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Trainers from PIES Fitness Yoga lead festivalgoers in Zumba to the music of the Grupo Quimbao band.

Carlyle Hosts Food & Wine Festival

he Alexandria Food & Wine Festival re turned to Carlyle on Saturday after noon, June 21. Dozens of restaurants, food vendors and Virginia wineries provided samples of their menu items. The local restaurants competed for best appetizer, main course and dessert. Kelly Collis, 94.7 Fresh FM co-host of The Tommy Show; Lauren Ricketts, WJLA-ABC7 meteorologist, and Molly Ahearn, food writer, judged the entries.

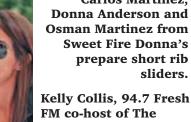
This year's winners were: Best Appetizer to Delias for their gyritos; Best Entrée to Sweet Fire Donna's for their short ribs and Best Dessert to Alexandria Cupcakes for their Guinness Stout cupcake. Community Fork Lift sponsored activities in the Children's Corner. A portion of the proceeds from this year's festival were donated to Volunteer Alexandria. This year's top festival partners include: City of Alexandria, Carlyle Community Council, Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association, Washington Parent Magazine, Northern Virginia Magazine, ABC7/WJLA-TV and News.

> Рнотоѕ ву LOUISE KRAFFT Gazette Packet



Rustico's executive chef Evan Buchholz and Gina, Andrew and Sophia prepared lamb meatballs and a brisket cheesesteak sandwich.





Kelly Collis, 94.7 Fresh FM co-host of The Tommy Show samples one of the main course entries at the festival last Saturday.

sliders.



Lauren Ricketts, WJLA-ABC7 meteorologist and Molly Ahearn, food writer with "The List Are You On It?," sample Whole Foods chicken in a waffle.

Primary Focus

Alexandria police officials say they have narrowed scope of three murder investigations.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE Gazette Packet

hen Linda Robra first met Charles Severance at a Dulles Hilton swing dance in 2011, she could not have known that the man she came to know as "Charlie" would turn her life upside down. Clearly nervous as she took the stand in Loudoun County General District Court last week, Robra told the judge how Severance persuaded her to purchase two revolvers and showed her how to load them. The two lived together in Ashburn until the day an Alexandria police detective left a business card on the windshield of her car. That's when she delivered an ultimatum to Severance: cooperate with the

investigation or leave. The next day he was gone, and so were both of her revolvers.

"I think he just didn't want to be around police," Robra said.

Police officers eventually tracked Severance down at the Ohio County Public Library in Wheeling, W.Va., where he was arrested while using a public computer. Prosecutors in Loudoun are charging him with being in possession of a firearm, which is illegal because Severance is already a convicted felon as the result of a 2005 case in Rockingham County in which he plead guilty to carrying a concealed firearm. Meanwhile, police officials in Alexandria say they have narrowed the focus of their investigation into SEE SEVERANCE, PAGE 22

Climbing the Pyramid

City to launch new cost-recovery program for parks and rec. centers.

By Michael Lee Pope Gazette Packet

old your wallets. The city government has a new approach to delivering services, and it involves your

Next month, Alexandria officials will launch a new "cost recovery" model for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs. City officials have designated services to one of five levels on a pyramid. Those at the bottom of the pyramid are provided for by

the city government at 100 percent while those at the top are paid for by the consumer.

"Fees aren't new in the city," said William Chesley, deputy director of the department. "Now we have a process for assigning a place on the cost-recovery pyramid to begin to look at what fees should be assessed and what percentage of that particular program or experience should be taxpayer supported."

City officials say cost-recovery programs are already standard

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Hamer Away

When future generations look back on the history of Alexandria, few eras will seem as monumental as the seven years Faroll Hamer served as planning director.

As the city government's chief planner, Hamer refashioned the city at both ends, dramatically rethinking the waterfront to the east and crafting a new West End that will rise from the wrecking ball. She declared an end to the days of waterfront warehouses, and she re-imagined the rolling hills west of Shirley Memorial Highway as a new town center. Now, after seven years as the city's planning director, Hamer is retiring.

City Council members gave Hamer a standing ovation Tuesday night, a rare show of public appreciation in a city where many department heads come and go with little notice. City Manager Rashad Young called Hamer an "impact player," adding that serving in the role of planning director in Alexandria is particularly perilous because the position will inevitably become a lightning rod for controversy.

"It really does take guts to hold this position," said Young. "It's not a job that I think I would want to sit in the seat of."

During her seven years at the head of the Department of Planning and Zoning, she oversaw hundreds of special-use permits, streamlined the sign-approval process and integrated the role of transportation planning into land-use decisions. She led the effort to adopt several small-area plans, including the waterfront plan, the Beauregard plan, and Braddock East plan. Hamer said working in Alexandria was a highlight of her years as a municipal planner.

"I feel lucky to have landed here at the end of my career," said Hamer.

Dead Bike Boulevard

Remember when city officials were planning to create what they called a "bicycle boulevard" on Royal Street? Well forget it.

"It's dead," declared Planning and Transportation Director Rich Baier Tuesday night.

The effort was controversial from the start, especially a suggestion from the Union Street Corridor Study that "mini-circles" could replace stop signs along Royal Street, a change the document said would require bicyclists and motorists to slow down and yield to traffic without stopping. Critics said the idea was overkill.

"It's like bringing out a cannon to shoot some doves," said Old Town Civic Association President Poul Hertel.

Torpedoed Plan

Torpedo Factory chief executive officer Eric Walner arrived at City Hall Tuesday night with a plan and a prop. His plan was to ask City Council to waive \$137,000 in utility costs and rent in an effort to revitalize the waterfront art studios. His prop was a bulletin board filled with checks, an homage to the bulletin board former Del. Marian Van Landingham (D-45) famously presented to council members decades ago.

The prop got the attention of elected officials, but the plan didn't work. Council members said they would be hard pressed to slash \$137,000 out of the budget, especially outside of the budget process. Several said they recognized the need for the Torpedo Factory to make some changes, but they said waiving the money was not the best way to go about it. Leaders of the nonprofit that runs the art center said they were disappointed in the decision, one they said would make it difficult to revitalize the struggling art center.

"We are putting a lot of attention on the waterfront right now," said Rosemary Covey, president of the art center's board. "And we don't want to be the sick sister on the waterfront."

Potato for Life

Alexandria is not exactly known for its farmlands. Even in its earliest days, the city had an urban feel. Nevertheless, city leaders took a stand Tuesday night against the overuse of antibiotics in factory farms, adopting a resolution condemning the practice. The vote was unanimous, although there was some confusion when elected officials voted.

"You are what you eat," observed Councilwoman Del Pepper when it came time to vote.

"Is that a yes?" asked City Clerk Jackie Henderson.

"I love potato chips," cracked Mayor Bill Euille. "So I guess that makes me a potato."

— Michael Lee Pope

Race for Children's National

Alexandria family gets involved in Race for Every Child after son undergoes spinal fusion surgery.

BY ALEXIS HOSTICKA

GAZETTE PACKET

fter raising \$712,000 last year, Children's National Health System has set a goal of raising \$1 million through the 2nd annual Race for Every Child in September.

Ashley Husich, the race manager for the event, said that last year, the inaugural year for the race, surpassed expectations with 3,946 participants, and this year they are hoping to have 5,000.

"This [race] was an idea that was talked about for several years," Husich said. "A lot goes into it and we do a lot of events at our hospital. However, we didn't really have an event that was low cost and really engaged the entire community. We wanted something that anyone could attend and anyone could afford. We had a great turnout because there were some

families who just wanted to give back who could do it for a very low price."

Husich encourages everyone to get involved, even those who are not runners.

"I believe that most people in this community have been touched by Children's in some way or another," Husich said. "We touch so many people in the community so a lot of people have a connection to the cause. In addition to being a race we focus on this being a fun, family

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geared toward families."

friendly day with food trucks, a DJ, music, a whole area to learn about. It's basically a huge all day kind of event."

For Alexandria resident Lisa Coffman, Children's National holds a special place in her heart. Her 14-year-old son had spinal fusion surgery at Children's National Hospital in March to correct scoliosis. Lisa

Coffman said that her son, Noah, had been diagnosed with scoliosis with a few years before and was using a brace to treat it before surgery.

