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Color Midst The Gray

Sailing students chanced the weather after the rain subsided and went out with instructors in the dock area around **Daingerfield Island** on Monday afternoon, July 1, for an orientation to boating.



Lethal Force Justified Prosecutor issues 30-page report detailing why Alexandria officers killed Taft Sellers.

By Michael Lee Pope Gazette Packet

even different officers shot 37 rounds at Alexandria man Taft Sellers last February during a standoff in the city's West End, hitting him five times. Now, more than four months later, Commonwealth's Attorney Randy Sengel has determined that the officers were entitled to use deadly force, and that they fired their weapons in self defense. On Monday, Sengel issued a 30-page report detailing what happened that February afternoon and how the investigation was conducted.

"After thorough investigation in the matter, it's my conclusion that it's not appropriate to bring criminal charges against any of the of-



Alexandria Commonwealth Attorney Randy Sengel spoke to reporters on the report of investigation of the policeinvolved shooting of Taft Sellers at the courthouse in Alexandria on Monday afternoon.

ficers involved in the case," Sengel

pointed a firearm at police offic-

are legally entitled to use deadly force in response."

The incident happened on Feb. 18 at 3400 Duke Street, a location that was within a stone's throw of Police Alexandria the Department's new headquarters on Wheeler Avenue. Officers responded to a dispatch call for domestic dispute, and responders were warned that the subject of the call was armed. Sengel's report says that Sellers' sister called for police assistance and informed the police her brother had a gun. By the time the first responder arrived on the scene, he could see Sellers standing in a stairway from across the street. The officer approached Sellers and asked if he had a gun.

"Sellers nodded affirmatively," according to the report. "Sellers then placed one of his hands be-

hind his back."

ALTHOUGH THE SUSPECT did not display a weapon at this point, the responding officer interpreted the position as what he called "a shooting stance." So he retreated back to his marked cruiser and took cover, drawing his handgun in the process. Two other officers then arrived and took cover behind the cruiser. One of the officers restrained Sellers' mother.

"He's got a gun," one of the officers yelled. "It's behind his back!"

One of the officers grabbed a shotgun, racked a round in the chamber, rested it on the roof of the car and aimed it at Sellers. Another officer deployed his M-4 rifle. Meanwhile, several of the officers began making attempts to See Sengel Issues, Page 20

said during a Monday afternoon ers during the incident, and unpress conference. "Mr. Sellers der a threat of deadly force police

Hybrid Outrage Two legislators vow effort to repeal new tax on hybrid vehicles.

By Michael Lee Pope Gazette Packet

uzanne Cleary has owned a hybrid vehicle since 2006, making her an early adopter and a proselytizer to her friends and neighbors. Cleary, who lives in the Alexandria section of Fairfax County, gets 45 miles to the gallon. And although she acknowledges that means she saves money on gas, Cleary rejects the idea that drivers of hybrid vehicles don't pay as much tax money toward transportation funding.

"That argument is flawed," said

Clearly. "I have paid substantially more to have license plates that identify it as a hybrid, so I'm paying a good deal more as I did to buy the car."

Earlier this year, members of the General Assembly approved a \$100 tax for drivers of hybrid vehicles as part of a landmark transportation package. When the governor convened the veto session, that was reduced to \$64. Supporters of the tax on hybrid vehicles say the gas tax is how roads are funded in Virginia. So drivers of vehicles that use less gas end up paying less money for transportation than drivers of traditional vehicles.

"There's two ways you could do a bill like this," said Del. Dave Albo (R-42). "You could pick one group and just cream 'em, or you could make everybody pay their fair share. And so we decided to make everyone pay their fair share."

THIS WEEK, state Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30) and Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) appeared at a press conference at the Alexandria Department of Motor Vehicles in Alexandria to announce an effort to repeal the new tax. Although the next General Assembly is six months away, the new fee becomes reality this week along with all the other new laws. Ebbin and Surovell say the tax is bad public policy.

"We're taxing people for doing

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the right thing," said Ebbin. "It doesn't make sense. It was ill thought out and it was an idea that wasn't ready for prime time."

The tax on hybrid vehicles is expected to raise about \$5 million See Working, Page 20



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WEEK IN ALEXANDRIA Holiday Ordinance

Newsflash: Fireworks are illegal in Alexandria. According to the city's fire-prevention code, use of fireworks is a class one misdemeanor, punishable by up to a year in jail or a \$2,500 fine.

"We don't always issue a citation. It's at the officer's discretion," said Lt. Mark Bergin, spokesman for the Alexandria Police Department. "Sometimes, in light of the fact it's the Forth of July and other jurisdictions allow it, we simply confiscate them and then they are turned over to the Fire Department to be destroyed."

Those who choose to break the law on Independence Day will be partaking in a very old tradition of civil disobedience in Alexandria. A quick check of the Alexandria Gazette archive reveals that illicit fireworks were just as much a problem a century ago as they are now. The newspaper described Independence Day 1903 as "intensely hot," with daytime hours "serenity which was heartily enjoyed." But things changed after the sun went down."As the day waned the usual fusillade of explosives began and until nearly midnight nerveshattering discharges from all sorts of torturing contrivances were heard, notwithstanding the orders of the mayor," the Gazette reported. "The police paid no attention to the infractions of the law, the neighborhood of the station house having been selected for the discharge of the heaviest pieces of holiday ordinance."

Muted Celebration

Many people in Alexandria celebrated the Supreme Court's ruling last week on gay marriage, striking down a provision of a federal law denying federal benefits to married gay couples. But here in Virginia, the celebrations were a bit muted. Advocates on both sides of the gay marriage debate agree that the Supreme Court's decisions in two cases don't affect Virginia's same-sex marriage ban.

"The voters of Virginia are ready," said state Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30). "The question is whether or not the Virginia House of Delegates will do the right thing." Because opposition to gay marriage has been enshrined in the Virginia Constitution, overturning that ban would take yet another amendment. That means a new amendment must be approved in two separate General Assembly sessions with an intervening election. Then the issue goes before voters. So the earliest that Virginia voters would have to take action to overturn would be November 2016 - and that's only if the effort receives support in the conservative House of Delegates.

"It's definitely an uphill climb for the next few years," said Ebbin. "But I think that after the court decision people are going to be opening their eyes and at least thinking harder. Whether or not they are going to vote the right way is a tougher hill to climb."

Takeover Imminent

This week marks the beginning of the end for Jefferson-Houston School. Or is it the end of the beginning?

Now that Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell has signed his landmark education reform bill, a new statewide School Board will be appointed to take over troubled schools. The only Northern Virginia school caught in the crosshairs of the reform effort is Jefferson-Houston School, the long-troubled institution near the King Street Metro. A number of reform efforts have been tried over the years, including adding middle school grades to the struggling elementary school. None of the reform efforts have been able to improve performance on standardized tests at the school, which has failed to meet accreditation standards 10 of the last 11 years.

Now drastic change is coming to the school.

The bill that McDonnell signed this week opens the door for the governor to appoint a new statewide school board that will determine the fate of the school. One option would be to transform the operation into a charter school. Another option would be for the new board to directly oversee operations at the school. A third option would be for the board to take control of the school, but contract with Alexandria City Public Schools for services including everything from janitorial services to teachers. "Teachers have to employees somewhere, and right now it's unclear if they will be employees of Alexandria City Public Schools or employees of some newly created school division," said Del. Rob Krupicka (D-45). "This is complicated stuff, and it's not something that's handled in the stroke of a pen." But, Krupicka said, it may be undone in the stroke of a pen. "The money for this is limited, and they don't have a staff in place yet, and they don't have policies in place yet," he said. "I think there's a decent chance that in the next General Assembly we see this changed dramatically."

- Michael Lee Pope

News



New Police Officers and Deputy Sheriffs Graduate

Fifteen Alexandria police officers and three Alexandria deputy sheriffs graduated from Session 128 of the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy on June 26. The new law enforcement officers successfully completed 24 weeks of training including emergency vehicle operation, firearms training, defensive tactics, crash investigation, basic legal training and other important areas, and the deputies completed four additional weeks of training in jail and courthouse procedures. Above, from left, Chief Earl Cook, Officers Rodolfo Romero, Daniel Reeve, Charles Gardiner, Trevor Wenz, Binh Vu, Jeffrey Hewes, Alexa Mastrostefano, Clint Morse, Robert Pond, Mark Osmer, Andrea Archer, Jenifer Ashcroft, Jacob Warner, Christhian Guerrero and Tara Finkle, Deputies Patrick Crossey, Richard Garcia and Steven Shillingburg and Sheriff Dana Lawhorne.

And All That Jazz

Fostering the Future cruise benefits Fund for Alexandria's Child.

ore than 225 people donned their finest Great Gatsby attire aboard the Cherry Blossom riverboat for the 10th anniversary of the Fostering the Future cruise June 27 to benefit the Fund for Alexandria's Child.

"It was a wonderful night," said The Fund for Alexandria's Child chair Jane Hughes. "Everyone had a wonderful time thanks to our very generous sponsors and supporters."

With a 1920s theme of "A Little DECOdence," the event raised funds to support programs for foster children and children at risk of abuse and neglect. Get Out and Give Back's Jane Hess Collins acted as host for the evening, which also served to honor and support foster families in Alexandria.

"The Potomac Riverboat Company and Mango Mike's restaurant have been with us from the beginning," Hughes said. Hughes said. "They've been with us for 10 years and Mary White of R&B Heating and Air Conditioning on Mount Vernon Ave. has been a loyal and generous supporter. We couldn't do this without them and the many other sponsors and silent auction contributors."

The Goodhart Group was also a sponsor of the event, as was the teen nonprofit Kids Helping Kids Inc.



Liz Deneke and Audrey Eskridge chat with emcee Jane Hess Collins at the 10th anniversary Fostering the Future cruise aboard the Cherry Blossom June 27.

The Fund for Alexandria's Child, a division of the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services, works to enhance the quality of life of foster and at-risk children by promoting community awareness, involvement and resource development and providing activities such as dance, art, karate lessons, summer camping, school field trips, scouting and team sports.

For more information, visit www.alexandriava.gov/ TheFundForAlexChild.

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BUSINESS

Moss Named Rising Star

Jeremy R. Moss, an associate with MercerTrigiani law firm, has been named a 2013 Rising Star by both Virginia Super Lawyers and Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers.

