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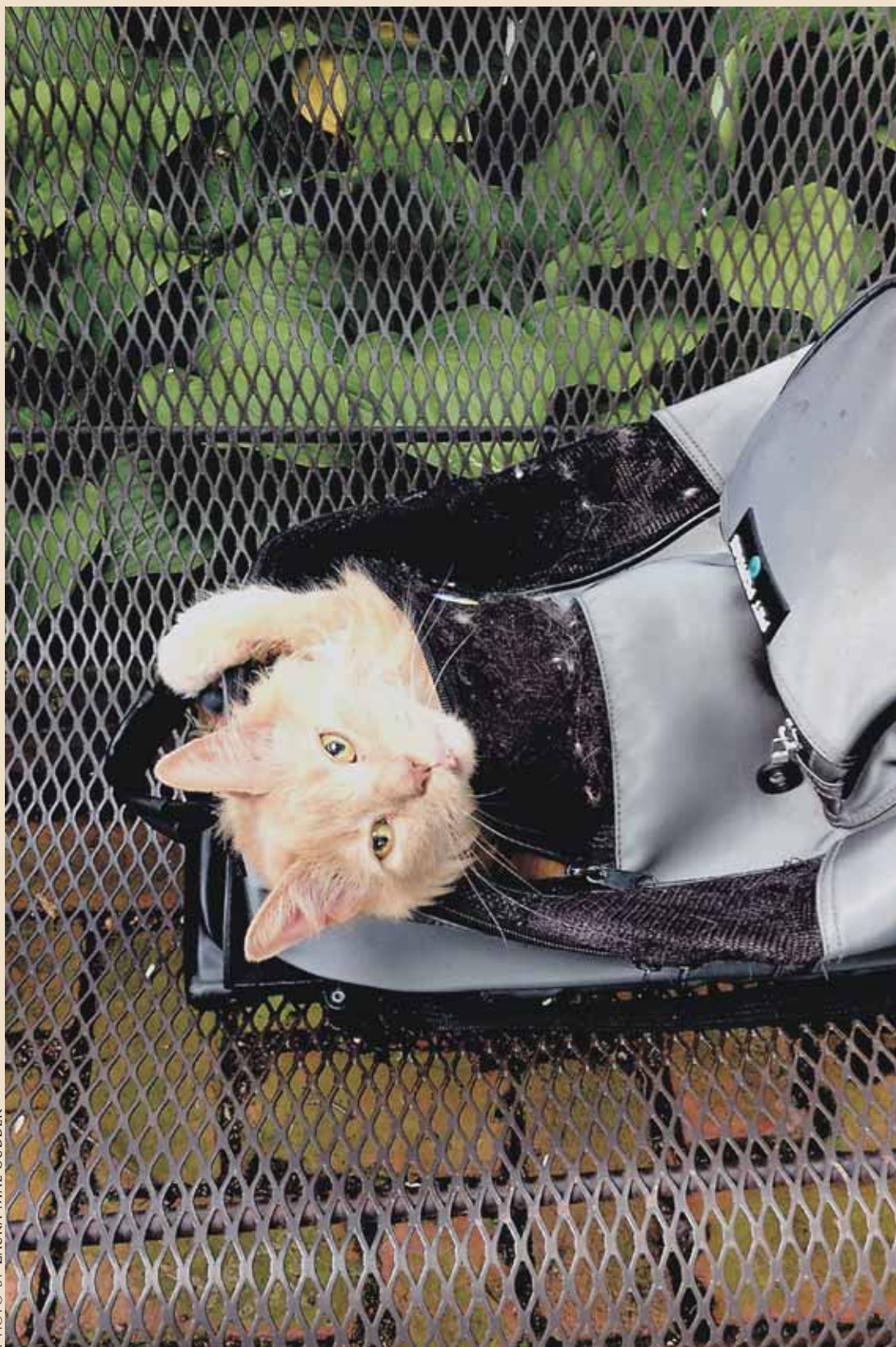


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HC rests on a garden bench after traveling through town in her backpack.

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Wasteful Spending

Cleaning sewage out of Hunting Creek could cost \$100 million to \$200 million.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
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Every year, Alexandria dumps 10 million gallons of raw sewage into Hunting Creek.

Now regulatory officials at the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality are pressing city leaders to figure out how to clean up the mess. Since the last time Alexandria received a permit for its sewer system, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality adopted new rules for Hunting Creek. Now state regulators want to see an action plan for the city to reduce the amount of bacteria it dumps into the creek by 80 percent to 99 percent.

Fortunately for the city, the deadline from Richmond is 2035. Unfortunately, the cost could be

anywhere from \$100 million to \$300 million.

"It's not like we need \$300 million next year," said Bill Skraback, deputy director of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services. "This is something that is going to be funded over decades."

The problem dates back to the 1890s, when Alexandria installed its first sewer system — a high-tech innovation for the time that has now become a legacy problem for city leaders. About 540 acres of Old Town have a "combined" sewer system that mixes rainwater and raw sewage. About twice a month, during heavy rain events, hundreds of thousands of gallons of raw sewage are dumped into Hunting Creek at three separate

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Broadway Barks at LTA

"Avenue Q" musical to benefit local animal charities.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

With an abundant use of profanity and episodes of "full puppet nudity," the Tony Award-winning musical "Avenue Q" is not the usual fare from The Little Theatre of Alexandria. But when the storied theater company debuts the Sesame Street-style show July 27, each

performance will serve as a fundraiser for several local animal charities.

"Cast member Charlene Sloan is a close friend of Bernadette Peters, who founded the organization Broadway Barks," said "Avenue Q" producer Margaret Evens-Joyce. "Broadway Barks helps animals in need of assistance so Charlene

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Justice for Trayvon?

The murder trial of Florida neighborhood watch volunteer **George Zimmerman** may be hundreds of miles away, but emotions are running raw in Alexandria.

Last weekend, Alexandria Mayor **Bill Euille** organized a forum for people to talk about the high-profile murder trial that ended with the acquittal of Zimmerman for shooting unarmed teenager **Trayvon Martin**.

The case has dominated cable news and created new racial divisions in America, a phenomenon similar to the murder trial of former sports superstar **O.J. Simpson** almost 20 years ago. This time, though, the roles were reversed, as prosecutors were fighting on behalf of the slain black teenager. Euille said he called the forum after hearing from many Alexandria citizens that they wanted to talk about the case but weren't sure how. So the mayor called leaders of Alexandria branch of the NAACP and organized a forum at the Charles Houston Recreation Center.

"It allowed folks to come together and reflect and have a dialogue," said Euille. "And it led to a desire to want to continue to have conversation and talk about others issues such as affordable housing and education."

The forum included Alfred Street Baptist Church pastor **Howard-John Wesley** and Alexandria NAACP president **LaDonna Sanders** as well as a handful of Alexandria lawyers and community leaders. Although the murder trial had no connections to the city, Euille said, it was important to give people an opportunity to express their feelings about the national dialogue the case has launched.

"I would say it was a great success," he said.

Pertpetually Public?

The project to transform a public park into a private sports complex may have hit a new snag — history.

This week, Alexandria Historical Society President **Bill Dickinson** suggested that the history of Hensley Park may prevent the public land from being used for private gain.

Dickinson says the park is probably constructed on top of fill land owned by the city in the 1970s as part of the Eisenhower development project.

That means it's likely the case that some portion of the funds received by the city from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act in 1977 were probably used for the development of the park.

"This requires the land must remain in public recreational use in perpetuity unless the Secretary of Interior approves of a conversion and replacement lands are substituted," Dickinson wrote in a letter to **Judy Noritake**, chairwoman of the Alexandria Parks and Recreation Commission. "While conversions have been approved for these grants, they have been both rare and difficult."

City Attorney **Jim Banks** said he is conducting a title search, which he said should take about a week.

Hot Air in Washington

What's the solution to America's energy needs? U.S. Rep. **Jim Moran** (D-8) says the answer may be blowing in the wind.

This week, the United States Department of the Interior announced its second competitive wind energy lease sale. The lease means more than 100,000 acres off of Virginia's coast will be made available for commercial wind energy leasing.

"The commonwealth is poised to be a leader in wind energy production and this brings us one step closer to realizing that goal," said Moran in a written statement. "Virginia will show the rest of the country that investment in renewable energy helps not only the environment, but also provides a boost to our economy and is a safer, cleaner alternative to opening up new areas to oil and gas drilling."

Moran added that he plans to ensure the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has the resources to move forward on sale of the lease soon.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS

Separating Sewage from Stormwater

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"outfall" points. The Environmental Protection Agency has already demanded that the District of Columbia reduce the total maximum daily load of nutrients, which will cost billions of dollars.

"That's the sword of Damocles hanging over the head of Alexandria," said Peter Pennington, former chairman of the Environmental Policy Commission. "Everyone is wondering when the EPA is going to make the same demand to Alexandria City Hall."

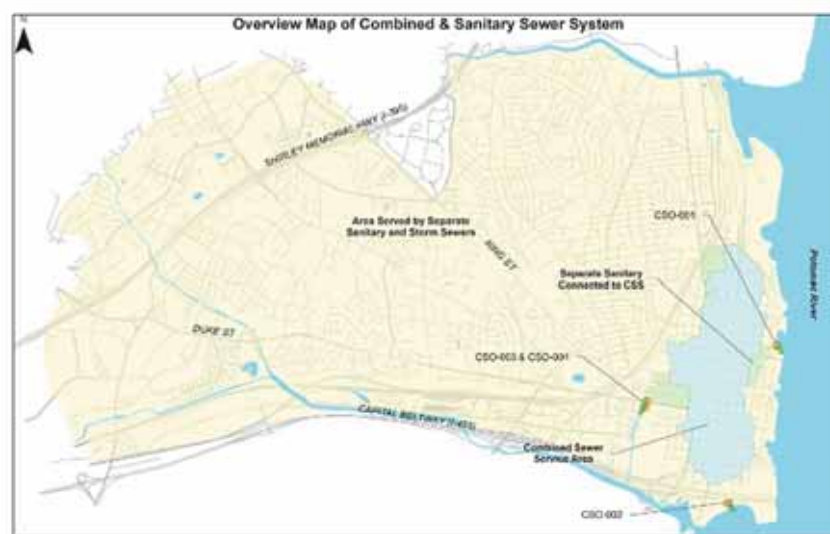
SO FAR, FEDERAL OFFICIALS have focused their attention on major cities with legacy sewer systems such as Philadelphia or New York. The pollution created by Alexandria, by contrast, is much smaller. So city leaders feel they have time to come up with a strategy while federal officials work their way down the list. Meanwhile, state regulators are forcing city leaders to confront the issue as they try to renew their permit allowing the combined sewer system. City officials are encouraging members of the public to comment on the permit through Aug. 12.

"This is a major step in the city's work to ensure continued progress toward improving water quality in the Potomac River, Chesapeake Bay and Hunting Creek," said Mayor Bill Euille in a written statement. "It is vital to our environmental sustainability efforts and critical to improving and strengthening Alexandria's water quality infrastructure."

For the last decade, city leaders have been trying to encourage environmentally sustainable redevelopment in the hope that it will mitigate some of the damage created by the combined sewer system. For example, the redevelopment of Samuel Madden Homes includes separating wastewater from stormwater runoff as construction moves forward on several blocks in the Parker Gray neighborhood. Plans for construction of a new Jefferson-Houston School also include separating the sewer system there as well.

"We may have an all-of-the-above solution where it's some new separation, some green initiatives and some storage," said Councilman Tim Lovain. "And it's possible there could be some kind of fees to pay for it."

CITY LEADERS are facing two possible strategies to solve the problem. One is digging into 540 acres of Old Town streets to physically separate untreated wastewater from stormwater runoff. That would be the most expensive solution, estimated at \$200 million to \$300 million, that would transform Old Town into a construction zone for a decade.



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"There's obviously an environmental benefit to separating the combined sewer system," said Poul Hertel, former president of the Old Town Civic Association. "But the costs are astronomical and the impact on the community would be substantial."

A more likely option for city officials is building some kind of storage for the mix of wastewater and stormwater that collect during heavy rain events. This is the option that officials in the District of Columbia are currently seeking, constructive massive underground tanks to store the mix until it can be treated. But city officials expect that would cost anywhere

from \$100 million to \$200 million, which means Alexandria leaders will be looking for ways to finance efforts to clean up Hunting Creek.

"Fixing the combined sewer systems certainly helps the community in question, but it also helps the entire state in the sense that we have cleaner waterways that benefit our fisheries and everything else," said Del. Rob Krupicka (D-45).

"We may have an all-of-the-above solution where it's some new separation, some green initiatives and some storage."

— Councilman Tim Lovain

HUNTING CREEK includes three separate "outfall" sites where raw sewage and stormwater runoff spill out into the water. One is at the foot of Royal Street, near a boardwalk at the western edge of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. The other two are on Duke Street, just north of Alexandria National Cemetery. City officials are quick to point out that the raw sewage is heavily diluted when it enters the creek.

"It's heavily diluted," said Srakback. "It's almost all storm water with a small amount of wastewater."

Virginia's Water Quality Standards call for a maximum geometric mean of 126 E. coli counts for every 100 milliliter of water. State regulators have already set up a model to create a total maximum daily load to estimate how much fecal coliform ends up in Hunting Creek. For city officials, though, the goal is reaching a target that's relative to the current amount of bacteria rather than a specific count of fecal coliform.

"It's not necessarily a bacterial count the city has to meet," said Lalit Sharma, division chief of the Office of Environmental Quality. "It's an 80 to 99 percent reduction."