"[Noah] received the greatest care," Lisa Coffman said. "I had a lot of contact with his primary surgeon and Children's approach to pain management was something I hadn't seen before. The nursing staff was amazing; the most brilliant dedicated staff I've ever seen. The management of his pain medication and the checking in to make sure he had enough medicine, that he didn't have too much, that he wasn't in any discomfort. My husband spends a lot of time in hospitals on behalf of his clients and he was



Greg, Lisa and Noah Coffman will participate as a family in this year's Race for Every Child after Noah had spinal fusion surgery to correct scoliosis in March.

blown away by that and I think it helped get us out of the hospital faster."

Noah is now recovering and working toward being allowed to play basketball again. The whole family is planning on running the 5K together in September.

"We thought doing the race would be a great way to show our support for the hospital and thank the hospital," Lisa Coffman said. "It's a family friendly event. There are tons of 5Ks but this

> one is really geared toward families. You can really support the resource we have in our area. I'm going to take advantage of anything I can do to support them."

> The race is on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 7 a.m.-noon, with events including a 5K run/walk, kids' dash, and on site vendors and activities. Race registration for the 5K is \$35 June 1-Aug. 31 and \$45

Sept. 1-10. Kids' dash registration is \$10 but participants are encouraged to fundraise beyond the registration fees.

— Lisa Coffman

Husich said that the race offers many incentive prizes for fundraising ranging from water bottles who for individuals who raise \$100, up to a night stay at a hotel and an additional gift for those who raise \$10,000.

For all the details on registration, fundraising and the event visit raceforeverychild.org. Participants are also encouraged to use the hashtag #RaceforEveryChild when posting on social media about the event.

News



Auctioneer Craig Dyson gets the bidding started in the live auction.



Bill and SOLA President Amy Furr, Eunice Murray, Diane Field and Mary

Symphonic Appeal at Garden Party

he Alexandria Symphony Orchestra hosted its annual garden party in Belle Haven at the home and garden of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Holden earlier this month. Frank and Betty Quirk, founders of The Concerto Foundation were honorary event chairs. Barbara Hayes and Cecily Winchell served as event co-chairs.

The Southern Rail Express Bluegrass Band provided musical entertainment while guests enjoyed food provided by Landini Brothers, red wine compliments of Tricia and Chip Calloway, white wine courtesy of The Warehouse Restaurant and flowers from The Virginia Florist. Craig Dyson served as the live auction auctioneer.



Stan Krejci and Jeanne Warner



Former councilmember Frank Fannon is congratulated for his winning bid on the Washington Capitals Skybox suite for 18 people during one of next season's games.

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Alison and Emerson Teer up their bid on the Luxury photo safari for two at Zulu Nyala Game Reserve in South Africa.



Chip Calloway and Stevie Gillespie



Former U.S.
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with Alexandria
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Barbara Hayes talks with Anne Rector, Cecily Winchell and Donnan Wintermute.

News



Your Dog's Best Friends

Burke and Herbert vice president and Chamber of Commerce chair-elect Walter Clarke (with microphone) gathered with supporters of Your Dog's Best Friends and owner Paul Haire in officially opening Haire's newest retail location at 2301 Mount Vernon Ave., in Del Ray. Among those attending the June 19 ribbon cutting ceremony were Mayor Bill Euille, Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Councilwoman Del Pepper, and Pat Miller and Gayle Reuter from the Del Ray Business Association. The new store is located across from St. Elmo's Coffee Pub in the space previously occupied by A Show of Hands. This is Haire's third retail operation in Northern Virginia and his second in Alexandria.





PEOPLE





Durant Cephers

Firefighter on Engine 204

BY SHIRLEY L RUHE Gazette Packet

he house tone went off. Durant Cephers quickly zipped off his shoes and pulled on his knee high steel-toed RBI retardant boots waiting by the fire truck. Then in a few seconds came his nomex hood, inner and outer layer protectant pants and jacket. He jumped into the right rear bucket seat. The firefighters were

PEOPLE AT WORK headed to a fire alarm on the third floor of new construction. It had taken about a minute from the time the alarm sounded until the fire truck pulled out into the street. Durant is

assigned to the East Battalion, Engine 204 on Prince Street in Old Town, Alexandria.

This had been one of six calls already that day including several medical emergencies, which account for about 70 percent of calls nationwide — a motorcyclist who lost control, a neighbor reporting a woman in distress.

It might have been a little lighter than usual due to an afternoon training session, necessary to keep up with the rapid pace of new equipment and technological developments. When Durant was a probie he had been assigned to a busy station with a lot of night calls that were sometimes spaced so that some nights he got no sleep at all. Although calls probably average about 10-11 per day at his current location, the most calls he remembers in a single day was last fall when they got 32 due to high winds, power outages, and flooding. He says, "You can sort of predict what kind of day it might be by the unusually cold or hot or snowy weather."

Generally it takes six months to be certified a firefighter but six-seven steps to move up to be a driver who is usually a medical specialist. Durant's specialty is pulling hand lines to the door, entry into buildings. And of course there is always a buddy check before a firefighter enters a building. But there

are new developments in the field all the time. Durant says you have to move fast to keep up. Things are state of the art, including lighter gear. For instance, one development in the 10 years since he started his career is the rollover stabilizer that equalizes power so a fire engine can't roll over when it is going fast.

Durant first thought about becoming a firefighter when he was young because his father was a contract firefighter assigned to Bosnia, Africa, and Afghanistan. As a child he thought it would be hanging out all day and rushing into buildings to save people. "As it turns out," he says, "it is really more complicated because you are ambassadors to the community, helping people, explaining to children what it is all about as well as keeping on top of your job."

He began his career 10 years ago working two summers out west fighting fires for the U.S. Forest Service. He spent four years in Iraq as a contract firefighter. He says, "The difference is that in Iraq you didn't have many resources, sort of like a rural fire department where it was just you with no hydrants and you just carried your water with you, but here in Alexandria you have a lot of back up for everything." He has been at East Battalion for almost

On a normal day Durant rises at about 6:30 a.m., eats breakfast and then waits. There is physical training and cleaning up the station, performing designated duties, and the firefighters eat lunch and dinner together. He works 24-hour shifts on alternate days and then is off for four days and the rotation

Durant says, "What I understood about this job Rianna Aylward was the tip of the iceberg but as I learn more and more it is exactly what I want." He is working on moving up the different technical disciplines. Durant says in addition to the complex technical knowledge the skills you need are resilience, ability to adapt to a changing environment, compassion and patience and physical training.

Music by the River

At the waterfront last month, Sam Jones, a local acoustic guitar player, played some eclectic rhythm and blues music for passersby. His favorite song is Sinatra's "Call Me Irresponsible."



VIEWPOINTS

In honor of the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, Alexandria residents and visitors answer the question: "Which teams and players will you be rooting for this summer?"

Kathleen Aldridge:

"My favorite team is the U.S., how could you not root for your home country? The only player I really know on the team is that Dempsey guy with the broken nose [Clint Dempsey], he seems like a very hard working and fair player."



Jairo Alonzo:

"There are so many good teams to choose from, but right now I like Uruguay, they won against Italy today. You could say I am like the weather, whoever is playing well I follow. I have a lot of appreciation for Luis Suarez and Cristiano Ronaldo, they play with heart. I don't like Messi though, he is too arrogant."



Mary Lou Ferguson

"My national allegiance lies with the U.S. and Japan, so I always root for them, but I also like Ghana, they have lots of energy and a great style. I don't know if I have a favorite player, but I like Müller a lot. Müller has good style and he is a scoring machine.'



Emily Divito

"I studied abroad in London last Spring, so I have been rooting for England this World Cup. I really like Wayne Rooney, I think his children are really cute. I would always see them in the tabloids in London."



"I have been cheering for Costa Rica because I was born there, and they are doing really well. I like Michael Umana, he is a defender for Costa Rica. I also play defense, so he has been a great inspiration."



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News



Jeanette Chislom from Alexandria tries the flavor Strawberry Shortcake with Cookie Chunks from Simplicity Ice Cream, which she said was delicious.

Food Trucks Festival in Alexandria

ong lines formed in front of each truck at the Food Truck Week Rodeo on June 6 in the parking lot of the Southern Towers Apartments in Alexandria.

There were lots to choose from including Borinquen Lunch Box, DC Slices, rainbow cupcakes among others from Curbside Cupcakes, various fish wraps from Doug the Food Dude, tacos from PhoWheels, lobster rolls from Red Hook Lobster Pound DC, as well as a variety of taste bud-enhancing flavors from Simplicity Ice Cream. And customers could shop while there: The Thread Truck packed a small showroom of women's apparel inside its truck as well as racks of sale items just outside.

The festival took place all day and featured a beer corral by Port City Brewing Company, face painting for the kids and even a watermelon-eating contest.

