALIVE!'s many efforts on behalf of others in our community, funds raised through Spring2ACTION truly had an impact and made a difference in the lives of those individuals and families receiving rent and utility support.

For UpCycle, a Del Ray-based nonprofit whose goal is for more people to reuse what they have before buying new items, last year's Spring2ACTION campaign enabled them to implement a new initiative which provided the opportunity for more than 500 Alexandria children to think creatively and use materials in new ways. Program cofounder Kelley Organek sees UpCycle's work, in addition to helping our environment, as a way to help children become more creative problem solvers.

“Working with reuse art materials builds problem solving skills, persistence and resiliency,” Organek said, “which are life-long skills that students need to have to be successful in school and in life.”

Higher Achievement, an after-school program for city middle schoolers, is focusing in this year's Spring2ACTION to raise funds to support new elective opportunities for the students with whom they work, believing “all students in Alexandria should have access to programs like theater, bike-building and film-making,” according to executive director Katherine Roboff.

But in some ways, even more importantly, the training provided to nonprofit leaders, staff members and volunteers during Spring2ACTION can be used throughout the year. From help creating a webpage devoted to an individual nonprofit's fundraising efforts to cutting edge social media techniques, these items and skills can be used year round and are valuable far beyond the initial purpose of financial support.

It's also about community, specifically the bringing together of individuals and businesses to support the nonprofits that give back to our city every day and, on a larger scale, the strengthening of connections between nonprofits and the greater community. The more we connect with others and build lasting relationships, the more we grow and the more our community benefits by what we can accomplish together.

I invite you to be one of the 10,000 or more participants in this year's Spring2ACTION. It's an easy way to have an impact and make a difference no matter how large your donation. I encourage you to go online to www.spring2action.org on April 20 and support the nonprofits that you feel address your passions, interests and goals for our community. And whatever the amount you are able to donate is important for the nonprofit receiving and, more importantly, for those served by that nonprofit.

I also believe you will find that giving to others, in addition to making a difference and having an impact on them, will do the same for you. In the words of W. H. Auden, “We are all here on earth to help others; what on earth the others are here for I don't know.”

Don't just give. Solve. Act for Alexandria.

The writer is the president and CEO of ACT for Alexandria.



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OUT OF THE ATTIC

Old habits died hard in post-Civil War Alexandria

For many whites in Alexandria, post-Civil War economic problems and restrictions imposed by Reconstruction often made the large number of black residents an easy target.

At a political rally in front of the Mansion House Hotel in 1866, W.W. Walker from Westmoreland County, Va. “declared himself ready to accept the new condition of affairs, in relation to the colored people, and favored making them good and useful citizens . . . but it was hard that white people should be allowed to suffer . . . while the negro is fostered and educated by the government.”

Some whites blamed outsiders for stirring up discontent among black residents, frequently citing the same northern “Radicals” who were agitating them politically. Others made a distinction between responsible, hard-working black residents who were native to the area and “the vast horde of worthless ‘lazy contrabands’ . . . who have swarmed into the District to enjoy the hospitalities of the government.” One article specifically referred to people living in Alexandria County, asserted that they “live mostly by plundering” and “don’t seem to know how to get a good living any other way.”

This strained situation was made even more acute following the August 1867 announcement that the Freedmen’s Bureau would no longer be providing food and fuel



PHOTO/CHRIS TEALE

assistance to poor Southerners, instead turning that responsibility over to local governments. That September, the commission on indigent freedmen reminded city council that Alexandria’s own relief responsibilities extended only to long-term local residents; other refugees and contrabands would need to return to their former home localities to seek assistance.

Despite these challenges, black Alexandrians were melding into the larger society, and participating more fully in the life of the town. There was interest in forming a “Colored Hook & Ladder Co.” following a meeting at Bethel Church, and two all-black baseball teams played a game in 1867 “on open ground near

the Catholic cemetery.” In July 1869, black voters saw carpenter, builder and real estate entrepreneur George Seaton, who lived at the 404 S. Royal St. home seen above and whose parents had once been enslaved at Mount Vernon, elected to the Virginia House of Delegates.

