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Summer Fun

Nora Beekman plays in a shadow drawing that her sister Claire drew on Sunday morning, May 26, at the Arlandria Farmer's Market. See Summer Fun activities, pages 20-25.

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Seeking Justice

Protest cites lack of charges following homicide.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Investigators are looking into whether or not a game of dice was at the heart of a dispute between Julian Dawkins, 22, and off-duty Arlington County Sheriff Deputy Craig Patterson, 44. Police and prosecutors are still trying to track down eyewitnesses to what happened in early morning hours of May 22, when Patterson shot and killed Dawkins in corner yard of the Lynhaven neighborhood. Friends of the slain Alexandria man gathered in front of the courthouse on Tuesday to call for charges to be filed in the case.

"It's devastating, and it's a tragedy," said Joy Brandon, who lives in Del Ray. "This man is at home suspended from work with a paycheck while Julian is going to be buried on Friday."



PHOTO BY TRACY BARBER

Friends created a memorial for Julian Dawkins on Lynhaven Drive.

Even as preparations for a service at Antioch Baptist Church were being finalized this week, police detectives and prosecutors were meeting behind closed doors

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Primary: Two Races, Four Candidates

Competition in June 11 Democratic primary for lieutenant governor and attorney general.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Northern Virginia will dominate the choices for statewide office next month, when Democrats will head to the polls on June 11 for a statewide primary to select candidates for lieutenant governor and attorney general. Former Demo-

cratic National Committee chairman Terry McAuliffe will be unopposed as the party's choice for governor, leaving the longtime McLean resident to face Republican Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli this fall.

"Terry McAuliffe is not the most highly regarded Democrat, and a lot of Democrats are frustrated by

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WEEK IN ALEXANDRIA

Old Town, Then Eisenhower

Which neighborhood should become the focus of the next small area plan? That's a debate that grabbed elected officials this week, as they debated whether Eisenhower West should get the prize or North Old Town. Residents in both neighborhoods were lobbying elected officials that their neck of the woods should be the focus of attention.

"This is not about pitting one part of the city against another part," said Mayor **Bill Euille**. "It's about reaching a compromise."

But the city's long-range planning efforts are a zero-sum game at City Hall, where planning officials can dedicate a minimum of 18 months putting together the next small-area plan. Eisenhower West ended up winning the day, largely because the plan can trigger a sunset clause to end the industrial land use at Virginia Paving. Councilman **Paul Smedberg** was the lone holdout for moving ahead with Old Town North first as a way to guide the development pressures there, including the 25-acre site where a shuttered coal-fired power plan now stands.

"I think that site will develop much sooner than people expect," said Smedberg.

Unlike Old Town North, where a number of redevelopment efforts are already in the pipeline, the scene on the West End is different. The focus there will be finding a way to create incentives for development. "Let's stop kidding ourselves," concluded Mayor Euille. "Nothing is going to happen without a plan."

Battle of Eisenhower Avenue

The War on Bricks has begun, and the first battle will be on Eisenhower Avenue from Mill Road to Holland Lane. This is where city officials will determine whether or not the sidewalks are brick — which is currently called for in the Eisenhower East Small-Area Plan — or concrete or perhaps some mix of concrete and brick detailing.

Last month, former School Board Chairwoman Mollie Danforth and Commission on Aging member Bob Eiffert declared war on brick sidewalks, which they said pose a hazard because they are often uneven and create impediments to people with disabilities. They are also a problem for women who wear heels, which can get stuck in the cracks. Danforth and Eiffert said the city should take action to create a new brick policy before new brick sidewalks are approved. Now the front lines have moved to Eisenhower Avenue, where a widening project will include new sidewalks.

Will they be brick, as currently called for in the plan? Or will concrete stage an invasion? Intelligence from the battlefield is inconclusive. "We're going to come back to council with a number of options," promised Rich Baier, director of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services.

"We're going to count on that," said Councilwoman Del Pepper, who generally supports brick architecture but has been a long-time critic of brick sidewalks.

Who's In Charge?

Alexandria's mayor serves as the chairman for all City Council meetings, determining who gets to speak and in what order. That means council members look to the mayor when they want to speak. But if the mayor steps away from the dais, the vice mayor has the task of running the meeting.

Such was the case this week when City Councilman Justin Wilson wanted to weigh in on a matter of significance this week. Mayor Bill Euille had stepped away. And Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg did not respond quick enough for the fast-talking Wilson. "Mister Mayor? Madam Vice Mayor? Alexander Haig?" asked Wilson, referring to the secretary of state who infamously declared himself "in control" when President Ronald Reagan was shot in 1981. "I was alive then," added Wilson, who was born in 1979.

Correction

Last week's issue incorrectly attributed a quote to Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Molly Sullivan. She should have been quoted to say she had no comment on what kind of sentence prosecutors would be seeking in the case against Kashif Bashir, who is charged with shooting Alexandria police officer Peter Laboy.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



Chaplain Dick Evans of American Legion Post 24 gives the invocation.



Guest speaker John A. Kelly, chairman of the Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials, addresses the guests.



Gary Moore played Taps for the Memorial Service.



Memorial Day

The flag at Alexandria National Cemetery is completely lowered and then flown at half staff for the Memorial Day service.

Patrick McGrady, currently program support assistant from Quantico, who oversees the cemetery, gives the welcome remarks.



Petty Officer First Class Martin Wilson, USN of Seal Team 18 stationed at Little Creek, Va., directs the scouts in the unfolding and raising of the new flag. More photos, page 31.

Preparations

Navy Commander Joe Cubba presented VFW Commander Bob Jones with a new flag to fly over the Alexandria National Cemetery on Saturday morning, May 25. More than 100 scouts gathered with neighbors, family, friends and neighbors to retire the old flag and raise the new. Afterwards, those gathered set out to decorate each gravestone with a flag for Memorial Day weekend.



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Joy Brandon collects signatures and memories for a memorial to Julian Dawkins as part of a protest outside the Alexandria city courthouse.

Investigators Seeking Eyewitnesses

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to confer about how they should proceed in the case. Police say Patterson shot Dawkins, who died shortly afterwards. Alexandria police detectives questioned Patterson, then released him. Since that time the Arlington County Sheriff's Office has placed him on paid administrative leave. On Thursday, the coroner ruled the case a homicide. At press time, no charges have been filed.

"The mere fact that it is a homicide does not necessarily mean that it justifies prosecution," said Commonwealth's Attorney S. Randolph "Randy" Sengel. "There are justifiable homicides and homicides that are in self defense and cases of that nature where it's not appropriate to bring charges."

JULIAN DAWKINS had only recently turned 21 when he was gunned down on a street he had known his whole life. Friends recalled Dawkins as a gentle soul, a graduate of T.C. Williams High School who enjoyed basketball and hoped to start his own business some day. On the night he was killed, he was at a party celebrating his cousin, Tierra Ruffin-Pratt, who had been signed to the Washington Mystics. Detectives are investigating whether or not a game of dice may have led to a dispute between the two men, which culminated in violence shortly after midnight. "If that was one of us out on the street and we shot at a police officer — meant to kill him or not meant to kill him — we would be behind bars," said Yashika Smith, who lives in Old Town. "And the fact that the police officer is not behind bars is ridiculous."

During the protest outside the courthouse this week, friends of Dawkins called for action. They said that Alexandria police officials and prosecutors are dragging their feet because the man who shot and killed Dawkins is a law-enforcement official. Inside the courthouse, prosecutors said they needed more evidence to charge Patterson with murder. So far, Sengel said, that evidence has yet to materialize.

"We simply do not know, at this point, what exactly happened," said Sengel. "Whether it's a justifiable killing or if it's not, what degree of homicide it might be — and those are all important decisions that have to be made before you charge somebody."

Church Service

Julian Dawkins is survived by his mother, Gwen Pratt-Miller; his father, Curtis Dawkins; and his step-father, Vincent Miller; two brothers, James Williams and Bryan Matthews; grandparents, Robert and Romaine Dawkins; and a host of family and friends.

Family will receive friends at Antioch Church of Christ, 1120 Queen St., Alexandria, on Friday, May 31 from 10 a.m. until time of service at noon. Interment will be in Bethel Cemetery. Arrangements are by Ames Funeral Home, Manassas.

SOME HAVE ALREADY started drawing comparisons between the Dawkins homicide and the February 2012 killing of Trayvon Martin, the Florida teenager who was shot and killed by neighborhood watch coordinator George Zimmerman. Local police officials were unwilling to bring charges against Zimmerman, but a special prosecutor appointed to the investigation eventually charged him with murder. Now many in Alexandria are pressing for charges to be filed against Patterson.

"This is the Trayvon Martin case all over again, but this time it's happening here in Alexandria," said Geri Baldwin, a community activist who lives in Old Town. "Craig Patterson should be arrested and tried. Let justice be served."

Sengel said he hoped his office would make some kind of determination by the end of the week. Until then, friends of Dawkins said, they will keep pressing for police and prosecutors to deliver justice for their dead friend.

"Justice has not been served," said Curtis Moore, who lives in Washington, D.C. "It's crazy, and it just doesn't make sense."

Correction

Last week's issue incorrectly identified the neighborhood where the shooting took place. It should have said the incident happened in the Lynhaven neighborhood.



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Remembering on Memorial Day

Dr. Stephen Versace accompanied by members of the West Point Class of '59 and Friends of Rocky Versace places a bouquet of flowers at the base of his brother's memorial sculpture in the Rocky Versace Plaza on Monday, May 26. Sponsored by the Friends of Rocky Versace and the Mount Vernon Community Center, the ceremony paid tribute to the 67 Alexandria Vietnam War fallen heroes and all the members of the nation's Armed Forces who died in war and peace. The ceremony opened with the singing of the National Anthem by Miss Virginia Outstanding Teen Andolyn Medina. The St. Rita's American Heritage Girls led those gathered in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Parochial Vicar of St. Rita's Roman Catholic Church the Rev. Edwin Perez gave the invocation. A tribute to Capt. HR Rocky Versace written by then Major James N. Rowe was read. Bugler Kenneth Anderson played Taps.

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Brynne Ware-Colantuoni, Mayor Bill Euille, Jackson Dunton and Patty Moran are joined by elected officials and Relay for Life organizers in the official ribbon-cutting ceremony on Swanson field.

Relay for Life

The T.C. Williams National Honor Society and Athletic Department hosted for the first time in Alexandria the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, May 18-19. The 24-hour relay included several teams of TC students and staff members. Participants formed teams and set up tents and camping supplies. After the first opening lap — the survivors lap — teams started the relay with one member on the track, walking, at all times. Music was provided with live entertainment throughout the afternoon and evening and again on Sunday morning. The Relay for Life organizers were Patty Moran and Steve Colantuoni.



Brynne Ware-Colantuoni and Jackson Dunton lead off the survivor lap around the field.

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Liberating the Vote

After years of rejecting the issue, GOP embraces restoring voting rights to nonviolent felons.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

When Ken Cuccinelli was a member of the Virginia state Senate representing Fairfax County, he was staunchly opposed to extending voting rights to nonviolent felons. Year after year, the issue was raised by Northern Virginia Democrats. And year after year, the conservative Republican who represented the 37th Senate District — an area that stretched from Burke to Centreville — would vote against it. Now that he is attorney general and engaged in a hotly contested race for governor, Cuccinelli is changing his tune.

“Being in the middle of it for a number of years changed my opinion on this particular point,” said Cuccinelli this week. “I think I’m consistent with some of the other things I’ve done in the criminal justice arena.”

When he arrived in Richmond, Cuccinelli said, he thought denial of voting rights should be part of the punishment given to felon. Over the years though, he saw a pattern of behavior in which legislators would increase penalties for all manner of offenses — a phenomenon he calls “felony creep.” By the time he became attorney general in 2010, Cuccinelli began to have second thoughts about his longstanding opposition to restoration of voting rights for nonviolent felons.

“When I arrived as attorney general, I evolved to a different position,” said Cuccinelli.

“I think that we need to be more open as a society to reintegrating people who go into our prisons and our jails when they come out.”



THIS WEEK, the attorney general issued a report presenting a number of legal alternatives to the current system of restoring rights to nonviolent felons. One is establishing a “permanent function” under the governor’s office

that would be dedicated to rights applications. The report, which was compiled by a bipartisan commission of lawyers Cuccinelli convened in March, also said the governor could “exercise his discretionary clemency power in a more expansive manner” to streamline the process. One of the key findings of the commission, however, was that the governor does not have the authority to issue an executive order restoring voting rights.

“We think the governor can do a lot for thousands of people with an executive order, and we think people should be discussing that as opposed to where in the bureaucracy the staffing should be provided,” said ACLU of Virginia executive director Claire Gastañaga. “The governor has access to all kinds of lawyers, and the kind of lawyer I would want is the one who would tell me what I can do not what I can’t do.”

Although ACLU leaders were critical of Cuccinelli, the organization took pains to publicly praise Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell this week. After the attorney general released his report, McDonnell announced that he will automatically restore voting rights of nonviolent felon on an individual basis. The move falls short of the blunt restoration that civil rights advocates have been calling for, but it goes as far as



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The issue of restoring voting rights to felons has long been an issue for Democrats. Now some leading Republicans are joining the effort.

possible within the limitations outlined in the commission’s report to the attorney general.

“While we are glad to see that the governor has taken steps to improve the restoration process by removing the waiting period and other barriers for non-violent felons, more work remains,” said ACLU of Virginia legislative counsel Hope Amezcua. “It is our hope that with continued leadership and advocacy from some of Virginia’s highest elected officials across the spectrum, state legislators will finally see the wisdom of ridding Virginia of this punitive law once

and for all.”

THE POLITICS of restoring voting rights to nonviolent felons remains perilous in Richmond, where Republicans have long stood in the way of extending the franchise to people who have been found guilty of felonies. Earlier this year, the issue took on added significance when McDonnell raised the issue during his annual State of the Commonwealth Address. Although it’s not an issue Republicans have traditionally supported, McDonnell indicated that the time

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Working To Help Ex-Offenders

Local probation office reintegrates ex-offenders into community.