Moss was previously honored as a 2010 and 2012 Virginia Super Lawyers Rising Star, however, this Moss is his first-time recognition by Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers.

As a Rising Star, Moss joins a list of young lawyers who have demonstrated excellence in practice for 10 years or less. Selection is based on peer nomination and independent research of candidates. In addition to publication in the July 2013 edition of Virginia Super Lawyers Magazine, the Virginia list will appear in the July 2013 issue of Richmond Magazine and the District of Columbia list was included in the May 2013 issue of Washington Post Magazine.

Moss, a community association law attorney based in the Alexandria office, also has received extensive industry recognition. In 2008 the Washington Metropolitan Chapter of Community Associations Institute presented him with the Rising Star Award and in 2011 he was named Educator of the Year.

He received his law degree in 2007 from the Columbus School of Law of The Catholic University of America and is a 2003 graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

MercerTrigiani currently serves clients at 112 South Alfred Street in Alexandria.

For more information on MercerTrigiani or the practice of community association law, visit www.MercerTrigiani.com.



Athenaeum Gains First Corporate Sponsor

TTR Sotheby's International Realty will become the first corporate sponsor of the Athenaeum in Alexandria. home to the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association, in support of the organization's fine arts programs. **Clients of TTR Sotheby's International** Realty will benefit from the sponsorship through advanced access to new exhibits at the Athenaeum, invitations to VIP pre-opening events and opportunities to meet the artists, according to Mark Lowham, managing partner.



BUSINESS

EagleBank Lands in Old Town Newest branch opens at 277 S. Washington St.

By Jeanne Theismann Gazette Packet

ore than 175 people from the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and local business community joined EagleBank in celebrating the official opening of its latest branch with a ribbon cutting ceremony and reception on June 19 at the bank's facility in Old Town.

"It's great to be back in Alexandria," said EagleBank vice president and branch manager Ed Velarde, who returns to the area following 15 years of commercial banking experience with J.P. Morgan in New York.

The branch is located in The Atrium Building at 277 S. Washington St. The full-service facility marks EagleBank's 18th location in the D.C. area and sixth Northern Virginia location.

"This new location will allow us to offer more convenience for current customers who live and/or do business in Virginia," said Thomas Murphy, president of Community Banking for EagleBank. "It will also

provide an opportunity for the many important associations headquartered here to gain access to our experienced Nonprofit Banking Division. We have been serving



EagleBank celebrated the opening of its newest branch in Old Town with a ribbon cutting ceremony June 19. From left: EagleBank area manager Juan Jara; head of retail operations Joe Clarke; Eagle Bank CEO Ron Paul; vice chairman Bob Pincus; Alexandria Chamber of Commerce chair John Renner; EagleBank branch manager Ed Velarde; Chamber of Commerce CEO John Long, and branch assistant Portia Reid.

D.C.-area nonprofits for nearly 15 years and know and understand their very specific financial needs."

Existing Virginia branches are in Tysons boxes, an ATM, a night drop and a full ar-

Corner, Ballston, Rosslyn, Reston and Merrifield.

The Old Town branch offers safe deposit boxes, an ATM, a night drop and a full ar-

ray of lending, cash management and online banking services for both business and retail customers.

"As a resident, I used to frequent businesses and enjoy all the fun stuff Alexandria has to offer," Velarde said. "Now that I am on the business side, I can take that to the next level and build on everything. That's very exciting to me."

Velarde said that EagleBank and the entrepreneurial spirit of its founders is a good fit for the Alexandria business community.

"Eagle is a wonderful fit here," Velarde said. "The culture in Alexandria is all about relationships and looking at things in a long-term time frame. It's very refreshing in that sense."

Velarde noted that EagleBank is the number one SBA lender in community banking in the D.C. region and prides itself on personal relationships.

"Most of our clients are based on referrals," said Velarde, who noted that EagleBank is a SBA preferred lender. "The way we do business is all relationship driven — we put the relationship component ahead of everything.

Our mantra is about being strong and trusted."

For more information, visit www.eaglebankcorp.com.

Construction To Begin on New Bradlee Safeway

S afeway will close its Bradlee Safeway at 3526 King St. on Saturday, July 13 at 6 p.m. as the grocer will constructa new facility at the same location. Once completed, the new 61,323 square-foot facility will be among the largest in the company's Eastern Division, replacing the 44,000 square-foot store which was built in October 1982. The new store is scheduled to open in fall 2014.

The company will operate an on-site temporary pharmacy for the duration of the construction period beginning Monday, July 15 at 8 a.m. The pharmacy will operated from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

Shoppers are being encouraged to visit

End Business Association.

Paul Thompson, proprietor of the

Ted's Montana Grill located at 2451

Eisenhower Ave., was recognized for his

outstanding work at the restaurant

company's 2013 annual meeting, held at

Lake Lanier Islands Resort in Buford,

Ga. Thompson, of Olney, Md., was

named "Rookie Proprietor of the Year."

A University of Maryland graduate, he

joined Ted's Montana Grill in January

2012 and has demonstrated strong lead-

Business Notes

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

Diane L. Webster was promoted to vice president, branch manager of the Prince Street branch of Virginia Commerce Bank. Webster just celebrated her 10-year anniversary with the bank last year. She is actively involved in the Alexandria community and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the West www.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM one of the following Safeway locations while the new Bradlee location is under construction: 5821 Crossroads Center Way in Falls Church, 299 S. Van Dorn St. in Alexandria and 1624 Belle View, also in Alexandria. Safeway is offering displaced shoppers \$10 off coupons with a minimum \$50 purchase which can be redeemed at any of these stores during the month of July. Directions to these Safeways can be found on the Safeway.com website.

> The Bradlee Safeway will close at end of business on July 13 for renovations.



ership results since that time.

Military Officers Association of America has been awarded Best in Class by the Interactive Media Awards for its work on the MOAA Web Base Website. The honor recognizes that the project met and surpassed the basic standards of excellence that comprise the web's most professional work. The site was honored specifically for excellence in Advocacy, a category which had 65 entries. Lindsay Automotive Group, a longstanding provider of new and preowned vehicles in the D.C. metro area including **Lindsay Lexus of Alexandria**, has partnered with the Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation to sponsor dogs and cats until the organization can find them loving homes.

Through the "Pal for Paws" program, individuals and organizations can sign up to support the medical expenses and other costs for keeping pets healthy and happy. In the meantime, Lost Dog & Cat

Rescue works hard to find these animals a permanent home in the local community. Any individual or organization can sign up for the Pals for Paws program, which has a minimum tax-deductible donation amount of \$50. On the Lost Dog & Cat Rescue website, donors can browse the profiles of dogs and cats and decide which animal they would like to sponsor. Once a contribution has been made, the sponsors' names will appear on the website. Visit www.lostdog rescue.org/ for more.

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PEOPLE Bon Voyage ACVA, business community bid farewell to Merrie Morris.

By Jeanne Theismann Gazette Packet

he Alexandria business community turned out in force at the Athenaeum June 20 to bid farewell to Merrie Morris, the longtime director of membership and public affairs for the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association.

"What Merrie has given to the city and this organization cannot be overstated," said vice Mayor Allison Silberberg of Morris' 13-year career with the ACVA.

Morris, a driving force behind Alexandria's tourism economy in recent years, will be relocating to Kansas City with her husband Alan and dogs Rusty and Henry to be closer to family.

"I am humbled and overwhelmed to see everyone here," said a tearful Morris. "People like Claire [Mouledoux] and Lorraine [Lloyd] represent the best of Alexandria and ACVA. I don't know what I'll do when I wake up in Kansas City and these people aren't there."

With Morris' departure, ACVA president and CEO announced the promotion of Mouledoux to director of communications from her current role as communications manager. Meredith Kirkpatrick will handle membership questions until a replacement for Morris is named.

"Alexandria is on the verge of being even more amazing," Morris said. "With the National Science Foundation relocation and the growing vitality on King Street, I am proud that ACVA has been a part of all that has been happening. I can't thank City Council and city staff enough for their incredible support. Without them, none of this would be possible."

Silberberg summed up the thoughts of many in the city and business community.

"Merrie has been an incredible asset to Alexandria," Silberberg said. "On behalf of a grateful city, we say 'thank you.""

> West End Business Association board members Nancy Benjamin and Susan Sheldon.







Merrie Morris and Maurisa Potts.





Rose Boyd, center, with Ann and Rick Dorman.



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ACVA president Patricia Washington, David Martin and Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg.



Bike and Roll owner Stephen Marks and SBDC's Bill Reagan.

Photos by Jeanne Theismann/Cazette Packe

Anna Jones with AEDP president Val Hawkins.

News

Antique Pipes

Main reason for water breaks is aging infrastructure.

ecent months have seen a flood of water pipe eruptions, sending gallons of water through the streets until Virginia American Water workers arrive on the scene and fix the problem. So what's causing the problem?

Part of the problem is history. Old Town is, well, old. Its water main was originally placed in service back in the early 1900s as a six-inch cast iron pipe. Not much has taken place in the last century, which means that the city's infrastructure is as antique as many of its buildings.

"Generally, the pipes that comprise a city's water distribution system have a lifespan of 80 to 100 years," said Samantha Villegas, external affairs consultant with Virginia American Water. "This is why we see water main breaks more frequently now."

In the last five years, Virginia American Water has invested \$61.5 million to improve infrastructure throughout Virginia. The most recent project under Alexandria's streets is a \$1.4 million project under Henry Street, where workers from Virginia American Water are currently finishing a five-week project to upgrade the underground pipes to modern ductile iron.



Water gushes from underground Saturday morning near the intersection of **Cameron Street and Fairfax Street.**

"We can't upgrade the entire system at once for obvious reasons, so we have to prioritize," said Villegas. "We look at where the critical needs are, and then we'll tackle that. Then we'll move on to another critical need and tackle that."

– Michael Lee Pope



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Sheriff Tim Gerard of the Arlington Sheriff's Department checks the fit of a car seat for 3-year-old Aman Rahman, who attends the Center for Alexandria's Children's playgroup.

Giving Circle Sponsors Car Seat Workshop

he Giving Circle of Alexandria sponsored a car seat workshop on June 8 for families that participate in playgroups for low-income families. These playgroups enables The Giving Circle to reach children who otherwise might not receive any preparation for kindergarten.