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Open Retreat. 8-10:30 a.m. at the Alexandria Police Headquarters, 3600 Wheeler Ave. The Alexandria Planning Commission offers a retreat to discuss procedural matters, goals and policies and upcoming projects. Open for the public to attend. Call 703-746-4666.

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.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 31

Board of Architectural Review Parker-Gray District Hearing 7:30 PM. City Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St. For more information, contact Al Cox, 703-746-3833.

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.

SATURDAY/AUG. 17

Presentation. 2 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. The Long Range Educational Facilities Plan Work Group offers a presentation and discussion of the recent growth in enrollment in Alexandria City Public Schools. "Recent Growth in Alexandria's School Enrollment: The New Normal?" will outline the rapid growth and discuss the challenges it presents, including classrooms filled past capacity and budget problems. Open to the public. Call 703-461-4666.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 4

Speaker and Forum. 10 a.m. at the Ernest Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike. Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern Virginia present Dr. Robert Sutter in a discussion of China's economic, political and social status in today's world. Free. Call 703-938-5655 or email salex50@yahoo.com

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Marin Trauger can't wait to taste a chocolate marshmallow cupcake.



Kirsten Trauger enjoys a snickerdoodle cupcake.

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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.

FRIDAY/DEC. 20

Deadline. The 2014 Kluge Young Composers Competition provides an opportunity for young composers in Virginia to develop their talents. The winning composition, selected by Maestro Kluge himself, will premiere at an ASO performance. The 2014 Kluge Young Composers Competition is open to any composer 18 or younger who resides in Virginia. Compositions should be five to seven minutes in length and should use standard orchestra instrumentation and normal doublings. Submissions must be received by Dec. 20. For details on how to enter, visit www.alexsym.org/kluge-young-composers-competition.

ONGOING

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English as a Second Language Class. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Tuesdays and Thursdays, all levels 10 a.m.-noon, intermediate workshop 3-5 p.m. All classes free. Call the information desk, 703-746-1702, ext. 3.

Police Citizens Academy. Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. taking place at the Police Department's headquarters, 3600 Wheeler Avenue, in the community room. This is a 10-week class that provides an opportunity for residents to learn about various aspects of the Police Department. Classes are a combination of lecture and interactive activities, topics include patrol operations, gangs, crime preventions, and more. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/police or email Virginia.obranovich@alexandriava.gov. Registration ends Aug. 1.

The Talking Book Service at Alexandria Library will now operate Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or by appointment. Patrons may also reach the service by calling 703-746-1760 or emailing talkingbooks@alexandria.lib.va.us.

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LTA Musical To Benefit Local Animal Charities

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worked with Bernadette to bring that idea to LTA.”

A storyline in “Avenue Q” includes lead character/puppet Kate Monster attempting to raise funds to build a “Monstersori” school. During “The Money Song” in Act II, the cast and crew will enter the audience to accept donations for four animal charities: the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, King Street Cats, DC Actors for Animals and Broadway Barks.

“For more than two decades, professional show people on Broadway have dedicated several weeks of performances to fundraising for important causes such as AIDS research, disaster relief and feeding hungry families,” said director Frank Shutts, who also serves as the main stage director at Bishop Ireton High School. “The Little Theatre of Alexandria’s cast of “Avenue Q” has decided to honor this tradition by dedicating its performances to these four important charities. As the song goes, ‘When you help others, you’re really helping yourself.’”

The wildly successful — albeit sometimes controversial — musical by Robert Lopez and Jeff Marx is a coming-of-age parable that satirizes the issues and anxieties associated with entering adulthood.

“I’ve known about the show since it won Best Musical at the Tony awards in 2004,” Shutts said. “I like that it pays homage to Sesame Street, which premiered during my kindergarten year at Quander Road Elementary School. ‘Avenue Q’ is basically Sesame Street for adults.”

The show stars Northern Virginia native Sean Garcia as Princeton/Rod, Kristina Hopkins as Kate Monster, Claire O’Brien as



The cast of “Avenue Q” during rehearsal for the upcoming production at LTA. The show will run July 27 to Aug. 17.

PHOTOS BY
KEITH WATERS

“Avenue Q’ is basically Sesame Street for adults.”

— Director Frank Shutts

Lucy the Slut, Aerika Saxe as Gary Coleman and Stephanie Gaia Chu as Christmas Eve.

“‘Q’ speaks to recent college grads and picks up where Sesame Street leaves off,” Shutts said. “Suddenly we have to find jobs, pay bills and handle life. But life isn’t at all what Sesame Street told us it is. There are challenges when reality sets in.”

The show’s plot deals with adult themes and controversial subjects such as racism, pornography and homosexuality.

“This is definitely for mature audiences,” Evans-Joyce said. “Some say it’s a dirty little puppet show but it really takes a look at issues and topics that are timely and important. While we don’t want children there, teenagers would probably enjoy it even if their parents might not want them there.”

Shutts, an award-winning theater veteran, is excited to be directing the groundbreaking production.

“I am excited about opening night,” Shutts said. “The set looks awesome. LTA usually knocks the tech out of the park and they’ve done it again with this show. And the very tight, talented cast has worked hard to bring this show to Alexandria.”

While LTA is known for more traditional theater productions, Shutts believes shows like “Avenue Q” are important to grow the theater’s audience.

“‘Q’ is more out there but our demographics are changing,” Shutts said. “Theatergoers are from the South Park and iPhone generation and we need to keep pushing the envelope to build our audience. It’s not our intent to offend anyone but we need to find a younger audience or there won’t be one in the future.”

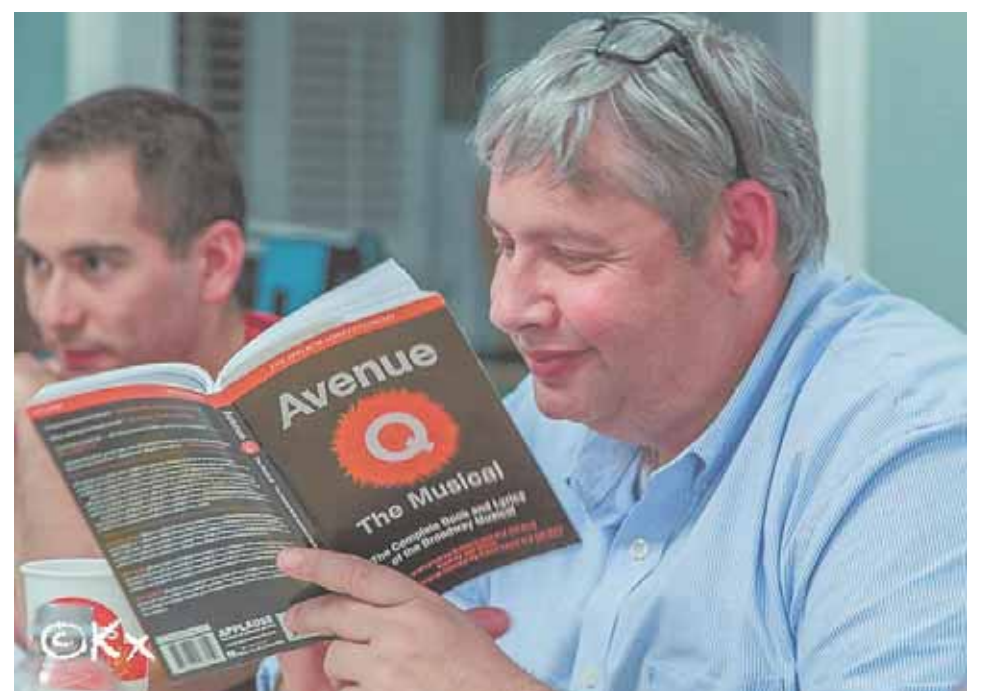


Claire O’Brien as Lucy the Slut.

“Avenue Q” opens July 27 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria. For tickets or more information, call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.



Sean Garcia as Princeton rehearses for the upcoming LTA production of “Avenue Q.”



Director Frank Shutts does a read-through of the “Avenue Q” script.



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The Virginia Supreme Court does not allow audio recordings of oral arguments or provide transcripts of proceedings.

Silence of the Court

Justices deny public access to shield personal conversations.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

The Virginia Supreme Court operates in silence, denying public access to audio recordings of its oral arguments. Unlike the U.S. Supreme Court, which denies video recordings but allows audio recordings, the commonwealth's top appeals court has a complete blackout on public access to proceedings. In a written response to questions from Connection Newspapers, the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Virginia Supreme Court explained that audio records were once public, but the installation of new equipment in January 2008 created new concerns for justices.

"The new digital recording equipment is more sensitive so that the recordings now include any confidential comments any justice makes to another justice during the oral argument," wrote Katya Herndon, director of legislative and public relations for the Office of the Executive Secretary. "Accordingly, the recordings, which are for the internal use of the justices, are no longer made available to the public."

That's unacceptable, according to several advocates for open government and freedom of the press. Virginia Press Association executive director Ginger Stanley said that she would raise the issue next month during a meeting of the Rights and Responsibilities Subcommittee of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council. During the meeting next month, members will be discussing whether or not to look at parts of government that are not subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, which includes the State Corporation Commission and the

Virginia Department of Corrections. Stanley said the August meeting would be an ideal opportunity to challenge the lack of transparency at the Virginia Supreme Court.

"I don't believe that new technology should stand in the way of transparency," said Stanley. "If this is new technology, then it should be able to block the parts that are considered private conversations."

THE LACK of transparency at the Virginia Supreme Court fits into a pattern of behavior for the commonwealth, which has a reputation for shielding basic information from the public. Last year, the State Integrity Investigation ranked and graded each of the 50 states on government accountability, transparency and corruption.

Virginia got an F, largely because police agencies use an exemption clause in the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to withhold basic documents — even in cases that are closed. Now advocates for open government say it's a mistake for the Virginia Supreme Court to operate in secret.

"It just seems unnecessary to allow the justices to make private comments like that that don't serve any function in the hearing and use that as an excuse to keep the entire thing confidential," said Gregg Leslie, legal defense director for the Arlington-based Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. "If they really have that concern they need to have better microphones that are off unless the justice pushes a button to turn them on."

Some lawyers see the lack of transparency as a necessary and expected part of the court system.

"If a judge leans over to another judge and says something during the oral argument, to me that's part of the deliberation," said Ed Weiner, a Fairfax County attorney with 33 years of experience. "And I just don't think that the public should be invited into chambers during deliberations."

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Automatic for the People

Year after year, members of the General Assembly consider efforts to restore voting rights to nonviolent felons. But year after year, the effort is killed — usually by House Republicans. This year, the political dynamic shifted a bit as Republican Gov. **Bob McDonnell** decided he would move in a different direction.

In May, McDonnell announced he would automatically restore rights on an individual basis for those who meet certain criteria. Applicants must be nonviolent felons who have completed their sentence, probation or parole, paid all court costs, fines and restitution and have no pending felony charges. Beginning this week, nonviolent felons can apply online to start the process. Supporters of restoring voting rights cheered the move, although some criticized the governor for stopping short.

"If the governor wanted to, he could issue a blanket executive order that would grant all nonviolent felons their rights back today — no paperwork, no individual vetting, no need to receive a letter in the mail," said **Hope Amezquita**, legislative counsel and staff attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia. "But the way it works now, you have to wait until they review your background and then send you a letter giving you your rights back."

Although the governor says his process is an "automatic" restoration of voting rights, Amezquita disagrees, saying there's nothing "automatic" about sending an application and waiting for a background check. Still, longtime supporters of restoration of voting rights are cheering the governor's move, which became reality this week with the creation of the online application form. McDonnell's effort is expected to restore the voting rights of 10,000 nonviolent ex-felons by the end of his term. "We're probably going to have to count ourselves as fortunate and go with what we can get," said former state Sen. **Patsy Ticer** (D-30), who was known for her advocacy on restoration of voting rights. "You go with half the loaf when you can't get the whole loaf."

Registering Online

Voters in Alexandria once had to travel great distances to vote, appearing in person and announcing selections viva voce — out loud before a judge and anyone else who happened to be in earshot. Since the advent of the secret ballot after the Civil War, voters have had a bit more privacy. This week, they gained something else: online access.

On Monday, the State Board of Elections and the Department of Motor Vehicles launched an online voter registration initiative. To complete the application process online, citizens must provide their DMV customer identifier number, which appears on driver's licenses or DMV-issued identification cards. Residents who don't have either of those documents can still apply online although they will be required to print and return the completed application to their local voter registrar's office.

"You get instant notification if you need to provide more information," said **Susan Kellom**, chairman of the Alexandria Electoral Board. "So it speeds everything up."

Ethics Agenda

Did wealthy businessman **Jonnie Williams** try to use gifts and contributions to buy influence? The governor says Williams did not get any special favors for Star Scientific, the company he heads that is fighting a tax bill. Nevertheless, McDonnell announced this week that he will be repaying \$124,000 worth of loans to his wife and a business he and his sister own.

"This scandal has always raised questions about whether there is the potential special treatment for the wealthy in this state," said University of Mary Washington political science professor **Stephen Farnsworth**. The issue has come up in the current campaign for governor, and many are calling for a \$100 limit for gifts as well as new rules about disclosing gifts to family members. Some legislators are calling for a study, while others say that's merely a tactic to stall. "In my view that's the fastest way to kill ethics reform," said Del. **Rob Krupicka** (D-45). "A study is simply a way to say you did something and then wait until the noise settles down and move on to something else."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

PEOPLE

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Thank you for helping the Alexandria Crew Booster Club in its effort to send the T. C. Williams High School Varsity Eight to the Henley Regatta, England, 1973.

T.C. Williams cheerleaders in 1973.