BY GERALD A. FILL
GAZETTE PACKET

As a longstanding observer of criminal behavior trends Lisa Stapleton, a 21-year veteran of the state Department of Corrections and, since 2007, chief of Probation and Parole of Alexandria, said, “80 percent of our adult offenders on probation have committed crimes because they have at one time or another been involved in substance abuse violations ... and I would also say that we are much more aware that the source of problems for many offenders entering into criminal behavior are untreated or unresolved mental health issues.

“Our probation officers are constantly working to identify, where we can, the source of the offenders’ problems and refer them for treatment and/or counseling.”

Stapleton supervises, along with a deputy, 12 probation officers who currently monitor and supervise 529 adult offenders on probation.

She graduated from American University



Lisa Stapleton, chief, Adult Probation & Parole, Alexandria City District, Virginia Department of Corrections.

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with a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice. Prior to joining the state Department of Corrections, she was employed for several years in a pre-trial services program in the District of Columbia, and then as a probation officer with a family court services program in Atlantic City, N.J.

Asked why she chose to stay in this area of criminal justice, she replied, “I always believed that I could make a difference in the life of people who were in a bad way, and help them become productive members of our community.” She cited her office’s role, not always well understood or appre-

Probation Case

Lisa Stapleton, chief of Adult Probation & Parole, Alexandria City District, cites this example of an Alexandria city adult offender in which probation supervision and counseling resulted in a positive outcome even in what at one time appeared hopeless. The offender is now reintegrated into the community as a productive law abiding citizen:

“Female, approximately 30 years old when first incarcerated for substance abuse many years ago, was arrested and imprisoned and then placed on probation; violated the terms of probation several times for drug trafficking, bad checks, and violated her probation in several different Court jurisdictions. She most recently entered probation with the Alexandria city district; was helped by Friends of Guest House to locate housing, and a local employer hired her. Offender was on probation with three different Courts but because of counseling and help by several organizations, and, after several years, has fulfilled probation requirements in two of the three Court jurisdictions and is now awaiting being released from her third and final probation. In the meantime, she has been employed for approximately three years with no problems.”

ciated, as bringing into play local community organizations that together with the probation officers make a significant con

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Competition in Primary for Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General

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that choice,” said University of Mary Washington political science professor Stephen Farnsworth. “But he will have some material to paint the Republican ticket as too conservative for Virginia.”

Republicans were going to use a statewide primary to select their candidates until Tea Party supporters backing Cuccinelli seized control of the executive committee last year and changed the rules. The party decided to ditch the primary in favor of a convention to determine candidates, a decision that prompted Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling to drop out of the race and condemn the direction of the party as too extreme. When Republicans gathered in Richmond earlier this month to nominate Cuccinelli, they also selected a virtually unknown candidate for lieutenant governor — conservative black pastor E.W. Jackson, who has compared Planned Parenthood to the Ku Klux Klan and called gays “sexually twisted.”

“This is further evidence that making decisions like that can have unintended consequences,” said University of Virginia Center for Politics analyst Geoff Skelley. “If Jackson proves to be a liability for the ticket, Republicans will probably look back on the decision to shift to a convention with some remorse.”

Democrats have two contenders for the lieutenant governor spot, state Sen. Ralph Northam (D-6) and former U.S. Chief Technology Officer Aneesh Chopra. In the race for attorney general, Democrats will select between state Sen. Mark Herring (D-33) and former federal prosecutor Justin Fairfax.

RALPH NORTHAM is a Virginia Military Institute graduate and U.S. Army veteran who is currently a pediatric neurologist. Northam is currently an assistant professor of neurology at Eastern Virginia Medical School and father of two. One of his major legislative accomplishments during his time in the state Senate was championing legislation to ban smoking in restaurants. When he launched his campaign back in December, he indicated his campaign would focus on the social issues that dominated the controversial 2012 session, which put Virginia in the national news media spotlight as well as the late-night comedy shows.

“Republicans used their majority to launch an all-out assault on women, working families and the LGBT community,” he said in an e-mail to party steering committee members to launch his campaign. “As I spoke on the floor of the Virginia Senate to defend a most basic right of women — the right to control their own bodies and personal health — I was struck by how far Virginia’s government had strayed from its most fundamental mission of improving the lives of all Virginians.”



Ralph Northam



Aneesh Chopra



Mark Herring



Justin Fairfax

On the campaign trail, Northam has called for a ban on assault weapons and a requirement for universal background checks on all firearm purchases in Virginia. He has also suggested that elected officials should be required to report of gifts to family members, which would have required the governor’s daughter to report the \$15,000 tab for catering and flowers she received from Star Scientific CEO Jonnie Williams — who also contributed money to the attorney general’s campaign that went unreported at first. Northam’s proposal

ians, women seeking to rise in their careers, and the rise of college tuition costs.

“The Richmond Republicans want us to give up,” he says as he begins to ride backward down the escalator. “But we can’t let that happen.”

THE RACE for lieutenant governor is normally a sleeper because the role is the least visible of all the statewide offices. But this year is different for two reasons. One is the split in the Virginia state Senate, which is evenly divided between 20 Republicans and 20 Democrats. That means that the next lieutenant governor will have a tie-breaking vote determining the balance of power in the Senate. Another reason this year is different is because winner of the Democratic primary for lieutenant governor will go head to head with Jackson. Northam and Chopra wasted no time in issuing statements about the Republican candidate.

“E.W. Jackson is fighting tooth and nail with Ken Cuccinelli to move Virginia backwards by imposing an extreme social agenda onto the Commonwealth,” said Northam in a press release.

“Jackson’s extreme views are far to the right of Virginia voters. In fact, Jackson is far more extreme than Ken Cuccinelli — which is quite a feat,” said Chopra in a press release.

The selection of Jackson as the Republican standard bearer has changed the dynamics of the race, which has suddenly become much higher profile than it would otherwise be. Democrats are eager to campaign against Jackson, using his past statements as a template to portray the Republican ticket as a party against choice for women and civil rights for gays. That means the choice facing Democrats is which of the two candidates on the Democratic side would be the best person to face Jackson.

“I think it helps Chopra,” said former state Democratic Party chairman Brian Moran. “Northam would have been a choice for Democrats who were concerned about electability. Now that’s less of a concern, so people will be more willing to go with what their hearts and minds are telling them.”

THE RACE for attorney general is traditionally difficult for Democrats, who must battle the perception that Republicans are the law-and-order party that has candidates who are tough on crime. The last Demo-

crat to hold the office was Mary Sue Terry, who was first elected to the position in 1985 and then reelected in 1989. That means Republicans have held the position since 1990.

“Democrats know this is an uphill climb,” said Moran. “That’s why it’s so important to for primary voters to pick the right person to be on the ticket.”

The winner of the Democratic primary for attorney general will face state Sen. Mark Obenshain (R-26), who won his party’s nomination during a convention fight against Del. Rob Bell (R-58). Although Obenshain’s nomination as the Republican choice for attorney general did not generate as much press as the lieutenant governor candidate, Obenshain’s speech to delegates sounded many of the same themes — opposing a woman’s right to choose, supporting the Second Amendment and going after Democratic President Barack Obama at every opportunity.

“President Obama, the next time your rogue IRS targets the Virginia Tea Party, you going to have to deal with me,” Obenshain said to thunderous applause.

MARK HERRING is a Leesburg resident and graduate of the University of Richmond School of Law who runs a private practice. A former member of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, Herring was first elected to the state Senate in a 2006 special election. He has a bachelor’s degree and master’s degrees from the University of Virginia, and he is the father of two. He launched his campaign for attorney general almost a year ago, saying it’s time to “get politics out” of the attorney general’s office.

“Over the last three years, we’ve watched Attorney General Cuccinelli pursue an ideological crusade that is out of step with the mainstream,” Herring said in his campaign announcement. “Time after time, the attorney general has abused the powers of his office and twisted the law to advance his personal political agenda, which has been costly to taxpayers and costly to the credibility of the office.”

Herring said he was inspired to run when Cuccinelli issued a legal opinion early in his term that said the boards of visitors at the state’s universities and colleges could not include sexual orientation as a part of their nondiscrimination policies. Herring said it was part of a pattern that Cuccinelli developed during his time in office, from going after a climate change scientist at the University of Virginia to suing the federal Environmental Protection Agency and taking on the federal Affordable Care Act in court. Last month, Herring sent a letter to the public integrity section of the Department of Justice seeking an inquiry into financial dealings between Virginia supplement maker Star Scientific, McDonnell and Cuccinelli.

“The gifts and the cozy relationship between these individuals and this company have raised serious concerns in Virginians’ minds, especially because Star Scientific has business before the state,” said Herring in

“Terry McAuliffe is not the most highly regarded Democrat, and a lot of Democrats are frustrated by that choice. But he will have some material to paint the Republican ticket as too conservative for Virginia.”

— University of Mary Washington political science professor Stephen Farnsworth

would also lower the threshold of personal investments that must be disclosed from \$10,000 to \$5,000 as well as create an independent ethics panel with subpoena powers.

“The people of this commonwealth deserve better than Governor McDonnell and Attorney General Cuccinelli’s recent improprieties,” Northam said in a statement issued in April.

ANEESH CHOPRA is an Arlington resident, a graduate of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and the father of two girls. He served as Virginia’s Secretary of Technology under Democratic Gov. Tim Kaine until 2009, when President Barack Obama tapped Chopra to be the nation’s first chief technology officer. When he formally launched his campaign back in March, he tried to re-appropriate his reputation as a high-tech innovator in a political context.

“I decided to run for the post as I firmly believe our state government can be smarter, faster, better, and fairer for all Virginians,” he said in a written statement.

Earlier this month, Chopra became the first down-ticket candidate to start airing a television commercial. The 33-second spot titled “Escalator” shows Chopra staying in place as he climbs up a down elevator. The image is supposed to act as a metaphor for the economic plight of middle class Virgin-

NEWS



Officers and members of the Board of Governors gather for a photo prior to the annual flag raising ceremony at the Old Dominion Boat Club. Pictured are Art Fox, Ernie Dauray, Jim Lavery, John Keegan, Dee Phillips, Dee Beresford, Eric DeSoto, Paul Whitestone and Miles Holtzman.



ODBC secretary Dee Beresford visits with Mayor Bill Euille following the May 19 ceremony.



Members of Alexandria Fire Department Engine Company 201 listen to remarks prior to the water cannon demonstration by the fireboat John Glenn.

PHOTOS BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

‘Fair Winds and Following Seas’ Old Dominion Boat Club holds 133rd flag raising.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Dreary skies and weekend rains cleared as members, dignitaries and guests of the Old Dominion Boat Club gathered at the foot of King Street May 19 for the 133rd annual flag raising ceremony.

“These flags symbolize the unity between the city, the state, the United States and the Old Dominion Boat Club,” said Mayor Bill Euille prior to the yearly tradition of hoisting new flags to kick off the official start of a safe boating season. “This ceremony is a tradition that has been passed down for 133 years to the young people of our community.”

The U.S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard presented the colors, which was followed by the

singing of the national anthem by Jessica Fuller and a blessing for the safety of boaters by Pastor Carl Rush of Bush Hill Presbyterian Church. New flags were then individually hoisted atop the gaff-rigged flagpole at 1 King St.

The ceremony concluded with a water cannon demonstration by the fireboat John Glenn on the Potomac River.

“Thank you to the Old Dominion Boat Club for what you do each and every day in your youth and philanthropic endeavors,” said Euille as he congratulated the club members. “Congratulations and best wishes for a season of boating safety.”

D.C. Fireboat John Glenn Jr. demonstrates a water cannon salute along the Potomac River.



Eric DeSoto, John Keegan and Miles Holtzman raise the City of Alexandria flag May 19 at 1 King Street as part of the 133rd annual flag raising ceremony at the Old Dominion Boat Club.

OBITUARY

John Jacob Krafft

Born in New York on Oct. 18, 1916, John Jacob Krafft moved with his family to the city of Alexandria at the age of 5. He was one of seven children of Jacob Martin and Augusta (Hiertrierter) Krafft. He grew up in Alexandria on the west corner of Cedar and King Streets across from the Masonic Temple. One of his favorite childhood memories was climbing on the scaffolding as the Temple was being constructed.

He attended St. Mary’s Catholic School in Alexandria and for high school he graduated from McKinley Technical School in Washington, D.C. In order to get to school, he walked to the streetcar in Old Town that took him to the bus in D.C. After graduat-



Krafft

ing from high school in 1934, he attended George Washington University and studied mechanical engineering.

He was on a double date with a friend and met his future bride, Dana Barrett, who was a cartographer at the National Geographic. It was love at first sight

and they were soon married and living on 10th Street NW in Washington, D.C. He opened a sheet metal shop in Georgetown, the Krafft Company, where he manufactured ductwork for residential heating systems. He was inducted into the army in 1943 and served in WWII in the Engineering Construction Battalion stationed in the Pacific theatre. He was honorable discharged with the rank of sergeant in 1946. Upon his return home, he reopened his

business on Four Mile Run in Arlington. There he devised a method to utilize airplane scrap fuselage for the manufacture of ductwork. With the advent of air-conditioning, he expanded the business to include the sale of both heating and cooling systems. He designed the “Krafft-Pack” Air Handler to meet the need of residential air-conditioning.

In the early 1960s, he purchased property in the undeveloped West End of Alexandria. There he built the facility which remains today as the headquarters of Krafft A/C Service Corp. He was one of the founding fathers of the Air Conditioning Contractors of America and served as its second president. He was also involved with the founding of Ascension Academy, a private Catholic school for young men in the City of Alexandria.

Besides being a successful entrepreneur and businessman, John had a love for the great outdoors. He was an avid sailor, hunter and fisherman. He and his wife loved to travel and saw much of the world during their 50-plus years of marriage. Together, John and Dana raised two children, a son Jay, and a daughter, Ann.

Following his retirement from Krafft Service, he developed the property on Edsall Road and created Edsall Center. He played tennis and studied German, continued to travel, and learned to use computers. After the death of his wife in 1996, he marveled at the rapidly changing world through the eyes of his four grandchildren — Allie, Dana, Nicole and Michael. Despite the challenges of old age, he continued to stay active well into his 90s.

He died on May 20, 2013.

OPINION

Don't Be Among the Missing

Last time Virginia elected a governor, 1.7 million voters failed to vote after voting the previous year.

In 2008, 74.5 percent of Virginia's registered voters turned out to vote in the presidential election. In 2009, the last time Virginians elected a governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and members of the House of Delegates, just 40.4 percent of registered voters came out to vote.