Volunteers from the Alexandria Sheriff's Department, Arlington Sheriff's Department, and Prince Their six-year old child was in a convertible seat that William County Police Department and Fire and Rescue joined together at the First Baptist Church to ible seat for the three-year old and a new booster provide inspection services free of charge. The Giving Circle of Alexandria provided new car seats and boosters for families that needed them.

Also present at the workshop were Tarsha Rice, playgroup coordinator for the Campagna Center; www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Carri Stoltz, playgroup coordinator for the Center for Alexandria's Children; and Melanie Lugo from the Alexandria office of the Women, Infants, and

Trina Graves of the Alexandria Sheriff's

Department inspect a car seat, assisted

by Peggy Stypula of The Giving Circle of

Alexandria.

Children (WIC) program. During the inspections, the sheriffs educated families about car and booster seat safety. As an example, one family had a three-year old in an infant car seat. was too small. The sheriffs installed a new convertseat for the six-year old, while sharing with the family what made these seats safer for the children.

More information about The Giving Circle of Alexandria and its mission can be found at www.givingfullcircle.com.





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PEOPLE

On Thursday, June 13, James K. Polk Elementary School students introduced the student-designed Greenovation Lab at its grand opening. The hallway contained hand-painted displays of the school's geothermal and solar heating and cooling systems. By holding up an iPad to scan a QR code on the paintings, visitors could then watch a student-made video to learn more about global warming or how a solarpowered Lego car works.



Students Design Greenovation Lab

Polk's Κ. ames Greenovation Lab, which reopened on June 13, showcases the school's sustainable energy heating and cooling systems and explains to children how they work. Children across the school district will be able to tour the Greenovation Lab to learn such concepts as how to use ground air — which remains at a constant temperature of 56 degrees - to heat and cool classrooms, or how to harness solar power to heat water.

The diagrams and videos explaining how to use sustainable sources of energy to heat and cool a school were created by children - for children.

Environmental Educator Ashley Shelton, Polk's art teacher, sponsored the Greenovation Lab project with a Dream Fund grant from the school system. She worked with a group of 3rd to 4th graders afterschool for five months to complete the project.



Shelton says her goal was "to teach children to become environmental stewards. James K. Polk has a Greenovation Learning Lab but it is not being used to its full capacity. The Greenovation Learning Lab needs to excite, engage





and educate students about the sustainable energy sources that we have on premises," she said.

For more information about the Greenovation Lab, see http:// blogs.acpsk12.org/ greenovationlab.



Hubert Jewell, president of the Washington-Baltimore Chapter of the Morse Telegraph Club, sends a message using Morse code. Morse code was used by both the North and South as means of communication during the Civil War.

Traveling Back in Time Event at Fort Ward showcases

life of soldiers during Civil War.

n Saturday, June 8, the Fort Ward Park Museum held its Civil War Fort Day, which involved what life was like for soldiers during the War at what was then a Union Army instal-

lation. There were actors who were dressed up as soldiers as well as civilians. Part of the event involved showcasing a typical encampment for the rank-and-file soldiers.

— Ross Sylvestri



Paul Vaselopulos, right, demonstrates how to use a musket.



Helping United Community Ministries

The Old Town Long and Foster office collected and donated 5,437 pounds of food to the United Community Ministries. From left: The food transfer spot, loading the UCM truck and the total collection.

LIVING LEGENDS

He Preserved 200-Year-Old Legacy of Citizen Activism

Thomas Y. "Jay" Johnson, Jr. fought for volunteer firefighters.

By Barbara Holleb

homas Y. "Jay" Young Johnson Jr. hails from a long line of proud volunteer firefighters. His father and uncles were volunteer firefighters in Alexandria, where Jay was born, raised and educated. His early memories include doing his homework at the fire station. Now, 35 years after his father's generation, he reflects on a distinguished history as president of the Alexandria Volunteer Fire Department.

In addition to his family, a major influence in Johnson's life was Mrs. Rigby, a teacher at T.C. Williams High School who arranged a part-time job for him at the Department of the Navy. He worked this job after school and in the summers, and parlayed it into a life-long career. He is now at the Pentagon as the deputy director of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, Human Resources and Enterprise Support.

Johnson has noticed a trend for the volunteer fire department to provide more emergency medical services than in the past. With the aging of the population, his volunteers increasingly are called upon to respond to heart attacks, administer CPR, and provide transportation to hospitals. Children with respiratory and other medical problems are also triggering more calls. His staff is kept busier than ever providing support to the police for vehicle accidents, shootings, stabbings and hazardous materials situations.

A great source of pride at Station 202 on East Windsor Avenue is Special Support 202. Talking about this "ever ready" emergency vehicle puts a gleam in Johnson's eye. He is responsible for the vehicle's upkeep and maintenance, assuring that it is kept ready to provide medical rehabilitation and scene safety support at any moment. Special Support 202 contains a large water supply used to keep victims hydrated. The vehicle is equipped with choppers powerful enough to cut through large branches felled in storms, clearing the way for emergency vehicles with larger wheel bases to make their way onto the scene. Special Support



When asked about his proudest moment, Johnson answers without hesitation: "Every call is my proudest moment."

202 goes on police calls to light up crime scenes. It is also on call for hostage situations and use at sobriety check points.

OPERATING EMERGENCY VEHICLES and providing lifesaving services require

ongoing training and recertification. As president of the Alexandria Volunteer Fire Department Johnson is responsible for the administrative work that ensures that he and his staff are trained in the latest safety and rescue methods. He oversees his volunteer firefighters' training in CPR, emergency vehicle operations and risk management. He also oversees their physicals. Once trained, the volunteers need to be recertified on a regular basis. Thus, his on-call duty hours are filled with a mix of "run calls" and reviewing paperwork to see that his staff remains qualified for the rigors of their mission.

Johnson has served on the Alexandria Traffic and Parking Board for 22 years, and as its chairman for the past six years. For a man who knows the streets of Alexandria, particularly those of Del Ray, like the back of his hand, this position is a perfect fit. He knows all the emergency routes and supplies inside information to help the board decide on measures aimed at making Alexandria a safer place to live. He is the voice of reason when residents request "traffic calming" measures for the streets on which they live.

As the board's chairman he also oversees the regulation of the taxicab industry in Alexandria. With his board, he handles complaints about drivers, while appreciating that the board's decisions affect the livelihood of more than 700 taxicab drivers.

HELPING PEOPLE, particularly through the Alexandria Volunteer Fire Department and Alexandria Police Department, brings Johnson deep and long-lasting fulfillment. He has six notebooks filled with certificates, letters of commendation and awards of recognition to show that his efforts have been appreciated. A sampling reveals that in 2011 he was named Alexandrian of the Year and additionally recognized for his 25 years of tireless efforts as president of the Alexandria Volunteer Fire Department by the daily online newspaper

Living Legends: The Project

Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing 501(c)(3) photo-documentary project to identify, honor and chronicle the people making current history in Alexandria. The project was conceived in 2006 to create an enduring artistic record of the people whose vision and dedication make a positive, tangible difference to the quality of life in Alexandria.

Platinum and Gold sponsors this year are the Alexandria Commission for the Arts; Club Managers Association of America; Goodwin House, Inc.; McLaughlin Ryder Investments; Renner & Company, CPA, P.C.; the Rotary Club of Alexandria; and SunTrust Bank

This is one of a series of profiles that will appear this year. For information, to volunteer, become a sponsor or nominate a future Legend, visit www.AlexandriaLegends.com or contact Legends@AlexandriaLegends.com

AlexandriaNews.org. He served as grand marshal of the Turkey Trot in 2011. He has been recognized for his efforts with the Special Olympics. He's been a vital presence at scores of annual Alexandria Waterfront Festivals, art fests, Halloween parades and Del Ray Community Nights. And he's earned a reputation as an outstanding hotdog chef.

Johnson has also stayed the course during political storms that threatened the existence of the Alexandria Volunteer Fire Department. In 1981 there was move to snuff out the department. Working with then-Mayor Jim Moran, then-City Manager Vola Lawson and then-Councilwoman Patsy Ticer, Johnson won the approval of the City Council to bring back the volunteer department. As president he fully accepted the responsibility for the buck stopping with him and for answering to the city's mayor and City Council.

Rodger Digilio, who nominated Johnson as a Living Legend, summarized this pivotal period: "When volunteer fire companies were threatened with extinction, Jay labored for years with Alexandria's administrators to professionalize the volunteers so they could be restored back to frontline service alongside Alexandria's career firefighters, rescuers, police officers, and sheriff deputies. He preserved a 200-yearold legacy of citizen activism in the best traditions of Thomas Jefferson, resulting in thousands of hours of volunteer time contributed to our community each year."

Service to the public is Johnson's abiding mission. When asked about his proudest moment, Johnson answers without hesitation. "Every call is my proudest moment."

Gerald Mann Becomes Director of Middle Schools

erald Mann has been appointed the new director of middle schools. He will begin his new job on July 1. Mann formerly served as principal of George Washington 1 Middle School.

Previously he served as an assistant principal at George Washington, where he led the Special Education, English



Mann

partments, and worked with department chairs to provide instructional support and develop strategies to implement school-wide initiatives.

Language Learner and He has served the children of Alexandria Middle Alternative Pro- since 2001 as a special education teacher, will have opportunities to provide ingram for Students de- special education department chair, re- put into the selection process for a new source teacher and summer school principal before becoming an assistant principal. He earned a bachelor of arts in kinesiology from Occidental College in Los Angeles and a master's in educational leadership from George Mason University.

George Washington staff and parents George Washington 1 principal. The position will be advertised by the ACPS Department of Human Resources, which will include staff and parents in the interview process, which is scheduled to begin in July.

OPINION HOT-Lanes and No Metro for I-66?

Did you miss the public discussion and input? So did we.

ne day when I was stuck in traffic on I-66, I was briefly entertained by the license plate of the vehicle in front of me. "66 SUCKS," it read.

No question, commuting on I-66 is a bear. But last week, Gov. Bob McDonnell issued a request for the private sector to make improvements on the 25 miles between Route 15 and the Beltway.

A press release Thursday, June 27, announced that the "Commonwealth is looking for the best and brightest ideas, suggestions and recommendations from the private sector to transform I-66 from a highly congested corridor to a multi-modal transportation facility that moves traffic and people more efficiently."