Though passage of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution by 1870 seemed to guarantee the abolition of slavery, full citizenship status, equal protection under the law and voting rights for all men, a very long road lay ahead. Many legal rights and societal norms involving the ways in which blacks and whites lived their lives together needed to be changed, discussed, fought over and resolved over the

course of the next century, as the era of “Jim Crow” arrived in the South.

In Alexandria, an idealized, romantic vision of “The old South” was already forming during Reconstruction, as editorials occasionally reminisced about “the old days” or “days gone by.” Christmas traditions involving treats for grateful servants sprung up, and there were lively corn huskings marked by “the songs of the colored people, on the farms adjacent to town.” Old habits and symbols persisted, as when a circus arrived in town with the “band . . . dressed in Confederate gray” while “Confederate flags adorned the wagons in the procession.”

Out of the Attic is provided by the Office of Historic Alexandria.

Weekly Poll

Last Week

Do you think Alexandria still will secure the U.S. Transportation Security Administration headquarters even after a two-year delay?

● 68% No. ● 32% Yes.

60 Votes

This Week

Are you satisfied with the ethics initiatives proposed by the ad hoc code of conduct review committee?

A. Yes.

B. No, it doesn't go far enough.

C. No, it was unnecessary. *Take the poll at alextimes.com*

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Time: 9 to 9:30 a.m.
Location: Waterfront Park,
 1 Prince St.
Information: 703-746-6838

ANNUAL POLICE AND SHERIFF MEMORIAL SERVICE

Join current and retired members of the Alexandria Police Department and sheriff's office as they honor the memory of their fallen colleagues.
Time: 11 a.m. to noon
Location: First Baptist Church,
 2932 King St.
Information: 703-746-6838

LECTURE: AN EXTRAORDINARY YOUNG MAN

Professor Peter Henriques will closely examine what we do know about George Washington's first 21 years of life. While no one could have imagined the unique role that he was to play in our nation's founding, Henriques demonstrates that Washington was no ordinary young man.
Time: 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Location: Gadsby's Tavern Museum,
 134 N. Royal St.
Information: 703-746-4242, gadsbys.tavern@alexandriava.gov or www.gadsbystavern.us

May 6

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Bring the whole family to Family Fun Nights for swimming and fun for all ages. Pool games include beach ball relays, water basketball, diving for prizes and fun on the "Aqua Challenge" floating obstacle course. Participate in swimming skill assessments for youth, learn pool safety tips and more.
Time: 6 to 9 p.m.
Location: Chinguapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility, 3210 King St.
Information: 703-746-5435 or ralph.baird@alexandriava.gov

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saltwater species used in the aquariums they install have been "farm" raised to stock aquariums, as opposed to collecting "wild" fish populations from the ocean. Also, to ensure the health of the sea creatures in an aquarium, regular maintenance is required:

- Feeding fish according to a schedule.
- Cleaning skimmer and aquarium.
- Monitoring water quality — checking that the temperature, nitrites, pH level and salinity of the water are within set tolerances for your tank.
- Changing water as suggested and checking that aquarium systems such as lighting,

May 7-28

ATTICS AND ALLEYS TOUR

Find out what mysteries lie behind the closed doors of four of Alexandria's historic sites in a three-hour walking tour featuring the rarely seen spaces of four sites — the Lee-Fendall House, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum and Carlyle House Historic Park. Tickets cost \$35 each.
Time: Each Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon
Location: Gadsby's Tavern Museum,
 134 N. Royal St.
Information: <http://shop.alexandriava.gov>

May 7

CHARLES BARRETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BAZAAR

A school bazaar for students, families and community. The event features games, rides, arts and crafts, food, music, moon bounce, face painting and more.
Time: 3 to 6 p.m.
Location: Charles Barrett Elementary School, 1115 Martha Custis Drive
Information: 703-403-8753 or eniemann@comcast.net

May 8

MOTHER'S DAY TEA

Treat that special woman in your life to an elegant tea and tour. Relax in the beautiful garden setting of the Magnolia Terrace while enjoying the fun and educational program "First Lady Firsts." Admission costs \$40 for adults and \$20 for children aged 5-17. Reservations required.
Time: Noon to 4 p.m.
Location: Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St.
Information: www.carlylehouse.org

filtration and aeration are in good working order.