That is to say that 1.7 million voters went missing in the Commonwealth.

Last November, more than 70 percent of Virginia's registered voters turned out. Will this November see 40 percent or less? Choices at the statewide level could hardly be more stark, and low turnout will make the outcome unpredictable.

It's a mistake for people offended by the in-

flammatory and derogatory rhetoric by the Republican nominee for Lieutenant Governor E.W. Jackson to think that he is unelectable in Virginia or that his negatives will make Ken Cuccinelli, Republican nominee for Governor unelectable.

It all depends on who turns out to vote.

As an example, in November 2007, incumbent state Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37) won reelection by less than one-half of a percentage point, with an edge of just 92 votes out of 37,185 ballots cast, beating Democrat Janet Oleszek. Approximately 32 percent of registered voters in the 37th District cast ballots at the polls in that election. Imagine what might be different today if that race had gone differently. Cuccinelli was first elected to the Virginia Senate in 2002 in a special election.

Primary June 11

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, June 11, with absentee voting currently underway.

Voters in the Democratic primary will choose between Ralph S. Northam and Aneesh Chopra for lieutenant governor; and between Mark R.

Herring and Justin E. Fairfax for attorney general.

The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on June 11.

Good sources for information on upcoming elections.

Virginia State Board of Elections, <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/>
Virginia Public Access Project, <http://www.vpap.org/candidates?display=state>
Alexandria Board of Elections, <http://www.alexandriava.gov/Elections>

Father's Day Photos

Father's Day is June 16, and as in years past, the Gazette Packet will publish a gallery of photos of fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers and sons and daughters. Send your photos, including names of everyone in the photo, ages of children, town of residence and a brief description of what is happening to editors@connectionnewspapers.com

— MARY KIMM

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Failing To Help J-H Students

To the Editor:

West Old Town Citizens Association members were honored to have District A School Board members Bill Campbell, Karen Graf and Stephanie Kapsis attend a special meeting earlier this month to discuss Jefferson-Houston School's academic dilemma. They were joined by Justin Keating, the District B Board mem-

ber who serves as the School Board's liaison to our PK-8 school. We appreciate their shared commitment of time.

During the meeting we learned from them that Mr. Keating, Mr. Campbell, and former School Board member Helen Morris traveled to Richmond to testify on April 2 before the Senate Finance Committee's subcommittee on education. (Alexandria Democrat Dick Saslaw serves on this committee.)

The Alexandria trio opposed funding for S.B. 1324, the authorizing legislation which permits the Commonwealth of Virginia to take over consistently failing schools like Jefferson-Houston. Apparently they succeeded as final funding for the state-proposed Educational Opportunity Institution was slashed from \$600,000 to \$150,000.

When describing the Alexandria delegation's argument, Mr. Keating explained that Alexandria seeks variable levels of state interventions — interventions which fall short of complete school takeover. Jefferson-Houston, he said, performed at a higher level than Petersburg's schools and, because of this, less state oversight was required to correct Jefferson-Houston's problems than Petersburg's. We presumed Mr. Keating meant that Petersburg's takeover school had an even worse academic record than Jefferson-Houston's.

The Petersburg school in question was not disclosed but according to the Department of Education it is Peabody Middle School. However, a comparison of Virginia State Department of Education test data for both Peabody and Jefferson-Houston suggests Mr. Keating's assumption may be flawed. Over a three-year period 6th grade reading and math SOL test pass rates reveal no significant difference between the two schools. The same was true for 7th grade reading and math, for which there are two years of data available to compare.

Arguably, the numbers of middle school pu-

pils tested at Jefferson-Houston is too small to be credible, since 6th grade classes were only added in 2009-10, 7th grade in 2010-11 and 8th grade in 2011-12. So five years of Jefferson-Houston's elementary school test scores were compared with those at Petersburg's A.P. Hill Elementary School, which is on the state's warning list for the third year and has been discussed as a possible takeover target in the future.

The test scores for 3rd and 5th grade math SOL pass rates again did not show a significant difference. In only one category (3rd grade math) did Petersburg pupils do worse than those at Jefferson-Houston last year. In fact, 5th grade math scores reveal that while only 21 percent of Jefferson-Houston children passed the SOL, the pass rate at A.P. Hill was nearly three times higher at 58.33 percent.

Mr. Keating's thesis — and presumably that of the Alexandria School Board he represents — that Jefferson-Houston merits a less drastic takeover based on a comparison with other troubled schools elsewhere in Virginia is simply not backed up by data.

It's embarrassing for Alexandria education officials to admit, but Jefferson-Houston is in a class by itself. That is why the state targets it for total takeover.

As far as demographics go, the two Petersburg schools are majority black and so is Jefferson-Houston. According to the Kids Count project of the Annie B. Casey Foundation, in 2011 about 15 percent of Alexandria children ages 0 through 17 lived in poverty while more than a third (37.7 percent) of the children in Petersburg were poor. Census results from 2010 and the American Community Survey five-year average reveal family income in Alexandria is more than double that of Petersburg (\$102,000 vs. \$44,000). Yet the two Petersburg schools were not measurably worse

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Snapshot

11:34 a.m., May 26: Chelsea Bryan performs at the Arlandria Farmers Market.

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OPINION

'How Did That Happen?'

Tale of two funds.

BY ALLISON SILBERBERG
VICE MAYOR OF ALEXANDRIA

This is a story about two funds that have made a significant difference in Alexandria for a decade and how they are possibly threatened.

The public is understandably concerned about the future of dedicated funding for the long-established Affordable Housing Fund and Open Space Fund. I certainly share their concern, and I hope this letter will help clarify what the two funds are, their impact, and why we need to reinstate the dedicated funds for these set asides. Otherwise, Alexandria will have two funds without a predictable, consistent base of support and will be up and down like the wind.

For now, the Affordable Housing Fund and the Open Space Fund will be funded through FY2014, and the council put an additional amount of \$174,000 into supporting affordable housing. What is difficult to fathom is that after FY2014, these two funds will no longer have a dedicated or set aside amount unless the City Council votes to put funds into it. Therefore, depending upon the council makeup and the economy, the amount in each fund will vary wildly.

I hope we can right this ship, because having these two funds with dedicated

funding made good policy sense for a decade and helped our city achieve its civic goals, as stated in the city's seven-point strategic plan.

Until May 6 when the City Council voted for the budget, no one knew that the dedicated monies to support these two funds were on the chopping block. I have heard from housing and open space advocates asking me about this dramatic change in policy. I have told them that this change came out of nowhere.

From late February through early May, the City Council had numerous meetings, work sessions, and public hearings, but not one of those meetings was focused on the future of the dedicated funding for the Affordable Housing Fund and the Open Space Fund. The council also had a Preliminary Add/Delete meeting, which took many hours, and then had an hour-long Final Add/Delete meeting. The set asides were not discussed at either one and were not part of our lengthy debates, though we did debate the pros and cons of everything else under the sun.

Adding something after the Final Add/Delete meeting is unheard of and does not bode well for our open, democratic process. It undermines it. The budget motion should only include what was discussed and agreed upon prior to the formal vote. Regardless of how each of us feels about the set asides, it is important to have a full, scheduled discussion about an issue, especially one that would change a long-standing policy.

If the public had known about this possible change,

then the public would have had time to respond and write us, just as they did about the Warwick pool, the meters in Old Town, the schools, etc. Not one email came in about these two funds because no one knew about a possible change.

On April 15, the City Council had a work session with the Budget & Fiscal Affairs Advisory Commission to get their take on the budget and the city's fiscal health. The BFAAC chair, John Renner, gave a detailed presentation to the council with dozens of bullet points, and one of his points was a sentence about BFAAC's support to eliminate the designated funds for the set asides. One or two colleagues on council expressed support for Mr. Renner's point. This lasted a couple of minutes at most. Then Mr. Renner continued.

Making a comment for a minute or two does not mean that the council has discussed the issue, nor does it mean there is council consensus. In contrast, during the Preliminary Add/Delete meeting, for a moment, we did have consensus when there were four of us (Mayor Euille, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Pepper, and myself) who wanted to increase the designated funds for the Affordable Housing Fund. The mayor then withdrew his support of increasing the funds, and we had to drop the matter, but that would have been a perfect moment for others to raise their feelings about eliminating the dedicated funds for the set asides, but we did not have that discussion.

A week later on May 6, we had the Final Add/Delete meeting that lasted just over an hour. Nothing was discussed about the set asides. We then had a 20-minute break before the budget vote in Council Chambers. At some point, the two sentences about eliminating the dedicated funds were added. Yet, the motion should have only included what we agreed upon as a council. The motion was not in our docket. How can a person read a document when it is not there? One cannot. This matter came out of nowhere.

If some of my colleagues would like to have this discussion, then let's have that discussion openly and hear from the public. Now, on short notice, the public will have a chance to weigh in. There will be a council public hearing on the morning of June 15.

Last point. Some have blamed staff for this. In contrast, I do not blame staff at all. I think they did an outstanding job and serve the public well, but they would not change policy without direction.

The bottom line is that we as a council have a serious responsibility: to serve the public good. I am honored to serve and find it very meaningful. We must work hard to earn the public's trust each day, and I believe that begins with a fair, open democratic process, as well as reinstating the dedicated funds for the Affordable Housing Fund and the Open Space Fund.

Otherwise, we may look back in a decade and ask ourselves, "How did that happen?"

I hope that our citizens will weigh in and share their thoughts and concerns with us on council.

To change or not to change dedicated funding for the Affordable Housing Fund and Open Space Fund. That is the question.

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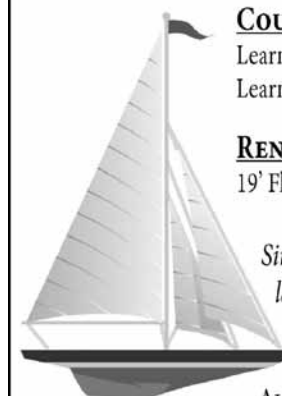
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OPINION

Eagle Scout Prepares Emergency Preparedness Kits

BY LEE STEWART
INTERN, SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

The process of becoming an Eagle Scout is one that requires much work, dedication, and passion for the organization. Each person planning to become an Eagle Scout must complete an Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project, in which they plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community. These projects require multiple steps of approval including their scoutmaster, a troop committee, and the district itself.

For his project, Joe Salmons, a junior at T.C. Williams High School, paired up with Senior Services of Alexandria, and put together emergency preparedness kits to give out with the Meals on Wheels deliveries to seniors. The kits included towels, playing cards, flashlights and extra batteries, basic first aid kits, water, personal hygiene items, hand



Stewart

sanitizers and wipes, whistles, and emergency blankets (space blankets). Joe heard of Meals on Wheels through volunteer work in his church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

With enthusiasm from SSA and approval from the board members, he began contacting people, asking them to donate funds and materials to his cause.

On Saturday, May 18, Joe, along with his family, friends, and 30 volunteers from his church, gathered to carry out the scheduled routes.

They each received emergency aid kits which they spent the morning distributing to all those who needed them. Joe's hard work and dedication to this project will not only help him to achieve his certification as an Eagle Scout, but also helped to better the Alexandria community as a whole. He demonstrated his innate care for all those around him and showed the community his leadership abilities where it counted most.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Eagle Scout Joe Salmons (front row left) with family and friends from the congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Joe's act of kindness serves as a reminder to all the clients of Meals on Wheels that they are being taken care of and that their needs are not forgotten in the minds of

today's youth. Every day, these clients will use this first aid kit and remember this, all due to the incredible actions of one young man.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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than Jefferson-Houston, they were often better.

The issue is not the politics of the takeover, but why a Northern Virginia suburb like Alexandria is letting its kids down so badly, and only a few years after Jefferson-Houston was meeting Virginia's educational standards.

Leslie Zupan

Past President

West Old Town Citizens Association

Board Attitude Found Rude

To the Editor:

On May 15, Amy Smith, a resident of the Nethergate community, located at the intersection of Bashford and Abingdon Roads, attended a meeting of the Board of Architecture Review (BAR) in order to petition the Board for a Certificate of Appropriateness, allowing her to retain the new windows she had installed which in part were made of vinyl. I attended this meeting and was stunned by the rudeness of this board.

Ms. Smith is a very conscientious homeowner. She purchased new state of the art windows for her townhouse, combining historic accuracy with new environmental technology. Her windows were an improvement in the neighborhood, where most of the townhouses still have the old original windows with unattractive storm windows. Before acting she sought and received approval from her Homeowners Association to install these windows in keeping with the character and aesthetics of the community. However, because a portion of the windows were clad in vinyl and because Ms. Smith

and her contractor had mistakenly not sought prior approval, the Architectural Board demanded a hearing.

What was stunning was the hubris of the members of this board at the public hearing. Ms. Smith had carefully prepared a power point presentation, including film footage of the windows. She was rudely told it was not necessary, as all members had visited the actual location (not true). Similarly, her contractor was dismissed by the board when he brought in an actual example of the construction of the windows. It was as if the Board had already made up its mind, denying her petition without even listening to the merits.

This case is not just about Ms. Smith. It is about all residents of Alexandria, who love their city, respect its history and are dedicated and responsible homeowners. Soon many residents will need upgrades to their homes. Will we all be forced to use 19th century technology? Do the citizens of this splendid city really want to be held captive by a Board that acts rudely and inflexibly without giving a fair hearing to citizens' needs and concerns?

Alexandria City Council should review the practices of the Architectural Board in an effort to improve their relations with and responsiveness to community needs.

Carol L. Smith

Alexandria

Parking Needs To Be Addressed

To the Editor:

I would like to point out with the new Jefferson-Houston School project how horrible parking is in the city. At the

groundbreaking ceremony there were many city and school officials there and some residents plus others. The school parking lot currently has 124 parking spaces. There was not enough parking space for those who attended the affair. People were actually parking on top of the basketball court. They were also parking in the streets where residents normally park, but because of this event residents could not park near their homes. This is just one more event that the city holds that does not accommodate people using and needing parking for.