This festival was the first of its kind from the Food Truck Association and it kicked off a week-long celebration showcasing small businesses.

— Veronica Bruno



Colin Barron was all smiles with his cupcake from Curbside Cupcakes. He and his mother ordered more to take home and said **Curbside** makes the best cupcakes in Alexandria.



Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg chats with Peter Colarulli, an owner's representative from Snell Properties (for Southern Towers Apartments), while **Councilwoman Del** Pepper orders a cupcake from Curbside Cupcakes.

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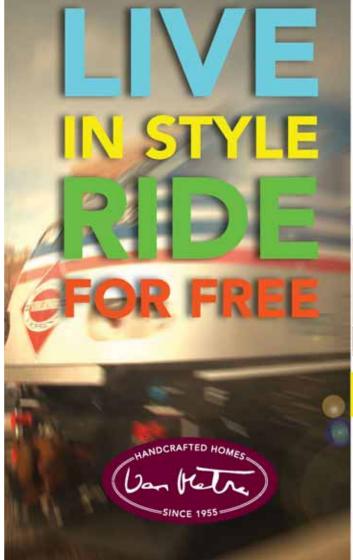








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Celebrate a Safe Fourth

Talking and planning are the best safety measures; SoberRide offers a safety net.

ndependence Day is a national celebration, and for many, that celebration includes alcohol. The summer overall and July 4 in particular are times of greater risk for drinking and driving.

Make a plan. Plan to celebrate with access to public transportation. Plan to have a designated driver. Plan to celebrate in a place safe and comfortable to spend the

night.

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In summer, 44 percent of all U.S. traffic

deaths are caused by alcohol-impaired drivers, according to statistics provided by WRAP. SoberRide is a way to help keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk holiday.

For parents of young adults who may be living at home and parents of those under 21, this is time to talk. Ask about plans, ask specifically about getting home. Remind those over 21 to take the WRAP phone number with them.

While you hope that young adults under 21 aren't drinking - because there are lots of dangers to binge drinking beyond drinking and

driving - you know that many of them will be drinking. Let your younger family members know that you would much rather pay for a cab or come get them yourself than run the risk of losing them.

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A Light on A Promise

To the Editor:

It has come to my attention that those who oppose stadium lights at T.C. Williams High School are being described as "racially motivated" by some proponents of the

lights. The implication is that lighting opponents are wary of people of various ancestries playing on the field after dark, something that would be possible with a lighted

Such talk does a tremendous disservice to the African-American families who are the immediate neighbors of the high school campus, residents who live on Woods Avenue, Woods Place and along Quaker Lane, often called "The Woods Community." This neighborhood, into which the school property is shoehorned, has suffered repeated indignities. Present residents are the offspring of the black community created after the Civil War on what is now Fort

Ward Park. A second settlement was on what is now Chinquapin Park and, indeed, the TC campus. Residents were ousted by eminent domain from their homes and some resettled in the Woods neighborhood.

When the original TC was built, Woods residents were promised no stadium lights and it had none. When it was rebuilt in 2004, the same promise was made by city and school officials. The promise was codified as Condition #85 of the "special use permit" that permitted the construction of the new school. That condition was modified last December to allow lights on a tennis court that is located away from neighbors but the ban on stadium lights was reaffirmed. Now the School Board, just six months later, is considering a change that would allow lights and disrupt the lives of this African-American community once again. It bespeaks a rampant insensitivity toward the residents.

The Seminary Hill Association, Inc., (SHA) of which I am past president and current treasurer, has respected this neighborhood as an integral part of our area. The association has supported the Woods Community wholeheartedly down through the years and sought to preserve and maintain its quality of life, cognizant of its

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OPINION

Pets Can Suffer in Summer Heat

By Jim Palumbo Animal Welfare League of Alexandria

og owners understandably want to spend as much time as possible with their pet. As summer arrives, it seems cruel to leave your dog at home when you go out. It can be very tempting to bring your dog along for your round of errands when he is staring at you with those big brown eyes. Unfortunately it can be very dangerous, and illegal, to leave your dog in the car while you shop.

Just like children, dogs left in a car can quickly

suffer from heat exhaustion, putting them at risk of injury or even death. The Department of Geosciences at San Francisco State University conducted a study of the effect of

sunny days on the inside temperature of

a car. A pleasant day of 70 degrees outside can result in a car with a scorching 104 degree temperature inside in just 30 minutes. If it is 90 degrees outside, a common temperature for July and August here in northern Virginia, your car's temperature can rise by 20 degrees in just 10 minutes. Even a quick trip into the drug store can result in unintended harm to your animal.

"In 2013, our Animal Control Officers investigated 115 calls for animals left in vehicles," said Megan Webb, executive director of the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. "We want to make sure people in our community understand that leaving your dog in the care in the heat, even for a quick trip to the store, can result in unintended harm to their animal."



Oreo, a 4-year-old female border collie who is available for adoption at the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, is enjoying the beautiful weather with access to shade and lots of water.

It is important to keep your pets inside as much as possible when it is hot. If it is too hot for you, it is too hot for your pet. When you are outside with your pet in hot weather, keep an eye out for signs of heat stroke which include extended heavy panting, weakness, and confusion. If your dog is acting unusual, it is a very likely he is struggling physically. To keep your pet safe, always ensure cold water is available for your animal and get him into shade if possible. Return to your home as soon as possible where they can relax, enjoy the air conditioning, and get their core temperature down.

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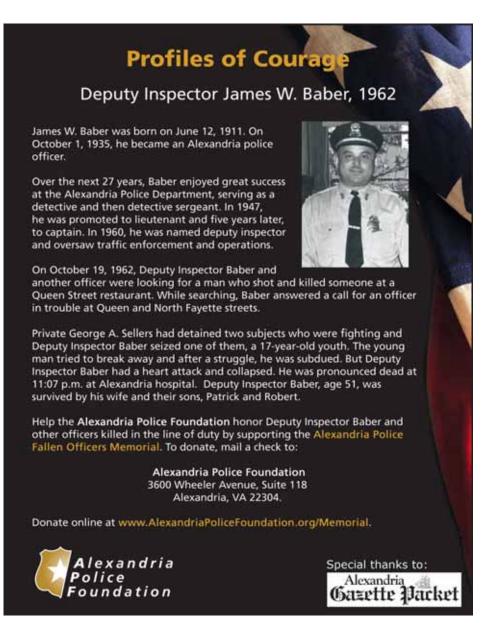
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history. With the residents, SHA has opposed the stadium lights vigorously and will continue to do so. Perhaps we are "racially motivated" because we oppose seeing the Woods residents being pushed around yet again, regardless of the declared highminded motives of those who are behind the pushing.

Jack Sullivan Alexandria

Council Solves Another Problem

To the Editor:

Bravo and congratulations to the Alexandria City Council for rapidly installing the King Street hill bike lanes. The time between a small group of activists pushing for the lanes, council approval, and the spreading of green paint with white markings was incredibly fast. Some people complain that government is unresponsive and gets nothing done. Nonsense. Our City Council is a national model for spending money we don't have on problems that don't exist. I've lived in the city for 36 years. I don't recall ever seeing many bike riders on the King Street hill. I haven't seen any since the bike lanes were installed. Granted, I'm encumbered by having to work to pay taxes, and therefore can't devote full-time to monitoring bike ridership, but based on the lack of weekend usage the bike lanes are worthless. I appreciate that this project only wasted what I estimate to be several thousand dollars. I figure the council is embarrassed by that small amount, but surely plans to make up for it with the lower King Street flood wall — cost "TBD," or the Metro stop at Potomac Yards, cost to be excessive. I hope the council members don't run their own finances like they run the city's — because if they do, a trip to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court on S. Washington Street is in their future.

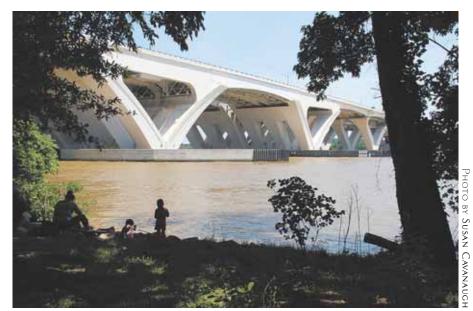
Edward M. Templeman

Sound, Light Show On Seminary Hill

To the Editor:

Once again the "fear of change" putdown is being wielded by a small group of contentious promoters who want stadium lights installed permanently at T.C. Williams' large athletic stadium. They propose that the sound and lights would be fully amplified and lit for a variety of year-round night activities, led by football. As this is a local election year, the timing is impeccable, and our mayor is gaining some press, while once again aggravating the people who vote ... throughout the city.