- Observing fish for signs of stress or sickness.

Blanco says regular maintenance service is often available through reputable businesses that install aquariums, and can start at around \$2 per gallon, per month.

"When we build these aquariums, we can't compete with God in terms of the natural beauty, but we do what we can to ensure the health and longevity of this biological aquatic environment," Blanco says. "It's wonderful to experience the calm of 'fish drift,' which happens when daily difficulties seem to melt away while observing the environment inside a home aquarium."

In Memorium

Matilda Cheney Wise Millard

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Matilda Cheney Wise Millard died April 4 at Goodwin House in Alexandria, Va.

She was born on November 2, 1922 in Peking, China to Louise Delano Cheney and Sherwood A. Cheney. She was a gifted artist and trained at The Arts Student League of New York and The Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris.

In 1952, she married Tully Robison Wise and settled in Alexandria, Va. For many years she had a studio in the Torpedo Factory. After her first husband died she married William John Millard Jr. in 1986.

She loved her collage artwork and family and friends are the beneficiary of her many lovely works of art. A week before her death she had placed three recent collages in the Goodwin House Art Show and was working on another painting.

She leaves behind many step-children, step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held Sunday, May 1 at 3:30 p.m. at Goodwin House, 4800 Filmore Ave., Alexandria, Va.

Anne Elizabeth de Bourbon

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Anne Elizabeth de Bourbon, 64, on April 4, 2016. Born on May 12, 1951, Anne grew up in Patterson, N.Y., the youngest daughter of Filiberto de Bourbon and Lucia Vasquez de Cobo de Bourbon.

A graduate of John F. Kennedy High School in Somers, N.Y., and Endicott College in Beverly, Mass., her career was in banking, working most recently as a mortgage underwriter with 1st Mariner Bank in Bethesda, Md. Previously she was a senior underwriter at Capital One in Bethesda and worked with PMI Mortgage Company.

She was a resident of Westport, Conn., for more than 15 years before moving to Alexandria in 2003.

Five brothers survive: Charles of Delaware Water Gap, Pa.; Anthony of Lansing, Mich.; Ferdinand of New Milford, Conn.; Francis of Los Angeles; and James of Dallas, Texas. A sister, Maria, and brother, Philip, preceded her in death. Six cousins also survive, including Marie B. Stone of Jacksonville, Fla., with whom she was particularly close.

Anne was known for her Old World sensibilities and taste, which were reflected in the home she loved in Old

Town. She appreciated fine European antiques and art, and enjoyed the many interesting shops and restaurants in her neighborhood.

Neighbors and friends celebrated her life with a gathering last week, raising their glasses in many toasts to Anne in her lovely home.

Family and friends will gather for a Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, July 2, 2016 at 10 a.m. at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Pawling, N.Y., with interment to follow at Maple Avenue Cemetery in Patterson, N.Y.

Memorial donations may be made in Anne's honor to Carpenter's Shelter, 930 N. Henry St., Alexandria, VA 22314 or www.carpentersshelter.org.