I am not sure why the city seems to think that people are going to stop using their cars, and why they think they need to take away parking. As a resident, I have to pay a yearly fee to be able to park near my home. Tourists and others that may use the metro or just come to our city do not have to pay a yearly fee, and depending on where they park they can park for free. With the new school building coming, the project plans to open the current parking lot by the pool and wrap a driveway around the Olde Towne Swimming Pool. They plan to only give us one more parking space. With so many amenities on this block, and with so many city events that start and end near the Osgood Durant Center, why not add parking? Why not leave the Buchanan Street Park and the basketball court where they are and add the 30-40 more parking spaces that could be put in place directly behind the Durant Center? Save the money that it will take to move these two amenities a few feet from where they currently sit, and once the school is disassembled from the Durant Center, put more parking behind it so the city can have the parking for the events that are held multiple times during the year. Give more parking to the Durant Center for their events, allow more

parking for the school and their visitors, open more parking for the swimming pool.

This year in particular with the Chinquapin Recreation Center pool closing for the summer, there will be more people coming from other areas to use our pool. Why do the residents always have to foot the bill, why do we have to be put out during these events? On the First Night event alone there are so many more cars in the city and they are all looking for somewhere to park. Please mayor, council, school superintendent, School Board members reconsider this. Instead of making it unsafe for people using the pool, or crossing the block to get to the metro, or even to the school, leave our parking lot, our playground, and basketball court where they are, and wrap the driveway around the Durant Center which would also allow for more parking for the new play field that will be constructed. We need parking, we also need safety. Think about this, people are not going to stop using their cars, and as a city this needs to be addressed.

Bea Porter

Alexandria

Support Police Youth Camp

To the Editor:

For over 60 years, the officers of the Alexandria Police Department have worked tirelessly to reach the children in the city by creating and maintaining the Alexandria Police Youth Camp (APYC). The APYC is a non-profit organization consisting of Alexandria Police Officers, who are committed to making sure that each child has an op

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On Tuesday June 11, there will be a **Democratic Primary** for Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General. Absentee voting for the primary began Friday, April 26. Many Alexandria voters are eligible to vote absentee, but relatively few take advantage of this option. Qualifying circumstances: commute and work for 11 of the 13 hours the polls are open; caregiver for a confined family member; unable to go to the polls in person on Election Day because of an illness or disability; or will be absent from Alexandria on Election Day because of personal business, work, school, or vacation. To learn more about these, and other circumstances in which absentee voting is an appropriate option, visit alexandriava.gov/Elections and click on "Absentee Voting," or call 703-746-4050.

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FRIDAY/MAY 31

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SATURDAY/JUNE 1

Boater Education Course. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 8592 Richmond Highway. Take a course that meets the boating education requirements of all states. To register e-mail eaglesailor75@cox.net or 703-780-3765.

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WEDNESDAY/JUNE 5

Free Vein Screening. 4:30-7:30 p.m. at 4660 Kenmore Ave., Suite 525. Get a free visual vein evaluation and treatment recommendations will be discussed. Appointments are required, register at www.inova.org/events or call 1-855-My-Inova (1-855-694-6682).

Correction

The photo caption that accompanied "A New Jefferson-Houston," Gazette Packet, May 23, incorrectly noted additional historical structures on the property. Although there are several structures that appear in the area on historical maps, archaeological testing has already been conducted, and the slaughterhouse is the only structure that was discovered.

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Yappy Hour

Alexandria Police Officer Steve Carr, left, and K-9 G'kar visit with attendees at Artfully Chocolate's Yappy Hour May 2 in Old Town. G'kar attracted a crowd, including Bella and owner Veronica Birga, right, as Carr answered questions on the training and care of canine police dogs. The monthly canine-friendly happy hours will continue throughout the summer.

PEOPLE NOTES

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The Alexandria City Council reappointed **Gwendolyn Day-Fuller** and **Kathleen Schloeder** to the Alexandria Library Board. Day-Fuller serves as the board's secretary and Schloeder as its chair. The Alexandria Library Board also

welcomed two new members this year, the City of Alexandria's Vice Mayor, **Allison Silberberg**, and City Council appointee, **Helen Desfosses**.

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PEOPLE

Alexandria To Lose Historian

Noted author and historian Ruth Lincoln Kaye moves to Crozet.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Her name is almost synonymous with Alexandria — Ruth Lincoln Kaye. The woman who served for generations as a walking history book is moving away from the city she has painstakingly documented for decades. Later this week, the moving truck will pull up at her home and pack her house full of antiques so Kaye can move to Crozet, a sleepy suburb of Charlottesville. Kaye's health has been declining for years, and now she is moving to be in a facility near her daughter.

"She is an institution," said Oran Warder, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where Kaye is the official historian. "I keep three books on my desk: a prayer book, a Bible and Ruth Lincoln Kaye's history of St. Paul's."

Kaye is perhaps best known for being the author of almost 400 histories, a cottage industry that



Ruth Lincoln Kaye.

PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET

she helped create more than 30 years ago. Owners of historic properties wanted to know the history of their houses, and Kaye had the skills to dig through archival records and old newspaper clippings. Now that she is leaving town, Kaye is donating her collection of house histories to the Local History Special Collections Department of the Barrett Branch Library, where generations of future historians will have the benefit of her decades of painstaking research.

"Ruth has done all the work in terms of documenting all of this history," said George Combs, director of Local History Special Collections. "I guess that's just Ruth being Ruth, thinking about people who will come after her."

A NATIVE of Buffalo, N.Y., Kaye was raised in Daytona Beach, Fla. She studied history and English at Randolph Macon College in Ashland before heading off to New York City, where she took a job doing office work for \$62 a month

at the Rockefeller Foundation. She married her college sweetheart, Frank Boan, and moved to Alexandria, where he worked at the Alexandria National Bank. That marriage did not work out, and she eventually divorced and married Merwin Kaye. And, yes, she is in fact related to Abraham Lincoln.

"We had a common ancestry in the 1500s," she said with a smile. "That's so long ago, you can barely count it."

In 1980, Kaye started writing the house histories that eventually made her an Alexandria superstar. Others have tried to enter the market, but a house with a Ruth Lincoln Kaye history has a cachet all its own. Kaye is also well known for documenting ghost stories of Alexandria, researching genealogy and collecting off-beat stories about the city she has called home since the 1940s.

"I feel terrible about it leaving," said Kaye, "I've lived here for more than 60 years, and all my interests are here. But I've got to go."



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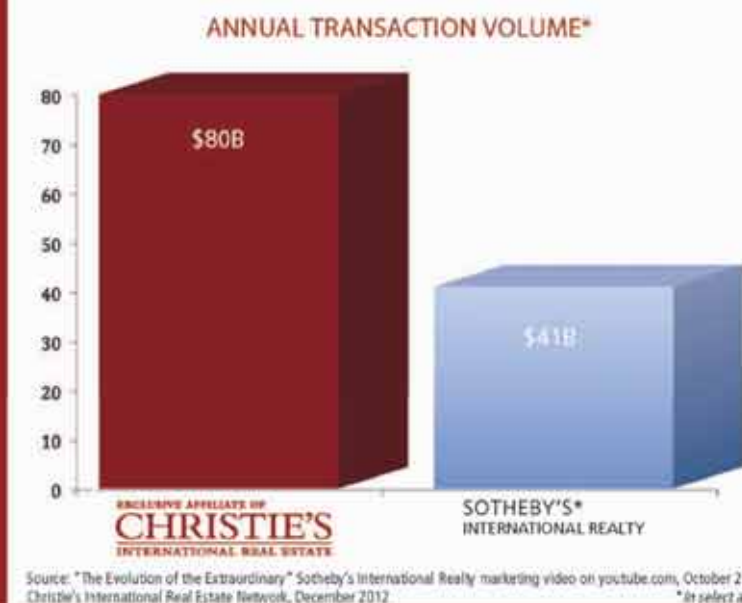
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SUMMER FUN



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Fort Ward Civil War Day

Susan Cumby displays headquarters flag that that was designed and made by camper Brendan Pagona after a lesson in Civil War flags and symbols. Brendan used the 5th Army Corp emblem, the Maltese Cross. Fort Ward will celebrate Civil War Fort Day on Saturday, June 8, 2013.

Summer Fun in Alexandria

Summertime and the livin' is easy in Alexandria, where the calendar from Memorial Day to Labor Day is filled with holidays and events that celebrate our city and culture — both American and for the traditions of some of the many ethnic communities that make up the colorful and diverse fabric of the city.

The fun kicks off this weekend with the Alexandria Art Market. Sponsored by the Del Ray Artisans, the market features local artists and musical performances from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Colasanto Park on the first Saturday of each month through September. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Throughout the summer, enjoy free concerts in Market Square, street musicians at the City Dock and the First Thursday celebrations in Del Ray. The June 6 First Thursday theme is The Dog Days of Summer and July 11 (delayed one week) is Main Street Celebrates.

Alexandria celebrates its own birthday July 13 with a concert by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra under the stars at Oronoco Bay Park and a fireworks display at the waterfront.

No need to wait for the Dog Days of August to enjoy the Alexandria tradition of Doggy Happy Hour at the Hotel Monaco, Yappy Hour at Artfully Chocolate Old Town or a Thursday night Canine Cruise with the Potomac Riverboat Company. A Pirates Cruise is a must for the Jack Sparrow crowd and the Skipjack Minnie V. offers a unique sailing experience along the historic Potomac riverfront.

Want to support fellow Old Town resident Davey Johnson's team by heading to a Washington Nationals game? There is no better way to get to Nationals Park than the Baseball Boat. Take it from the Alexandria City Dock right to the stadium. Available games and more information can be found at www.potomacriverboatco.com. Note that July 20 is Davey Johnson bobblehead night.

For the landlubber, Bike and Roll of Old Town offers historic tours of Alexandria and Mount Vernon

in addition to bike rentals and specialized group tours.

It wouldn't be summer without a few blockbuster productions from The Little Theatre of Alexandria. Opening this weekend is the comedy Twentieth Century with the Tony award-winning Broadway musical "Avenue Q" making its debut on July 27. Visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

Festivals abound in Alexandria, beginning with the Armenian Festival June 1, the Taste of Del Ray June 9, Alexandria's Food and Wine Festival June 22, the Friendship Firehouse Festival Aug. 3, and the Irish Festival Aug. 10 at Waterfront Park.

On June 8, Fort Ward will hold a Civil War Fort Day where various aspects of military life in the Defenses of Washington will be portrayed by interpreters in period dress. Visit www.fortward.org.

And the award-winning barbershop Alexandria Harmonizers, who have been invited to participate in the D-Day 70th anniversary ceremonies in Normandy next summer, makes an appearance with a free performance at Market Square on Aug. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Don't overlook the many offerings available through the Alexandria Library, which hosts classes like Tech Zoo Tuesdays, where you can learn about the latest e-reading devices or get help with your own device.

The Charles Beatley library will feature an Older Folks Film Festival throughout the month of June. Calendar Girls kicks off June 9 at 2 p.m. followed by The Bucket List on June 16 and Away From Her on June 23.

You can find your literary better half at the June 13 Library Speed Dating event or head over to the Kate Waller Barrett branch on June 29 for a tutorial on how to check out e-books from the library. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

With so much to offer, you don't have to look very far to get your own summer of 2013 party started.

— JEANNE THEISMANN



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Christmas in July

Sam and James visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claus dressed in summer attire at the co-sponsor of the weekend event, Christmas in July last summer.



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The Sounds of Summer

A cappella street musicians After the Storm entertained a crowd filled with Rolling Thunder bikers, tourists and residents with their signature Motown sound on King Street in Old Town May 25, 2012. The summer is filled with music from free concerts and street musicians.

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E-mail announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon.

ONGOING

Summer Classes. Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children ages 6-10 can participate. Register at www.artatthecenter.org or 703-201-1250.

Ceramics Exhibition. Through Sunday, June 2 at Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Come to an exhibition of non-functional ceramic artwork. Free. For more information, go to www.torpedofactory.org/target.

Theater Performance. MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., presents "Ghost-Writer." Performances are Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. extended through Sunday, June 16. Tickets are \$45-\$55; \$25/student. Visit www.metrostage.org or 703-548-9044 for tickets.

Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, June 16,

see artwork by Sandy LeBrun-Evans and Danny Conant at Multiple Exposures Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Free. Hours are Thursdays from noon-9 p.m., all other days from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Student Design Competition. Come see Woodlawn transformed from a historic house museum into a comfortable and stylish home for 21st century living. Through Sunday, June 16. \$20. Call 703-780-4000.

Watercolor Exhibit. Through Sunday, June 23, see "Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorist" at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Hours at the Historic House are Wednesday-Sunday, noon-4:30 p.m. and at the Horticulture Center are Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Sunday, noon-4:30 p.m. Visit potomacvalleywatercolorists.org for more.

Art Exhibit. Through Tuesday, June 25, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at River Farm Gardens, East Blvd. Come see "Elegance of Spring."

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Art Exhibit. Open through Aug. 3, "Living Legends of Alexandria: African American Activists" is on display at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 601 Wythe St. Free. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or 703-746-4356.

Distillery Open. George Washington's Distillery and Gristmill open through Oct. 1. \$17/adult, \$8/child, 5 and under are free.

Occupied City: Life in Civil War Alexandria Exhibition. At The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, 201 South Washington Street. Open daily through September, this exhibit traces life in Alexandria following Virginia's decision to secede from the Union in May 1861. See how Robert E. Lee's hometown was transformed literally overnight from a prosperous commercial port into a supply, hospital, and transportation center for the Union Army, and find out why Alexandria became a destination for African Americans seeking freedom. Explore the experiences of Alexandrians and others who lived here during this time, as well as period photographs and collections items. Open Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, from 1-5 p.m. Admission \$2. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org or call 703-746-4994.

Life Drawing. Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions to hone figure drawing skills. Drop-in with your supplies to draw our live models. Fee: \$8-12. View the calendar at

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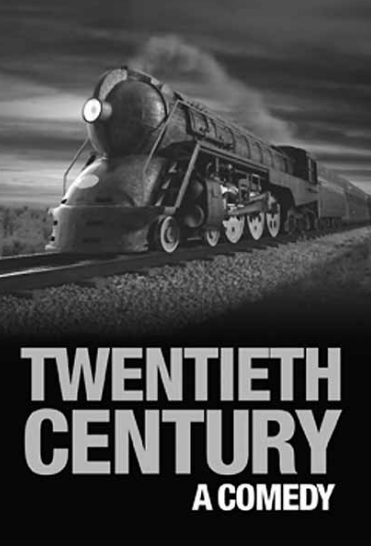
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www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.
The **West End Farmers Market** will run Sundays from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. through November. Located at Ben Brenman Park, browse food, crafts and more. Visit www.westendfarmersmarket.org for more.