So far so good. But the devil is in the details, which call to:

Widen I-66 by building additional general purpose lanes that would not be tolled

✤ Convert the existing high occupancy vehicle lane into either a one or two lane (in each direction) facility that would be free to carpoolers, buses and emergency vehicles. The HOV lanes would operate similar to the I-495 Express Lanes, which were completed late 2012 or the I-95 Express Lanes, which are under construction.

Locate Bus Rapid Transit in the median of I-66 extending west from Vienna to Haymarket.

Wait, Bus Rapid Transit is the only transit option in the request. Metrorail, VRE, light rail, all eliminated from consideration with the push of a "send" button. The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority expressed "grave concern regarding the lack of transit concepts moving forward for additional consideration." The NVTA said in a letter to McDonnell: "Although Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is on the list of seven concepts being recommended for Tier 2, the absence of Metrorail extensions, VRE extensions and light rail transit is surprising. … We are concerned by the exclusion of these transit options for additional study, as

this could preclude development of these options in the future and is in conflict with existing and planned transit facilities for the I-66 Corridor."

This specific invitation to the private sector would stop consideration of any transit except bus rapid transit. While bus rapid transit should certainly be considered, this route could be a logical extension of the Metro Orange Line past Vienna, and VRE is also operating in the area. This is not the place to stop the consideration of transit options.

Also of concern is the fact that the 495 Express Lanes have not operated long enough to be fairly evaluated. Use of the lanes has been significantly below projections, and revenue has fallen short as well.

Nationwide, most HOT-Lanes projects are significantly underperforming projections. Turning over tolls for 75-80 years to a private partner is questionable, and the public needs to understand that the commonwealth invested heavily in the 495-Express Lanes as well.

The 495 Express Lanes were "funded with an extraordinary package of private equity, state funds and federal credit assistance, under a public-private partnership agreement signed on Dec. 20, 2007," according to Public Works Financing newsletter. "Key to making the numbers work were the large contribution

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> The agreement includes no limit on the amount of tolls, "protecting" the private investor from "excessive" HOV use (use of the lanes is free if there are three or more people in the vehicle), and revenue sharing with the commonwealth only after the project has met the optimistic expected return on

EDITORIAL investment of 13 percent.

There have been significant benefits to the 495 Express Lanes project including replacement of aging bridges and interchanges and additional capacity in the regular lanes. But we have no idea what those benefits will cost in the long run.

McDonnell should heed the request of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and pull back from the current request. Other transit options must be on the table, although bus rapid transit could still emerge as the best option. And an impartial analysis of how high occupancy toll lanes are working so far, and what Virginia's obligations are if they do not meet expectation, is a must before going forward on I-66.

At presstime, early this week because of the Independence Day holiday, McDonnell released a draft 2013 Virginia PPTA Pipeline, calling for public comment between now and Aug. 1. Ten "candidate projects" include; I-66 Corridor Improvements; Air Rights Development (VDOT); I-64 HOV to HOT Conversion; I-495 Express Lanes Extension; Cell Tower/Fiber Optic Opportunities. Ten conceptual projects include: Advertising/Sponsorship Opportunities (VDOT); Parking Facilities Enhancements (VDOT); Rest Area Enhancements. See www.vappta.org.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Redevelopment Ignores Schools To the Editor:

Michael Lee Pope's detailed article on Landmark Mall's much anticipated redevelopment showcased a site that many longed to see revitalized. The plan from the Howard Hughes Corporation has a utopian appeal, with its facilities for housing, entertainment, and commerce. It looks elegant, it will probably be elegant; I can see why it has much support.

Yet the grand vision of the new Landmark seems to miss one minor point: education. Recently Alexandria City Public Schools opened a satellite campus at the ghost town Landmark. Schools in Alexandria, from George Mason Elementary to T.C. Williams, are struggling to deal with an evergrowing student body population. This was one way to help ease the overcrowding.

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the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War, the Battle of Gettysburg and the Gettysburg Address. The chorus performed ballads and popular tunes with a patriotic theme. The concert benefited SSA's Friendly Visitor program, which matches socially isolated seniors in Alexandria with community volunteers for weekly visits. Above, Sarah Drexler, SSA's Friendly Visitor coordinator, with the North Kingstown Community Chorus. For more information about the program visit www.seniorservicesalex.org.

'Concert for A Cause' Senior Services

of Alexandria got a jump on Independence Day activities with a "Concert for a Cause" performance by the North Kingstown Community **Chorus from** Rhode Island. The Old Presbyterian Meeting **House hosted** the June 30 event in commemoration of

OPINION



Snapshot 1:31 p.m., July 1: The sun attempts to burn her way through the clouds on Monday afternoon as reflected in a puddle on the sidewalk near the corner of South St. Asaph and Prince streets.

Letters to the Editor

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Judging by the Pope article, the Hughes Corporation has made zero effort to resolve what will happen to the satellite campus or its students. They have apparently dismissed the importance of even a humble effort like the TC Landmark campus to help improve the academic climate for Alexandrians.

The Hughes grand vision lacks any sort of aid to education. The least they could do is help provide an alternate location for the campus, but there seems to be no indicator that they have.

Even their listed number of amiable donations to various local causes lacks any interest in helping our city's educational apparatus. While the Hughes Corporation will invest in transit, bike paths, and affordable housing, nothing was noted in the article as going to our schools.

This telling absence prompts me to ask: how bold and beautiful can the future truly be if it has to come SEE LETTERS. PAGE 24



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Wellbeing Meatless Diet Could Prolong One's Life

New study shows vegetarian and vegan diets could lower risk of untimely death.

By Marilyn Campbell Gazette Packet

alk into Annie Mahon's spacious kitchen on a day she's cooking, and the first thing you'll notice are fresh herbs and spices resting on her wooden cutting block. The second is a savory aroma wafting from a Le Cruset cauldron simmering on the gas cook top as chickpeas bubble until the outsides are a glistening alabaster and the insides are creamy.

"I don't add salt to the pot because it dries them out," said Mahon, a Potomac, Md. resident.

Mahon drained the legumes and doused them with enough olive oil, fresh-squeezed lemon juice, Himalayan sea salt, garlic, red onion and ginger so that their mellow and bland disposition had no choice but enliven under such lush treatment.

"I usually cook once or twice a week," said Mahon on a recent Sunday afternoon. "This will last until Thursday and the longer it sits the more flavorful it becomes."

In another olive oil-coated crucible, Mahon sautés corn, releasing the clean flavors of each kernel. She tosses black beans and slivers of red peppers into the pot and then sprinkles the concoction with assertive cumin, woodsy, shredded basil and pungent, chopped garlic. The warm oil melded the flavors, giving the dish a profoundly savory bite.

One thing is missing from her menu: animal products. While Mahon is creating an efficient, balanced meal, researchers say she is also prolonging her life. A recent study published in JAMA Internal Medicine, a Journal of the American Medical Association, showed that vegans and vegetarians experienced a 12 percent lower rate of untimely deaths than their meat-eating counterparts.

According to the study, a vegetarian diet has been associated with lowered risk of several chronic diseases such as hypertension, diabetes and heart disease. Medical experts say dietary choices appear to play a big role in protecting the 70,000-plus study participants from heart disease, which vegetarians were 19 percent less likely to die from than meat-eaters.

"Fruits and veggies — all of them, always are good for hearts," said Laura Evans, who



A recent study showed that vegan and vegetarian meals, such at this corn, red pepper and black bean dish can help prolong one's life.

holds a doctor of nursing practice and works as an assistant professor in the Nurse Practitioner Program at George Mason University School of Nursing in Fairfax, Va. "[Also] good are flax seed, nuts especially walnuts and almonds, canola and olive oil."

Evans adds that cholesterol-rich foods can send one's blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol readings on the wrong side of normal. "Foods from animals, cheese [because] it's an animal product and most varieties [of cheese] are high in fat and cholesterol. All processed food [is] bad for hearts."

While many carnivores consume their share of plants, the idea of abstaining from meat, dairy and poultry can seem like an insurmountable feat. Local dieticians say not so, however. As Mahon shows, meatless meals are not synonymous with selfdenial, monotony, brown rice and tofu.

"The number one thing to do is to explore different types of vegetables. Think outside of green beans and corn," said Alexandria, Va., resident and registered dietician Bonita Lillie of the Dietetic Consultants of Northern Virginia in Fairfax and Marymount University in Arlington. "Farmers markets are great time this year. I was at the Kingstowne Farmers Market [in Alexandria] recently and I discovered four or five different kinds of eggplants that I hadn't heard of."

When combined with the right spices, root vegetables and Portobello mushroom can make even the most devoted carnivore leave the land of burgers and steak, even if only temporarily.

"Try mixing in herbs and spices to take out salt," said Lillie. "Research to determine which herbs would go best with which vegetables. There are a lot of savory herbs that enhance the flavors of vegetables. Spaghetti squash with marinara sauce, for example, is not meat based, but can be very satisfying." Meanwhile, Mahon, who eliminated most meat from her diet to support her health, is writing a cookbook that she hopes will show others that vegan meals can be healthful, simple and satisfying.



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- Art Classes. Through Saturday, July 13, Del Ray Artisans is offering an adult art camp with 22 workshops over 11 days, including Intro to Fashion Drawing, Intro to Visual Journaling and Pop-Up Sewing. Workshop details and registration at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GUAC. All workshops will be at the Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave.
- Vernon Ave. Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, July 14, see "Hair Apparent" in the Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. It is a multimedia exhibit featuring sculpture, photography, performance and assemblage. Free.
- Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, July 21, see "Conscious Evolution" by Denise Philipbar at Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, located in the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. The exhibit blends nature with science and technology. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/ for more.
- Gallery. Through Monday, July 29, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily, noon-9 p.m. Thursdays. Multiple Exposures Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union Street. Multiple Exposures Gallery presents "Michael Borek: What Would Sudek Do?," a solo show inspired by a Czech photographer who sought beauty in places that others dismissed. Call 703-838-4565 or visit
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- This **exhibit at Fort Ward**, located at 4301 W. Braddock Road, features objects from the museum collection to tell this story of the event that launched the Civil War in Alexandria. Free. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Visit www.fortwaRoad.org or call 703-746-4848.
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- **Gallery.** July 5 through Aug. 5 at the Art League Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. "Fantasy of the Real," a solo show. A reception will be held on Thursday, July 11, 6:30-8 p.m. Call 703-683-1780 or visit www.thearleague.org.
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- Fireworks. 12:45 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. Daytime fireworks at George Washington's Mount Vernon. In addition, 600 limited-edition aged George Washington Rye Whiskey bottles will be available for purchase at 10 a.m., \$185 each. Visit MountVernon.org
- **Plant Sale.** 9 a.m. 1 p.m. Plant sale hosted by the Garden Club of Waynewood will be held after the Waynewood community parade at the Waynewood Recreation Park.