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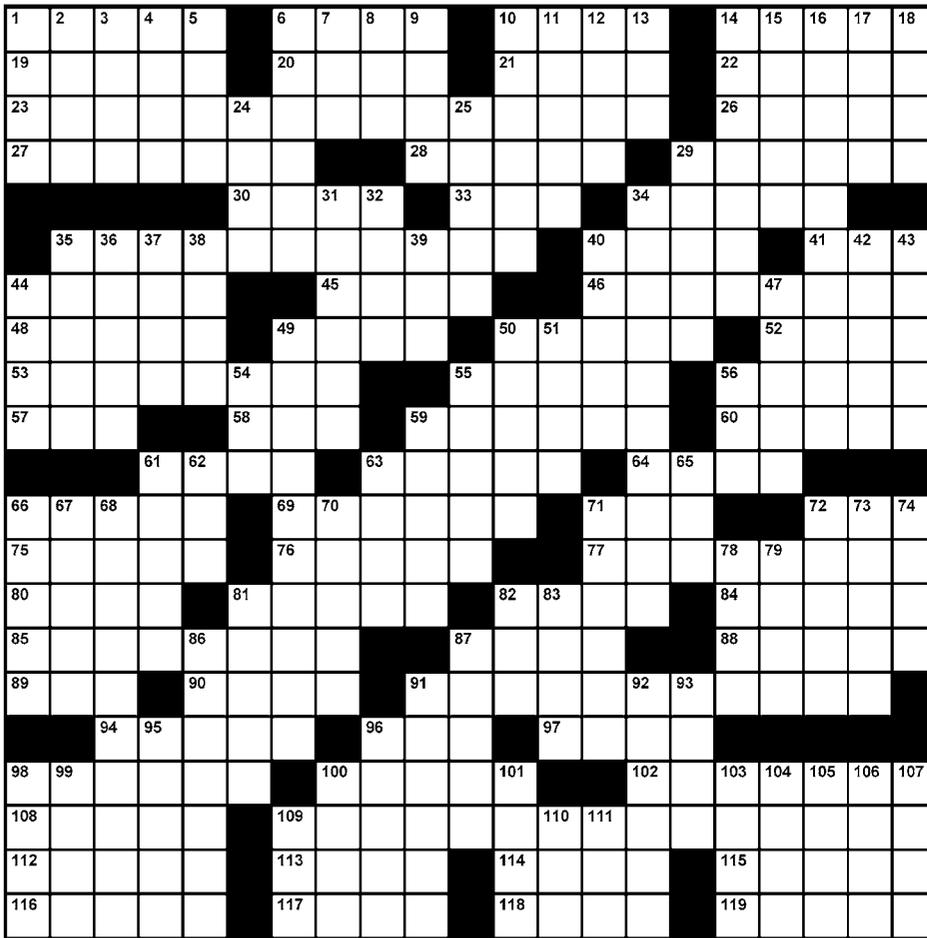
Families may provide any information they wish about a deceased loved one, though all obituaries are subject to editing by the News Department.

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Weekly Words



SCORE! By Fred Piscop

ACROSS

- 1 Rid of frost
- 6 Medieval drudge
- 10 Doily feature
- 14 Partner of Clark
- 19 Violinist Mischa
- 20 Line to Ben-Gurion
- 21 "That didn't hurt a bit!"
- 22 South Bend team, for short
- 23 Forger's creation
- 26 Jay Silverheels TV role
- 27 Yet to come
- 28 Like Groucho's humor
- 29 Rifle's laser sight feature
- 30 Not ___ many words
- 33 Bylaw, for short
- 34 Steakhouse orders, perhaps
- 35 Characteristic of a non-native's speech, maybe
- 40 NYC cultural center
- 41 Be in hock
- 44 Where the action is
- 45 S&L conveniences
- 46 Asks on bended knee
- 48 Pitcher's mound bagful
- 49 Sulky puller's gait
- 50 Fast-food drinks
- 52 Having a tiff
- 53 Walrus feature
- 55 (or), for short
- 56 Subway access
- 57 Sault ___ Marie
- 58 Banned steroid, e.g. (Abbr.)
- 59 ___ Bread (sandwich shop chain)

- 60 Does a KP chore
- 61 Owl's home
- 63 Sewing machine pioneer Howe
- 64 Burn to a crisp
- 66 Drive off
- 69 Totally horrify
- 71 ___-mo replay
- 72 "Butterfly" actress Zadora
- 75 Speak glowingly of
- 76 Adds water to, perhaps
- 77 Slumlord's building
- 80 Suffix with billion
- 81 Electricity, slangily
- 82 Be a bum
- 84 San Fran griddler, for short
- 85 Some shellfishermen
- 87 Burglar's take
- 88 Prefix with violet
- 89 Danson of "Cheers"
- 90 Bryce Canyon's state
- 91 A split second
- 94 Short-lived Ford line
- 96 Selling fast
- 97 "The Lion King" villain
- 98 Seers' decks
- 100 Nation south of Sicily
- 102 Applies aloe to
- 108 Kagan of the Supreme Court
- 109 Punch-out time for many, precisely
- 112 Drummer's platform
- 113 Brewery selections
- 114 Molokai dance
- 115 Part of Hispaniola

- 116 Beat in chess
- 117 No longer permits
- 118 Partner of anon
- 119 "Stormy Weather" composer Harold