SATURDAYS THROUGH JUNE 29

Walking Tour Devoted to Dogs. 10 a.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. All dogs on a leash can enjoy a 1.25 mile walk around the estate, and learn about canine life at Mount Vernon. \$5/for the tour plus the general admission for owners. Dogs are free. Visit www.mountvernon.org or 703-780-2000.

THURSDAY/MAY 30

Psychic Show. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Come see Sylvia Browne present her one woman show about her work in the field of parapsychology, give readings and hold a Q&A on her field and work. \$55. Visit www.birchmere.com.

Tour. 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Leaves from Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Travel to Richmond to an herb farm for lunch and a class on lavender followed by an afternoon tour of the gilded age of Maymont Estate and gardens. \$119 per person. Register on-line at www.greenspring.org or call Green Spring Gardens 703-642-5173.

Mother Goose Time. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

Story Time. 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Story Time. 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

Story Time. 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 3 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Pajama Party. 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 3-6 can come dressed in their favorite outfit/pajamas and listen to stories. Free. 703-746-1704.

Sharing Your Story. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Learn how to tell a story through blogs and other social networking tools, such as twitter, Pinterest and more. Free. 703-746-1702.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Hear The Mike Tony Echols Project. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/home.html or 703-544-5313.

THURSDAYS-SATURDAY/MAY31-JUNE1

Fundraiser. 7 p.m. Silent Auction at West Potomac High School Spring Choral Show to support the All Night Graduation Celebration. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Visit www.fcps.edu/WestPotomacHS/index.html.

MAY 30 THROUGH JULY 14

Art Exhibit. See "Hair Apparent" in the Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. It is a multimedia exhibit featuring sculpture, photography, performance and assemblage. Free.

FRIDAY/MAY 31

Comedy. 7 p.m. or 10 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Jody

Kerns performs. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/home.html or 703-544-5313.

SATURDAY/JUNE 1

21st Annual Alexandria Armenian Festival. 1:30-6 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Enjoy vendors, entertainment, food and more. Free admission. Visit www.alexandriainfest.com for more.

Alexandria Art Market. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Colasanto Park, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Meet local artists and hear live music. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org/artmarket for more.

Closing Benefit. 7-10 p.m. see "Artworks for Good" at Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Proceeds benefit American Cancer Society Call 703-838-4827 or visit www.thedelrayartisans.org.

T.C. Williams Alumni Baseball Game.

2 p.m. at Eugene Simpson Field, 420 East Monroe Ave. All former players from T.C. Williams. Hammond, G.W. and Parker Gray High Schools are invited to play in the game and reconnect with old friends.\$20. Buffet dinner, courtesy of the T.C. Williams Baseball Boosters, will be served at the field immediately following the game. \$20. For more information contact Jeff Beck at jbeck55@msn.com.

Music Performance. Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra perform at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Wine on the Water. 6-8 p.m. at Alexandria Seaport Foundation Workshop, 2 Duke St. Sponsored by Grape + Bean, with proceeds benefiting the Alexandria Seaport Foundation. Taste wine while watching boats sail by and bidding on silent auction items. \$60/person and at the door. Visit www.brownpapertickets.com/event/373238 for tickets.

Kitten Shower and Adoption Event. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at King Street Cats, 25 Dove St. Suggested gifts: KMR powder or canned, Pro-plan dry or wet food, Wellness wet food, Gerber baby food (chicken only), puppy pads, paper towels, and Fresh Step clay or pine litter. Refreshments will be served. Visit www.kingstreetcats.org.

Winning Color Combinations. 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn the basics of color theory and how to apply them to a garden. \$15/person. Register online at www.greenspring.org or 703-642-5173. Code 290 287 2701.

Child Safety Event. 11a.m. at Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Bring your child to the library and learn about ways to stay safe. Create a "child ID kit." All ages welcome. Free. 703-746-1702.

Saturday Stories. 11 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages can enjoy stories and songs. Free. 703-746-1702.

Comedy. 7 p.m. or 10 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Jody Kerns performs. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/



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Ballyshaners' Irish Festival

Mary Style and Maura Blanchfield join the others onstage for a dance at the 2012 Ballyshaners' Irish Festival.

home.html or 703-544-5313.
Camp Carlyle Open House. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Carlyle House. See some of the activities that campers will experience during their weeklong camp in July. Register a child age 9-12 at the open house and receive \$25 off the fee and a free gift. 703-549-2997.

JUNE 1-29

Art Exhibit. Eight painters, including Alexandria artist Christine Gray, have been selected as finalists for the Bethesda Painting Awards. Their works will be on display at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda. Free. Gallery hours are from noon-6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

JUNE 1 THROUGH JUNE 30

Art Exhibit. The artists of Studio 4, Old Town, 218 N. Lee St., Suite 101, have created 2D and 3D artworks on the themes of pride and equality. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Visit www.facebook.com/WorkhouseStudio4 for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 2

Opening Reception. 4-6 p.m. see "Hair Apparent" in the Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. It is a multimedia exhibit featuring sculpture, photography, performance and assemblage. Free.

Hymn Festival. 5 p.m. at Historic Christ Church, 118 N. Washington St. The choirs of Christ Church, St. Mary's Arlington, Grace Church Alexandria, St. George's Arlington, St. Luke's Alexandria, St. Paul's Alexandria, and Church of the Redeemer Bethesda, will combine for a memorable hymn festival. The service will feature a variety of hymns sung by both the congregation and the combined choirs. A reception will follow in the churchyard. Visit www.historicchristchurch.org for more.

The Whole Hog. 11 a.m. at Union Street Public House, 121 S. Union St. Enjoy an all-you-can eat Southern-

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style barbeque menu. \$20. Reservations at 703-548-1785.

Opening Reception. 4-6 p.m. at Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Meet some of the artists participating in the exhibit “Hair Apparent,” an exhibit that explores the relationship with hair. Free. Visit nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

Book Day. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. during the West End Farmers Market at Ben Brenman Park. Meet and chat with eight local authors who will talk about their books and writing. Bring a book and swap it for a different one or buy one. Visit www.westendfarmersmarket.org for more.

Author Series. 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Deborah Parker will discuss her book “For People of Strength, Soul and Spirit: Seven Guidelines for Life and Career Success.” Free. 703-746-1702.

Performance. Patty Griffin performs at 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$55. Visit www.Birchmere.com or 703-549-7500.

Civil War Sunday. 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St., #327. See an original edition of a 1861 “New York Tribune” detailing Col. Elmer Ellsworth’s death in Alexandria, a Peeps diorama, weapons and more. Free. Visit www.alexandriaarchaeology.org or 703-746-4399.

MONDAY/JUNE 3

Little One-Ders. 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Baby Rhyme Time. 11:30 a.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children up to 11 months with adult. Free. 703-746-1702.

Read, Sing & Play Baby. 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children up to 11 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Container Gardening. 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Learn how to successfully grow vegetables and herbs in containers. Free. 703-746-1704.

Performance. Patty Griffin performs at 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$55. Visit www.Birchmere.com or 703-549-7500.

JUNE 3 THROUGH 13

Art Class. At Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Ln. Artists ages 4-6 explore clay, paint, collage, building, drawing and printing in a playful studio setting. Call 703-201-1250 or visit www.artatthecenter.org.

TUESDAY/JUNE 4

Mother Goose Time. 10:15 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy games, rhymes and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Time For 2s. 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children age 24-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.



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Friendship Firehouse Birthday Celebration

Station 204 firefighter Rick Muse helps Ben down from one of the fire trucks on display at the 2012 Friendship Firehouse birthday celebration.

Stories to Grow On. 11 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children age 2 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Tuesday Tots. 11 a.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 1-4 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1704.

Baby Rhyme Time. 11:30 a.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children up to 11 months with adult. Free. 703-746-1702.

Film Screening and Q&A. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Watch “Through the Eye of the Needle” and have a conversation with Bernice Steinhardt. Free. 703-746-1702.

Game Night. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 8-12 can play with their friends. Free. 703-746-1702.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 5

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Celia Wexler will discuss “Out of the News: Former Journalist Discusses a Profession in Crisis.” Free. 703-746-1751.

Mother Goose Time. 10:15 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy games, rhymes and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Time For 2s. 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children age 24-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Stories to Grow On. 11 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children age 2 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Friends’ Book Sale Preview. 5 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Memberships will be available at the door. 703-746-1704.

Pajama Party. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages can come dressed in their favorite outfit/pajamas and listen to stories. Free. 703-746-1702.

Music Performance. See Pokey LaFarge with Luke Winslow King at 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$20.

Visit www.Birchmere.com or 703-549-7500.

Concert. Noon-1 p.m. at Canal Center Plaza, 44 Canal Center Plaza. Music by Dave Chappell Band. Free. 703-746-5592.

THURSDAY/JUNE 6

Garden Stroll and Tea. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Tour some of the gardens with a master gardener docent who will tell stories of Green Spring past and present. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea served in our 1784 historic house. \$28. Call 703-914-7987 to register.

Do More in 24. 4-6 p.m. at St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services is hosting a free event to raise awareness and funds for homeless families. Will include chalk drawing, door prizes, music and more. Local author Alexis Conti will read from her new book. Donations of books encouraged. 703-768-9404.

D-Day Remembrance. 6-8 p.m. at Market Square. Memorabilia from World War II will be on display. Free. 703-489-7717.

Story Time. 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Little One-Ders. 11:15 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Friends’ Book Sale. 1:15 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Buy books and help support the library. 703-746-1704.

Paws to Read. 5:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children in grades 1-6 can read to friendly dogs. Registration required, 703-746-1702 x5.

Writing Triage. 6:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Get a resume or writing project reviewed and get suggestions on how to improve it. Free. 703-746-1742 to register.

Pajama Party. 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 3-7 can come dressed in their favorite outfit/pajamas and listen to stories. Free. 703-746-1704.

Garden Stroll & Tea. 1-3 p.m., at at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Tour demonstration gardens with a master gardener docent; afterwards, enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea served in a 1784 historic house. Ages 13 and older. \$28. 703-914-7987 or www.greenspring.org.

Twilight Concert. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at John Carlyle Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Concert by the Alexandria Singers and others. Free. 703-746-5592.

FRIDAY/JUNE 7

Friends’ Book Sale. 10:15 a.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Buy books and help support the library. 703-746-1704.

Basic Gardening: Herb Gardening. 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. This overview of herbs will cover the basics of herb gardening including site selection, planning, preparation and plant selection. \$10/person. Register at www.greenspring.org or call 703-642-5173. Code: 290 282 2701.

Comedy. 8 p.m. or midnight at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Jonathan Kite performs. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/home.html or 703-544-5313.

Music Performance. 9:30 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Hear Blue Dogs. Buy tickets at

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Celebrate Alexandria's Birthday

The park slowly fills as the Alexandria Symphony prepares to perform at the 2012 celebration of Alexandria's 263rd birthday.

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SATURDAY/JUNE 8

Program. Mount Calvary Baptist Church, located at 2221 Emmett Drive. Come to a community/health day program. Rain date June 29. www.mountcalvarybaptist.com.

Mrs. Madison's Ball. 8-11 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Enjoy live music, special dessert collation and a cash bar. \$45/advance; \$50/door if available. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org or 703-746-4242.

Civil War Fort Day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Watch reenactors set up camp, lead drills and more. Tours will be at 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. \$2/person or \$5/family. Visit www.fortward.org or 703-746-4848.

Friends' Book Sale. 10:15 a.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Buy books and help support the library. 703-746-1704.

Saturday Stories. 11 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages can enjoy stories and songs. Free. 703-746-1702.

Saturday Matinee. 1:30 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Watch a family friendly movie. Free. 703-746-1783.

Watercolor Workshop: Backgrounds. 9:30-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. A demonstration by watercolor artist Carolyn Grosse Gawarecki followed by a workshop session in painting gray-background florals for intermediate and experienced beginners; bring a bag lunch. \$72/person. Register at www.greenspring.org or call 703-642-5173. Code: 290 230 4901.

Comedy. 8 p.m. or midnight at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Jonathan Kite performs. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/home.html or 703-544-5313.

Grand Opening and Free Classes. Free yoga classes start at 8:30 a.m. at Radiance Yoga, 701 Prince St. Walk-ins welcome. Visit www.radiance-yoga.net or 703-535-8282.

"Twentieth Century" at the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Performances Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Visit www.thelittletheatre.com or 703-683-0496 for tickets or information.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 8-30

Art Exhibit. See the exhibit "Food: Friend or Foe," which examines the complex relationship we have with food. Showcases 19 works by artists from all over the country. Free. Located at Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 9

Sunday Film Fest. 2 p.m. at Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Free. Watch "Calendar Girls." Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or 703-746-1702.

Bike Day. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. during the West End Farmers Market at Ben Brenman Park. Local Motion and Arlington Rides will be at the market giving out biking maps and goodies. Used bikes will be for sale, and repairs will be offered by Phoenix Bikes. Visit www.westendfarmersmarket.org for more.

All the Fair Ladies: Civil War Fundraisers. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Hear about how women in the North and South leapt into the war effort by raising funds through charity fairs and how fundraising empowered the women who organized them. \$28. Call 703-941-7987 for reservations.

Performance. Marc Cohn performs at 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$45. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500.

Watershed Friendly Garden Tour. 1-5 p.m. around Mount Vernon, including Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, two schools, a community garden and several homes. The tour highlights facilities that feature rain gardens, native plants, solar panels and more. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/gardentour.htm for a list of locations. Free, and can be started at any location on the list.

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SUMMER FUN

Unconventional Camp Ideas

Suggestions for parents still searching for summer activities.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

Lauralie Kennedy has been knee-deep in frantic online searches. School ends next month and the Alexandria mother has yet to enroll her 6-year-old son and 8-year-old daughter in summer camp.

"I just haven't put together a plan yet," she said. "I have a spread sheet with all of the things I'd like for them to do, but I haven't done anything with it. I am hoping that there will be slots open somewhere."