July 4th Parade and Picnic. 10 a.m.at Waynewood Elementary School, following the parade at the Waynewood pool. In addition to concessions, inflatables, midway games and plants for sale by the Garden Club, the Waynewood Founders gather for a breakfast to celebrate and reminisce. Located at 1205 Waynewood Blvd., Fort Hunt. Visit www.waynewoodrec.org.

FRIDAY/JULY 5

July Art Explorers. 9:15 or 10:30 a.m. at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Bring toddlers or preschoolers for guided exploration of clay, paint, collage, drawing and building in a supported studio environment. Visit the www.artatthecenter.org to register.

SATURDAY/JULY 6

- 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.
- Saturday Stories. 11-11:30 a.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages welcome to enjoy stories and songs on Saturday morning. Call 703-746-1702.
- Meet John Carlyle. Noon-4 p.m. at 121 N. Fairfax Street in Old Town Alexandria, Carlyle House Historic Park. Learn about life during the Revolutionary War, watch soldiers drill on the front lawn and shop for 18th century goods. Step back in time at this free family-friendly event. Call 703-549-2997 or visit www.nvrpa.org.

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JULY 6 THROUGH 28

Art Exhibit. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union Street. The Target Gallery presents "Optical Studies," a solo exhibition of work by Torpedo Factory artist Ruth Gowell, winner of the Friends of the Torpedo Factory Art Center's Artist of the Year award. A reception will be held July 11, 6-8 p.m., with an artist talk and award ceremony at 7 p.m. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org/target.

SUNDAY/JULY 7

- **Concert.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Come see Swing Out Sister perform. \$35. Visit www.swingoutsister.com.
- **Culinary Arts Family Film Festival**. 2-4 p.m. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Located in the large meeting room. Features films highlighting the
- culinary arts. Call 703-746-1702. Meet Artist Grace Rooney. 1-3 p.m. at a reception featuring her watercolor paintings at Green Spring Garden Historic House, 4603 Green Spring Road. Exhibition runs through

Aug. 25, noon-4:30 p.m.. Wednesdays - Sundays. Free. Call 703-642-5173 or www.greenspring.org.

SUNDAY-MONDAY/JULY 7-8

Talk. Meet Mata Amritanandamayi, renowned humanitarian and spiritual leader at Hilton Alexandria, Mark Center 5000 Seminary Road. July 7, 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., and July 8, 10 a.m. Free shuttles to and from the hotel. Visit www.ammadc.orf or call 240-696-1927 for information. Event is free.

MONDAY/JULY 8

- Little One-Ders. 10:30-11 a.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more with an adult. Call 703-746-1702.
- Baby Rhyme Time. 11:30-noon at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 0-11 months can enjoy stories and more with adult. Call 703-746-1702.
- Interactive Music Show: Uno, Dos, Tres, Con Andres. 10-11 a.m. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. An interactive music show for children ages 0-5. Call 703-746-1705.

TUESDAY/JULY 9

- Family Movie Night. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Enjoy a family-friendly movie with provided snacks. Call 703-746-1702.
- Hands on Music. 10-11 a.m. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Led by musician Bill Jenkins. For ages 1-5. Call 703-746-1705.
- Paws To Read. 5:30-6:30 p.m. at James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Sign up at the Children's Desk or call 703-746-1783 for a 15 minute slot to read to a dog. For Grades 1-6.
- Time for 2's. 10:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays through July at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Children ages 24 Duke St 36 mor can enjoy stories and more with an adult. Call 703-746-1702.
- New Class for Children. 10:30-11 a.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street. Register for one or several classes at www.nvfaa.org/eventsupcoming. Each class \$5 per child, adults free. Call 703-548-0035 or



Ruth Gowell: Optical Studies

The Torpedo Factory Art Center's Target Gallery presents "Optical Studies," a solo exhibition of work by Torpedo Factory artist Ruth Gowell, opening Saturday, July 6. The exhibition will feature new work in woven fiber, kiln formed glass, and glass and fiber combined, exploring the distortion of pattern using bubbles created in the glass. Gowell is the winner of the 2013 Artist of the Year Competition sponsored by the Friends of the Torpedo Factory Art Center. A reception is scheduled Thursday, July 11, 6-8 p.m., with an artist talk and award ceremony at 7 p.m. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target.

Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages

0-5 can hear and dance along to Mr.

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Library, 5005 Duke St. An evening of

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the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. All reading levels welcome. Call 703-746-1702.

Spanish Story Time. 1-1:30 p.m. at

Big Dig. 4-4:45 p.m. at the Charles E.

on workshop presented by the

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Lego Family Night. 7-8 p.m. at the

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Baby Rhyme Time. 11:30-noon at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 0-11 months can enjoy stories and more with adult. Call 703-746-1702. **Game Night.** 7-8 p.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 8-12 can challenge themselves and friends

through a variety of games. Call 703-746-1702

TUESDAY-THURSDAY/JULY 9-11

Stop-motion Animation 10 a.m. at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Bring toys and build sculptures then act out the script to tell a unique story. Visit www.artatthecenter.org

- Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Bob O'Connor will discuss his new book "Countdown to West Virginia Statehood." Call 703-746-1702
- Movie Screening. 6:30-9 p.m. at the James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Alfred Hitchcock film series and discussion to follow at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave. Call 703-746-1705.
- Children's Concert. 10:30-11:15 a.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central
- **Events at Mount Vernon Estate**

Mount Vernon, George Washington's home, welcomes visitors with special activities and tours for visitors. Mount Vernon will open its doors at 8 a.m. daily through August. For the full list of events, hours and tickets, visit MountVernon.org. Special walking tours are \$5 in addition to estate admission and include, but are not limited to:

*The Dinner for the Washingtons walking tour. The one-hour walking tour showcases food, hospitality, and dining at Mount Vernon by taking an indepth look at locations around the Estate, including the basement cellar. The tour will end in Mount Vernon's greenhouse with a sample of food based

on an 18th century recipe. *Mount Vernon's National Treasure Tour returns. The tour is dedicated to the behind-the-scenes filming of "National Treasure 2: Book of Secrets' at Mount Vernon.

*During Mount Vernon's Tribute at the Tomb, visitors recite

Washington's "Prayer for his Country" and the Pledge of Allegiance as part of this daily program offered at the tomb of George and Martha Washington at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Included in Estate admission.

- Twilight Concert. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at John Carlyle Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Concert by the Sudden M Pac Band. Free. 703-746-5592.
- Live in Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Hear Swing out Sister. Tickets are on sale now through Ticketmaster, call 800-745-3000, or visit www.ticketmaster.com
- Theatrical Premiere of "The Maladjusted." 7 p.m. at Bethesda Row Cinema, 7235 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda, Md. The comedy was filmed mostly in the Alexandria area
- Call 301-652-7273. **Movie Screening.** 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Zombie double feature. Call 703-746-1702.
- Story Time. 10:30-11 a.m. or 3-3:30 p.m. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Ages 3-5 years. Call 703-746-1702.
- Little One-Ders. 11:15-11:45 a.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more with an adult. Call 703-746-
- 1702. Storyteller Diane Macklin. 3:30 p.m. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. For ages 6-12. Call 703-746-1705.

FRIDAY/JULY 12

- Music Performance. 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Pat Travers Band performs. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com or
- 703-544-5313. Movie Screening. 2-4 p.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Alfred
- Hitchcock movie marathon in the large meeting room. Call 703-746 1702.
- July Art Explorers. 9:15 or 10:30 a.m. at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Bring toddlers or preschoolers for guided exploration of clay, paint, collage, drawing and building in a supported studio environment. Visit the www.artatthecenter.org to register.

SATURDAY/JULY 13

- Book Debut. 3:30 p.m. at Hooray For Books, 1555 King St. "Solstice" P.J. Hoover. Visit www.hooray4books.com.
- Music Performance. 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Larry Keel & Natural Bridge performs. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com or 703-544-5313.

- **City of Alexandria Birthday Celebration**. 7-10 p.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St., located at the Potomac River between Fairfax, Pendleton and Madison streets. Admission is free. Visit alexandriava.gov/Recreation or call the Special Events Hotline at 703-746-5592
- The Uncle Devin Show. 11-11:45 a.m. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Hear, see and play a variety of percussion instruments and dance along with Uncle Devin. All ages welcome. Call 703-746-1702.

SUNDAY/JULY 14

Movie Screening. 2-4 p.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. The Friends of Beatley Central Library present a culinary arts family film festival. Call 703-746-1702.

MONDAY/JULY 15

- Duncan Poetry Society. 7-8:30 p.m. at the James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Read, share and discuss poetry. Call 703-746-1705.
- Little One-Ders. 10:30-11 a.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more with an adult. Call 703-746-1702
- Baby Rhyme Time. 11:30-noon at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 0-11 months can enjoy stories and
- more with adult. Call 703-746-1702. Classic Tales 'N' Tunes. 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Classic Tales'n'Tunes tells stories through music. Ages 0-5 years. Call 703-746-1705.
- Interactive Performance. 3:30 p.m. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. An interactive performance from Chris Fascione that combines mime, juggling and storytelling. Ages 6-12. Call 703-746-1705.

TUESDAY/JULY 16

- Concert. 7:30 p.m. Bill Kirchen will be performing at Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com.
- Barefoot Puppets. 3:30 p.m. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Joe Romano brings children's books to life through magic. Ages 6-12. Call 703-746-1705.
- Time for 2's. 10:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays through July at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 24-36 months can enjoy stories and more with an adult. Call 703-746-1702.
- New Class for Children. 10:30-11 a.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street. Register for one or several classes at www.nvfaa.org/eventsupcoming. Each class \$5 per child, adults free. Call 703-548-0035 or nvfaa.org.
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- Game Night. 7-8 p.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 8-12 can challenge themselves and friends through a variety of games. Call 703-746-1702.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 17

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. See Jars of Clay perform. \$27.50. Visit www.jarsofclay.com.