Student leaders for the 1972-1973 schoolyear.

The men's varsity eight boat won nationals and competed in the Henley Regatta in 1973.

40th Year Reunion Brings Memories

TC's Class of 1973 gathers this weekend.

BY MIREILLE GUY
GAZETTE PACKET

This week marks the 40th year reunion of T.C. Williams' class of 1973. Coming right out of the tumultuous '60s, the class of 1973 was part of T.C. Williams during some of its most transformative years. With both national and local changes taking place, the students had a high school experience that involved more than classes.

Being so close to the capital, national events had a strong presence on campus, and alums remember well the draft, the winding down the Vietnam War, and Watergate. Other memories from their time at high school includes music such as The Byrds, Janis Joplin, Edwin Starr's "War," and styles including tie-dye and army fatigues.

"I sort of grew a social conscience at TC, because we did have a lot of people who were actively marching against Vietnam; we'd have programs in the auditorium where returning soldiers who had been in Vietnam would speak," said Melanie Modlin '73. "It always impressed me that a public school offered these kind of programs. I felt like I had a very political

time in school, and maybe that is just because we are right across the Potomac."

"We were children born in the '50s, we grew up in the turbulent '60s, and as kids, the '70s were sort of thrust upon us," said former Titan football Player Rufus Littlejohn '73. "It was a fun time, a scary time, and I wouldn't have been the same person if it hadn't been."

Littlejohn is a member of the '71 Original Titans Foundation, which awards a scholarship annually to a TC student to pursue

post-secondary education. The group is made up of former Titan football players and TC alums who attended the school between 1971-73. The foundation holds speaking events and utilizes the movie "Remember the Titans" for motivation, problem solving, and diversity issues.

The school rose to worldwide fame in 2000 with the release of Disney's

"Remember the Titans," based on the school's 1971 football championship. The film highlights the school's pivotal 1971-1972 school year when the Titans won the football championship after the three area high schools merged into one. In

May of 1971 the school board decided to merge local high schools Francis C Hammond High School, George Washington High School, and T.C. Williams high school into two schools, T.C. Williams High School for grades 9 and 10, and T.C. Williams Senior High School for grades 11 and 12. This was due to a change in the city's student population, and the schools had been integrated almost a decade earlier (unlike what the movie leads viewers to believe). Students were given little warning and caught off guard by this sudden change.

"All three schools had been rivals, and it was difficult for us both as a school and as sports teams to come together initially," said DeBorah Craven, a member of the class of '73 who had attended T.C. Williams for all four years.

At the outset, many students were upset with the idea of changing schools half

way through their high school careers, and were concerned about getting spots on teams and in student groups.

"It was like our world was turned upside down" said Melanie Modlin, a junior at

the time of the merger, "but by the time we got into it and understood it, we figured we did have the best football team, and our bands and orchestras were wonderful, and we had great plays."

High school principal at the time, Dr. Arnold Oates, credits both the school's and the sports team's success to the students' ability to adapt. And once the football team came together and started winning their games, the rest of the school soon followed.

"My memories of my time at TC are really just of hanging out on the steps of the school, football games, cruising around—we really became a sports school" said Genie Boswell '73, who had attended Hammond before switching to T.C. Williams.

Football was not the only successful sports team during the class's time there, and in 1973 the men crew team varsity eight boat qualified and competed in the Henley Regatta in England.

"My junior year, we were pretty excited about having a team from three schools," said crew team member Chip Lubsen '73, "and in 1973 we won nationals and

had the privilege of representing our school and our community in England."

The crew team will be having their reunion on Saturday, July 27, and about 60 crew team alums are expected from the classes of 1971-1975, including eight out of the nine rowers from the '73 eight boat.

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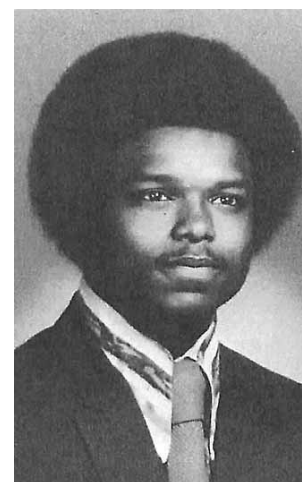
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Melanie Modlin as a senior.



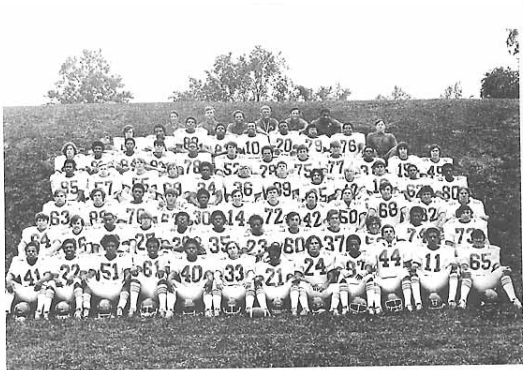
DeBorah Craven is an "Original Titan;" she attended T.C. Williams for all four years of high school.



Alexandria Police Chief Earl Cook as a senior in high school.

PEOPLE

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Bottom: F. Glasco, R. Grimes, R. Williams, J. Jones, T. Morris, A. Morton, W. Stover, R. Robinson, K. Barker, D. Hopson, K. Kusing, 2nd: J. Buck, D. Harrington, C. Arrington, L. Hoffman, J. Clemens, C. Casey, W. Robinson, R. Phillips, D. Jessie, J. Barber, J. Murphy, L. Lastick, 3rd: R. Donohoe, S. Gault, D. Burgess, D. Brown, H. Cline, R. Reynolds, D. Carl, G. Berrier, B. Luckett, D. Stewart, H. Castro, F. Beeding, 4th: D. Alexander, W. Owen, T. Lewis, D. Williams, E. Cook, J.

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Coaches Shaw, Boone, Kala and Hines survey the situation.

Being the State Champions, everyone was out to beat us. The two teams that did, Annandale (the eventual State Champions, UGH) and Ft. Hunt (whom we played in 6 in. of mud, of course they played on the same field) were offset by some great games. If we hadn't fumbled twice inside the five yard line we might have run up 72 pts. against Edison. At Woodson the first half was frightening, but a great passing attack and Earl Cook's interception-touchdown led us to a second half rout of the Cavaliers. But not enough of the bonuses went our way this year for us to repeat as State Champions.

But the season was not a total loss. Carl Turner ran over everything in the Region, and led the Offense to the Region Scoring Title. The Defense finished second in points allowed (the six points that made the difference between first and second place came by way of an offensive fumble that led to a Hayfield T.D.) It was typical of how the year went. Well at least we won the District!



Captains: Bottom Row: Off. Captain — F. Alderson, R. Smith, D.M. Captain — E. Cook, R. Littlejohn, Top Row: Specialty Captain — R. Haulbeck, D. Williams, W. Owen, D. Alexander, M. Hopson.

Football coaches Herman Boone and Bill Yoast (top). Titan captains and members of the class of '73 (bottom).

Titan football won championships the year the schools merged.

Titans Gather for 40th Reunion

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The reunion will include rowing at the Union Boat Club before meeting up with the rest of the class in the evening.

Even with e-mail and Facebook, alums are excited to be reunited at their old high school classmates. "I'm looking forward to seeing old friends" said Bishop Robert Callahan '73, who was class president at T, "it started off rough ... but I really enjoyed school, it was really a great experience for me."

The reunion will take place from Friday, July 26-Sunday, July 28. Alums will have the opportunity to catch up with old classmates and faculty, with the reunion kicking off Friday evening with hors d'oeuvres at the Fish Market. Weekend events include a golf outing, a tour of the school, a banquet dinner and Sunday brunch.



Dr. Arnold Oates was principal of T.C. during the school merger and looks forward to attending the class of 1973's 40th reunion.

admitted to Saint Augustine's University for the fall semester.

John Baroncelli, a political science major in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, earned one of the very first Science, Technology and Law minors offered through the College of Science.

Kimberly Padgett was named to the Upper Iowa University 2013 spring dean's list.

Simone Liu was honored at a statewide awards ceremony for academically advanced children sponsored by The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth.

Hanna Haghayeghi received a bachelor of arts in French and psychology during the May 2013 SMU Commencement ceremony.

Thomas Weaver graduated with a degree in classics from Colorado College.

Catherine D. Kahl graduated from Colby College receiving a bachelor of

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SCHOOL NOTES

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The following students graduated from James Madison University: **Wyatt Floyd, Kelsey Rybicki, Belinda Gorman, Marisa Cagnoli, James Orrigo, Trevor Meadows, Emily Rapavi, Michelle Heard, Devyani Shenoy, Megan Gibbs, Kimberly Collins, Anna Davis, Colleen Taylor, Alexander Jeter, Nikita Vahabzadeh, Rosemary Langowski, Ariel Lee, Adrianna Monteagudo, Kelly Bragg, Jonathan Russell, Robert Cordell, Kyle Winter, Rebekka Laird, Grace Jeon, Rebecca Wilson, Zachary Neurohr, Anahela Ripley, Christopher Diachok, George Stevens, Shahana Islam, Courtney Peck, Varun George, Nessie Vanta, Erika Jones, Allison Emmons, Nicholas Cheek, Anthony Dwyer, Stacey Walker, Robert Harmon, Sean Crook, Gabriel Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Badley, Renzo Renteria, Yulhea Kim, Priyen Patel, Robert Livengood, Devin Matthews, and Derek Cobren.**

The following students made the president's list at James Madison University for the spring 2013 semester: **Amanda Devoto, Stacey Diapoulis, Brandon Eskridge, Julia Florio, Victoria Foster, Evan Grice, Joan Hadeed, Jennifer Jewell, Devan Maddox, Aneta Nikolice, Courtney Peck, Meredith Pilcher, Caitrin Rhoads, Marisa Seitz, Nicole Weinard, and Rebecca Wilson.**

Fiona L. Carroll was named to the dean's list for the spring 2013 semester at Stonehill College.

The following students graduated from Villanova University: **Colleen Lineweaver**, who earned a bachelor of arts; **Maria Bowman**, who earned a bachelor of arts; and **Aaron Jumani** who earned a bachelor of science in accountancy.

Dipesh Khanal has been named to the dean's list at Quinnipiac University for the spring 2013 semester.

Jasmine Brown, Miranda Jones, Nyarika Penick, Caleb Williams, and Chiquera Cureton have been

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OPINION

Consider 'Fair Trade' On Next Shopping Trip

BY MELANIE KAPINOS,
MEMBER OF THE ALEXANDRIA FAIR
TRADE STEERING COMMITTEE

When we go shopping for tea, chocolate, clothes, or even sports equipment, most of us never pause to consider the conditions under which those products were made. Meanwhile, there are farmers, artisans, and workers across the globe working without being paid a living wage.

COMMENTARY Many of these individuals labor in unsafe working conditions; many others work against their own will. These harsh realities are exactly what Fair Trade Alexandria is working to change.

Fair Trade Alexandria is a grassroots movement gaining the momentum necessary to designate the City of Alexandria as one of nearly 1,500 Fair Trade Towns around the world. More than 25 retailers in the city have already supported Fair Trade Alexandria's efforts by making at least two fair trade-certified products available for sale in their shops.

Fair Trade Alexandria looks to encourage socially conscious spending and work towards ensuring that those individuals who grow our bananas, harvest our rice, and shape our jewelry are earning the living they deserve.

We are not asking Alexandria shoppers to buy more goods, but

to have the knowledge about fair trade through on-going education and will want to make the choice to seek out products designated as fair-trade certified. Alexandria's purchasing dollars can be a powerful change agent when everyone is involved. When looking for fair-trade goods, they will be clearly marked with a fair-trade label — making it easy for the average consumer to recognize.

When choosing to shop Fair Trade, we support an effective business model that offers people around the world the opportunity to lift themselves out of poverty. Fair Trade Alexandria hopes to harness the spirit of one of the nation's first historic trade towns and transform it into one that supports this model.

In order for Alexandria to become a "Fair Trade Town," the city will have to meet certain criteria. Through its steering committee for these efforts, we have identified local participating businesses and are now looking for organizations that use fair-trade products. The end goal of these efforts will be to pass a resolution with the City of Alexandria so as to get legislative support of fair trade.

For more information about Alexandria's fair trade campaign and how you can help, and for the list of retailers who already offer two or more fair trade certified products in Alexandria, visit <http://fairtradetownsusa.org/towns/va/alexandria/>.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Best Use of Hensley Park?

To the Editor:

If you care about kids in Alexandria, listen up. The City Council is about to issue a request for proposals (RFP) to a private developer to lease for 40 years 14 acres of Alexandria playing fields at Hensley Park on Eisenhower Avenue. Developers would build an elite sports club there that, according to their own model, could cost the typical Alexandria family of four \$4,900 to join and \$4,200 a year thereafter just to belong.

Moreover, according to statements of their attorney at a July 19 meeting of the Alexandria Parks and Recreation Committee, the developers would not pay cash for the lease from the city. Instead

they would provide an equivalent level of club services, to be distributed in playing time as city officials might designate. Meanwhile hundreds of Alexandria kids (and adults) would be denied the use of three existing softball and one football-sized field at Hensley Park for at least 40 years and probably beyond.

To its credit, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and particularly its chair person, Judy Noritake, has expressed strong reservations to the proposal that would transform Hensley Park from much-used playing fields, open to all our citizens, to a regional playground for the rich. You might think that City Council would immediately have turned this down. But no, the process is moving forward to issue a request for proposals (RFP), likely to be

answered only by the initial proposing developers. Just issuing that RFP would signal: "Yes, Alexandria is willing to bargain away its scarce park land to the highest bidder."