As the start of summer vacation draws near, many parents like Kennedy are scrambling to make warm-weather preparations for their children.

While availability at some traditional day camps may be limited, there are other options available to families. From crime-fighting detective work to innovative scientific discoveries, the region has a myriad of indepth summer experiences that may not be found in typical programs.

"The knowledge you gain in a traditional day camp is not as hands-on as it is in a specialty camp, which are a lot more in depth," said Anne Christensen of the Potomac Horse Center in Potomac, Md. "For example, there are traditional camps that have a riding program, but if you really want to learn about horses, you will learn more at a horseback riding camps."

According to Christensen, campers at horseback riding camps such as the Potomac



Isabel Figueroa reads to academic enrichment campers at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria. Academic camps could be a good fit for students who want to focus on reading or math.

Horse Center get two riding lessons each day. Campers learn all things equestrian, including horse anatomy, grooming and breeding. "You also learn ring etiquette. We play games," she said. "It's an overall introduction to the horse world."

Animal lovers and future veterinarians might enjoy spending the summer at a camp run by a local animal shelter. "Camp sessions cover animal welfare and sheltering, careers with animals, local wildlife [and] positive reinforcement training," said Lindsay Halgerson, youth volunteer coordinator for the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria.

FUTURE DETECTIVES can spend the summer solving crimes at CSI Detective Camp at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes SummerTimes Camp in Alexandria, where campers use their intuition and scientific skills as they examine crime scene evidence. They learn crime-solving methods such as hair, fingerprint and fiber analysis.

"To help children with their academic skills over the summer, we also have a Lower School Academic Enrichment program ... focusing on math, reading and writing," said Susan DeLaurentis, director of counseling at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria.



An animal rescue camp like the summer camps offered by the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, could appeal to children who love animals.

Whether it is robotics and soccer, web design and basketball or filmmaking and street hockey, athletes who are also tech-enthusiasts might enjoy a camp that allows them to meld both passions.

"We offer a half day of sports and a half day of technology," said Emily Riedel of TIC Summer Camp in McLean. "I think we have really well-rounded children. The camp is stimulating for them both mentally and physically. We're feeding the body and the mind."

Children with a penchant for science can spend the summer mixing liquids to dis-

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Keeping Children Sharp

Local education experts suggest fun ways to keep kids learning over the summer break.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

As summer vacation begins in a few weeks, some parents are scrambling for activities to fill the days for their children. Often that means summer vacations and trips to the pool or the park.

Education experts say even in the midst of summer fun, it is important to ensure that children don't lose the skills they've learned during the academic year. However, they say relaxing and having fun are equally important, and suggest a myriad of stealthy tricks that parents can employ for laid-back learning all summer long.

Students are encouraged to read many books over the summer. "Talking about what your child is reading is a powerful way to build comprehension skills," said Blake M. Giliotti, staff development teacher at Potomac Elementary School in Potomac, Md. "It can also be as simple as saying, 'Tell me about what you are reading.' Engaging in a natural conversation about a book can give you insight into what your child understands and helps build oral communication skills."

Summer book clubs are a good idea as well. "My kids love to pick a book, put together a few friends and send an Evite to

the book club," said Shannon Melideo, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Education at Marymount University in Arlington. "They each read the book and come with a few questions. We have a party that goes with the theme of the book."

Melideo encourages parents to avoid making the learning aspect of summer activities too contrived. "I would hate summer learning to feel too much like school," she said. "It is important to learn and explore with our kids as naturally is possible."

Susan DeLaurentis, director of counseling at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria, agrees and encourages plenty of unstructured time for play and a break from a structured schedule.

"I recommend lots of downtime for children over the summer," she said. "When it's too hot outside, or on a rainy day, pitch a tent in the living room and go 'camping' indoors. Have a bag ready, filled with new board games, card games and books."

GROUP ACTIVITIES can also offer a clever disguise for skill building. "How about rounding up some kids in the neighborhood for a summer carnival game day?" asked Jennifer Suh, Ph.D., an assistant professor in the Graduate School of Education, College of Education and Human Develop-

ment at George Mason University in Fairfax. "[A] summer neighborhood carnival will be sure to engage kids in the 21st century skills: four Cs — creativity, collaboration, communication and critical thinking."

She said carnival games like face painting and popcorn drops can strengthen math skills. "Students have a choice of heart, butterfly, spider web, and lightning bolt," said Suh. "How many lines of symmetry do you have on your design?"

For help developing science and math game ideas, Suh recommends the visiting www.aimsedu.org/activities/, <http://mathbridges.onmason.com/> and www.kidsknowmath.com.

Bob Weiman, director of the Lower School at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School agrees that games can be ideal tools for learning. "ThinkFun educational games are always great," he said. "Summer is also a great time to introduce your children to classic board games. I just introduced Stratego to my own family last weekend and look forward to playing it over the summer."

Melideo said that even a trip to the park can become an opportunity for learning, and suggests turning the outdoors into a science lab. "Don't just go on the swings and slides," she said. "Look at trees and look under rocks at the park. Elementary school



Cooking with children during the summer teaches math and reading skills, say experts.

children need to be out digging in dirt and investigating. The more that they're out investigating, the more interested they're going to be in the world around them."

Parents can model an interest in discov

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portunity to build character, learn team work, and develop self-confidence.

Providing a summer getaway for Alexandria's children comes at a cost. Officers hold several fundraisers throughout the year, including a Christmas tree sale and golf tournament, to make sure that no child misses the opportunity to attend camp due to financial restrictions.

Each child deserves this chance and Alexandria officers give their time to make sure it happens.

We are blessed to have leaders in the community who recognize this need for our youth and provide us the support to keep reaching the children. I would like to take a moment to thank them: Washington Gas, IVAKOTA Association, Virginia Probation and Parole Association, Optimist Club of Alexandria, Grace Episcopal Church, Saint Rita Parish, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Alexandria Sheriffs Association, Alexandria Retired Police, Fire and Sheriff Association, Edward Kengla Foundation and Southside 815 Restaurant.

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Marcus Downey,
Board President

Alexandria Police Youth Camp

Fight for Healthy Air

To the Editor:

Every day, residents of our region are subjected to air quality that has received an F rating from the American Lung Association. As the representative of approximately 63,000 people in Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax, I am concerned about the impact of poor quality air on you and your family's health and longevity.

Our poor air quality puts our children and seniors at increased risk for health issues. Every time they or someone with asthma, COPD, diabetes or heart disease breathes in our dirty air, the poor quality of our local air means their health is more at risk than someone living in the country. But we don't all have the option to move to the country.

There is work we can do locally to help with this. As councilman for the City of Alexandria, I helped launch Eco-City Alexandria, a program that helped Alexandria achieve a 48 percent recycling rate, extended Capital Bikeshare to Old Town, and saw the closure of an outdated and polluting power plant on the Potomac River. We can all walk and bike more. We can work to reduce our energy use. We can also ask the Federal government to help.

That's why I, and many others, have asked the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to adopt cleaner gasoline and vehicle emissions standards. Doing so would have the immediate equivalent impact of taking an astonishing 33 million passenger vehicles off the road and nationally would save 2,500 lives every year.

Every family likely has at least one per-

son whose life and health is jeopardized by air pollution. Our regional air quality is threatening to people's lives and health. But we know we can make progress on air quality. While our region's air isn't what it needs to be, the American Lung Association has shown that we've come a long way to cleaner air in the past 14 years. We need to keep working at this. In addition to doing more locally, join me in asking EPA to adopt cleaner gasoline and vehicle standards. The improvements we make in air quality can save a life.

To join the fight for healthy air, go to: <https://secure3.convio.net/ala/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=6219>

Rob Krupicka
State Delegate (D-45)

Tale of Two Controversies

To the Editor:

Recent angst about doubling Norfolk-Southern Railroad's ethanol storage tanks and building a gigantic Jefferson-Houston School suggests folks' textbook understanding of civics doesn't jibe with how our city government really functions. So let me explain:

Neighbors blew a gasket about Norfolk-Southern Railroad's ethanol storage tanks. The tanks have to meet federal standards such that an explosion would be confined to the worksite. They sit on a low point of land so burning ethanol (the same substance in folks' medicine and liquor cabinets) would flow downward and be contained in the worksite. If complainers understood basic chemistry or physics, they would understand that ethanol is highly combustible but not highly explosive.

Now, were tanks containing ethanol at a brewery whose proprietor is featured at the Democrat convention, does anybody believe city hall would be describing them such in apocalyptic terms? Or were some developer proposing such tanks in exchange for handing out some "amenities" worked out with city hall in some cozy closed-door meeting, does anybody believe that city hall wouldn't be telling nearby residents how foolish their concerns are, rather than taking those foolish concerns and legitimizing them with legal tactics?

Norfolk-Southern Railroad's earliest predecessor was chartered in 1827 and ran the country's first regularly scheduled passenger train in 1830. Norfolk-Southern's 20,000 route miles run from Ontario to Iowa to Louisiana. Unlike Alexandria's city hall, Norfolk-Southern knows how to run its business. It is certainly self-respecting enough not to show up offering "amenities" the way developers do in exchange for political protection and favors.

Similarly, school officials have repeatedly insisted that their gigantic edifice doubling the Jefferson-Houston School's capacity was a safety value to absorb over-enrollment citywide, viz, eminently "fungible." Testing, bolstered by sociological factor analysis, are pretty good at predicting academic outcomes. So plausibly, the original scheme was to use the new Jefferson-Houston to select the most challenged students system-wide

from overcrowded schools and selectively dump them into the brand-new building so that the other schools can continue succeeding academically: "O, your father works at the Columbian Embassy, of course, we have room for you in your neighborhood school ... [you're likely to succeed and raise the Standards of Learning score for your demographic and keep your neighborhood school successful]." "O, you just arrived yesterday, carried across the Rio Grande on your father's back ... we have this beautiful, new school for you ... [just in case you struggle with Standards of Learning, well, it won't matter much because the school's already academically a total flop and that means you won't pull down your neighborhood school's scores]."

Along comes Richmond, which took away Jefferson-Houston's accreditation and imposed this wretched school takeover law, which probably necessitates a change of plans. Now the theoretical student whose father works in the embassy gets to go to the beautiful, new school to pull up its scores and the one who arrived yesterday gets fit into his/her neighborhood school in hopes that things will work out, but even if they don't, the school still has many years to outfox Richmond. For a long decade, we've heard how hard everyone is trying, sans success, to improve academics at Jefferson-Houston, so the powers that be are resigned to the bloc of Jefferson-Houston students there now and those drawn from the same bloc continuing not to succeed, but with careful selection the "overflow" students redirected from elsewhere will pull the overall Standards of Learning scores up enough to get the school out of hock with Richmond. School officials will rely on their lawsuit against the school takeover law to buy them enough time to pull this off by forcing the legislature through a constitutional amendment process.

Am I being too cynical ... or not enough?

Dino Drudi
Alexandria

Thank Those in Military Service

To the Editor:

For some, Memorial Day meant a weekend of shopping, catching sales, BBQ cook-outs and gatherings of families, friends and neighbors.

The red, white and blue Old Glory speaks volumes in honoring our men and women in uniform who preserve the freedom so many hold so dearly and close to heart. Many gave their lives for our country and deserve our thanks.

My way of saying thanks is to write about the rock in my neighborhood with a special meaning. At the Veterans Memorial Walkway along the bike path of the 500 block of South Columbus Street and Wilkes Street sits this rock with a plaque that reads: "Dedicated to the City of Alexandria and Alexandria's Veterans' Organizations on Veterans' Day, Nov. 11, 1979, in honored memory of the deceased Alexandria Veterans of all the United States wars. Their service in war and peace contributed greatly to the welfare of their fellow citizens.

Charles E. Beatley, Jr., Mayor; Robert L. Calhoun, Vice Mayor; Donald C. Casey, Councilman; Margaret B. Inman, Councilwoman; Nelson E. Greener, Sr., Councilman; James P. Moran, Jr., Councilman; Carlyle C. Ring, Jr., Councilman.

"In honor of all our veterans and men and women in uniform who have served and fought for our country, let them not be forgotten."

Geri Baldwin
Alexandria

Best Use of Police?

To the Editor:

Mayor Euille, Chief Cook, City Council Members, the wonderfully warm and sunny Memorial Day weekend is over. It is time to answer a few questions. How many officers were committed to "traffic enforcement" at the intersection of King and Union Streets on each of the holiday weekend days? What times did they work the intersection? How many tickets did they write during the specific man-hours dedicated to efforts there? What quotas or other parameters were associated with this enforcement activity? Who planned and authorized the ambush operation? The questions need to be answered because Old Town is teetering dangerously close to earning the reputation of "Old Town: The City of Dirty Tricks."

At approximately 11:35 a.m. on Sunday, May 26, my wife and I experienced firsthand the roadway obstruction and significant traffic hazard posed by a three-officer team issuing tickets to drivers turning left from eastbound King Street onto northbound Union Street. We were smack in the middle of the situation.

Any conscientious driver approaching the intersection at King and Union is focused on the mass of pedestrians, the white wood blockade in the middle of the lane blocking traffic from continuing eastbound on King, and traffic, including a large trolley car, traveling westbound from the stop sign at King and Union. Local drivers are acutely aware of the number of pedestrians crossing at the intersection as well as the fact eastbound traffic is frequently blocked from moving any further on King Street; necessitating a left hand or right hand turn. In fact, residents are conditioned to think in those terms. Out of town drivers are most certainly focused on the pedestrian commotion and are faced with a left or right turn decision.

On Sunday, as I approached the intersection traveling eastbound on King Street, I was absolutely concerned with the pedestrians and trolley car. Since I'm a former law enforcement officer I took special note of three uniformed officers converging on the northeast corner of the intersection; an out-of-character circumstance to be sure. My wife who is retired from law enforcement made the same observation concerning the officers. As I entered my left-hand turn onto Union Street one of the officers stepped into my lane and motioned me to stop. No sooner had I stopped than another officer waved-down a car behind me; resulting in the officer standing next to my car directing me to pull forward as he asked

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for my driver's license and registration.

It is important to understand the situation at this point. Officers are standing next to vehicles stopped in the northbound lane of Union Street traffic, within 30 to 40 feet of the intersection itself, while both northbound and southbound Union Street traffic is trying to get through using only the southbound lane — and a crush of pedestrians is trying to cross the street.