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 - 703-746-1705.

THURSDAY/JULY 11

- Opening Reception. 6-8 p.m. see a solo exhibit from Torpedo Factory Artist of the Year Ruth Gowell. Located in the Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. See works in woven fiber art and kiln-formed glass. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.
- Call 703-746-1702. Music Together Alexandria. 10 a.m. Mount Vernon Rec Center, 2017 Belle View Blvd. Join as part of Kids Rock Social Hour to enjoy interactive music that builds on children's natural enthusiasm for music and
 - movement. Ages 0 to 5. Call 703-Under the Sea. 3:30 p.m. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501
 - Commonwealth Ave. Under the Sea's Andrew Wilson will entertain with fish and fish facts. For ages 6-12. Call
- WEDNESDAY/JULY 10 Concert. Noon-1 p.m. at Canal Center Plaza, 44 Canal Center Plaza, Music by Wake Campbell. Free. 703-746-5592. Author Talk. 7-8:30 p.m. at Charles E.



2501 Commonwealth Ave. Learn how to access Alexandria Library's eBook system on your devices. Call 703-746-1705.

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Book Discussion. 7-8:30 p.m. at the James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Discussion of "The Piano Tuner" by Daniel Mason. Call 703-746-1705.
Family Story and Craft Night. 7-

eBook Training. 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the

James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library,

ENTERTAINMENT

- Family Story and Craft Night. 7-7:30 p.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages and families welcome to embrace their creativity through stories and crafts. Call 703-746-1702.
- Musical Exploration of Transportation and Movement. 10:30 a.m. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Ages 0-5 with an adult. Call 703-746-1702.
- Magic Show. 4-4:45 p.m. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Mike Perrello's blend of magic and comedy. Ages 6-12. Call 703-746-1702.

THURSDAY/JULY 18

- Book Discussion. 7-8:30 p.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Discuss "Nuns at Luncheon" by Aldous Huxley and "Cowboys are My Weakness" by Pam Houston. Located in the small conference room. Call 703-746-1702.
- **Story Time**. 10:30-11 a.m. or 3-3:30 p.m. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Ages 3-5 years. Call 703-746-1702.
- Little One-Ders. 11:15-11:45 a.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and

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- Read to a Dog. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Charles
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 minute slot or visit children's desk.
 Grades 1-6.
 Rocking and Reading. 7-7:45.
- Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages welcome. Call 703-746-1702.

FRIDAY/JULY 19

- **Concert.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Billy Price Band CD Release Show. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.
- **Comedy Performance.** 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Mark Klein performs. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com or 703-544-5313.
- Movie Screening. 2-4 p.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Alfred Hitchcock movie marathon in the large meeting room. Call 703-746-1702.
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SATURDAY/JULY 20

Writing Workshop. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at The Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Join Instructor Sushmita Mazumdar for chai tea, relaxing storytelling and a chance to express your creativity with a handmade book. Free.

- **Open House.** 2-4 p.m. at The Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Join the Living Legends past and present, organization founder Nina Tisara, and Living Legends Board Members, enjoy light refreshments, see the exhibition and learn how to nominate a Legend.
- **Christmas in July Celebration.** All day, Union Street between Cameron and Duke streets. Call 703-548-2829 or visit www.christmasattic.com.
- **Comedy Performance.** 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Mark Klein performs. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com or 703-544-5313.
- Saturday Stories. 11-11:30 a.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages welcome to enjoy stories and songs.. Call 703-746-1702.
- **Dog Wash.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 3121 Colvin St. Dogtopia will host its 9th Annual Charity Dog Wash to raise money for Veterans Moving Forward. The event will feature give-aways, food, photo booths, fun and games for the whole family. A \$15 per dog wash donation is requested. Visit www.dogdaycare.com or call 703-751-7387
- Movie Screening. 2-4 p.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. The Friends of Beatley Central Library present a culinary arts family film festival. Call 703-746-1702.

SUNDAY/JULY 21

Little Kids, Little Songs. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Listen as The Green Golly Project.



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Omega Psi Phi NU Chapter members volunteered throughout the day with the various activities at the festival.



A few members of the Omega Psi Phi NU Chapter volunteered to dress as puppets and lead the noontime parade through the gym at the annual youth arts festival.

Creativity Flourishes at Youth Arts Festival

rt displays filled the gym and overflowed down the sidewalk at George Washington Middle School for the annual Youth Arts Festival on Saturday, June 8. The entertainment got underway with a performance by the Nuclear Ice Age Rock Band. The puppet parade along with drummer Nasar Abadey and a group of his workshop students followed. Music and dance performances continued throughout the afternoon. Outside on the sidewalk, craft tents lined the entranceway offering various projects for children and their families.



Gail Olliverrie, Roger Hicks and Tidae Johnson work on building kites.



Atoryia McAllister adds more newspaper and glue to the papier-mache dinosaur the Torpedo Factory artist Lisa Schumaier donated.



Crystal Forson and Vamaris Garcia work on creating a marble painting.





Paintings are left to dry on a line outside one of the many activity tents.



Students participating in Nasar Abadey's drumming workshop join the parade in the gym. Alexandria Gazette Packet & July 4-10, 2013 & 19

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Working To Repeal New Tax on Hybrid Vehicles

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a year. Ebbin said that money could be taken from new revenues created by the failure of Congress to pass Marketplace Equity Act. Because Congress has not adopted the measure, which taxes Internet purchases, Virginia stands to increase the gas tax at a higher percentage because of legislative language tucked into the final transportation package. Surovell says he's not concerned about where the state can find \$5 million, which he says would pay for little more than "a stoplight."

"This tax is going to be unduly felt in Northern Virginia," said Surovell. "This revenue is not going to go into the Northern Virginia regional transportation fund. It's going to go into the statewide fund for everybody to spend."

VIRGINIA HAS about 7 million vehicles. About 90,000 of them are hybrid vehicles. That means that the new tax will hit only 1 percent of Virginia vehicle owners. That



State Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30), second from left, and Del. Scott Surovell (D-44), center, appear at a press conference at the Alexandria Department of Motor Vehicles announcing their intention to introduce legislation repealing the tax on hybrid vehicles.

means that many residents and businesses that have chosen to spend more money to invest in environmentally sustainable transportation will be hit by the new tax. One of those is EnviroCab, the only taxi service in Northern Virginia with an all-hybrid fleet. "I think it's preposterous," said Rick Vogel,

general manager of Arlington-based

EnviroCab. "So we should be penalized by being friendly to the environment, and gas hogs should be given a break? That's like charging a good citizen a fee for being good versus the criminal."

The debate about how the commonwealth should pay for roads has been a sticking point for years. Candidates have promised solution after solution, but little has been accomplished until this year. When the General Assembly finally approved a plan to pump \$3.5 billion into transportation projects. Many legislators said they held their nose on the hyrid tax and voted for the package anyway.

"The consensus among Senate Democrats is that the tax on hybrid vehicles is not necessary and discourages behavior we should be encouraging," said state Sen. Don McEachin (D-9). "However, we judged that the benefit of passing a comprehensive plan took precedence this year. Next year, I am certain we will revisit the issue of a punitive tax on hybrid cars."

Sengel Issues Report Detailing Police-Involved Shooting

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engage Sellers in conversation — asking him to show his hands and come out. Their requests were met with silence. One of the civilian witnesses told investigators that officers attempted to negotiate with Sellers for "quite a long time," and that they didn't simply "get out of their cars and start shooting."

None of the attempts to negotiate worked, however. Sellers eventually emerged from behind the wall, gripping a Glock model 19 semi-automatic pistol with both hands, and aiming it at one of the officers. The investigation later revealed that the firearm had 15 rounds of live ammunition with one round in the chamber and 14 additional rounds in the magazine.

"Under these circumstances, the law clearly supports the conclusion that the officers were entitled to use deadly force in response and that they fired in self defense," Sengel concluded. "Criminal charges against the offers are not appropriate."

WHEN THE FIRST shot was fired, several of the officers said during the investigation, they thought Sellers was firing. Others weren't sure who had fired. But first round prompted more shooting, setting the scene for a massive response from police officers that resulted in 37 shots fired — all from the Alexandria Police Department. Sellers never fired his weapon. One of the officers said it looked like Sellers was moving right and left as the shots were being fired at him. Five of the shots hit Sellers. "Cease fire," one of the officers yelled.

As they approached Sellers, they could see that his gun was still within reach. So one of the officers moved it out of reach so they could move in on the suspect. The autopsy report later showed that Sellers died from multiple gunshot wounds. A toxicology analysis taken from blood samples ruled out 20 & ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE PACKET & JULY 4-10, 2013

the presence of alcohol or other drugs in Sellers' system.

"There is no conclusive evidence regarding any motive for Sellers to have acted in the way that he did," Sengel concluded."

SELLERS SERVED in the Marines from 2001 to 2007, when he received extensive training in the use of firearms. His assignments included guard duty and security at U.S. embassy property. Several people who knew Sellers who were interviewed as part of the investigation said he suffered from depression.

On the day he died, he sent an email to friends and family implying he was going to commit suicide. The email raised alarm bells among recipients. His girlfriend called police within a half hour, a call that sent officers to the scene. By the time they ar-

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TUESDAY/JULY 9

Tech Zoo Tuesdays. 3-5 p.m. at Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Learn about the latest electronic reading devices or bring equipment for hands-on help. Call 703-746-1702.

TUESDAY/JULY 16

- **Meeting.** 1 p.m. Mount Vernon Genealogical Society will meet In room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center at 1500 Shenandoah Road. Free and open to the public. Visit www.mvgenealogy.org.
- Tech Zoo Tuesdays. 3-5 p.m. at Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Learn about the latest electronic reading devices or bring equipment for hands-on help. Call 703-746-1702.

TUESDAY/JULY 23

Tech Zoo Tuesdays. 3-5 p.m. at Charles E.

rived, however, Sellers had already been shot.

"Whether or not at the moment before he was shot, Sellers deliberately chose to provoke police officers into using deadly force against him remains unclear," Sengel wrote. "The idea of committing suicide in this manner is based on exploiting procedures that law enforcement officers are trained to use."