Rather than moving forward on the RFP, the City Council should hold a public hearing at an early date in the fall that discusses the ethical and public policy principles that should underlay the disposal of city open space, and indeed if that should even be considered. Listen to the community, including the Parks and Recreation Commission, and then decide whether to go ahead with an RFP.

If public opinion is negative, drop the idea and move forward on other plans for Hensley Park, some already drawn up by the city staff. Those plans, by the way, include our kids, not exclude them by imposing prices only plutocrats can pay.

I urge everyone who reads this letter to learn themselves about the proposal and then write, call or e-mail City Council to express a view. My confidence is that with an informed response from the rank and file of Alexandria citizens, our kids will continue to have Hensley Park as a place to play ball.

Jack Sullivan
Alexandria



By LASHAWN AVERY-SIMON/GAZETTE PACKET



Charity Dog Wash

Joe McDonald smiles as Manchie licks her face as he gives her bath. Dogtopia hosted its 9th Annual Charity Dog Wash on July 21 to raise money for Veterans Moving Forward.

Buxton is dried off during the charity dog wash. All dogs received an American flag scarf tied around their necks after they were bathed.

Let's Be Open-Minded

To the Editor:

It is disappointing and concerning to see some residents of this City, much less our Parks and Recreation Commission ("PRC"), so quickly leap to criticize the sports complex proposed by the St. James Group ("SJG"). I have no idea whether a suitable financial agreement can be structured but would suggest that it is more than premature and a disservice to this community for people to already be calling the game over. There are a variety of salient questions to be addressed and I can only assume PRC is taking its position without having any of the answers.

1. What precisely is the financial deal that some people seem so quick to reject?

2. People reasonably express concern about the loss of the existing open fields. Has anyone looked for alternative locations where these might be replicated? Might those be funded by an upfront fee or continuing (lease) payments to be paid by SJG? Could we convert one or more turf fields to synthetic fields which I understand results in roughly 20 times the usage?

3. The statements of some would

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OPINION

Role of 'Friendly Visitors'

BY MARYANNE BEATTY
SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

The Hermitage Assisted Living Facility in Alexandria is home for many of Alexandria's seniors. On July 2, one of its residents celebrated a birthday with lively music, festive foods and of course a special birthday cake. Mrs. Lillian Parker, a long-time resident of the Hermitage, celebrated her special day with her family, including two of her daughters and granddaughter, a room full of friends and special guests.

One of the special guests in attendance was Bonnie O'Neil, Mrs. Parker's "friendly visitor." Bonnie is one of over 35 volunteers who visit Alexandria seniors as part of Senior Services of Alexandria's "Friendly Visitor" program. Bonnie and Mrs. Parker meet weekly for a social visit to talk, play games, go for a walk or enjoy one another's company. They've been meeting for the past two months and the relationship has blossomed into a very good friendship.

"I look forward to my meetings with Mrs. Parker," Bonnie said. We have lively conversations about everything, what's going on at the Hermitage and with her family. It



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Lillian Parker with Sarah Drexler, SSA's Friendly Visitor coordinator.

is the highlight of my week and I hope hers as well."

SSA continues to match volunteers with seniors who are lonely and don't have regular visits from family and friends. "Our goal is to make matches until there are no more

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Patrons queue up to have their books signed by three of the authors, James Henson, Sr., Char McCargo Bah and Christa Watters.



Sushmita Mazumdar pours chai tea at the book writing workshop.

PHOTOS BY NINA TISARA

Black History Museum Hosts Author and Exhibition

The Alexandria Black History Museum hosted two events on Saturday, July 20. In the morning, patrons joined artist, writer and educator Sushmita Mazumdar and Nina Tisara, director of Living Legends of Alexandria, for chai tea and a book writing workshop. The workshop is one of a series

of programs sponsored by Family Legends, an activity of Living Legends of Alexandria.

In the afternoon, visitors were welcomed at a community open house to celebrate the museum's current exhibition, "Living Legends of Alexandria: African American Activists" and a signing of the newly released book, "African Americans of Alexandria,

Virginia: Beacons of Light in the Twentieth Century," written by Char McCargo Bah, Christa Watters, Audrey P. Davis, Gwendolyn Brown-Henderson, and James E. Henson, Sr. The exhibition features 13 African Americans who have been chronicled as part of the Living Legends of Alexandria project: Ferdinand Day, Lillie

Finklea, Carlton Funn Sr., Eula Miller, Melvin Miller, Bert Ransom, Nelson Greene Sr., Lynnwood Campbell, Lillian Patterson, Gwen Menefee-Smith, Dorothy Turner, Willie Bailey Sr. and Rosa Byrd. The exhibition runs through August. The book is available at the museum, local bookstores and online at Historypress.net.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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imply that outdoor recreation is far more desirable than indoor recreation. Is that the position of the PRC? How many people currently use the Hensley fields on an annual basis? How does that compare with the number who might use the proposed sports facilities on an annual basis?

4. Claims are made or insinuated that this will be a facility only for the well-to-do. On what basis is that assertion made? Presumably one would have to know what the agreement between SJG and the City is in order to draw any such conclusion. Do we know how much SJG would lease the site for and how the City would intend to use that money? Do we know how much "free time" or discounted time would be provided to local individuals and local teams? How does that compare with options, availability and charges levied now – including those paid by people forced to leave the City to find the amenities they seek?

5. What plans does the PRC have to deliver such recreational amenities to the residents of Alexandria? We've long heard about a Natatorium but we are apparently still about \$23 million short of the necessary funding. Could SJG not provide the amenities we seek (in a far more timely manner?) and save the City \$23 million? Does the PRC have an ice rink in its plans? Squash courts? Indoor tennis courts? A 2-acre field house? Numerous new basketball and volleyball courts? All with adjacent childcare and development facilities? Does

the PRC speak for the general public in apparently suggesting this trade-off is hardly worth considering and essentially a sell out to private developers? Do some PRC members perceive their primary charge as being "to protect open space" with "recreation" only a distant consideration?

6. No, we aren't "growing more land" but, by the same token, it's not as though we don't have a long-standing and continuing major shortage of recreational amenities – amenities that are for the public benefit and contribute to the physical health of our residents. Yes, it would be a change of use but perhaps it would be to the ultimate advantage of the community? Hopefully people will consider that with an open mind. Leadership is about making informed, studied choices serving the best interests of the community as a whole.

No doubt SJG could pursue a private endeavor but the City and residents would then receive only what we pay for and that certainly won't come cheap if the cost of 15 acres is added to the investment SJG is already proposing.

There would be no reason to give Alexandria residents or teams any preference(s). On the other hand, the City could presumably receive a very significant annual lease payment (and/or subsidized and/or free use of amenities) were we prepared to save SJG the appreciable cost of purchasing a site. The City is certainly not compelled to pursue any discussion with SJG but why would we not at least explore the possibility of

forging a win/win relationship?

This deserves to be a matter driven by a far broader community than that seemingly represented by the PRC at this point. Hope-

fully our elected officials will take note.

Donald N. Buch
Alexandria

Summer Can Be Deadly for Children

The City of Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services reminds parents and caregivers that hot vehicles can be deadly to children.

On average, 38 children die in hot cars nationwide each year after being trapped inside motor vehicles, according to Kids and Cars, a non-profit organization that tracks national statistics on child injuries and deaths.

Experts say that temperatures can rise as much as 19 degrees in an enclosed car within 10 short minutes. Infants and young children are three to five times more susceptible than adults to this "greenhouse effect," which can cause serious injury to the brain, liver and kidneys, and result in death.

This year already, there have been at least seven infants and children who have died nationwide as a result of being left inside a hot vehicle. Last year, there were at least 32 such fatalities in the U.S. The Department of Social Services recommends these tips to protect children this summer:

❖ Never leave a child alone in a vehicle, not even for a minute or with the windows down.

❖ Engage your child or baby by singing songs or talking to her/him while driving — this will help focus on the child.

❖ Do not be distracted by using a cell phone while the child is in the car.

❖ When parking the vehicle at home, always lock car doors and trunks, and keep keys out of children's reach; teach children that cars are not places to play.

❖ Get in the habit of placing a purse, briefcase or other important items in the back seat next to the child's car seat to help remember to check the back before leaving the car.

❖ Be particularly mindful on days when there is a change in routine or schedule. For example, if one spouse is dropping the child at day care on the way to work when typically the other spouse does.

❖ If anyone sees a child or pet left unattended in a vehicle, call 911 immediately.

OPINION

'Friendly Visitors'

FROM PAGE 11

lonely seniors in the city of Alexandria," said Sarah Drexler, who coordinates the "Friendly Visitor" program at SSA.

"Volunteers are the backbone of SSA's programs for Alexandria's seniors, which include delivering meals 365 days a year for the City of Alexandria's Meals on Wheels program, as well as the "Friendly Visitor" program. We are grateful for their dedication and commitment to our seniors," said Mary Lee Anderson, acting executive director for Senior Services.

If you are interested in being

part of our volunteer team for Meals on Wheels, you can email us at mealsonwheels@seniorservicesalex.org or call 703-836-4414, ext 12. We are especially in need of volunteers for weekend deliveries.

If you would like to be a "friendly visitor" or know of a senior who could use a visitor, email us at friendlyvisitor@seniorservicesalex.org or call 703-836-4414, ext 20.

SSA's mission is to foster independence and self sufficiency, enabling Alexandria's seniors to age with dignity.

Correction

In the letter "Street Repairs Needed Repair" [Gazette Packet, July 18], recent roadway repairs in the 200 block of North Fairfax Street were attributed to the City of Alexandria. According to Virginia American Water, the work was done by its maintenance crews, not the city's. In fixing a main, temporary repairs are done so that the roadway can be open for traffic more quickly. After a week or two, to ensure no additional settlement or leaks, a professional paving crew makes a permanent repair to the road.

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Brother and sister Cocoa and Gigi are well-taken care of by mom Kristina Robertson, owner of Barkley Square.



Alexandria Chamber of Commerce president and CEO John Long with Formal Tuxedo, a stray cat rescued by Long and his wife Cindy.



Kevin Reynolds with pug Ralph and Siberian husky Tidus on the beach at Myrtle Beach, S.C.



Gabriel, Liam and Chester with their dogs Louie and Callie walk through Old Town while visiting from Durham N.C.



Mei Mei Whitmire

PHOTOS BY LAURA MAE SUDDER



HC slowly rises from her nap.



Kay attends her first Rosemont 4th of July picnic with Lucille O'Flaherty.

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Natasha takes a break on the back steps with Sirie, CeCe and HC in the backpack.

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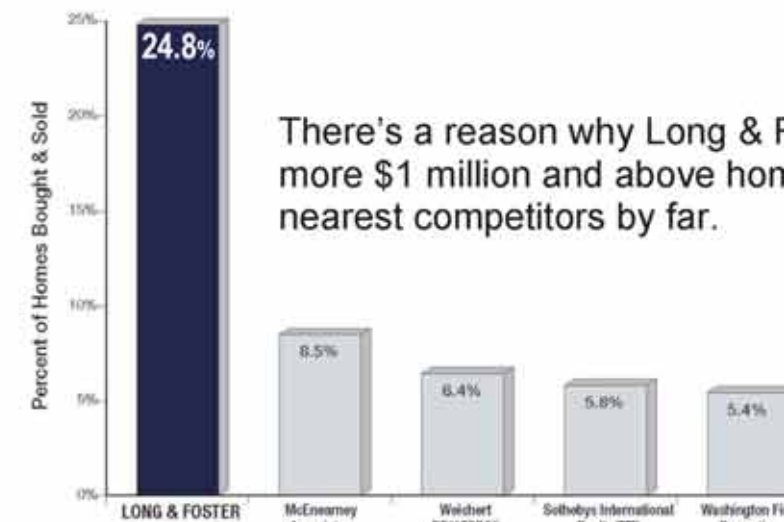
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My dog Nora Meadows with my boyfriend's cat, Bernadette White (aka Bernie). Nora and Bernie were adopted from the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria almost five years apart (in January 2006 and December 2010, respectively).

— GEORGANN MEADOWS



Nicholas Arrighetti and his grandparents own two lively young Dalmatians who are sisters. Diamond (blue collar) and Oreo (red harness). Here they are on an outing with Nicholas. Nicholas is part of a long-time Dalmatian family. His grandparents have had four Dalmatians and his parents have had three.



My name is Gabriel. I am a miniature poodle. I live in northern Virginia and am a super-star. Children's picture books are being written about me. I am a good watchdog. My favorite friend is Kobi and I love to hang out with my pack/family.

— LYNN B. SAULS, AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR



My black shepherd Annie Meadows sleeps by my side of the bed and often wears the curtain as she settles in for the night. We adopted Annie when she had to find a new home at 9 years of age. Annie will be 12 next month. She is a wonderful dog and we are so happy we gave her a chance — she has repaid us tenfold with love and joy. Please consider giving an older pet a home if you have the opportunity!

— GEORGANN MEADOWS



Diamond and Oreo looking for treats.



Our Lab mix dog Guinness visits her "grandpa" Chalmers Marquis, at the Sunrise of Alexandria on Duke Street, where he had recently become a resident. While not officially a service dog herself, Guinness comes from a line of service dogs and has a naturally friendly and calming disposition. My father and many of the other residents enjoyed her company that day; she will be a regular visitor to Sunrise from now on.

— BRIAN MARQUIS



Auden checks out an unexpected delivery at the door.

By LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET



In Memory of Bailey

PHOTO BY LAURA MAE SUDDER



One of the highest priorities our cats have is the time they put in watching one of our several "TVs." Just think of all the interesting things they see: Bugs, Birds, Squirrels, and all kinds of other fast-moving objects - Cars, People, Tree Branches - you name it!