What is truly remarkable about the longstanding and current "lights off" pact



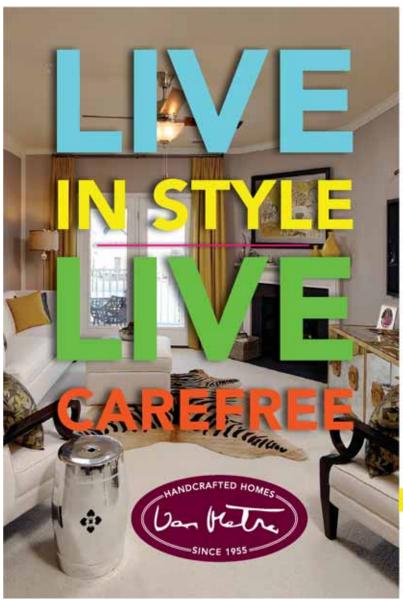
Snapshot

A family fishes in the Potomac at Jones Point with the Wilson Bridge in the background.

between the school and its neighbors is that it has worked for everyone. When special or noteworthy events that needed a lighted stadium came up — everyone got on board, and the thing was funded and cheered by all. It is a sign of resilience and good healthy relationships when people can come together over rare events. It demonstrates

openness to change and flexibility. The best multi party agreements withstand the test of time because they are built on trust, shared purpose, and enduring values. We'd like to believe those still exist, but the school board's certified letters to the community

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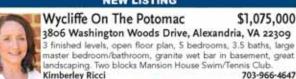




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Digging into History

Alexandria Archaeology Museum to host archaeology camp for teens next month.

By Kara Coleman Gazette Packet

adeline Francis wants to be an archaeologist when she grows up, just like her aunt Whitney. "I really like being outside, and I just have a lot of fun finding things and identifying what they are," said 13-year-old Francis. Francis lives in Knoxville, Tenn., but her aunt Whitney Nelson is a resident of Alexandria. When Nelson found out that the Alexandria Archaeology Museum hosts an archaeology camp for teens each summer, she knew it was something Francis would be interested in.

"She really wanted to go that summer, but she was too young," said Nelson, who previously worked as an archaeologist in Tennessee. "So she was so excited to go last summer. She would tell me all about it at the end of each day."

The camp is for students between the ages of 12 and 15 and allows campers to work at actual excavation sites, rather than staged mock sites. Typically, about 15 campers participate each summer, according to Ruth Reeder, Education Coordinator for the City of Alexandria. Reeder educates on behalf of the Office of Historic Alexandria and Alexandria Archaeology. Reeder said that on day one of the week-long camp, the teens are divided into small groups, and each group is assigned one unit to work on. Each unit is supervised by a mentor, and the entire site is directed by archaeologist Garrett Fesler.

"They take it down layer by layer and bag all the artifacts," said Reeder. "Every layer that they take down is photographed and entered in to the record. They wash, catalog and analyze what they find. They realize how the area they're working in relates to the bigger picture."

The museum has been holding the camp since 1994, and usually excavates at either Fort Ward Park on Braddock Road or Shooters Hill, behind the Masonic memorial.



Madeline Francis is hard at work at last year's archaeology camp, hosted by the Alexandria Archaeology Museum.

Reeder said that there have been some years when the camp did not happen, because the museum could not find an acceptable work site for the camp. This year, the camp will continue to work at Fort Ward.

"Being a real site, it has to be monitored carefully," Reeder said. "We have to pick a site where we have sort of an idea of what we're going to find." Reeder said that because the site is open to children, it has to be a site where archeologists are not expecting to find human remains or anything else that may be disturbing to children.

Nate Marcum said that his favorite thing that he unearthed at camp last summer was a handmade fishhook.

"It's something small, but just to have that connection with earlier people is cool,"



Campers work on excavating their site at **Fort Ward** during last year's camp.

Marcum said. He is 14 years old and, like Francis, wants to be an archaeologist some

According to Reeder, at least two past campers have become professional archaeologists.

"One of them was a young woman from Alexandria, so we watched her whole career," Reeder said. "We watched her go to school, college, graduate school, and get her first job. So at every stage, she would come down and let us know what was going on."

The week-long camp runs from July 21-25 this year and applications are still available. The cost is \$400 per student, and a nonrefundable deposit of \$100 is required to hold a slot. The camp begins at 9 each morning and ends at 3:30 each afternoon. Scholarships are available for students who wish to attend the camp, but this year's scholarship deadline has already passed.

Francis was a scholarship recipient last year, and she tried to soak up every moment that she could spend at the site.

"There was brutal record heat the week they did [camp] last year," Nelson said. 'One day Madeline was overheated and the camp called and asked me to come pick her up. She was devastated that she had to

Both Francis and Marcum said that something they enjoyed about the camp was the friendships they made during that week. Marcum, who is from southern Ohio, didn't know anyone that he would be working with at the camp. By the second day, he said, Marcum and his unit were all singing "American Pie" together while they worked.

On the last day of camp each session, the site is opened up for a "family day," when families of campers can visit the site and see what the campers worked on all week.

This will be the fourth year that Fesler has been the designated site director for the camp, and he said that the best part of the camp is the enthusiasm that the campers bring to the process.

"Sometimes with our jobs, we can forget that the reason we became archaeologists is that there's a real palpable excitement," he said. "But we forget that with day-today work. So just feeding off the excitement the kids bring is great."

For more information about the Alexandria Archaeology Museum or to register for the summer camp, call the museum at 703-746-

Calendar

Email announcements to gazette@ connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks be-

ONGOING

Art Exhibit. "Women Legends of Alexandria: 2007-2013" art exhibit will be on display at Prudential PenFed Realty, 300 N. Washington St., suite 100. The exhibit will showcase portraits from the Living Legends of Alexandria project with selected works from the Del Ray Artisans. Show runs through June 27. Hours are Mondays-Fridays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org

Art Exhibit. "Printed Painted Potted," Avis Fleming's show of etchings, lithographs, monotypes, paintings and ceramics features landscapes and birds, people and dogs. Through June 30 at Printmakers Inc., Studio #325 in Alexandria's Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Open daily 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Call 703-683-1342.

Beyond the Battlefield Exhibition. Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday 1-4 p.m. through June 30. Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. Part of the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. the House features a new exhibit on Civil War medical care with a

hospital room setup. \$3. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789 for more.

New Shuttle Service. Through July

13. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on a 30-minute loop. George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Shuttle between Estate and Distiller/Grist Mill site. Free. Visit www.mountvernon.org for

Photography Exhibit. Daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursdays 2-9 p.m. June 24-Aug. 3. Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center #312, 105 N. Union St. "Frozen Music," a photography exhibit featuring new works by Alan Sislen. Call 703-838 4565 for more.

"Water." Through Aug. 3., 10 a.m.-5

p.m. at Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Artists derive inspiration from water, the sea. lakes, rivers, taps. clouds, rain, snow, ice, the elemental 4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org

Historical Exhibit. Through August at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. "Sit Down and Take a Stand" commemorates the 1939 library sit-in of five African American men and its mastermind, Samuel Tucker. One of the earliest occasions of individuals using the sitin as an act of civil disobedience in the modern civil rights movement. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Blue Star Museums. More than 2,000 museums across America offer free admission to military personnel and their families this summer through Sept. 1. A complete list of museums is available at http://arts.gov/ national/blue-star-museums. The museums in Alexandria participating in the program are Gadsby's Tayern Museum, the Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden and Stabler Leadbeater Apothecary Museum.

Doggy Happy Hours. 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Thursdays during the summer. Free, drinks sold separately. Treats and water for dogs, with pet boutique and service vendors. Portions of proceeds benefit People. Animals. Love. Visit

www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

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www.Monaco-Alexandria.com/ alexandria-hotel/doggy-happyhour.html.

New Exhibit. Mount Vernon invites visitors to explore George Washington's design for the grounds of his estate, through a new exhibition, "Gardens & Groves: George Washington's Landscape" at Mount Vernon through Jan. 12, 2016. Gardens & Groves is the first museum exhibition to focus specifically on Washington's landmark achievements as a landscape designer combining rarelyseen original documents, artwork, and books with period garden tools, landscape photography, and a scale model of the Mount Vernon estate. Included in admission \$18/adult; \$17/senior citizen; \$9/child age 6-11; children under 5 are free. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

Alexandria Cars & Coffee invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

Songwriter's Showcase. Every
Tuesday at 8 p.m. at The Old Town
Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Features a
different Songwriter's Association of
Washington artist each week. Visit
www.theoldtowntheater.com for
tickets.