Sengel concludes that it's certainly reasonable that Sellers would have known the likely outcome of pointing a weapon at police.

"If Sellers did harbor suicidal ideation at this moment, this certainly adds yet another sad and tragic diminution to this case," Sengel wrote. "But it does not alter what officers saw and acted upon in this situation." **THE REPORT** was released voluntarily by an elected commonwealth's attorney who is in his last year in office. Sengel has issued public reports in two other recent cases, one involving a shooting on Wyatt Avenue in Del Ray and another involving a shooting in the parking lot of an International House of Pancakes. Fairfax County and Arlington County, meanwhile, refuse to release these kinds of reports — even when they are requested under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

"I think it's important for the public to understand what happened and to have as much information as they can about the details," said Sengel. "When this first occurred, there was a lot of speculation and rumor and innuendo floating around. I frankly think it's important to clear that up and get the facts out there."

Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Learn about the latest electronic reading devices or bring equipment for hands-on help. Call 703-746-1702.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 24

Meeting. 7-9 p.m. at the James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Friends of Duncan Library business meeting. Call 703-746-1705.

SATURDAY/JULY 27

Colonial Republican Women Discussion. 6:30-9 p.m. at the Virginia Hills Administrations Center, 6520 Diana Lane. A foreign policy panel and the CRW discuss the facts surrounding the Benghazi news story. Call 703-624-3252 or email colonialrepublicanwomen@gmail.com.

TUESDAY/JULY 30

Tech Zoo Tuesdays. 3-5 p.m. at Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Learn about the latest electronic reading devices or bring equipment for hands-on help. Call 703-746-1702.

MONDAY-THURSDAY/AUG. 5-8

Registration Open. The Alexandria Sheriff's Office is now accepting applications for its 2013 Youth Academy, a four-day program in August for ages 11 to 17. Participants will learn about the Sheriff's Office by meeting deputies, observing tactical and K-9 demonstrations, touring the Detention Center and Courthouse, and other related activities. The Youth Academy runs 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Sheriff's Office, 2003 Mill Road. Registration is free and lunch will be provided. In some cases, transportation may be available. Space is limited and registration is on a first come, first served basis. Call Deputy Valarie Wright at 703-746-5017 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/sheriff.

THROUGH SEPT. 20

Collection Starts Earlier. To avoid the heat of spring and summer, refuse and recycling collection shifts to 'warm weather hours' and pickup operations will begin an hour earlier. All refuse and recycling materials should be placed for collection prior to 6 a.m. Visit alexandriava.gov/SolidWaste.

Schools

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

Army Cadet **Patrick K. Piedad** has received an Army ROTC scholarship to Virginia Military Institute, Lexington. Piedad is the son of Ruffino L. Piedad of Prestonburg, Ky., and Maria Madrigal of Alexandria. He graduated in 2012 from T.C. Williams High School.

Jeny Joshi received a master of science degree from the Graduate College at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Miranda Jones, Nyarika Penick, Jasmine Brown, Edmund Hammond, Caleb Williams and Chiquera Cureton have been admitted to Saint Augustine's University for the fall semester.

Shiruna Ntenda has been accepted to Ashland University for the fall semester of 2013. Ntenda is a senior at T.C. Williams High School.

Julia Larsen, a junior at Connecticut College and resident of Alexandria, took part in "Into The Woods," a Theater and Music Department production, held April 25-28 in Tansill Theater at Connecticut College. Larsen played the part of Voice of the Giant and served as props designer for the production. Larsen is a 2010 graduate of Oakcrest School, and is the daughter of Cynthia and Kenyon Larsen of Alexandria.

Colin Chadduck graduated from Emory & Henry College.

Claire Osborn, a sophomore majoring in political science and economics, and **D'Elia Chandler**, a junior majoring in English and political science, both of Alexandria participated in the Virginia Tech Hokies on the Hill program.

The following students graduated from Coastal Carolina University: **Constance Darlington**, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor of science in exercise and sport science. **Jesse Jarvis** graduated with a bachelor of arts in graphic design.

Blake LeBlanc graduated Cum Laude with a bachelor of science business administration in management.

Zachary Tyler Hellmuth graduated with a B.A. in economics from Hampden-Sydney College. A graduate of Bishop Ireton High School, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett A. Hellmuth III of Alexandria.

Mariana Sterne received the bachelor of science degree in music: musical theatre option from Bryan College. Sterne is the daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth Sterne.

Andrew Huerta graduated from Bob Jones University with a bachelor of science degree in biology.

Three Alexandria City Public Schools fifth-grade students, won first-, secondand third-place honors in the Virginia competition of the Saris Cycling Group Poster Contest. First-place winner, Charles Barrett Elementary School student **Allison Boehm**, advanced to compete in the national competition. As the state winner, she will receive a new bicycle, helmet and light. George Mason

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Elementary School student **Julie Cizek** placed second in the state competition and will receive a new bike helmet and light. Patrick Henry Elementary School student **Angelica Bermudes** placed third in the state competition and will receive a new helmet.

The following City of Alexandria teachers were awarded Certificates of Study for their participation in the Kennedy Center's Changing Education Through the Arts program: Charles Barrett Elementary School: Graeham Dodd, Alison L. Hutzell, Elyse Post, Alicia Smith, Taisia Steeb and Courtnay Weitekamp. John Adams Elementary School: Dawn M. Bingman, Kerri Ann Buonamico, Nicole Demski, Dawn Feltman, Elizabeth A. Frans, Lemore Amir Fritz, Evelyn F. Johnson, Wesley McCune, Katharine McGinn, Nathan Pipke, Corina O. Powell and Susan Tremblay.

Reza Hemayati was recently awarded a Ph.D in computer science from the Harpur College of Arts and Sciences at Binghamton University.

The **T. C. Williams Marching Titans** will represent the City of Alexandria and the Commonwealth of Virginia when they perform at the 2014 Allstate Sugar Bowl on Jan. 2, 2014. Under the guidance of Carlos O. Gonzales, director of bands at T.C. Williams High School, they will join 14 other marching bands selected from across the country in the halftime show finale.

Kyle Travers has been named to the Spring 2013 Champlain College dean's list. Travers, son of Robin Travers of Alexandria and Walter Travers of Alexandria is majoring in Secondary Education-English.

The following students were recognized as members of the dean's list for the spring semester at Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg: **Heather Evans**, a sophomore music major. Evans is the daughter of David and Beth Evans of Alexandria. **Erin Rheinheimer**, a sophomore art and education major. Rheinheimer is the daughter of Doug and Valerie Rheinheimer of Alexandria.

Lafatima Gray and **Mark Mattis** have been named to the 2013 spring semester dean's list at West Virginia Wesleyan College.

John Thomas Tenorio was named to the spring 2013 dean's list at Thiel College. Tenorio has been on the Thiel dean's list two times.

T.C. Williams High School seniors **Charlotte L. Clinger** and **Alexander M. Eichner** were chosen to receive \$2,500 National Merit Scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Clinger, a National Honor Society member who has earned distinguished honor roll recognition throughout high school, serves as one of two student liaisons on the Alexandria City School Board. She received the Virginia Jaycees' Outstanding Future Leader award for her work with the Alexandria Youth Council, for which she served as president, and the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria, for which she served on the Board of Directors. Last August, she participated in the South Korea Summer High School Program. She also has captained the T.C. Williams Debate Team, participated as a student theater reviewer in the Critics and Awards Program (Cappies) and worked as an intern for Rob Krupicka's campaign for state senate.

Eichner, named one of the first 2012-13 ACPS Scholars of the Week, is a member of the National Honor Society and Math Honor Society. His honors include the Harvard Book Award, Rensselaer Medal Award and Summa Cum Laude on the National Latin Exam. He has been active in T.C. Williams Varsity and Junior Varsity Boys' Cross Country and has participated in numerous T.C. Williams drama department productions. He plans to attend the University of Chicago and doublemajor in history and anthropology.

The White House Council on Environmental Quality, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, has announced George Washington 2 Middle School Science Teacher and Environmental Steward **Mary Breslin** as a win

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Opinion

Clinical Trial Puts Inova Alexandria at PAE Forefront

By Christine Candio, RN, FACHE CEO, Inova Alexandria Hospital

clinical trial at Inova Alexandria Hospital is showing positive results for men who seek a nonsurgical option for relief from symptoms of an enlarged prostate. Ours is the first trial in the U.S. to test a procedure called Prostate Artery Embolization (PAE) and is attracting patients from across the country and abroad.

Since we launched the PAE trial last year, early findings among 21 enrolled men show that 94 percent experienced a "significant improvement" in their symptoms related to benign prostatic hyperplasia, or BPH.

None of them reported any complications. Those findings are consistent with results in South America and Europe where PAE is already approved, according to our Primary Investigator, Sandeep Bagla, M.D., an interventional radiologist who trained with PAE experts in Portugal and Brazil and who wrote the hospital's PAE trial protocol. We

Letters to the Editor

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at the expense of our public schools? I urge the powers that be to reconsider if they have not already the price education will pay because of the changes the Howard Hughes Corporation hopes to bring. I deeply hope that it is not too late for the TC campus to be saved in some capacity.

Michael Gryboski Alexandria

Wake Up

To the Editor:

I own a business in Old Town. We are an advertising agency. We make TV commercials — the kind you like to hate, political. There are some 30 ad agencies in the cty like mine.

But we have a problem that is not being addressed.

The Internet in our town is too damn slow. (I am intentionally swearing for emphasis!) How did I discover this?

It was 5 pm about a year and a half ago and our editor every night would have to jump up and drive as fast as he could to Arlington and go in to his bedroom. He wasn't tired; he was going over there with his computer to send our giant TV files over the Internet. In Arlington he had blazing fast Internet speed. As pictures have become HD, the size of our files are ginormous.

Then one day, our editor didn't come back to Alexandria. He just stayed in Arlington.

He works here at my company, but he is never here. He never orders food from Old Town Deli or COSI or buys gas here or holiday presents. He's plum gone.

Our editor from Annapolis quit coming to Alexandria. He's in his rec room.

The editor we used from Baltimore, doesn't come down any more because I can use editors in L.A. or Austin or Columbus. I'm not touting this approach; I'm bemoaning it.