By the flick of their tails, movements of their ears, and even their sometimes chatter, they alert us to what's going on in *our* outside world.

— SUSAN D. DAWSON

PET GAZETTE



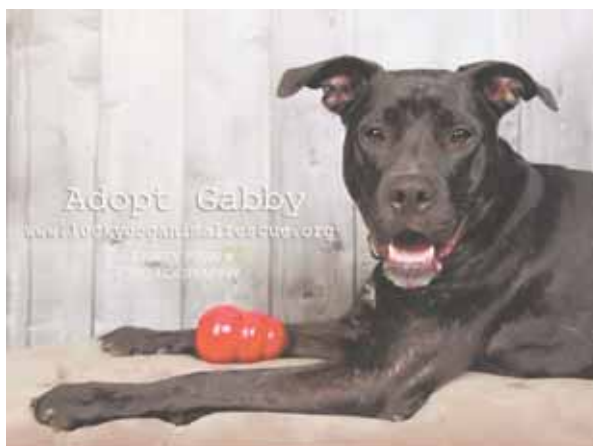
This is Ollie, my red male Dachshund. He's about 8 years old now. Dachshund Rescue of North America got him from a Pennsylvania puppy mill and allowed me to adopt him soon afterwards. When he first came to me, he had no muscles and very little strength because of living in a small cage. Over time he has become very athletic by chasing squirrels, rabbits and tennis balls.

— KATY CANNADY



I have a pet hamster and his name is Hammie. He is a Syrian shorthaired hamster. Hammie lives in my room; I enjoy playing with him, giving him treats, and caring for him. I love him very much. Hammie is happy in his hamster habitat and loves to sleep and play. He knows what the word "play" means and when he hears it, he will come out from under his hut to play with me. He loves to pouch his cheeks full with treats and loves to chew on cardboard tubes. Hammie is quite different from other hamsters. He sounds a lot like any other hamster, but to me he's much different from any other hamster. Hammie is special to me; he loves me, and I love him, too.

— JACK DELNEGRO



Lucky Dog Gabby, <http://www.petfinder.com/petdetail/26595673>, is a wonderful, loving one year old pit / lab mix. Gabby was rescued from a high-kill shelter and has been living with her foster family in Alexandria. Gabby is very smart and excels in her training class. She knows "sit," "down," "no," "touch," "wait," "gentle," and "out." Gabby enjoys playing with her toys and is a great running mate. Gabby would love to find a family to call her own. Plus, this sweet-heart loves to cuddle. Please e-mail info@luckydoganimalrescue.org for adoption information.



U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, who serves as the co-chair of the Congressional Animal Protection Caucus, with Oliver and Bunker. Moran's D.C. office is pet-friendly, and Oliver and Bunker join their owners at work nearly every day.

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Meet Raja, the Fresh Prince of Del Ray. Raja is a pound hound from South Carolina who

joined the Payne Family two and a half years ago. As you can see, he's not afraid to get his nose dirty. In fact digging, next to chasing squirrels, is his favorite past time. He's a real hound about town who divides his playtime between the Monroe Street Dog Park, Founders Park and Jones Point.

— MICHAEL PAYNE



Ken and Gail Gardner with Blek departing for the Martial Legacy Institute Clearing the Path Gala last October.

Living with a K-9 Hero

Ken and Gail Gardner of Alexandria were the lucky couple who adopted a 12-year-old German Shepherd through the Baghdad Pups Program of SPCA International. They welcomed Blek, a retired Landmine Detection Dog into their home about a year ago. Blek was born in Texas where he spent his first two years in intensive training learning to detect the trace elements of numerous explosive chemical compounds used in anti-personnel and anti vehicle/tank land mines.

Blek continued his training for an additional year located in the Netherlands where he advanced his detection skills and learned to respond to commands in Dutch language. Blek was then assigned to duty in Iraq and served there from 2004 through 2011 for a total of seven years actively identifying the location of various types of land mines and other unexploded ordnance. Blek performed detection duties in Basra, Baghdad and in northern Iraq.

The day Blek arrived in the Gardner home, he could not relax until he had sniffed in every nook and cranny to ensure the house was free of explosive material. Blek would growl if you reached toward his head as if to pet him.

Ken immediately made an appointment for Blek at Hayfield Animal Hospital for a complete physical. His veterinarian said that he was obviously in pain. Blek's dental condition required immediate action. She proceeded to extract 17 teeth and clean up his gums. Ken slept on the floor with Blek for three weeks keeping him clean while he recovered. Amazingly, Blek's demeanor immediately changed to the gentle, friendly, tolerant, calm, disciplined creature so admired by his numerous fans at Ft. Ward Park. Blek has many "friends" on his Facebook account, Blek MDD. The Gardner grandchildren quickly introduced Blek to the joys of a good bellyrub. Being a working dog his entire life, Blek is not interested in retirement. He sticks his nose in Ken's ear at 5 a.m. each morning urging him to hurry up for a walk through the neighborhood to ensure no mines have been planted overnight. The neighbors joke that we live in the most mine-free area in Alexandria due to Blek's surveillance.

Blek's intelligence, desire to work and great discipline allowed him to quickly retrain as a certified Service Dog. The Gardners are honored to have a true K-9 hero like Blek as their companion.



This is Jill, a former “lost dog” who joined the Howell family and inspired their volunteer work with Lost Dog.



Princess is one of many foster dogs taken in by Marcia Tiersky, president of the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation, over the past 10 years.



This kitten, fostered by Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation volunteer Beth Stevens, is “a polydactyl,” meaning she has extra toes.



Parker, formerly a “lost dog,” was adopted by Beth Stevens before she became a Lost Dog volunteer.



This dog, called Batman, was a foster in Lisa Marie Czop’s home.

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Helping Save Lives, One Pet at a Time

Area residents explain their dedication to the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation.

BY AMBER HEALY
GAZETTE PACKET

Behind every adoption successfully completed by the Arlington-based Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation, there’s a volunteer with a happy heart.

There’s a small volunteer army across Northern Virginia that turns out every weekend to help cats and dogs find homes, but there’s never a shortage of others looking for a safe place to be fed, sheltered and loved. Volunteers are what make the organization run, from walking dogs at adoption events to petting cats to making sure adoptable animals have safe transportation

from rural shelters to this area for medical care.

These volunteers are playing, and will continue to play, a major role in Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation’s participation in the ASPCA/Rachael Ray \$100,000 challenge, an ongoing competition in which the rescue group and others across the country are trying to surpass the number of animal adoptions recorded between June 1 and Aug. 31.

But why do people agree to share their limited free time with animals? What brings them in, and what makes them stay?

Here are a few of their stories:

THE “PUPPY PALACE.” Peggy Plummer can’t say no to a puppy face.

It’s been 11 years since Plummer and her family adopted their first dog, 10 years since they adopted their second, and six and a half years since they’ve turned the garage of their Mount Vernon home into what they call the “puppy palace.”

The Plummers foster litters of puppies, typically pit bulls or other terriers, sometimes taking in the mother dog before she’s delivered and nursing the pups until they’re all old enough to be adopted out.

“When you have that many, it adds up fairly quickly,” and finding creative ways to keep the groups together but in their own pockets of space can be tricky, she said.

Her organizational skills caught the attention of Barbara Hutcherson, the adop-

The Challenge: Joining Together To Save Animals

There are dozens of animal welfare organizations across the country working to secure “forever homes” for dogs and cats of all ages. And while there’s a general camaraderie amongst them, stemming from their common cause, what’s a little friendly competition among peers?

For the past few years, the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) has sponsored a nationwide contest to challenge shelters to see how many more animals they could adopt between June and August beyond the total the year before.

The idea was to “spur innovation, increase public support, empower staff and, most importantly, save more lives,” said Bert Troughton, ASPCA’s vice president and a leader of what has become the ASPCA/Rachael Ray \$100K challenge.

The organizations that adopt the most animals above totals from June to August the year before wins not only in terms of putting cats and dogs in loving, happy homes, but a sizeable chunk of change to save even more.

“We know that the contest can help save more lives in the long-term too, because all of

the added attention and support contestants earn during the contest can be harnessed for continued life-saving,” Troughton said.

ASPCA started the challenge in 2010, and in 2012, TV personality and animal lover Rachael Ray joined up with the organization, as she did again this year, allowing the organization to offer more than \$600,000 in prize grants:

A \$100,000 grand prize grant will be awarded to the organization that reports the largest increase in adoptions over the total from the year before. Other awards include a \$25,000 “community engagement award,” and \$25,000 to the first place finisher in each of five divisions, as well as \$15,000 to the second place finishers. Lost Dog is in eighth place overall and second place in their division as of Monday, July 22.

“It’s a whole lot of work and a whole lot of fun because every single life saved is a victory — regardless of who wins the grant prizes for the biggest increases,” Troughton said.

This year, 49 organizations in 30 states are competing for the grants, he said. To see the challenge details, visit challenge.aspcapro.org.

— AMBER HEALY



PHOTO BY AMBER HEALY/ THE CONNECTION

Barbara Hutcherson and Marcia Tiersky help dogs out of the transport crates loaded into a van used by the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation to bring them to the 11 adoption events the rescue group hosts each weekend.

tion coordinator for Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation, who asked Plummer to be their puppy foster coordinator, helping to make sure that litters of puppies had foster homes lined up and available to bring the dogs to adoption events on weekends.

“I’ve been doing that for three years,” she said. “When I get a call from a shelter about a pregnant dog or a dog with pups, I’ll send an email out to the other puppy fosters, arrange transport, get them to the vet and take care of their medical needs.”

It’s especially important for puppies to be in good foster homes, because they can’t be out and about during adoption events like older dogs that are ready to be placed in homes, she said. “They can’t go to the kennel” or to the ranch Lost Dog owns, out in Sumerduck, Va., because they haven’t had all their shots, which makes them vulnerable to illness.

When asked if she’s ever taken a break from fostering, Plummer got quiet for a second, then chuckled.

“Maybe for 10 days,” she said. “I think

we went two weeks without fostering, and that includes any times we’ve gone on vacation. We do a lot of back-to-back litters. But it’s wonderful. I love the puppies, working with them, watching them grow.”

She’s grateful for the other foster families in addition to the rescue organization at large.

“This is just a great big team,” Plummer said. “In a rescue, you’ve got a lot of ups and downs. There are things we share with each other. We pull each other through. It’s such a great group to work with, and Pam [McAlwee, Lost Dog’s co-founder] and Barb [Hutcherson] are amazing.”

A WRANGLER OF FAMILY MEMBERS. Volunteering with Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation helped Lisa Marie Czop find her place in the world when she was feeling a little, well, lost.

“When I moved back down to D.C., I was a little lost in what my adult life was sup-

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Volunteering Saves Lives

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posed to look like," she said. She knew she wanted to make a difference with animals, and when a relative found an animal to adopt through Lost Dog, she decided to sign up as a volunteer.

She has stayed with the group because "we really are the people-friendly rescue. It is simply too easy for someone to go to a pet shop and purchase an animal. LDCRF makes it easy for potential adopters to find an animal that they can welcome into their family while still keeping the well-being of our animals a top priority," an attribute she believes sets the group apart from other organizations in the area.

Currently, Czop manages the Alexandria adoption event and helps run a transport program, in addition to working as liaison with shelters in West Virginia. Then there's the occasional foster duty for dogs and puppies, in addition to helping out with the organization's website and fundraisers.

"The amazing thing is, I'm just one part of this overall machine that saves thousands of lives each year," she said. "The LDCRF volunteer team is a family, and we all bring our individual strengths together to help as many animals as possible." Even with a full life away from the organization, "there is nothing that can compare to the sheer joy of saving an animal from certain death in a shelter and adopting it into a wonderful loving home," Czop said. "Volunteering with LDCRF means that I get to play a part in making a tangible difference in the lives of animals, which means that I'm serving a greater purpose with my life overall."

A SECOND JOB, A LABOR OF LOVE. Marcia Tiersky was just looking for a way to share her time.

Now the president of the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation board, Tiersky, who started volunteering with the organization in 2002, helps oversee quarterly board meetings in addition to interviewing potential adopters, answering questions from anywhere and everywhere, fostering dogs and updating the website with new arrivals.

The organization has grown from three adoption events per week, averaging 20 adoptions each week, to 11 adoption events each week, averaging 50-70 adoptions each weekend. In her 10 years as president, the number of volunteers also has expanded, now numbering in the thousands.

"It's amazing," she said. "And it's all because of our wonderful volunteers."

We could not do what we do if we did not have people to hold the dogs, show the cats, conduct interviews, do paperwork, answer adopter questions, respond to emails and calls on the phone line, and generally spread word of mouth about the rescue."



Mason, a Lost Dog cat strolls on a leash during an adoption event.

MONEY WON EQUALS LIVES SAVED. All volunteers interviewed were asked what Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation's winning the \$100,000 challenge would mean to the organization, and the response was unanimous: winning that money would mean more animals could be saved.

Editor's note: Writer Amber Healy is an occasional cat volunteer with Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation.

Lost Dog: For the Love of Animals

In 2001, there were too many dogs without homes and too few people to help them.

That wasn't acceptable to Pamela McAlwee and Ross Underwood, lifelong animal lovers who wanted to save dogs and cats alike from shelters where their futures were non-existent if they weren't adopted.