George Washington's Mount

Vernon has joined Thomas
Jefferson's Monticello and James
Madison's Montpelier to expand the
"Presidents Passport," Virginia's
premier presidential trail. As an
added bonus to this year's program,
visitors to the Alexandria Visitors
Center at 221 King St. showing or
purchasing a ticket to any of the
three presidential estates will, upon
request, receive for free Alexandria's
"Key to the City" pass, which grants
access into nine historic sites and
museums in Alexandria - a \$26
added value. Visit
www.PresPassport.Monticello.org for

Singing. 7:30-10 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Clifton. The Fairfax Jubil-Aires rehearse every Wednesday which includes training by an awardwinning director. Visit www.fairfaxjubilaires.org for more.

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum 4301 West Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Summer Aquatics Classes. For youth and adults, including swimming lessons, aqua aerobics, Lifeguard Training, Swim Team Fundamentals and 2013 Gold Division Champions Wahoos Youth Swim Team. Register online at www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation or in person at the Registration and Reservations Office, 1108 Jefferson St. Contact Claudia Spencer at 703-746-5414 or

claudia.spencer@alexandriava.gov. History Camp. The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, is now registering for a camp for children ages 5-7. The camp runs Tuesday, July 29-Thursday, July 31, 9 a.m.noon at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Clio's Kids Mini-Camp engages children in American history and life in historic Alexandria through artifacts, storytelling, singing, crafts, old-fashioned games and visits to nearby historic places. Cost is \$105, which includes snacks and souvenirs. Advance registration is required. Call 703-746-4994 or

visit www.alexandriahistory.org.

Youth Summer Classes. Beginning Monday, July 7, Metropolitan School of the Arts offers pre-professional summer dance, music theater and acting camps, as well as a wide variety of youth summer camps where students can explore and learn many facets of the performing and visual arts. Visit,

www.metropolitanarts.org.

Metro Club After-School Program.
Through June, the Metropolitan
School of Arts presents an afterschool program for grades 1-6. The
program is located at both the Lorton
studio at Workhouse Arts Center,
9517 Workhouse Way and in
Alexandria at 5775 Barclay Drive.
Programs will focus on the arts,
including music, dance, theatre, yoga
and academics, as well as designated
homework time. The program will
run Mondays, 1-6 p.m., and TuesdayFriday, 3-6 p.m. Tuition runs from
\$130-150. Call 703-339-0444 or visit
www.metropolitanarts.org.

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

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery
on 105 N. Union St. 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.

Theater Camp. Mount Vernon
Community Children's Theatre will
hold sessions starting June 30 to Aug.
22. There are two-week sessions with
morning, afternoon or all day
sessions, and one-week sessions that
go all day. Visit www.mvcct.org to
register.

Stop Motion Animation and Cartooning. Aug. 18-21. 10 a.m.-

noon and 1-3 p.m. for ages 8-12. Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. \$140 for cartooning and \$150 for stop-motion animation taught by Christine Stoddard. Visit www.artatthecenter.org/classessummer14.htm for more.

Grown-Ups Art Camp. Monday, June 30-Friday, July 11. Times vary by class. Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Workshops and events include playing with resin, paper marbling, creating a mosaic or paper masterpiece, and learning how to tango. Gallery is accessible. \$10-\$90. Visit

www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GUAC or contact Tracy Wilkerson at GUAC@TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Cool Yoga. Wednesdays, through Aug. 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 1900 Mt. Vernon Ave., Del Ray. Outdoor yoga classes. Free. Call Maureen Clyne at 703-967-8884 or visit www.prasadayoga.com for more.

Metropolitan School of the Arts
Classes. 5775 Barclay Drive, Suite
4. The Metropolitan School of the
Arts will begin classes on Monday,
Sept. 8. The studios offer beginner
and advanced instruction in a variety
of different dance forms, including
tap, jazz, ballet, Pointe, Irish dance,
contemporary, acting, combination
classes, hip-hop or theatre as well as
piano and guitar lessons. Registration
is available online at

www.metropolitanarts.org.

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THURSDAY/JUNE 26

The Ship's Company Chanteymen. 6-8 p.m. Carlyle House Historic Park, North Fairfax St. Part of the War of 1812 Concert Series. Free. Visit www.carlylehouse.org or call 703-549-2997.

Washington's Captivating Spirit.
6:30-8:30 p.m. The Virginia Florist in Hollin Hall Village, 7908 Fort Hunt Road. The opening of Renee Gage's show of photographs of the U.S. Capitol, Mount Vernon and other area landmarks. Free. Visit TheVirginiaFlorist.com.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 26-28

Chamber Dance Project. 7:30 p.m.
Thursday-Friday; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday. The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, 2700 F Street NW, Washington, D.C. Mount Vernon resident Diane Coburn Bruning, Arts Council of Fairfax County and Arts Commission of Virginia award-winning choreographer, and her Chamber Dance Project will be performing "Contemporary Ballet with an Edge." Tickets \$40-\$50. Visit kennedycenter.org or call 202-467-4600.

FRIDAY/JUNE 27

Live Music. 8 p.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Blues guitar player and singer Bob Margolin performs original music. \$14-\$20. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com for

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

Del Ray Music Festival. Noon-9 p.m. 2701 Commonwealth Ave. Includes, food, music, games and more. Free admission.

Visitwww.delraymusicfestival.com for

Alexandria Archaeology's Family
Dig Days. 1:30-3 p.m. Alexandria
Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union
St., #327. Help archaeologists screen
excavated soil from a real dig on the
grounds of the George Washington
Masonic National Memorial. Space is
limited and reservations are required.
All necessary equipment will be
provided. \$5 per person. Contact
archaeology@alexandriava.gov to
register, or call 703-746-4399.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

Photography Reception. 2-4 p.m. Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center #312, 105 N. Union St. The opening reception for "Frozen Music," a photography exhibit featuring new works by Alan Sislen. Call 703-838-4565 for more.

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Violinist and pianist perform Beethoven. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

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Anita King. 4 p.m. Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 North Alfred St. Anita King and her jazz quartet. \$15, parking is free. Call 703-549-1334 or email jazzatmeade@meadechurch.org.

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Art Reception. 4-6 p.m. at The
Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Mixed
media artist Francie Hester opens her
gallery featuring pieces that draw
from the ordering principles of
mathematics and science. Exhibition
continues through Aug. 3. Call 703548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for
more.

MONDAY/JUNE 30

History Lecture. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Learn how to distinguish between "the good, the bad and the ugly" of



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Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Andrew Ripp and Brendan James will open for Andy Grammer. \$20. Visit www.andrewripp.com, www.brendanjames.com, or www.Birchmere.com for more.

TUESDAY/JULY 1

Artist Talk. 6-8 p.m. Morrison House, 116 Alfred St. Annemarie Feld, a designer of wearable art, discusses her craft. Free. Call 703-838-8000.

THURSDAY/JULY 3

Live Music. 6-9 p.m. Mount Vernon Inn restaurant, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. The Kevin Kline Band performs covers of many familiar Billy Joel, Elton John and Bruce Hornsby tunes. Free. Visit

www.mountvernon.org/Inn for more. Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 7:30 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Kalorama trio performs. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Delbert McClinton performs. Rescheduled from April 25; tickets honored and refunds available at place of purchase. \$45. Visit www.delbert.com, www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

FRIDAY/JULY 4

Independence Day Event. 9:30 a.m.-

2:30 p.m. George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Event features fireworks, naturalization ceremony for 100 new citizens, military reenactments, wreathlaying ceremony, and birthday cake (while supplies last.) Events included in Mount Vernon ticket price. Tickets \$8-\$17. Visit mountvernon.org for more

Independence Day Worship. 12:05 p.m. at Christ Church, 118 N Washington St. George Washington's Bible will be on display Friday, July 4 and Sunday, July 6. Free. Visit www.historicchristchurch.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 5

Burlesque-a-pades Star Spangled Revue. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. The Pontani Sisters perform a patriotic burlesque and variety revue. \$29.50. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com for more.

SUNDAY/JULY 6

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series.