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expect to enroll a total of 45 men with BPH for the trial. We will track their progress for two years post-procedure to document their results. While PAE is still years away from poten-

Administration approval, our early results forecast great news for men who have sought an effective alternative to standard BPH treatment. Many understandably shy away from

surgical intervention due to potential risks that include impotence, bleed-

ing, urinary leakage and chronic infections. And not all men respond to medicine. Sadly, many "just deal" with their symptoms rather than risk complications.

BPH is a non-cancerous condition that occurs naturally as men age, affecting nearly 50 percent of men over age 50 and greater than 80 percent of men by age 80. It occurs as the prostate — a walnut-sized

Our city has locked us into an Internet

contract with Comcast that is not cutting it. I've mentioned this to every city official I

can pigeonhole. Comcast is a fine company.

But we've been snookered into a monopoly deal with a company that can't give us truly

high speed Internet service. Sure if you are

at home sending emails to your mother,

Comcast is fine. But if you're out here trying to be competitive it's a much different story. So what are we talking about? At your

home you probably have bought 1 mb up-

load speed. "Upload" is how quickly you can

upload a file. The download speed can be

the same or different, depending on your

package. And you are "sharing the pipe" -----

meaning sharing the space inside the wire

with your neighbors. So chances are, you

have noticed things are slower after dinner

when everyone and every student gets on

If you are a business like mine, you can

In Arlington right now, my editor sits in

his PJs and has 40 mb upload speed. That's

four times faster than Alexandria. Last

weekend I was in Kansas City, Missouri at

my sister's house. On her counter top was a

door hanger she had brought inside. It was

from Google. It was reminding her to hurry

and order their new service by July 15. The

speed they were offering: 100 mb upload

and download. As the old song goes, "Ev-

After five months, the city patched a pot

hole near my home. Good. But wake up

people. There's a new kind of highway in

America, and it's not asphalt. Someone

needs to kick some butt and get Alexandria

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erything is up to date in Kansas City.'

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their home Internet.

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gland located just below the bladder enlarges and squeezes the urethra, which is the tube that carries urine from the bladder out of the body.

As the urethra is slowly clamped shut, it becomes increasingly difficult to urinate, and eventually the bladder weakens. Symptoms include frequent trips to the bathroom, especially at night, leakage, and an inability to completely empty the bladder. Left untreated, BPH may result in bladder or kidney damage.

Most men report that BPH has a negative impact on the quality of their lives.

"I was going [to the bathroom] four or five times a night," said Alexandria resident C. Tony Gee. "I knew something was wrong."

At age 72, Mr. Gee had suffered with BPH for several years. He read about our trial in a local newspaper and contacted the hospital. Last fall, he underwent the procedure with the results. He's even recommended PAE to several fellow church members. PAE is a minimally invasive procedure that is conducted on an outpatient basis. During the procedure, an interventional radiologist inserts a spaghetti-sized catheter through an artery in the groin up to the two main arteries that supply the prostate. Microscopic beads are delivered through the catheter to the prostate's arteries. These beads block some of the blood supply to the prostate, causing it to shrink, thereby alleviating associated BPH symptoms. Most patients report no pain other than mild soreness at the incision site.

We are very excited to be at the forefront of the U.S. testing for PAE and hope our work may someday give men a better option for treatment.

If you suffer from BPH and have tried other treatments without improvement, you may be eligible for our clinical trial. Call 703-504-7950 or go to www.inova.org/pae to inquire.

Plans are already underway for a second phase trial to further study PAE.



Tiny Dancers' Spring Recital performance of "Sleeping Beauty."

Tiny Dancers Present Spring Recital

efore a packed auditorium at Bishop Ireton High School on June 2, several hundred young dancers from Tiny Dancers' Alexandria studio entertained family and friends in the annual Spring Recital. To accommodate the growing number of dancers, this year's recital was broken into two separate performances. The dancers twirled, tapped and chasséd their way across the stage in their performance of "Sleeping Beauty." The classic story was given a modern twist with custom choreography and hit musical numbers including "I Enjoy Being a Girl," "It's in His Kiss,"

"Spinning Wheel" and "Come Fly With Me."

Each performance was preceded by a "Daddy/Daughter" dance as 15 twoyear-olds had their first dance.

Tiny Dancers, located in Old Town on S. Washington Street, offers a specialized program of ballet, tap and hip-hop for children ages 2-12. In addition, the company has a summer program of fairy-tale themed summer camps and ballet, tap and Wiggletoes classes. For information, more visit www.tinydancers.com or call Tiny Dancers at 571-312-3406.

Commentary

and says he has been "completely satisfied"

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Hattie Cotton offers freshly made pecan pralines for

Tomatoes, sweet corn, spring onions, cucumbers are more are some of the produce available mid-summer.

Summer Bounty at the Farmer's Market

lump tomatoes, sweet corn, beets, cucumbers and spring onions overflow the tables at the Three Way Farm's produce stall in the Del Ray Farmer's Market. The market also features fresh cut flowers, herbs and flowers to plant, Amish cheeses, gourmet pickles, eggs, fresh baked goods, organic meats, Hattie's Pralines, Beth MacKenzie's Fluffed Up Desserts and much more. The market is open weekly on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon in the parking lot at Mount Vernon Avenue & Oxford in Del Ray.

Additional Farmers Markets are located at Market Square in Old Town on Saturday and Sunday markets at 4109 Mount Vernon Avenue in Arlandria and the West End Farmers Market in the Ben Brenman Park.



Mary Suddwuth of Springview Farms creates a custom bouquet with zinnias.



Joyce Rawlings selects fresh greens and produce from the market on Saturday, June 29.



Beth MacKenzie of Fluffed Up Desserts displays a selection of her gourmet marshmallow treats.







Summer beets, just right for a summer salad, are stacked on one of the tables.

> Photos by Louise Krafft Gazette Packet

David Blair of Three Way Farms takes a basket of string beans to weigh.



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Sports



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TC's Boyle To Play at Towson

egan Boyle was a four-year starter at goal keeper for the T.C. Williams field hockey team. She was all-Patriot District each season, earning second-team honors as a freshman and first-team accolades her final three seasons. She was so valuable to the Titans, head coach William Heresniak went as far as to call Boyle "our savior."

Boyle, a 2013 TC graduate, concluded her high school career by being named first-team all-Northern Region as a senior. She will play field hockey at Towson University in the fall.

Boyle participated in a Q and A with the Gazette Packet via email.

Gazette Packet: What made Towson the right fit for you?

Boyle: I fell in love with Towson the first moment I stepped foot on campus. I was there for a tournament with my club team (Capitol Pegasus) spring of my sophomore year. It's not too close to home but not too far, either. It's the perfect distance for my parents to come watch my home games. I think the campus is absolutely beautiful and their stadium is beautiful as well.

Gazette Packet: What will you study at Towson? **Boyle**: Thanks to T.C. Williams criminal Justice teacher Ms. Gulden, I have decided to study criminology at Towson.

Gazette Packet: Any word on if you'll see playing time as a freshman?

Boyle: I'm expecting to get some playing time my freshman year. My coach told me that if I work hard enough I could see some playing time.

Gazette Packet: What are you most looking forward to about the transition from high school to college?

Boyle: I'm looking forward to being more independent and playing the sport I love at a high and competitive level.

Gazette Packet: What is your favorite memory of playing field hockey at T.C. Williams?

Boyle: The best part of field hockey at T.C. Williams was being lucky enough to play with such a great group of girls. I'm going to miss all of them. My favorite memory was upsetting West Springfield

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ner of the 2013 Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators. The seventh-grade science teacher, who has been with ACPS for seven years, is one of 11 teachers from around the country being recognized for their exceptional work as leaders in the field of environmental education in formal school settings.

The **GW Orchestra** received superlative results at the Awards Ceremony at the Royal Palace Theatre in Busch Gardens. Led by Jonathan Jones, GWMS orchestra director, the musicians earned: Top Rating of Superior; 1st place in the AA Middle School/Junior High string orchestra division and Best Overall Orchestra in the Middle/Junior High Division.

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society announced that out of the 470 participating schools, **Douglas MacArthur Elementary School** is one of the top five schools in the Washington, D.C., area for this year's Pennies for Patients fundraiser. With the generous support of family, friends and teachers, Douglas MacArthur students were able to raise \$7,774.76 during the three-week Pennies for Patients campaign. This giving, combined with the

efforts of students across the region, helped raise more than \$875,000 to support blood cancer patients and their families.

Michael R. Hull graduated from Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa.

Daniel Christopher Alexander earned a bachelor of science in business administration: marketing from Bryant University.

Lisa Bryan received a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from University of Northern Colorado.

Tyler Kimbel received a doctorate of philosophy, counselor education and supervision from University of Northern Colorado.

William Staples received a bachelor of general studies in liberal arts and sciences from University of Kansas.

Lily Noguchi has been named to the dean's list at Randolph College.

Kathleen Taylor has been named to the dean's list at Randolph College.

Marisa Mendez was inducted into Randolph College's Phi Beta Kappa



Megan Boyle, a 2013 T.C. Williams High School graduate, will play field hockey at Towson University.

in the district semifinals in strokes (in 2012). We made history. It was the first time TC FH had been in the district finals since 1995.

Gazette Packet: How old were you when you first started playing field hockey? Did you imagine you'd end up playing in college?

Boyle: I was 13 years old when I started playing field hockey. I would have never imagined that I would be playing in college. I didn't even seriously start playing field hockey until my sophomore year. Being able to play field hockey at Towson is a dream come true, I can't wait for preseason.

— Jon Roetman

honor society. Mendez earned a bachelor of arts in history.

Kevin Sumner Stewart has been named to the dean's list at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, for academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2012-2013 academic year.

The **T.C. Williams High School Drama** Department's spring musical, "The Wiz," received five nominations in The Cappies 2013 awards for area student theater.

Congratulations to the following performers on their Cappies nominations: The T.C. Williams Pit Orchestra, nominated for orchestra; student director **Sarah Laane**, nominated for creativity; **Ados McKinney**, nominated for male dancer; **Barbara Peisch**, nominated for comic actress in a musical for her portrayal of Addeperle; and **Kamen Wilkes**, nominated for comic actor in a musical for his portrayal of the Lion. Awards will be presented at the Cappies Gala, to be held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, June 9, at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Contessa Josephine Caballero made the spring 2013 dean's list at Hendrix College.



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