McAlwee and Underwood were a few years into running a gourmet take-out pizza deli on Washington Boulevard in the Westover neighborhood of Arlington, when McAlwee went to help a friend find a dog to adopt. While visiting a shelter, she saw six dogs that were about to be put down within a few days. She promptly took all six home that night. She got them spayed or neutered and cleaned up and put a classified ad in a newspaper, and in between orders for pepperoni and cheese and vegetarian pizzas, she worked to find good homes for them all. She did this several times, adopting dogs about to be euthanized and finding homes for them.

That's how the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation was born, out of the take-out phone number for what's now the original location of the Lost Dog Cafe. McAlwee had worked with other rescue groups before, but she wanted to focus more on finding good homes for the animals instead of waiting for a "perfect" placement. The rescue group started with 25 dogs.

Now there are 150 dogs at a ranch in Sumerduck, Va., owned by Lost Dog, as the rescue organization is known, along with 20 cats and an assortment of other animals, including a horse. Other dogs and cats live with fosters — more than 100 dogs are currently in temporary homes until they're adopted.

How To Help

To learn more about the ASPCA/Rachael Ray \$100,000 challenge, find a new pet, donate or volunteer with the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation, go to www.lostdogrescue.org.

"It's amazing what we accomplish with an all-volunteer base," said Barbara Hutcherson, Lost Dog's adoptions coordinator.

Lost Dog is the only organization in Northern Virginia participating in the ASPCA challenge. The rescue had to verify its numbers and qualify in order to

participate, proving the volunteer base and "the commitment to really take this challenge and run with it," Hutcherson said.

If Lost Dog wins one of the grants provided through the challenge, the winnings likely will be used for vet bills. "It's difficult when you're looking at a list of shelter animals and you have to ask if you can afford the big vet bill for one animal" compared to smaller fees for multiple animals, Hutcherson said. "We want to take them all. It's uncomfortable, but we want to do every single thing we can."

Funding for the rescue comes from adoption fees, donations, and from proceeds from the four Lost Dog Cafe locations across Northern Virginia and the Stray Cat Cafe, next to the original Lost Dog Cafe in Westover.

— AMBER HEALY

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Rowers Learn What the 'Catch' Is

More than 130 students and adults take part in Alexandria Summer Crew.

Say the word "catch" to most people in the summer, and they're likely to think of baseball or football or another sport that's played with a ball and/or glove. But to a group of athletes who can be found on the Potomac every morning this summer, that's not what the word "catch" means at all.

The athletes are rowers who are taking part in the Alexandria Summer Crew Program at the Dee Campbell Boathouse in Old Town.

There are more than 130 of them in total. Young and old, novice and more experienced, they have been rising before dawn each weekday morning since June 24 to learn more about the sport of rowing and build on the skills they may have acquired in the past.

One of those skills involves the "catch." It is a fundamental part of the rowing stroke — the part where the rower's legs are coiled forward like a spring and the oar blade enters the water like a knife. The catch is not only a critical part of the rowing stroke, but, coaches say, is something that rowers at every level — from the youngest novice to the oldest veteran — can continuously improve.

"It is something we work on every day," said Lexye Hearing, the director of Alexandria Summer Crew. "It's like blocking and tackling in football — a critical skill upon which success in the sport depends. And



Rowers and coaches gather around the flag on the 4th of July.



Rowers Maeve Bradley and Maura Nakahata share a laugh out on the water during Summer Crew.

that's really the whole purpose of Summer Crew — to teach the basics, improve on technique, and build a better understanding of rowing in Alexandria.

"We also try to have fun — which isn't hard to do when you're out on the water with the sun coming up and the only sound you hear is the rhythm of the oars. I've seen a lot of good friendships created on the Potomac over the years, along with a lot of good rowers, too."

Hearing is a former rower at T.C. Williams whose boat won numerous awards and competed at the Henley Royal Regatta in England.

She said this year's group of Summer Crew student athletes is drawn from George Washington and Francis Hammond Middle Schools, along with Minnie Howard and T.C. Williams. There are also a number of students from other high schools participating in the program, she noted, including West Potomac, Bishop Ireton, Georgetown Visitation and Mount Vernon.

In addition to the student athletes, Hearing said that over two dozen adults from around the area are also participating in the program, adding that Summer Crew is not only a great way to learn about the sport of rowing, but a great way to get in good shape, too.

The program concludes on Saturday, Aug. 3, with the Blue Plains Sprints, an annual regatta that pits the summer rowers against each other and their coaches in a series of races and marks the official end of the summer rowing season.

The Summer Crew Program is sponsored by the Alexandria Crew Boosters. For more information on the program or rowing in Alexandria, visit www.tcwcrew.org or www.facebook.com/alexandriacrewboosters.

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Sports Tryouts To Start Aug. 5

T.C. Williams High School fall sports tryouts will begin Aug. 5. Students interested in competing for a position on one of this fall's teams must have a current physical's results recorded on a Virginia High School League form and an Emergency Care Card on file in the Athletic Office at the T.C. Williams King Street campus.

Eighth-graders are eligible to participate up to the Junior Varsity Level. Fall sports include Freshman, Junior Varsity and Varsity Football; Golf; Field Hockey; Cross Country, and Competitive Cheer. Students can turn in their forms and pick up eligibility cards in the Athletic Office the week of July 29 through Aug. 2. Each athlete must have an eligibility card to present to his or her coach the first day of tryouts. For more information, contact the office at 703-824-6860.

RECREATION NOTES

Wahoos Win First Colonial Swim League Gold Division

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' Chinquapin Wahoos Summer Swim Team on Saturday defeated Sugarland Run at the last regular meet of the season. The Chinquapin Wahoos finished the regular season 5-0, capturing the Gold Division title with their undefeated record. The 9-10 boys relay team also broke the league record with a time of 1:05:05.

Laura Fries, Wahoos team representative said, "All our swimmers and coaches contributed and worked so hard over the whole season, many posting personal bests throughout. It is truly a team effort and our kids did it with smiles and grace. Winning is the icing on the top. Thanks also to our fabulous set of coaches who work so hard to develop our kids and all of the parents

who have stepped up, helped out and cheered us on."

The Wahoos will compete in the divisionals next Saturday at Saratoga in Fairfax County. The divisional meet will feature the Wahoos against other teams in the Gold division. The results will be for the top 18 individual swimmers to qualify for the Division All-Stars. Last year, the Wahoos had 12 swimmers to advance to the all-stars. The 19th-21st ranked swimmers will also be invited as alternates.

Adult Sports Spring Winners

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' Adult Sports spring season winners were crowned the week of July 15. In the Men's Competitive Division, the Boat Club defeated the Fish Market while in the Men's Competitive Division, the Alexandria Firefighters defeated the Beltway Ballers. In the Co-ed

Softball Division Happy Hour slipped by Last Call, in the Co-ed Soccer League, the Alexandria Fire Department kicked their way by Rhinos and in the Co-ed Competitive Volleyball League, Expeliamus won the spring league championship.

On July 18 at Four Mile Run Park, the action stayed hot with a very close hard fought game between the undefeated, untied #1 seed First Baptist Church #1 and the #4 seed Commonwealth Baptist Church as First Baptist #1 squeeze a 11-10 win out. In the Alexandria Church League Division, Immanuel Lutheran Church edged First Baptist Church #1 14-13 in a hard fought final game. In game one of the semi-finals, #7 seed Immanuel Lutheran Church defeated the #3 seed First Baptist #2, 21-10 in very hot and humid conditions.

The Alexandria Church League plays on Monday and Thursday nights at Four Mile Run Park Softball Field. For more information about the Church League, contact Steve Pauling at steven.pauling@gmail.com.

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Christmas in July

The McCall family smiles as dad snaps a photograph of them with Santa inside the Christmas Attic store on July 20.



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Derek Potts gives Santa Claus a high five as he walks down Union Street during Christmas in July festivities in Old Town.

SCHOOL NOTES

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arts degree at the College's bicentennial-year commencement in Waterville, Maine.

The University of Mary Washington has announced its Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2012-13 academic year. **Jessica C. Bittner, Dafna A. Bliss, Lauren A. Floyd, Matthew R. Ganskopp, Christine, M. Hachem, David W. Heller, Clair Y.S. Maher, Paola A. Maldonado-Torres, Juliet A. Narine, Gabrielle M. Nguyen, Jonathan C. Polson, Emma K. Stotz, and Carolyn Trieu.**

Kristina Cruz has earned High Honors for the spring semester of the 2012-2013 academic year at the University of New Hampshire.

The following students made the dean's list at James Madison University for the spring 2013 semester: **Marian Ansley, Morgan Carter, Mackenzie Cate, Danielle Comer, Kerianne Condon, Mathew Cunningham, Allison Emmons, Kristen Fannon, Megan Gibbs, Elizabeth Harrell, Michael Higgins, Bryan Jacobs, Heidi Jenkins, Alexander Jeter, Erika Jones, Deborah Kamara, Rebecca Keegan, Yulhea Kim, John Knetemann, Eldar Loncarevic, Christine Macey, Devin Matthews, Kokougan Mensah-Etsi, Laura Mertins, Elizabeth Nowak, Yaw Owusu, Julia Pei, John Pfister, Elizabeth Schaefermeier, Dorothy Shufflebarger, Savannah Smith, Richelle Villa, and Cara Yaworske.**

Amanda Cain and **John McMurray** graduated from Wake Forest University.

Samantha Bissell graduated from Lawrence Technological University and was awarded a master of business administration.

Scott Dielman earned a bachelor of arts in history and political science from Davis & Elkins College.

Nathaniel Chester and **Julia Larsen** have been named to the dean's honors list at Connecticut College.

Isaiah Carpenter graduated from Union College on Sunday, June 16 with a bachelor of arts degree in English.

Sara L. Woodruff graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a bachelor of arts in writing and rhetoric and a minor in animal and veterinary science

The following students have been named to the spring semester dean's list at Radford University: **Emily Sohyoung Besse, Lauren Jennette Ebberts, Kelsey Jean Lawhead, Anne Marie Warren, Kestra Noel Aardema, Elizabeth Lynn Anderson, Kennise J. Baker, Kieran Michael Blakemore, Priscilla Boaheng, Alexander Gabriel Bring, Stephanie Carolyn Cockayne, Jacob Timothy Fannon, Sarah A. Gaunt, Julie Gosline, Aleze Sinclair Johnson-Knight, Shanice C. Jones, Ana Belen Karver, Jonathan Lee Krashevski, Samuel Robert Ludovici, Jacqueline Manu, Linnea Christine Markson, Delonte Rashaad McDaniel, Stephen Andrew McFarland, Ethan W. Morrison, Evan Kwon-Lee Scott, Ross Maxwell Taylor, and Chantell Nicole Williams.**

William Donahoe, Natalie Felice, and Stephanie Restifo have been named to the University of Delaware's dean's list for spring 2013.

Sarah Elizabeth Noll has graduated from Pomona College with a bachelor of arts in chemistry and german. Noll earned Phi Beta Kappa honors and was awarded the 2013-14 Fulbright Fellowship Research Grant to Germany, The Stanley D. Wilson Prize in Chemistry and The Languages and Literature Prize (German).

Thomas Kelly, an architecture major, and **Kenneth Cheston**, another architecture major, both made the dean's list at Roger Williams University for the spring 2013 semester.

Cheryl Olechnowicz graduated from

Gettysburg College.

The following local students received degrees from Boston University: **Jason P. Pabey**, master of science in leadership; **Ibtyhal Al-Amoudi**, doctor of science in pediatric dentistry; **Donna L. Strok**, master of science in computer information systems; **Harry K. Wong**, master of criminal justice in criminal justice; **Elyce M. Girouard**, master of science in project management; **Jacqueline Santana**, master of science in project management; **Alexander K. Mounts**, master of arts in medical science; **Geetika G. Singh**, doctor of dental medicine in dentistry with high honors; and **Jacqueline N. Byrd**, master of public health in health policy and management.

Five teachers from **T.C. Williams High School** attended the 2013 Advanced Placement reading: **Patrick Earle**, AP Environmental Science; **Ziggy Craig**, AP U.S. History; **Jacqueline Gorski**, AP English Literature; **Adam Levine**, AP German and **Sally Miller**, AP Statistics, spent a week reading and assessing AP exams and taking part in workshops and discussions.

Alexandria City Public Schools named fifth-grader **Angelina Hunt** of Charles Barrett Elementary School as 2012-2013 Poet Laureate. Recognition also went to **Gabriel Brown** of Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School, **Lillie MacBride** of Douglas MacArthur Elementary School and **Emmanuel Teferra** of Charles Barrett Elementary School.

Tommy Cheung, of Alexandria, received a spot on the dean's list at RIT's B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences.

Ginger Ruth Owusu graduated from Fort Hays State University.

Shaun Holloway graduated from Eckerd College of St. Petersburg, Fl. with a BA in philosophy.

DeLisa Thomas earned a bachelor of arts in English degree from George Fox University of Newberg, Ore.

T.C. Williams High School Class of 2013 graduate **Meklit Thomas** has been awarded the Financial Literacy Scholarship, a \$5,000 scholarship awarded for her focus on financial literacy during high school. The scholarship is awarded to 15 students across the country by The Financial Services Roundtable Scholarship Foundation. Thomas will attend George Mason University in the fall.

Silence of The Court

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THE COURT is an infamously closed operation. No video records are allowed.

No audio recordings are permitted. Visitors to the court are not allowed to enter the building with a cell phone.

The court does not even produce transcripts of the oral arguments.

Some say the failure to allow public access to audio recordings is a mistake that should either be fixed with some kind of tweak to the recording system or by a new law forcing the courts to allow more sunshine into the dark corridors of power in Richmond.

"The recordings should be made public," said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44).