DOWN

- 1 Tenth: Prefix
- 2 Tesla CEO ___ Musk
- 3 Don of talk radio
- 4 Lacks the skills
- 5 Internal prefix
- 6 One of tennis's Williamses
- 7 Keebler pitchman
- 8 Charlotte of "The Facts of Life"
- 9 Do a McJob
- 10 Finch family member
- 11 In the midst of
- 12 Perfume giant
- 13 Barely manage, with "out"
- 14 Word-for-word
- 15 Grind away
- 16 Neckwear style
- 17 Proportion phrase
- 18 Field event missile
- 24 Composer Satie
- 25 Ueys, e.g.
- 29 Cloverleaf parts
- 31 Quaking in one's boots
- 32 Prefix with -genarian
- 34 Work in which real people have fictitious names
- 35 Freshwater game
- 36 "Siddhartha" author

- 37 Monogram part (Abbr.)
- 38 Water-to-wine site
- 39 Paramedic, for short
- 40 Roger Bannister, famously
- 42 "Mack the Knife" composer Kurt
- 43 Kefauver on a 1956 ticket
- 44 You may bear them
- 47 Shoot-'em-up movie
- 49 Redford baseball movie
- 50 Locks locale
- 51 Tram loads
- 54 39-Down skill
- 55 Mops' mates
- 56 Place for a mud wrap
- 59 Cessna product
- 61 Brazilian port
- 62 Mountain road abbr.
- 63 Of great proportions
- 65 Sweetie
- 66 Do a double take, say
- 67 Banish to Siberia
- 68 Soldier's relaxed position
- 70 Pull an online scam
- 71 Radio nuisance
- 72 Prefix meaning five
- 73 Like the noble gases
- 74 Gillette razor brand
- 78 Plenty, to a texter
- 79 Pepper grinder
- 81 Ballet leaps
- 82 Place to park
- 83 Circusgoers' gasps
- 86 Dog topper
- 87 "Scratch & win" game
- 91 At least as much
- 92 Earnhardt's org.
- 93 Totally get, in sci-fi
- 95 Organ receiver
- 96 Safety zone
- 98 Service period
- 99 Inter ___ (among others)
- 100 Kunis of "Black Swan"
- 101 Post-workout woe
- 103 Work safety org.
- 104 "___ she blows!"
- 105 Hard downpour
- 106 Ziegfeld Follies designer
- 107 Drive to nowhere
- 109 ___ Four (The Beatles)
- 110 Valentine candy word
- 111 Grand ___ Opry

Obituaries

DEANNA C. CRUMP (78), formerly of Alexandria, April 6, 2016

RICHARD E. FARRALL JR. (85), of Alexandria, April 1, 2016

NORMA E. GAVIN (62), of Alexandria, March 29, 2016

BRIDGETTA C. JENKINS, of Alexandria, April 3, 2016

LILLIAN M. MEADOWS (80), of Alexandria, April 4, 2016

JUNE G. NEWLAN (94), of Alexandria, March 28, 2016

DAVID R. SHORT (74), of Alexandria, March 16, 2016

RICHARD C. TEMPLE (60), formerly of Alexandria, April 6, 2016

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RETAIL LICENSE APPLICATION—PART 2 (POSTING AND PUBLISHING)

PUBLISHING NOTICE

Please publish the following item in the legal notice section of your newspaper. Please refer to the instructions provided on page 3.

[Full name(s) of owner(s)] **Aldos Italian Kitchen LLC**
If general partnership, enter partners' names or name of partnership. If LP, LLP, LLC or corporation, enter name as recorded with the State Corporation Commission. If association or tax-exempt private club, enter name. Only if a sole proprietor, enter first, middle and last name.

Trading as: **Aldos Italian Kitchen**
(trade name)

2850 Eisenhower Ave
(exact street address where business will trade)

Alexandria
(city/town)

(state) **Virginia** (zip + 4) **22314-4565**

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a **Wine and Beer On and Off, Mixed Beverage Restaurant** license
(type(s) of license(s) applied for)

to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

(name and title of owner/partner/officer authorizing advertisement)

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Alexandria
(city/town)

Fairfax (county) **Virginia** (state) **22307+6530** (zip + 4)

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