3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Rusticway Chamber Ensemble performs. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

MONDAY/JULY 7

Ballroom Dancing. 7-9 p.m.The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Learn the foxtrot, waltz, tango, swing, salsa, merengue, rumba, cha-cha and samba. Come with or without a partner. \$15. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

FARMERS MARKETS

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon, Wednesdays, May 7-Dec. 17. Fresh local food, artisan crafts. Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/ mtvernonmkt.htm for more.

Kingstowne Farmers Market. 4-7 p.m., Fridays, May 2-Oct. 31. Giant parking lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center. Products include fresh organic honey, pies and rolls. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm for more.

Old Town Farmers Market. 7 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Local farmers and artists have been selling products there since 1753. Located at Market Square, 301 King St. Call 703-746-3200 or email oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov.

Del Ray Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Features fresh vegetables and fruits in season, meats, eggs, fresh pasta and sauces, Amish cheese, yogurt, bakery goods and more. Located at the corner of East Oxford and Mount Vernon avenues. Contact pmiller1806@comcast.net for more.

Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m, Sundays through November. Brings fresh nutritious foods to people of all income levels. Located at the entrance to Four Mile Run Park at 4109 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.4mrmarket.org/ for more.

West End Farmers Market. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays from May-November. Fresh, locally grown, in-season vegetables as well as sweet juicy berries, apples, pears, and seasonal peaches. Vendors also sell freshsqueezed orange juice, fresh-baked pastries, gourmet cheeses and more. Located at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive. Visit www.westendfarmersmarket.org/#FarmersMarket for more.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 9

Live Music. 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount vernon Ave. Leela James performs. \$35.00. Visit www.leelajames.com/ or www.birchmere.com for more.

THURSDAY/JULY 10

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria Pokey Lafarge. \$20. Visit www.pokeylafarge.net or

www.Birchmere.com for more.

THURSDAY/JULY 10-MONDAY/AUG. 4

The Adventure. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, noon-6 p.m Opening reception, July 10, 6:30-8 p.m. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street, Studio 21. David Alfuth constructs intimate dreamlike worlds and architectural structures with his paper relief and 3D works. Free. Visit www.theaterleague.org, or call 703-683-1780.

SATURDAY/JULY 12

Alexandria Art Market. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Colasanto Park, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Local artists will perform. Browse artwork by local artists and more. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ ArtMarket for more

USA & Alexandria Birthday Celebration. 7:30-10 p.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St. Enjoy a concert by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, birthday cake, food and fireworks. The evening culminates in Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture." Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 12-13

Fort Ward Civil War Reenactment.

Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Reenactment weekend will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Fort Stevens, the only battle fought in the Defenses of Washington. Suggested donation \$2 adults, \$5 families. Call 703-746www.AlexandriaVA.gov/FortWard.

SUNDAY/JULY 13

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series.

3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Synergy, a group composed of a flutist, clarinetist, oboist and pianist perform. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

TUESDAY/JULY 15

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Entertainment

10 p.m. at Union Street Public House, 121 S. Union St. Enjoy a summer beer dinner featuring beers from local Forge Brew Works and a five-course menu. \$49 plus tax and gratuity. Visit https:// usph.webconnex.com/ ForgeBeerDinner for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Procol Harum performs live. \$55. Visit www.birchmere.com or www.procolharum.com.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 16

Live Music. 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tommy Keene (Solo) performs, opens for Matthew Sweet, Visit www.tommykeene.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

THURSDAY/JULY 17

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Jonah Tolchin & the Lonesome Angels open; Dave Alvin & Phil Alvin & The Guilty Ones perform. \$29.50. Visit www.jonahtolchin.com, www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

FRIDAY/JULY 18

Rock Concert. 7 p.m. Alley Cat Restaurant, 2 South Whiting St. Rock

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time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Pho-

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Thursday at noon, at least two weeks be-

band Messenger performs with special guest One Shot Finch. Benefits United Community Ministries Agency. \$10 suggested

donation. Visit www.ucmagency.org **Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Owen Danoff to open for Edwin McCain. \$29.50. Visit www.owendanoff.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

SUNDAY/JULY 20

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series.

3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Wind Ensemble performs. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

Concert and CD Release. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Grace Griffith, Marcy Marxer, Al Petteway and more for a Grace Griffith tribute concert. \$25. Visit www.seamaid.org/grace/ index.html, www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

MONDAY/JULY 21

Ballroom Dancing. 7-9 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Learn the foxtrot, waltz, tango, swing, salsa, merengue, rumba, cha-cha and samba. Come with or without a

partner. \$15. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

THURSDAY/JULY 24

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Time for Three performs. \$29.50. Visit www.tf3.com, www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-

FRIDAY/JULY 25

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Sonny Landreth with special guest Jimmy Thackery. \$29.50. Visit www.sonnvlandreth.com. www.jimmythackery.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

SUNDAY/JULY 27

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series.

3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Pianists Sylvia Hong and Michael Rector perform Chopin piano concertos. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-

799-8229 for more. **Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. HAPA performs. \$29.50. Visit www.hapa.com, www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

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THURSDAY/JUNE 26 Application Deadline. The

Alexandria Marketing Fund grant program provides seed money in the form of matching funds for new marketing programs. Applications for funds are currently being accepted. For the form, visit alexandriava.gov/ MarketingFund. Contact Andrea Blackford at 703-746-3959 or andrea.blackford@alexandriava.gov.

Economic Development

Partnership. 8 a.m. AEDP Offices, 625 N. Washington St. Contact Stephanie Landrum, 703-739-3820

Bone Marrow Donor Drive. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at Inova Fairfax Hospital, Inova Fairfax Medical Campus, Heart and Vascular Institute Atrium, 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Register to be a potential donor for someone in need — a simple cheek swab can help save a life. Young people of diverse racial and ethnic heritage are needed to help patients searching for a match. Doctors request donors in the 18-44 age group more than 90 percent of the time. For more information and bone marrow transplant stories, visit www.inova.org/bonemarrow or contact Donna Eichna at donna.eichna@inova.org or 703-970-3180.

Children, Youth & Family Cc -Executive Committee. 6:30 p.m. Campagna Center Contact Ron

Frazier, ron.frazier@ alexandriava.gov, 703-746-5967.

Braddock Road Metro Station **Community Planning Meeting.** 7 p.m. Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. The City has initiated a community planning process to define parameters that will direct the redevelopment of the Braddock Road Metro Station.

alexandriava.gov.

FRIDAY/JUNE 27

Blood Drive. 12:30-6 p.m. at Alexandria Chapter Ĥouse, 123 N. Alfred St. and 1:30-6 p.m. at EOS-21, 140 S. Van Dorn St. Visit www.redcrossblod.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS for more or to make an appointment.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

Docent Training. 9 a.m.-noon at the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum is seeking individuals 14 and older to train as docents. Three hour class June 28 will fulfill half of the training requirements. Final requirements may be completed on a flexible schedule. Volunteer docents are needed on weekends and weekdays, and are asked to give a minimum of four hours per month. Those who cannot attend the June 28 training are still encouraged to apply. Docent applications may be completed online at www.alexandriava.gov/apothecary, or by emailing Michele.longo@alexandriava.gov.

Dedication Ceremony. 1 p.m. at Braddock Park, 1005 Mt. Vernon Ave. The public is invited to a dedication ceremony for the Lenny Harris Memorial Fields at Braddock Park. Harris founded Operation Hope to give youth and teens opportunities and support political activities and programs for community development. Contact Jack Browand, division chief, at 703-746-5504 or jack.browand@alexandriava.gov.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

Home Energy Workshop. 11:15

a.m.-12:15 p.m. at Christ Church, 118 N. Washington St. Christ Church in Alexandria is hosting a home energy workshop conducted by the Local Energy Alliance Program and Interfaith Power and Light, Attendees will learn ways to conserve energy at home, preserve the ecosystem and

reduce carbon output. The workshop is free and open to the public. Call 703-751-5835

MONDAY/JUNE 30

Alexandria Housing Development Corp. (AHDC). 6 p.m. Alexandria Housing Development Corp., 801 N. Pitt St. Contact Mildrilyn Davis, 703-

ARHA Board of Commissioners. 7p.m. Ladrey Highrise, 300 Wythe St. Contact Roy Priest, 703-549-7115.

Committee Meeting. 7 p.m. The Cameron Station Clubhouse, 200 Cameron Station Blvd. The Steering Committee's fourth meeting. Free. Visit www.alexandria.gov/ eisenhowerwest.

TUESDAY/JULY 1

Food Truck Pilot Program Start.

Will run through Oct. 31, 2015. Food trucks will be introduced into the City of Alexandria on a limited basis to provide the city with data to evaluate a successful food truck program. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/FoodTrucks to learn more.