"These cases are some of the most important cases in Virginia, and it's important to have as much sunshine on the public part of that process as possible."

That's a bipartisan view. Courts of Justice Chairman Del. David Albo (R-42) says the Virginia Supreme Court should allow public access to oral arguments or face an effort from the General Assembly to force transparency.

"They are denying the public recordings because they chose crappy technology," said Albo. "I just don't see why they shouldn't give them out. People are allowed to be there. It's a public forum."

"The new digital recording equipment is more sensitive so that the recordings now include any confidential comments any justice makes to another justice during the oral argument."

— **Katya Herndon**, director of legislative and public relations, Office of the Executive Secretary

NEIGHBORHOOD

Taylor Run

The Taylor Run Citizens' Association will be hosting its 2013 National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 6 - 8 p.m. at Angel Park (West Taylor Run Parkway). This year, TRCA will be hosting a kickball game and pizza party for friends and neighbors. Pizza, popsicles, cold drinks and other refreshments will be served.

RECREATION

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Youth Volunteer Coaches Needed

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is currently seeking volunteers to coach youth tackle and flag football, girls volleyball and cheerleading. Criminal history background checks are required. Interested persons should call the Sports Office at 703-746-5402 or e-mail mac.slover@alexandriava.gov or Tamika.coleman@alexandriava.gov.

Alexandria Titans Youth Tackle Football Registration

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Centers, Playgrounds and Youth Sports Division is now accepting registrations for the Alexandria Titans Youth Tackle Football program. Teams are formed in the following weight divisions and participate in the Fairfax County Youth Football League: Anklebiters, 80 lbs/ 90 lbs/ 100 lbs/ 115 lbs/ 130 lbs/ and 150 lbs. Participants will be weighed and assigned to teams according to their weight and age. This program is for participants ages 7 - 16.

Registration fee is \$40. Online registration is available. All participants must have a Division of Motor Vehicles Identification Card upon registration. The Sportsmanship and Equipment Days will be held from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, July 20 (Anklebiters & 80 lbs.), Saturday, July 27 (90 lbs. & 100 lbs.) and Saturday, Aug. 3 (115 lbs., 130 lbs & 150 lbs.). The Alexandria Titans Football Camps (free for Titan players only) will be held July 29 - Aug. 1 from 6 - 8 p.m. at George Washington Middle School.

The Alexandria Titans Youth Football Booster Club is looking for sponsorships for the 2013 season. For more information or to register online, call 703-746-5402 or visit alexandriava.gov/recreation.

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Art Exhibit. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union Street. Through Sunday, July 28, 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. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org/target-gallery.

Gallery. Through Monday, July 29, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily, 12 p.m.-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 www.torpedofactory.org.

Exhibit. Through the end of July, at Christ Church, 118 N. Washington Street. Titled ‘Love Makes a Family’ this exhibit of photographs and interviews covers families with lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender members. Call 703-549-1450 or email tknox@ccalex.org.

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

Art Exhibit. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery is opening a juried show called “Where in the World.” In this show, artists derive inspiration from travel and adventure. Free. Through Sunday, Aug. 4. The Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery is located at 105 N. Union St. Call 703-548-0935.

National Park and Recreation Month: Open Play Days and Nights. Through Aug. 18. Tuesday and Thursday 6-9 p.m. at Ben Brenman Park Field, 4800 Brenman Park Drive and at Four Mile Run Soccer Field, 3700 Commonwealth Ave. Saturdays from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sundays noon-5 p.m. at Ben Brenman Park, Four Mile Run Soccer Field and Witter Fields, 2700 Witter Drive. Call 703-746-5402 or e-mail mac.slover@alexandriava.gov.

Art Exhibit. Noon-4:30 p.m. at the Green Spring Garden Historic House, 4603 Green Spring Road. Grace Rooney’s watercolor paintings on display through Aug. 25. Free. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.greenspring.org.

Art Class. Running through Saturday, Aug. 31, classes meet 9:15 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Bring toddlers or preschoolers for guided exploration of clay, paint, collage, drawing and building in a supported studio environment. Classes held at Art At The Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Register online at www.artatthecenter.com.

Visiting Artists. Through Saturday, Aug. 31, the Visiting Artist Program is a professional development opportunity for emerging and experienced visual artists from all over the country and provides an opportunity for visitors to interact with a rotating group of visual artists. Torpedo Factory located at 105 N. Union St. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

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

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

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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.

Life in Civil War Alexandria Exhibition at The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street. This exhibit traces life in Alexandria following Virginia’s decision to secede from the Union in May 1861. The Lyceum is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Suggested admission is \$2. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org or call 703-746-4994.

African American Activists Exhibition. Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing photo-documentary project created in 2006 by artist-photographer Nina Tisara to identify, honor and chronicle people making current history in Alexandria. This free exhibit is at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 601 Wythe St. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or call 703-746-4356.

The Marshall House Incident Exhibition at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Visit www.fortwaRoad.org or call 703-746-4848.

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union Street. Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

Culinary Arts Month Sunday Film Fest. Every Sunday in July, Charles

Feeling Pretty Good

T.C. Williams grads hit the road for first tour out of the D.C. area.

BY AMBER HEALY
GAZETTE PACKET

A shared appreciation for the blues has morphed into an increasingly successful reggae band with enough popularity to literally take their show on the road.

FeelFree, a group of five 20-something men from Alexandria, mostly T.C. Williams graduates, last week kicked off their first East Coast tour, which will take them from this area up to New York City and down to North Carolina, with a stop in Charlottesville along the way.

“We’re leaving right after every show,” said Evan Hulehan, who sings and plays guitar and keyboard for the band. “We have a U-Haul and Jeep” to move them from city to city.

Luckily, the band laughs, they have friends along the way who will let them stop in and take showers and rest for a few minutes between shows.

The band got their start at TC, when Hulehan teamed up with Andrew Pfeiffer, another guitarist and vocalist who also plays trombone, and drummer Bryan Frank, but the band didn’t start as a reggae group.

“Back then, we were just learning our instruments,” Hulehan said. “We started with AC/DC covers. Maybe by sophomore year, we were into the blues along with Stevie Ray Vaughan, Jimi Hendrix, more bluesy than hard rock.”

Transitioning to reggae “rejuvenated everybody,” he added.

“I heard one slow jam and I fell in love with that, and I fell in love with reggae,” said Frank.

Two other members, Garrett Clausen on bass and Colin Canfil on trumpet, joined the group later, and while they’ve gone off to college and the workforce, they insist the band will be their primary focus as of next summer, when college is over for all of them, Pfeiffer said.

The band’s been excited for their opportunity to hit the road, traveling to Kill Devil Hills and Wilmington, N.C. later this week before a show in Charlottesville. Their next show in this area is Friday, Aug. 2, at Jammin’ Java in Vienna.

“We started playing at open mic nights in Old Town, like at O’Shaughnessy’s and the Light



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

The Alexandria-based band FeelFree has just embarked on an eight-date tour of the East Coast. They will perform at Jammin’ Java in Vienna Aug. 2.

Horse,” Hulehan said. Playing Sullivan Hall in Manhattan is quite a change.

The guys recognize there’s a shortage of, well, white guys from North America playing reggae, but they embrace their position and hope it brings them some attention.

“There aren’t a lot of white reggae bands popping up,” he laughed. Their presence has raised eyebrows, but it’s also won over fans.

The hope is for a similar reaction from the crowds in cities where the audience isn’t made up of friends and family, with people coming up to the band and talking with them about how much they’ve enjoyed their music, Pfeiffer said.

It was difficult booking the tour, because the band hasn’t played outside the D.C. region before, but after “calling and re-calling,” the handful of venues in New York City and North Carolina came through and offered them opportunities, he said. And they were fortunate enough that all of their jobs gave them the 10 days they needed to be on the road.

That’s not to say the band isn’t known outside this area.

“There’s a guy in Venezuela who is doing artwork for us,” Pfeiffer said.

Still, going on the road is exciting, said Canfil. “I’m excited to see people who haven’t seen us before. When someone says your show is awesome, that’s a good feeling.”

Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. All films start at 2 p.m. Free. Call 703-746-1702 or www.alexandria.lib.va.us for schedule and information.

Gallery. 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. Call 703-683-1780 or visit www.theartleague.org.

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Art Exhibit. Friday, Aug. 2 to Sunday, Sept. 1 at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue. The exhibit features seven Del Ray Artisans following their own theme and inspirations to create their own artwork. The gallery is free and open to the public. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org.

Mobile Market. Thursdays through October, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Landmark Mall parking lot on the Duke Street side. The Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture Mobile Market is a refurbished school bus offering produce, meat, eggs and more from small farmers and food artisans within 100 miles of the area.

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Friday Affair Market. 12-4 p.m. at historic Hollin Hall, 1909 Windmill Lane. Purchase baked goods, treats, flowers and crafts from local vendors. Held July 26, Aug. 9 and the first and third Fridays of every month through December. Call 202-256-5332.

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Mt. Vernon Community Children's Theatre Summer Camp. Children can participate in either a one-week all-day session July 22-26 or a two-week session, with the option of either morning, afternoon or all day from July 29-Aug. 9. Children will learn about all aspects of theatre through games, rehearsals and a final showcase. Visit www.mvcct.org/camps.php or 703-360-0686.

The **American Backstage Company** is offering a variety of summer classes and workshops, many which are free. Located at 5380 Eisenhower Ave. Visit www.americanbackstage.com for a full listing.

Shakespeare Summer Camp. July 29-Aug. 2, StagePlay will be serving up it's 12th year of Shakespeare at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Children in grades 3-6 will be introduced to "A Midsummer Night's Dream" through scene work, improvisation activities, costume play and theatre games from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Email Heather Sanderson at bardsplay@gmail.com or visit www.stageplay.tv.

August Art Explorers. Aug. 2-23, every Friday, 9:15 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. at 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Bring your toddler or preschooler for guided exploration of clay, paint, collage, drawing and building in a supported studio environment. Visit www.artatthecenter.org.

The **Little Theatre of Alexandria** is offering a new camp for children ages 5-7 from Aug. 12-16. Children are able to learn about the world of acting by participating in movement games, improv activities and performances of skits. Full or half

day sessions available. Call 703-683-5778 ext. 2 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

THURSDAY/JULY 25

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

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.

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.

Puppet Show. 2:30 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Groovy Nate and his puppets perform songs and dances for all ages. Registration required. Call 703-339-4610.

Movie Screening. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Refreshments provided. For ages 13 and up. Registration required. Call 703-768-6700 for film title.

Uno, Dos, Tres Con Andres. 11 a.m. at Barrett Library, 717 Queen St. Children up to age 5 can sing, shake and dance while learning Latin dances and Spanish words. Free. 703-746-1703.

SummerQuest: Movie. 4 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 6-12 can watch a movie with friends. Free. 703-746-1704.

Zombie Double Feature. 5-8:30 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Watch "Fido" and "Warm Bodies." Free. 703-746-1702.

World Short Story Discussion. 7

p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road Free. Call for title. 703-746-1704.

Dance Class. 7:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Learn 18th century English country dancing from expert dance instructors. \$12 per class or \$30 for the series. Reservations are recommended. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org or call 703-746-4242.

FRIDAY/JULY 26

Comedy Performance. 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Frankie Paul 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.

Fundraiser. 6:30 p.m. at the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. The King Street Cats hold their 7th Annual Theater Night Fundraiser with a cocktail reception, silent auction and performance of "Avenue Q." Visit www.kingstreetcats.org.

Concert. 7-8:30 p.m. Bon Jovi tribute concert at Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St. Free. For up to date concert information, call the special events hotline at 703-746-5592, or visit www.alexandriava.gov/concerts.

SATURDAY/JULY 27

Concert. Folk singer Bill Staines will perform in Mount Vernon at St Aidan's Episcopal Church. 7 p.m. \$15-\$18.

Meditation Workshop. 1-2 p.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Learn techniques for relaxation in the small conference room. Call 703-746-1702.

Arthropod Adventure. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Starting at Dyke Marsh's Haul Road entrance, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Dress for the weather. The walk will take place unless heavy rain or thunderstorms. Visit <http://biodiversity.georgetown.edu/>.

Wag a Tale. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Children ages 5-12 can read to Chester the therapy dog. Registration required. Call 703-339-4610.

Friendship Summertime Story Time. 11 a.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Learn about firefighting 200 years ago as you take a special tour of the historic firehouse, participate in a bucket brigade, and ring the fire bell. Children ages 6 and older. \$4 per child. Reservations required. Call 703-746-4994.

Greece Lighting. 11 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages can learn about all things Greek, from mythology to yogurt. Free. 703-746-1702.

Bright Star Theater. 2 p.m. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Enjoy a live literary theater production. Call 703-746-1705.

Food Workshop. 2 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Learn about essential fats for your diet and unhealthy fats to avoid.

A sample of healthy snacks provided. Registration required. Call 703-768-6700.

Book Discussion and Signing. 2-5 p.m. at The Gum Springs Museum and Cultural Center, 8100 Fordson Road. Dr. Joyce Willard Teal, a motivational speaker and internet radio show host, will discuss and sign her various books and poetry. Call 703-799-1198.

Concert. 7 p.m. at Focus Music Concerts, 8531 Riverside Road. See Bill Staines perform live. Tickets cost \$15-\$18. Call 703-380-3151 or visit www.focusmusic.org.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. Bob Schneider at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$25. www.birchmere.com.

Concert. 8 p.m.-1 a.m. at the Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Fuse Box performs for the Old Town Reunion Party. Johnny Artis Band opens.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 27-28

Sidewalk Sale. 8 a.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday. Periwinkle Potomac Greens, 1557 Potomac Greens Drive. The renovation sale will offer discounts on furniture, fixtures, clothing and more. Visit www.periwinkleshop.com.