At the same moment, another car is attempting to turn left from King onto Union and a third officer is waiting in anticipation. To make matters worse, apparently traffic can no longer turn left onto westbound King Street from northbound Union Street; meaning there was no relief for vehicles traveling northbound on Union.

While waiting for the officer to return my license, registration, and the summons he was writing, my wife noted another officer directing a car with out-of-state plates to pull in front of our car. A little later during our observation we noticed another car with out-of-state plates being pulled over.

After signing and receiving my summons, my wife and I continued onto brunch. After eating, we traveled back through Old Town on southbound Union Street at approximately 12:30 p.m. On reaching the intersection of Union and King Streets, we observed two vehicles make the left hand King-to-Union turn without being stopped as well as other vehicles on King with their left-hand turn signals blinking. There were three police cruisers parked at the dead-end of King Street, another cruiser parked curbside in the no-parking southbound lane of Union Street just south of King, and a police motorcycle parked

curbside directly in front of the Starbucks on the corner of the intersection. However, there was not an officer in sight and no one was being cited.

Clearly the officers working the intersection of King and Union were following orders they received from the chain-of-command. They did not concoct this targeted enforcement operation themselves. So, who determined filling the city's coffers was the best use of Alexandria's limited police resources on a busy holiday weekend? Who decided that it would be best for the influx of holiday weekend tourists to pay into the city's treasury rather than to spend their hard-earned money with local merchants? These realities must have been discussed when considering the issuance of summons and not warnings. Who failed to realize that this operation would create a traffic hazard and obstruction? Who missed the fact that simple signs, without any attention getting yellow or red flashing lights, would be lost in the clutter of the busy intersection?

I will show up to court as directed on my summons. I think it is important to get the facts of this matter on-the-record. Hopefully, the record will also reflect my embarrassment concerning a leadership attitude in Old Town Alexandria which is inconsiderate of residents and visitors. Perhaps the record will reflect my confusion concerning employment of our limited police resources. Isn't a plain clothes officer stationed near the Citibank ATM on Washington Street ticketing the never-ending procession of people who stop in the no-stopping zone and block traffic, so they can run into the ATM, a course of action that provides greater benefit to the city?

W.R. Krieg
Alexandria

Competition in Two Democratic Primary Races

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a written statement. "Governor McDonnell and Attorney General Cuccinelli have crossed a line."

JUSTIN FAIRFAX is a resident of Annandale, a graduate of Columbia Law School and the father of two. He served as an assistant U.S. attorney before deciding to run for elected office. Back in 2000, he worked on Vice President Al Gore's presidential campaign. Then, in 2004, he was assistant to vice presidential candidate John Edwards during John Kerry's presidential campaign. Although this is Fairfax's first campaign for elected office, he said his experience as a law clerk and prosecutor makes him suited for office.

"It's not something I would have to learn to do on the job," said Fairfax during a candidates' forum in March. "I know how to win in that court. I know how to be successful in the court. We need an attorney

general who has those tools, has that experience and has those skills."

When Fairfax formally announced his candidacy in September, Herring was already a candidate and House Minority Leader Ward Armstrong was considering a bid for the office himself. Armstrong decided against a campaign, leaving the race between Herring and Fairfax. Since that time Fairfax has won a number of straw polls, gaining momentum in a race that has now become more competitive than many had anticipated.

"It is a shame that Ken Cuccinelli has repeatedly misused the powers of the office for partisan gains, and failed to make the protection of Virginia's families and businesses his number one priority," said Fairfax when he launched his campaign last year. "That must, and will, change. As the only federal prosecutor in the race, I have the skills, experience, and energy to bring about that change."

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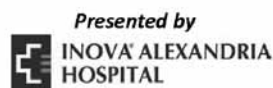
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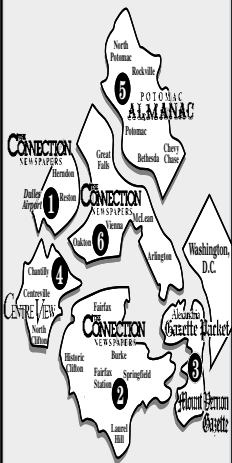
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-Arthur Wing Pinero

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OBITUARY

Colonel Martin John Egan, Jr., passed away March 25, 2013 in Alexandria, VA, surrounded by friends. He had battled congestive heart failure and other serious health problems. Col Egan was born October 1, 1932 in Stamford, Connecticut, the son of Martin John Egan, Sr., and Margaret Tormey Egan. He lived in Stamford with his four siblings until he entered college in 1950.

Marty Egan was president of his high school class and a member of the drama club, where he relished playing the role of Nanki-Poo in Gilbert and Sullivan's, "The Mikado." He became interested in golf when he caddied on local courses while in high school; it was a sport he enjoyed throughout his life.

Marty Egan attended Villanova University where he served in the Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps. He graduated in 1954 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He was then commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the US Marine Corps. He served over 26 years in the Marines, including three years overseas, completed a Master's Degree, and retired as a Colonel in 1980.

Colonel Egan had a distinguished aviation career as a Marine fighter pilot, flying A4 and A6 fighter attack aircraft. His outstanding service was recognized with many awards and decorations, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star with Combat "V," 23 Air Medals, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Joint Service Commendation Medal. He flew over 275 combat missions during the Vietnam War, many over North Vietnam; his callsign was "The Hawk." The Republic of Vietnam honored him with its Gallantry Cross, Meritorious Unit Citation, and Campaign Medal with device. Colonel Egan also served in Japan, commanding a fighter aircraft squadron at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni. He completed his military career at the Pentagon, where he was in charge of officer assignments for the US Marine Corps.

After retirement, Marty embarked on a real estate career, working with several companies in Old Town Alexandria. He enjoyed golf, travel (particularly to Ireland), and socializing with friends in Old Town Alexandria and DC. His love of nature was reflected in the many plants he nurtured - such as a rubber tree in Laguna Beach, CA - and the uncanny communication he had with a regular menagerie of wildlife he fed from his back porch. Marty was very generous to those in need and quietly assisted people who had come on hard times. He loved life, but as a warrior fought the fiercest fight.

Colonel Egan was preceded in death by his parents and brother Harold Egan. He leaves behind siblings Rita Maureen Egan Hubert of Seattle; Joshua Egan Breland of Auburn, WA; James Edward Egan of Honolulu; Godchildren Lauren Rhoades and James Duke; as well as many friends. Plans are being made for a funeral at Ft Myer and interment in Arlington National Cemetery. Donations to the Wounded Warrior Project are welcomed in Marty's memory.

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PINEHURST, NC -- **Betty Whitmel Durfey Lyon, 88**, died at First Health Hospice House Sunday morning, May 5, 2013. She was a former long-time resident of the Waywood subdivision in the Mt. Vernon area.

A memorial service for Betty is scheduled Saturday, June 1, at Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church on Sherwood Hall Lane.

Betty was born Oct. 2, 1924 as the youngest of the five daughters of Cary and Margeret Durfey of Raleigh, NC. She was raised in Raleigh.

Betty Whit graduated from Needham Broughton High School in 1942 and from Peace College in 1944. She married Vernon Frederic (Bud) Lyon on Dec. 26, 1946 in Raleigh.

Bud and Betty Whit began their marriage living in Denver, Colo., and their journey together also included living in Southern California, suburban New York in Tarrytown, N.Y., and finally to Alexandria.

In 1960 they and their two young sons, Fred and Larry, moved to the Mt. Vernon area south of Alexandria. It was there, in the Waywood neighborhood, where Betty Whit truly found her home and her calling as a friend, a mother, a hostess, a conversationalist, and a surrogate mother and grandmother to legions of people in and around that neighborhood.

Betty Whit was a people magnet. People loved her, and she loved people. She was never happier than a crowd of people were in her house, and she would "hold court," serving up food, drink, joy and laughter. She found complete joy in the act of simple hospitality.

She also began a career in banking in the early 1970's and worked for more than 20 years for Crestar bank in Alexandria.

Her husband Bud died in 1977. She never remarried, living independently the rest of her life.

In October, 2011, she sold her Waywood home of more than 50 years and moved next door to her son Larry and daughter-in-law Martha in Seven Lakes, NC.

Betty Whit was a lifelong Presbyterian. She was baptized in First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, attended Presbyterian churches wherever she lived, and was a longtime member of Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church in Alexandria. Since 2011, she had attended West End Presbyterian Church, where her son Larry is the pastor. She volunteered thousands of hours of time in the churches she attended and also at the Mt. Vernon Hospital in Alexandria.

Betty Whit is survived by son Fred Lyon and daughter-in-law Lynn of New Orleans, La., and son Larry and daughter-in-law Martha of Seven Lakes, NC. She also is survived by eight grandchildren, including Paul Lyon of Gastonia, NC, Ben Lyon of Chicago, Ill., Kaylor Kaemba of West End, NC, Alex Lyon of Austin, Tx., Prudence Scott of Raleigh, NC, Hannah Lyon of Philadelphia, Pa., and Cameron Lyon of New Orleans, La. She also is survived by eight young great-grandchildren, who were her latest joys in her joyful journey of 88 years.

She is also survived by two sisters, Margaret Timberlake of Alexandria and Dorothy (Dot) Hoover of Raleigh, as well as numerous nieces and nephews who counted her as their "favorite aunt."

Memorial and graveside services already have been held for Betty in North Carolina. The service in Alexandria on June 1 is an opportunity for her Mt. Vernon friends to celebrate her life.

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SUMMER FUN

Fun Ways To Keep Learning in Summer

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ery and exploration for their children. "Try to notice and get excited about things in nature," said Melideo. "For example, if a butterfly crosses your windshield, you can point it out to your child with excitement."

Michele Claeys, associate head

and middle school principal at Norwood School in Bethesda, Md., said, "Pick four or five [local] tourist attractions [and] spend a full day exploring. Involve everyone in researching and learning about the site before you go."

EDUCATORS ALSO RECOM-

MEND involving children in meal preparation. "If there are days when it's rainy, that is the time to do cooking," said Melideo. "It helps teach patience and math and reading skills too."

Anna Reeves, owner of Tiny Chefs, which offers cooking classes in Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Oakton and McLean, said, "I've always been a proponent of using cooking to teach confidence and give children the opportunity to do things that they may not be

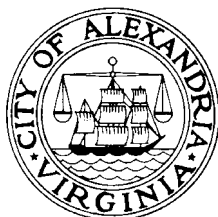
exposed to at home."

While middle school students may be more difficult to engage than younger children, educators say the effort is critical. "Middle school is when they really need to be looked after," said Melideo. "That is when you need to make sure they're not running off doing their own thing."

A treasure hunt with a group of friends is an ideal activity. "Middle school students like doing scavenger hunts," said Melideo. "You can

create a treasure hunt, maybe at a museum, where two parents offer to be drivers. The students look for clues and have a fun prize or celebration at the end. They don't realize how much they're learning along the way. It is not labor intensive for parents, but it is a fun competition.

When it comes to summer, the bottom line is fun. "Whatever activities parents plan, they should be enjoyable and stress-free," said DeLaurentis.



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Unconventional Camp Ideas

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cover chemical reactions, build rockets and robots and undertake other scientific adventures at Mad Science summer camps all over Northern Virginia and Potomac, Md. "Students learn about science concepts and put them into practice," said Monique McMillan-Jackson, director of summer programs for St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac, Md., which is offering a Mad Science camp.

A community service camp could be a good fit for children interested in social justice issues. "Students are educated on issues of social justice and then go to a food bank or a senior center and spend time with seniors, for example," said McMillan-Jackson.

IF A PARENT SUSPECTS that their child is the next Jacques Pépin, a cooking camp might offer summer fun. "Each week we have different themes," said Anna Reeves of Tiny Chefs with camps in Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Oakton and McLean.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

The following students enrolled at Virginia Tech were named to the dean's list for the fall 2012 semester: **Madalena R. McNeil** is a junior majoring in international studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Owen T. Nugent** is a sophomore majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering. **Kelley M. O'Leary** is a senior majoring in interior design in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies. **Catherine B. Royka** is a sophomore majoring in communication in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Laina N. Schneider** is a junior majoring in crop and soil environmental sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. **Kelly E. Wood** is a senior majoring in political science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Christopher A. Caldwell** is a senior majoring in computer science in the College of Engineering. **Hilmi D. Entabi** is a senior majoring in mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering. **Adam D. Frank** is a senior majoring in sociology in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Travis E. Frank** is a senior majoring in landscape architecture in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies. **Sonia Garakyaraghi** is a freshman majoring in university studies. **Alan A. Gomez** is a senior majoring in com-

puter engineering in the College of Engineering. **Juan G. Montolin** is a senior majoring in geography in the College of Natural Resources and Environment.

Douglas MacArthur Elementary School has been named a Great Drink Pouch Derby winner by the New Jersey-based company Terracycle. Each day, MacArthur students recycle their drink pouches at school and send the pouches to Terracycle. Recently, MacArthur received a check for more than \$1,700. During December, MacArthur sent in more pouches than any other location in Virginia and won the Terracycle Great Drink Pouch Derby for that month. The school was rewarded with bonus points to its account and now is in the running for a chance to be crowned the Great Drink Pouch Derby National Winner, worth 50,000 bonus points.

Meghan Palmer, a member of the class of 2013 has been named to the fall 2012 dean's list at Loyola University Maryland.

The following local residents graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology in the fall 2012 quarter: **Hampton McNeil** earned a master of business administration degree in business administration online from RIT's E. Philip Saunders College of Business. **Aaron Thomas** earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in professional photographic illustration from RIT's College of Imaging Arts and Sciences.

"Amazing Asian, Mexican Fiesta, Nutrition Sleuths. We have more time with the children so the camps are relaxed. We make five to six recipes a day in the full day camp and two or three in the half-day camps."

Andrea Nelson of Creative Kids Kitchen in Arlington said, "The kids always seem to have a lot of fun learning new cooking techniques and recipes. We make a ton of food, enough for each camper to bring food home every day for their families. I think the parents appreciate having the week off from cooking dinner too. I'm totally looking forward to the summer."