SUNDAY/JULY 28

Women's Day. 11 a.m. at Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church, 606A South Washington St. Will feature guest speaker, Rev. Cathy Fielding. Call 703-836-7332.

Summer Seafood Shindig. All you can eat at the Union Public House, 121 S. Union St. 1-7 pm. \$28. Call 703-548-1785 for reservations.

Civil War Sunday. 1-5 p.m. at

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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.

Concert. 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic featuring violinist Tim Kidder, violinist Jason Diggs and cellist Joan Kidder. Call 703-799-8229 or visit www.wmpamusic.org.

MONDAY/JULY 29

Tangle of Tales. 10:30 a.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. The Grey Seal Puppets bring global folk tales to life for all ages. Registration required. Call 703-971-0010.

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.

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

Film Series. 6 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Watch "We Bought a Zoo." Free. 703-746-1704.

Biography Book Club. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Read and discuss biographies and memoirs. Free. Call for title. 703-746-1702.

Book Club. 7-8:30 p.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Biography book club. Call 703-746-1743.

TUESDAY/JULY 30

Puzzle Day. All day at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. All ages can play games and solve puzzles. Free. 703-746-1703.

Good Life Theater. 10 and 11 a.m. at James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Enjoy Joe Pipik's Backpack Puppets performing Rainbow Show. Ages 1-5. Call 703-746-1705.

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

Time for 2's. 10:30-11 a.m. 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/events-upcoming. Each class \$5 per child, adults free. Call 703-548-0035 or nvfaa.org.

Preschool Story Time. 10:30 a.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Stories and activities for ages 3-5 with an adult. Registration required. Call 703-971-0010.

Outdoor Days. 11 a.m. at Barrett



The Dixie Melody Boys perform Friday, Aug. 16 at Mt. Calvary Community Church.

Quartet Comes to Mount Calvary

The Dixie Melody Boys will perform at Mount Calvary Community Church, 6731 Beulah St., Alexandria, on Friday, Aug. 16, 7:30 p.m. After earning Grammy nominations for its four-part harmonies, the gospel quartet brings them to the stage at Mount Calvary Community Church. Visit www.mountcalvary.cc and www.dixiemelodyboys.com.

Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 2 and up can use bubbles, chalk and other outdoor toys. Free. 703-746-1703.

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.

Uno, Dos, Tres Con Andres. 1 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children up to age 5 can sing, shake and dance while learning Latin dances and Spanish words. Free. 703-746-1704.

Edible Books. 5-8 p.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Present an edible representation of your favorite book for a chance to win a prize. Located in the large meeting room. 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.

Evening Story Time. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Bedtime stories for children ages 1-5 with an adult. Pajamas welcomed. Registration required. Call 703-768-6700.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 31

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

Puppet Show. 10:30-11:15 a.m. and 1-1:45 p.m. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Spend the morning with Mother Goose and her friends in this show by Bob Brown Puppets. Ages 0-5, with an adult. Call 703-746-1702.

Outdoor Days. 11 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 2 and up can use bubbles, chalk and other outdoor toys. Free. 703-746-1703.

Uno, Dos, Tres Con Andres. 2:30 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Andres Salguero presents song and dance from Latin America. For all ages. Registration required. Call 703-339-4610.

Storyteller Gary Lloyd. 3:30 p.m. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Join

storyteller Gary Lloyd for Dig Those Dinos, whether you are a meat-eater or plant-eater, for some fun dino songs, stories and poems. For ages 6-12. Call 703-746-1705.

SummerQuest Finale. 4-4:45 p.m. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Watch a movie, enjoy a treat and celebrate SummerQuest. Call 703-746-1702.

Harry Potter Celebration. 6-9 p.m. Tours and "potions" at Alexandria's Apothecary Museum, located at 105-107 South Fairfax Street. \$6. Visit www.apothecarymuseum.org or call 703-746-3852.

Classical Recital. 7 p.m. at Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 323 S. Fairfax St. Flutist Jonathan Snowden performs, accompanied by Matthew Van Hoose on piano. \$20. Call 202-686-8008.

Recital. 7:30 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Ava Oaxaca, alto saxophone, and Joe Broom, euphonium, perform "Summer Music." Free. Call 703-838-4994 or email avaoaxaca@aol.com.

Lego Family Night. 7-8 p.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. An evening of creative play with the whole family. Call 703-746-1702.

SATURDAY/AUG. 3

Family Dig Day. At Alexandria Archaeology, 105 N. Union Street Learn and assist City archaeologists as they examine soil and artifacts gathered from a real dig. The day begins with a lesson on the history and archaeology of Shuter's Hill and continues with a tour and an opportunity to sift through excavated soil in search of artifacts. \$5; children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Equipment provided. Reservations required. Call 703-746-4399 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/Archaeology.

Friendship Firehouse Festival Birthday. 9 a.m. in the 100 block of S. Alfred Street, between Prince and King Streets. The family friendly event will be free for everyone to celebrate the 239th birthday of the historic fire company. Enjoy a collection of antique fire equipment

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as well as other attractions such as craft booth, food vendors, and free birthday cake. Visit www.friendshipfirehouse.net.

Workshop. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn to make cold process soap with natural ingredients. Lessons include ways to safely handle and store lye, how to add fragrances and exfoliants and ideas for molding and packaging. Registration is \$62. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

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.

Tavern Day. 1 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal Street. Learn how to dance like George Washington or partake in some scientific discussions and experience Alexandria's five-star hotel of the 18th century. Visit www.gadsbystavernmuseum.us.

Book Signing. 2-5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road. Civil War historian B. Franklin Cooling III signs his book "The Day Lincoln Was Almost Shot: The Fort Stevens Story" about President Abraham Lincoln's role in the Battle of Fort Stevens in July 1864. For this event a special book price of \$40 will be offered. Call 703-746-4848.

Music Recital. 7:30 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Ava Oaxaca, alto saxophone, and Joe Broom, euphonium, perform "Summer Music." Free. Call 703-838-4994 or email avaoaxaca@aol.com.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Come see Poco and Pure Prairie League. \$35. Visit www.pocunut.org and www.pureprairieleague.com.

SATURDAY/AUG. 3-SUNDAY/SEPT. 1

Art Gallery. Radio Sebastian: You, Me, and the Void. Reception is Thursday 6-8 p.m. Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory, 105 N Union St. www.torpedofactory.org/target.

SUNDAY/AUG. 4

"Downton Abbey." 1-3 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Characters from "Downton Abbey" enter the '20s and must adjust to the new society. Tickets are \$29. Call 703-941-7987.

Annual Chamber Music Series. 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Presented by the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association. Call 703-799-8229 or visit www.wmpamusic.org.

TUESDAY/AUG. 6

Agriculture in the Classroom. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. An interactive session of lesson ideas and resources designed for daily curriculums to engage students in hands-on learning. Free. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

Fire Engine Association Fundraiser. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association will hold its annual Friendship Firehouse Festival. This family event will take place in the 100 block of South Alfred Street between Prince and King streets, which will be closed off to traffic for the festival. Free. Visit www.friendshipfirehouse.net.

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 in-depth 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.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 7

Puppet Show. 10 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. The 'Time Capsule' puppet show will take place featuring The Three Billy Goats Gruff and Jack and the Beanstalk. The show is \$3 per person. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring and use event code 2903856301 or call 703-642-5173.

Concert. Noon-1 p.m. at Canal Center Plaza, 44 Canal Center Plaza. Music by Silver City. Free. 703-746-5592.

Cool Yoga. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Maureen Clyne of Prasada Yoga offers, outdoor yoga classes at 1900 Mt. Vernon Avenue in Del Ray. Open to all skill levels. Free. Call 703-967-8884 or visit www.prasadayoga.com.

THURSDAY/AUG. 8

Performance. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Joe Peck and Friends with featured artist Mercedes Mill. All tickets are \$10 and available online and at the door. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

Doggie Happy Hour. 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Bring your dogs for an evening in the Athenaeum garden. Lemonade and milkbones provided. Free. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org.

Twilight Concert. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at John Carlyle Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Concert by Jason Paul Curtis & Swing Lab. Free. 703-746-5592.

FRIDAY/AUG. 9

Lori Williams. Opening for Jose' James at The Birchmere 3701 Mt Vernon Ave. Tickets on sale now. Visit <http://lorijazz.com/> or www.Birchmere.com.

TUESDAY-THURSDAY/AUG. 9-11

Theatre. 10 a.m. Friday and Saturday; 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Arts on the Horizon presents "Under the Canopy" an interactive theatre performance designed for children 0-2 years old. \$3. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org.

SATURDAY/AUG. 10

Workshop 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Green Spring staff shares casting and painting techniques for decorating the home and garden. Program registration is \$45. Supply registration is \$20 and is due by Aug. 7. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

Workshop. 10 a.m.-noon Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn to create a tabletop terrarium from begonia enthusiast Johanna Zinn. Container, plants, soil and care instructions provided. Registration is

\$45. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

28th Annual Ballyshaners Irish Festival. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Waterfront Park in Old Town Alexandria. A day full of Irish culture provided by the Ballyshaners, a non-profit organization with the goal to promote and preserve Irish heritage. The festival features musical groups, dancers and vendors of authentic Irish foods and crafts. All proceeds go to pay the cost of Alexandria's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Visit <http://www.ballyshaners.org/festival/index.htm>.

Jane Austen Ball. 8 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern 134 N. Royal Street. This evening in the 1790s will feature a variety of English country dances in the historic ballroom, live music, and iced refreshments. After-5 dress encouraged. Visit www.shop.alexandria.gov or www.alexandria.gov/gadsbystavern.

SUNDAY/AUG. 11

Family Days at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Families can partake in tours by Junior Docents. The Museum is also offering a look at the newly restored Ice Well, which allows visitors to experience the science and history that goes along with the making of ice cream. \$5 for adults; \$3 for children age 5-12. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

EOD Warrior Foundation BBQ Festival. 2-8 p.m. at the American Legion/Gadsby's Tavern Complex, 400 Cameron St. The Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Warrior Foundation honors wounded and fallen EOD warriors and their families. Festivities include live music by Red Star. \$20; all proceeds go to charity. Call 540-554-4550 or email info@eodwarriorfoundation.org.

Concert. 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Pianists Sylvia Hong and Michael Rector will perform. The event is presented by the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association. Call 703-799-8229 or visit www.wmpamusic.org.

TUESDAY/AUG. 13

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Performance by George Duke. Tickets on sale July 12. Visit www.birchmere.com or www.georgeduke.com.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 14

Cool Yoga. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Maureen Clyne of Prasada Yoga offers, outdoor yoga classes at 1900 Mt. Vernon Avenue in Del Ray. Open to all skill levels. Free. Call 703-967-8884 or visit www.prasadayoga.com.

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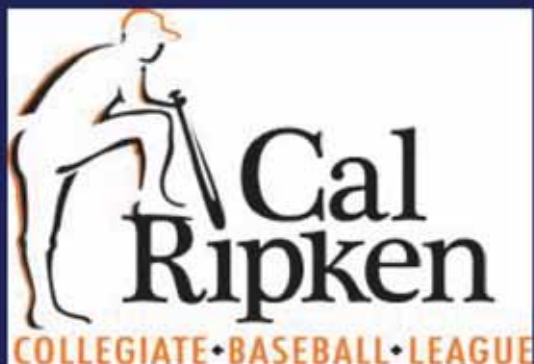
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Drive), Tuesday & Thursday 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday
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❖ Four Mile Soccer Field (3700 Commonwealth
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11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 to 5 p.m.

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The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks
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cepting registrations for the Lil' Titans Youth Flag
Football program. This developmental program is
for participants ages 5 - 6. League age is determined
by the age of the participant as of Oct. 1, 2013. Teams
are formed by recreation districts. Registration fee
is \$60. Online registration is available.

All participants must be resident of the City of
Alexandria. Games will held on Saturday afternoons
in September and October. For more information,
call the Sports Office at 703-746-5402 or visit
www.alexandriava.gov/recreation for the registra-
tion forms or to register online.

Girl's Volleyball Program

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks
and Cultural Activities; Sports Section is now ac-
cepting registrations for the Girls Volleyball League
for ages 9 - 14 years old. League age is determined
by the age of the participant as of Dec. 31, 2013.

Teams will be formed in the 9 - 11 and 12 - 14
year old divisions. Practice begins mid-September

with practices on Sunday afternoons and games on
Thursday and Friday nights through December. Reg-
istration will run through Sept. 15. The fee is \$50
and participants must be a resident of the City of
Alexandria. There will a pre-season clinic in Septem-
ber for the girls registered.

For more information, call the Sports Office at 703-
746-5402 or visit alexandriava.gov/recreation for the
registration forms or to register online.

Youth Cheerleading Registration Open

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks
and Cultural Activities; Sports Section is now accept-
ing registrations for their Youth Cheerleading Pro-
gram for ages 5 - 16 years old. Age is determined by
the age of the participant as of April 30, 2014.

Teams are formed at the neighborhood recreation
centers. There will be three divisions Pee Wee (ages
8 & under), Youth (12 & under) and Junior (16 &
under). Registration will take place until Sept. 7.
Submit a registration form to the neighborhood re-
creation center or mail the form to the Sports Office
at 1108 Jefferson Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. There
is not a registration fee, but there will be fees associ-
ated with the program such as competition fees and
uniforms.

Teams will compete in two annual Alexandria In-
vitational Competitions in December and April as well
as perform at recreation center programs and youth
sporting events.

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