Melissa McGowan of Culinaria Cooking School in Vienna, says culinary camps often build camaraderie. "Campers learn how to work in groups. Each day the instructors show the students different skills and techniques," she said. "It builds confidence, especially for the younger kids. And it will make them healthier adults because they will learn how to cook for themselves and not rely on fast food or junk food."

Villanova University named the following students to the Dean's List for the fall 2012 semester: **Meghan Furey** is pursuing a bachelor's degree in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. **Aaron Jumani** is studying accountancy and information systems in the Villanova School of Business. **Maria Bowman** is studying communication in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. **Nolan Ahern** is studying economics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. **Ariana Meltzer-Bruhn** is studying global interdisciplinary studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. **Colleen Lineweaver** is studying political science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Alexandra Lee Butler, a senior at Clemson University, is spending the Spring semester studying in Bilbao, Spain. Butler is a management major at Clemson.

Paul Fiesel, a senior history major has been named to the University of Dallas dean's list for the fall 2012 semester.

More than 300 JMU students embarked on 30 spring break trips around the country and world. Students spent the week living simply, focused on service in their destination community but also on teamwork and reflection within their group. The following students par-

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1st Class Petty Officer Martin Wilson places a flag at Alexandria National Cemetery. He was there in support of the widow of one of his friends, Lt. Anderson.



Sgt. Bill Jones, retired, makes the opening remarks and hands out Citizenship Awards to local children. Awards were given to Rex Joseph Charles Davis and his sister Mackenzie (not present), for flying the American Flag on a daily basis. Also pictured, YN1 Brent Ruggles, who provided and ran the sound system for the event.

New Flag for Cemetery

Ret. Sgt. Bill Jones presents the new flag to 1st Class Petty Officer Martin Wilson as CDR Joe Cubba looks on. Both are there with the family of Lt. Anderson. Petty Officer Wilson helped unfold the new flag with Bill Jones and several scouts.

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RENÉE RUGGLES
GAZETTE PACKET

Everyone heads back after all the flags have been placed. The veterans groups typically host a barbecue at the end of the flag placement and all are welcome.



After the flag raising, guests are dismissed to place flags at the graves in the cemetery.



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Marine Corps Pvt. **Mau E. Knight**, brother of Darius J. Faison of Gainesville, Fla. and nephew of Marine Corps Sgt. Michael T. Knight of Alexandria, earned the title of United States Marine after graduating from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C. Knight is a 2009 graduate of Pine Ridge High School of Deltona, Fla.

Marine Corps Pvt. **Christopher M. King**, a 2012 graduate of T. C. Williams High School, earned the title of United States Marine after graduating from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

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Titan Rowers Win Three Medals at National Championship

TC girls' frosh 8, boys' junior 8, girls' second varsity 8 win bronze.

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The T.C. Williams crew team added to their medal collection this past weekend at the Scholastic Rowing Association of America's National Championship Regatta, a competition that was raced on Cooper River in Camden, N.J., featured top crews from across the U.S., and saw Titan boats win the Bronze in three different events.

The medal-winning boats were the T.C. girls' freshman 8, the boys' junior 8, and the girls' second varsity 8. For the frosh 8, winning the bronze at nationals was the latest in a series of outstanding performances this season. The girls went undefeated in their first five races, won the Virginia state championship in their sixth race, and captured the bronze medal at the Stotesbury Cup Regatta in Philadelphia on May 18.

The freshman 8 claimed their second bronze this past weekend at nationals by winning their qualifying heat and semifinal race to advance to the finals, where they finished behind the crew from New Trier High School (Illinois) with a time of 5:18.337. Members



Members of the T.C. Williams girls' second varsity 8 stand arm in arm after winning the bronze medal at the Scholastic Rowing Association of America's National Championship Regatta in Camden, N.J., on May 25. Members of the second varsity 8 include (from left): Emily Breeding, Claire Embrey, Rachael Vannatta, Rebecca Calderon, coxswain Kathrina Policarpio, Maggie McVeigh, Jazmin Calderon, Lynn Stevens and Kate Arnold. Standing to the left is Jaime Rubini, coach of the girls' second varsity 8.

of the girls' freshman 8 include coxswain Maggie Chamberlain and rowers Natasha Magallon, Harper Jensen, Amelia Bender, Giulia Pastore, Hannah Posson,

Abby Prall, Sarah Scroggs and LeeAnn Richards. The freshman girls are guided by coach Patrick Marquardt.

Also bringing home the bronze

at nationals was the T.C. Williams boys' junior 8. To prepare for the level of competition they saw this past weekend and over the past several weeks, the junior 8 spent

the early part of the season "racing up" — that is, they raced against boats in faster events. According to T.C. boys' head coach Pete Stramese, the Junior 8 did not gain many wins during this period, but they did gain experience that paid off in the end, helping them to win not only the silver medal at the Virginia State Rowing Championships on May 11, but the bronze this past weekend in what was perhaps the day's closest race — a race where the top three boats crossed the finish line within 1.2 seconds of each other.

Members of the T.C. Williams boys' junior 8 include coxswain Spenser Gilliland and rowers Ben Blakeslee, Sam Zickar, Greg Montenegro, Carter Weitekamp, Nate Conrad, Connor Quatannens, Rodrigo Robles and Tyler Souza. The junior 8 is guided by Stramese.

Also winning the bronze medal at nationals was the T.C. Williams girls' second varsity 8, a crew that has been steadily improving over the course of this season and has been almost clinical in how they have approached each race. After barely making the semifinals in their qualifying heat this past Fri

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TC Boys' Soccer Loses in Region Quarterfinals

TC. Williams boys' soccer coach Martin Nickley put his right arm around one of his seniors and walked toward the goal at which the Titans' season had just ended.

After an exciting TC goal near the end of stoppage time tied the score, the Titans and Mount Vernon played four overtime periods before deciding things with a penalty-kick shootout. In the fifth round of PKs, with a chance to tie, TC came up empty as Mount Vernon goalkeeper Lucas Belanger came up with his third save of the shootout and the Majors won, 1-1 (2-1) at Mount Vernon High School.

"When you get to penalty kicks, we do it as a team, it's not individuals standing up there," Nickley said after the game. "When we pick five guys to do that, we're picking our team to go up there, so every one of those guys goes with the team."

After trailing for most of the match, Eryk Williamson scored the

equalizer with a header in the final minute of stoppage time off a corner kick from Neil DeWakar.

After four overtime periods, the match went to PKs. TC goalkeeper Edgar Martinez made two saves, but it wasn't enough as Belanger stifled the Titans.

"[We had and] unbelievable team," Nickley said. "They came out in every single match with so much heart, worked hard every single day, never took a day off and everything they got this season, they really deserved. We had a lot of great matches and a lot of good wins and it's a real tribute to the hard work and dedication of these guys."

— JON ROETMAN

T.C. Williams goalkeeper Edgar Martinez saved a pair of penalty kicks during a shootout against Mount Vernon in the Northern Region quarterfinals on May 23.



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The T.C. Williams boys' soccer team ended its season with a loss to Mount Vernon in the Northern Region quarterfinals on May 23.

SPORTS



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With their racing shell in front of them, members of the T.C. Williams boys' junior 8 exchange a high five after winning the bronze medal at the Scholastic Rowing Association of America's National Championship Regatta in Camden, N.J., on May 25. Standing to the right is Pete Stramese, the head coach of the boys' crew team at T.C. Williams and coach of the boys' junior 8.

TC Crew Teams Win Bronze

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day, the second varsity 8 met with their veteran coach Jaime Rubini to analyze their performance, which was hampered by a slow start.

The analysis paid off, with the girls advancing to the final, where they finished just behind runner-up Walt Whitman with a time of 5:16.467.

Members of the T.C. Williams girls' second varsity 8 include coxswain Kathrina Policarpio and rowers Emily Breeding, Claire Embrey, Rachael Vannatta, Rebecca Calderon, Maggie McVeigh, Jazmin Calderon, Lynn Stevens and Kate Arnold.

The three bronze medals won by T.C. Williams this past weekend represent the Crew's strongest perfor-

mance at nationals in years. It was also the first time the boys' crew team has medaled at the event since 2003.

In total for the 2013 rowing season, T.C. boats have won three state championships, two silver medals, and seven bronze medals.

Next up for the Titan rowers is their last regatta of the year — the Canadian Secondary Schools Rowing Association's National Championship Regatta, which will be held this weekend on the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta course in St. Catharines, Ontario.

For the complete schedule and more information about T.C. Williams crew, visit www.tcwcrew.org or www.facebook.com/alexandria.crewboosters.

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icipated in alternative spring break: **Lillian Addy**, **Bryan Jacobs** and **Wyatt Floyd**.

Anastasia C. Voellm, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick R. Voellm of Alexandria, has been named to Randolph-Macon Academy's dean's list for the second quarter of the 2012-13 school year. Anastasia is a senior.

Bands from the **George Washington** and **Francis C. Hammond** middle school campuses performed for their District Assessments March 9-10 with great results. The Hammond Captains, the concert band playing Grade 2 music under the direction of David Frye, earned straight 1s across the board, from all three stage judges and the sight-reading judge. The Hammond Admirals, the symphonic band playing Grade 3 music under the direction of Vaughn Ambrose, earned a score of 2 (Excellent) over all. Two stage judges rated the group 2 and the third rated them 3 (Good). They earned a 2 from the sight-reading judge, for an overall rating of 2. The George Washington Symphonic Band, the only middle school band in District X to play all Grade 4 music, under the direction of Rick Seracino, earned straight 1s across the board, from all three judges on stage and the sight-reading judge.

The following students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2012 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. **Diana Leigh Goeller** is enrolled in the university's College of Arts

& Sciences. **Kelsey Morgan Irvin** is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences.

Emma Wilson was recently initiated into Phi Kappa Phi - the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Wilson is pursuing a degree in communication disorders at Longwood University.

Shaun Holloway has been named to Eckerd College's dean's list for the fall 2012 semester. Shaun is majoring in philosophy.

The following students graduated from Virginia Tech during the commencement ceremony in December: **Jeremiah Stamper** received a bachelor of science degree in management from the Pamplin College of Business. **Christopher Martynes** received a bachelor of science degree in computer science from the College of Engineering. **David Hawkins** received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the College of Engineering. **Samuel Tewolde** received a bachelor of science in electrical engineering from the College of Engineering. **Eric Hayth** received a bachelor of science business information technology from the Pamplin College of Business. **Nicholas Wasilewski** received a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from the College of Engineering. **Carolyn Bea** received a bachelor of science degree in hospitality and tourism management from the Pamplin College of Business. **Christopher Caldwell** received a bachelor of science

degree magna cum laude in computer science from the College of Engineering. **Brittany Polson** received a bachelor of science degree in hospitality and tourism management from the Pamplin College of Business. **Emily Rowe** received a bachelor of science degree in economics from the Pamplin College of Business. **Richard Snelling** received a bachelor of science degree in management from the Pamplin College of Business. **Judith Wahyudi** received a bachelor of science degree in business information technology from the Pamplin College of Business. **William Mirone** received a bachelor of arts degree in history from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Tommy Cheung, a first-year student in RIT's B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, made the dean's list for the Winter 2013 quarter.

Sarahselica Miura has been named to the dean's list at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for fall 2012.

Patrick Slack earned academic honors for the fall 2012 semester at Purdue University.

John Adams Elementary School Fourth-Grader **Jacob Rosario**, is currently ranked No. 1 among all fourth-graders in Virginia as well as No. 1 across all grade levels in ACPS in the First in Math Online Program. First in Math is a national curriculum supplement used by ACPS to provide students the fundamental math skills they need to achieve their academic goals

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Fannie L. Allen gives inmates at the Alexandria jail instruction on the importance of good manners and courteous communications.

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Etiquette Expert Addresses Inmates

Fannie L. Allen, an expert on social and workplace etiquette and director of the Allen Etiquette Institute, gave inmates at the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center a special presentation on the importance of good manners and courteous communications during an hour-long program on Thursday, May 23.

In her presentation entitled "A Day for You: Communication for Building Positive Relationships in Life," Allen emphasized the significance of proper manners, treating others with respect, and being polite and prepared in the workplace. She explored several concepts for successful professional relationships

and also guided inmates on introductions, shaking hands, and basic dining manners, all tools that will help inmates as they pursue employment opportunities upon their release.

Allen offered to donate her services after reading about Alexandria's inmate programs in the Alexandria Gazette Packet.

A graduate of the Protocol School of Washington, the nation's leading school of protocol, Allen also holds an MBA from Averett University. She is also a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and has participated in many leadership programs in both military and civilian arenas.

Working To Help Ex-Offenders

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tribution to providing volunteer assistance to help offenders help themselves.

She listed many, including: the Alexandria City Reentry Council, the Friends of Guest House program, the Alexandria Community Services Board, and a number of private for-profit and non-profit organizations, churches, and others that help offenders by their willingness to employ or provide volunteer opportunities to probationers, and provide a positive reinforcement to probationers.

Stapleton observes that people only hear about the probation violators, not the many successes. The

recidivism rate state-wide is 23.4 percent. However, she is quick to point out that although not as low as she would like to see, it is not as bad as most states. According to her, Virginia is ranked second nationally in the recidivism rate. Oklahoma is the state with the lowest rate.

"I am proud of my staff who are out there every day encouraging offenders to improve themselves, counseling them, and referring them to various groups and organizations to help them so that they can get the help they need, enable them to improve their lives, and contribute to the community," Stapleton said.

Restoring Voter Rights for Some Felons

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had arrived to take action on the issue.

"As a nation that believes in redemption and second chances, we must provide a clear path for willing individuals to be productive members of society once they have served their sentences and paid their fines and restitution," McDonnell told members of the General Assembly. "It is time for Virginia to join most of the other states and make the restoration of civil rights an automatic process for nonviolent offenders."

McDonnell urged lawmakers to approve legislation to amend the Virginia Constitution making restoration automatic. But those proposals failed, de-

spite having support from the Republican governor and Republican attorney general. Now that Cuccinelli has outlined a menu of options to expedite the process, members of the next General Assembly will be charged with passing laws to implement them. That's where efforts might run into familiar roadblocks.

"There's always going to be a certain amount of skepticism that should be associated with an effort like this," said Geoff Skelley, analyst with the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "If people who are more likely to be Democratic voters get their rights restored, and they go and vote for Democrats is that good politically? There are going to be Republicans making that argument."



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