FRIDAY/JULY 4

Independence Day Cab Rides. 10

p.m.-4 a.m. Rides offered throughout Northern Virginia to curb drunk driving, as drunk drivers cause nearly half of all U.S. traffic deaths on July 4th. Free up to \$30 fare. Visit www.soberride.com. Call 1-800-200-TAXI for pickup.

MONDAY/JULY 21

Foster Parent Orientation. 6-7:30

p.m. Beatley Library (small conference room), 5005 Duke St. The City of Alexandria will hold a free, no obligation information session for prospective foster parents. An agency representative will be on hand to answer any questions and explain the requirements to foster and/or adopt. For questions or to RSVP, call 703-746-5858 or email Christine.Levine@alexandriava.gov.

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OPINION

World's Still a Mess

BY HARRY M. COVERT

he idea that every nation and peoples of the world should be like the United States has gotten out of hand a bit. It is unnerving the nation's able diplomats and military men and women should try to enforce such nation building. This is somewhat foolhardy.

There is a dissimilarity to expect those around the globe to be like us. This may well not be popular but it is indeed a fact. Some can say this is blasphemous whether we like it or not.

Of course, it could be a good thing if the rest of Virginia, the Old Dominion, would be more like the City of Alexandria. That's not going to happen.

It is surely a shame that those in the Third World — specifically the Middle East, Africa, the Caribbean and some Asian countries have a hard time adjusting to an American way of life.

Seems like duly elected executive and congressional branches for years think it's the American duty to police the world when the fighting people are determined to destroy a society of growth in all things — education, business and lifestyle — without equal.

It is no pleasure to see hungry and sick people around the world. It is no joy that ignorance seems to be bliss. Of late the U.S. has come up with another multi-million dollar scheme to stop the flow of undocumented — illegals, i.e. children, and others, from flocking to the southernmost parts of the nation. From babies to teenagers, El Salvadorans, Guatemalans, Hondurans and others are flooding across the borders. Life in their respective countries is extremely difficult and heartbreak-

Unkind? That's not the intention here. It is time, however, for the government and taxpayers to understand fully the mass weaknesses, failures and human bondage so prevalent in under-developed countries. No American anywhere in the 50 states and territories should ever go hungry and without medical care. The nice thing is also no one around the world should either. Let's not ignore facts that the ills around the American society.

Frankly, in the Middle East, years and centuries have set the pattern for continued hunger, fighting and hatefulness. There is no end in sight. No matter the gin now.



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leaders in the good old US of A now and the future, the situations of death and destruction will continue. All the conferences between the parties will

make no difference. Rather negative thoughts here but the truth must be told.

Facetiously speaking the only way to help Haiti, the poorest nation in the world, is for the U.S. to take it over as a territory. Imagine the resulting vitriol from this. The first time this writer visited this devastated island came in 1981. Recent visits have shown the place worse than ever and that is before the earthquake. No matter what is reported, the situation continues to deteriorate. Thanks to hundreds of U.S. churches and humanitarian organizations their help provide only a "finger in the

Let's take a look at the continuing troubles in Somalia, Nigeria, Niger, and others in the Dark Continent. Somalia truly is hopeless, under the fear and death of war lords. Nigeria still hasn't found the school girls kidnapped by the terrorists, Boko Haram. The latter has taken a backseat to the news of late with the growing and growing terrorism in Iraq. Further we can take a look at The Sudan, north and south, Congo, which includes the former Zaire. These spots are not conducive to good living or government respected and called for in every State of the Union, the U.S. that is.

There is no nice way to say it but the tragedies continue in these parts of the globe. I didn't forget. Dangers are worse than ever in Iraq, Iran, Egypt, Libya and the list goes on. Isn't it time to reconsider if and when the U.S. continues to be the world's policeman and expects to nation build?

I'm not convinced after years involved in international relief projects that American dollars, from government, taxpayers and religious humanitarian groups will ever make anything better in the

The saying goes to give these societies a hand up instead of handout. Certainly sounds good as world are not the fault of the does another, "to whom much is given much is required." Much has been given and the time is now to take a new look at all the dogooding; expect the foreign recipients to be responsible and to be-

Year in Review for SSA

By Mary Lee Anderson EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

enior Services of Alexandria gathered with its board, staff, and community supporters to celebrate accomplishments over the past year on behalf of Alexandria's senior community. The Fountains at Washington House graciously sponsored the event. SSA's Board Chair Gregg

Murphy opened the luncheon meeting thanking everyone and highlighting SSA's accomplishments:

❖ Delivered meals seven days a week to homebound Meals on Wheels City clients and SSA direct clients. Through the Senior Nutrition Program, SSA increased its delivery of Meals on Wheels to seniors

Continued to support matches between community volunteers and isolated seniors through its Friendly Visitor Program.

Expanded its information and education activities with a robust monthly speaker series, launching a 30-minute cable TV program, Senior Living in Alexandria, and increasing its Senior Information Corners in public libraries, recreation centers, senior living communities, and House of Worship.

Continued to serve as the city's call center for DOT Paratransit program for the disabled.

This past Spring SSA played a significant advocacy role on behalf of seniors during the city budget debate. With full support of the board of directors, SSA spoke on behalf of our vulnerable senior population and the result was the full restoration of two programs of great significance to seniors — Senior Taxi and a real estate tax relief program.

Special guest speaker John Porter, president and CEO for ACT for Alexandria, spoke about the importance of local nonprofits working together to make a better Alexandria. SSA is proud of its col-



John Porter, CEO and president, ACT for Alexandria, speaks at SSA's annual meeting on non-profits working together.

laboration during the past year. We are collaborating with the Alexandria Library on a Library Materials Outreach as well as with the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria on AniMeals on Wheels. Together we are proving that Alexandria is a great place to be a senior.

Please learn more about our activities, upcoming events and educational programming on our website at seniorservicesalex.org, and on our YouTube channel, Senior Living in Alexandria.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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telling them of this new intent shows a preference for harass-

It is ironic that "fear of change" is the charge leveled at the engaged and honest community that surrounds the school. It is wellrecognized and generally agreed that T.C. Williams has failed to improve the educational performance of all students as they face a changing world. Having been awarded significant amounts of money to "upgrade," it failed to install good math and science labs, ignored the global advantage of speaking more than one language, and instead did a major build out of athletic facilities and parking garages. As a result, we live with a revolving door of supervisors, teachers, and residents who move reach school age.

It is highly doubtful that any college application requires filling a special box for the number of hours spent playing or cheering for sports in lighted stadiums. Access to lighted arenas is not now, nor has it ever been a good measure of success in life, unless one is blessed with the natural ability to be among the tiny minority of athletes at the top of their field. The vast majority of students must contend with competition from those excelling in math, science, languages, computer skills, and the capacity to empathize with others.

Finally, making the connection between the change in race relations, that was not only long overdue but also required great personal courage, and the "change" of adding lights to a sports stadium

out of town when their children is contemptible. What the football team at T.C. Williams high school did was extraordinarily fine, indeed. They led the school, city, their families and many others in the kind of change the high school now needs to find within itself again — the school needs to shine the lights on how students, individually and helping one another, can find a better way to win on the playing field of life.

> **Kathryn Papp** Alexandria

Sickening **Obstacles**

To the Editor:

Gov. Terry McAuliffe did the

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Capitol Hill Advocacy Day with ARHA youth leadership.



ARHA Youth Arts Festival crowd at Lenny Harris Field

ARHA To Celebrate Its 75-Year History

his year the Alexandria Redevelop ment and Housing Authority (ARHA) celebrates 75 years of service in the community. From its inception in 1939, the organization has provided affordable and low income housing and services, to thousands of families and spearheaded millions of dollars in redevelopment projects in the City of Alexandria.

ARHA will celebrate its anniversary with resident success stories, share history of the independent agency and highlight past and current projects throughout the year as illustrated in the accompanying photos. ARHA invests not only in affordable housing but equally into the people who reside in the housing with its social services department.

Alexandria Redevelopment & Housing Authority was established on June 27, 1939 by City Ordinance and mayoral appointment of a five-member board of commissioners in accordance with Virginia enabling legislation. The first low-rent housing units were occupied in 1941. For the last 75-

years, ARHA have provided adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunities and a suitable living environment, free from discrimination, for the citizens of Alexandria.

ARHA's mission is to be an industry leader in the development and management of model mixed income communities that provide the opportunity for residents to achieve self-sufficiency and to participate in economic opportunities that are made possible through this model.

Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority is a public agency that preserves affordable housing opportunities for Alexandria's low-income residents by providing safe and sanitary living conditions. The agency also provides educational and career advancement opportunities to residents through various social and resident service programs.

For more information about how ARHA will celebrate its 75th Anniversary contact McKenya Dilworth, communication consultant at 703-549-7115 ext. 420.



ARHA receives award for James Bland Development.

Seniors' Prom Night



Members of the Class of 2014 - Nick Colbert, Russell Keaton, Barbara May, Tarrell Jackson and Armani Lipscomp — I wish you all the best of a future filled with hope, dreams and goals of a new beginning.

— Geri Baldwin

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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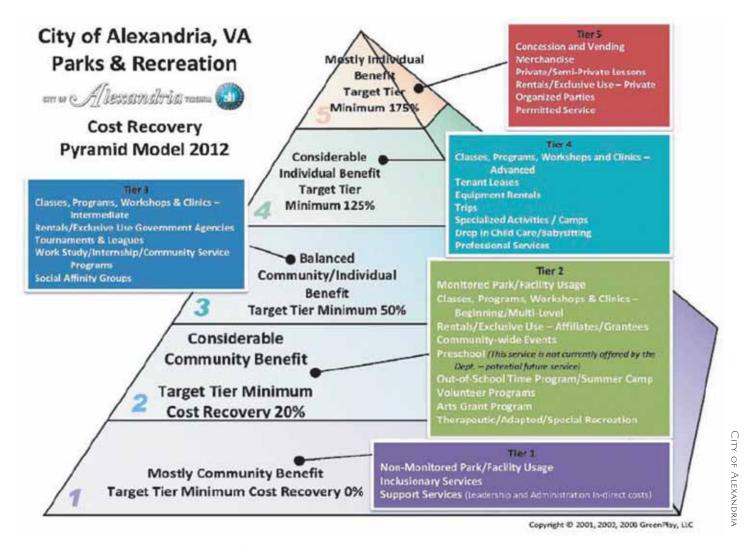
right thing with his line-item veto of the obstacles in the budget that legislators put in his way regarding Medicaid expansion. The idea that these legislators, who are probably quite well-insured, deny Medicaid coverage to low-income working people is — well, it is sickening. There must be better ways to get the funds required in future years. By their inexcusable delaying tactics, they have already wasted about a year of 100 percent federal funding for the expansion. As I trust your readers know, subsidies to pay for health insurance are not available to these very low income workers. What is left to them and their families is the very expensive emergency room care for which we all pay, in our own health insurance premiums. I am grateful to have Senator Ebbin and Delegate Krupicka representing me. Too bad their political sentiments don't spread through the rest of Virginia.

Cedar Dvorin Alexandria

Write

The Gazette Packet welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors. Email gazette@connectionnewspapers.com

News



City To Launch New Cost-Recovery Program

practice in many cities throughout the country. In a letter City Manager Rashad Young sent to City Council members last year, he pointed out that the national benchmark for cost recovery for parks and recreation departments is 34 percent. In Alexandria, by contrast, he pointed out the cost recovery is 12 percent. "Those programs and services with the highest community benefit will receive the highest subsidy," said the city manager, "while those programs and services with an individual benefit will receive little or no subsidy and will pay a user fee."

PLANNING FOR the city's new cost-recovery program began back in 2011, when a needs assessment was conducted for parks and recreation centers in Alexandria. The next year city officials conducted a focus

The idea was to lay the groundwork for determining which services city officials could start charging for instead of offering for free. Back in May, members of the City Council approved incorporating the costrecovery model into the budget. That means the new fee structure will begin on July 1.

"All of our various programs and services

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have been sorted by the public and placed at a level on the pyramid," said Chesley. "So if a service was put on level three, which is in the middle, the tax subsidy there would be 50 percent to the individual and 50 percent to the taxpayer."

- Non-Monitored Park and Facility Usage
- Inclusionary Services
- Support Services

Tier 2

- ❖ Monitored Park and Facility Usage
- Classes and Programs, Beginning
- Community-wide Events
- ❖ Preschool
- ❖ Out-of-School-Time Program
- Summer Camps
- ❖ Volunteer Program
- ❖ Arts Grant Program
- * Therapeutic, Adaptive and Special Recreation

- Classes and Programs, Intermediate
- * Tournaments and Leagues, Adult
- * Rentals and Exclusive Use, Government * Tournaments and Leagues, Youth
- Work Study, Internship and Community Service Program
- ❖ Social Affinity Groups

Tier 4 and 5

- Concession and Vending
- Merchandise
- Private and Semi-Private Lessons
- * Rentals and Exclusive Use, Private
- Organized Parties
- Permitted Services
- Classes, Programs, Workshops, and Clinics,
- Tenant Leases
- ❖ Equipment Rentals
- Specialized Activities and Camps
- ❖ Drop-in Childcare and Babysitting
- Professional Services

Severance

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three high-profile murders and that Severance is the "prime focus."

"We do not normally talk about people we are looking at in an investigation," said Police Chief Earl Cook. "It was only the unique circumstances around him that we are discussing him."

Alexandria police have yet to charge Severance with anything, although the Loudoun gun charges are playing out against the backdrop of the ongoing Alexandria investigation. Over and over again, defense attorney Ed Ungvarsky raised the Alexandria investigation during a preliminary hearing in Loudoun on the gun charges, a case he says is an "extraordinary stretch." Ungvarsky says the gun charges are a sham and pretext to hold him in Loudoun as the Alexandria investigation continues. "This is a suspect in an Alexandria case," said Loudoun Commonwealth's Attorney Jim Plowman. "And we are not here for that today."

Alexandria police say Severance is not a suspect, and they even shy away from calling him a "person of interest." After repeated requests to clarify the role Severance is playing in their investigation, police officials summoned reporters to police headquarters last week for a series of oneon-one interviews with the chief. Cook said an arrest in the murder cases is "not imminent," although his detectives have narrowed the investigation and that Severance is now the "prime focus."

"We started with Mr. Severance with a tip," said Cook. "Before we had the opportunity to attempt to talk to him he was leaving town."

Prosecutors in Loudoun say Severance broke the law when he showed Robra how to load her revolver, an act she says involved him holding the weapon. Because he is legally forbidden from being in possession of a firearm as a result of the 2005 conviction, they say that was an act that was in clear violation of the law. If convicted of the firearms violation, Severance would face a minimum of two years in prison. But his defense attorney says prosecutors have a weak case, and he spent three hours questioning every piece of evidence they entered into evidence. "They want to charge him with the gun they don't have," said Ungvarsky. "This case is woefully weak."

General District Court Judge Deborah Welsh disagreed, certifying the case to the Circuit Court and setting a trial date next month. If last week's preliminary hearing is any indication, Ungvarsky will offer a fullthroated defense of his client, challenging everything from the courtroom identification of his client to rules of evidence related to papers seized in a March search of Robra's home in Ashburn. Authorities in Alexandria have placed the affidavit leading to that search under seal, denying the public an opportunity to know details about why Alexandria detectives were interested in searching the house.

'There's some things unique to him as we've gotten into the background and the things associated with our investigation," said Cook.

When asked what that might be, Cook declined to answer.

"We can't discuss specifically," he said.

The Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association celebrates the

launch of its blog at the Waterfront Market on June 17. Joining in

the celebration are members of the Old Town Business and Profes-

Parker. In the front are Meshelle Armstrong, Janet Barnett, Patricia

sional Association. From left, in back, are Bill Butcher and Fred

On the Waterfront

Washington and Carol Supplee.

SPORTS

2013-14 Sports Season Yields Memorable Moments

A look back.

By Jon Roetman Gazette Packet

he 2013-14 high school sports season was full of memorable moments and accomplishments. The following is a look back at some of the highlights from Alexandria and Mount Vernon.

SPRING SPORTS

The T.C. Williams boys' soccer team entered the 2014 season with hopes of getting past the region quarterfinals. The Titans took care of that — and then some.

TC won the first state championship in program history, beating Washington-Lee 2-0 in the 6A state final. Eryk Williamson scored what proved to be the game-winning goal, putting the finishing touch on a brilliant postseason performance for the junior forward, including a four-goal effort during the Titans' 5-2 win over W-L in the 6A North region final.

"It feels amazing," Williamson said. "It's not every day you can be a state champion. It's a really great feeling. We worked really hard and I think all the hard work finally paid off."

The West Potomac boys' soccer team reached the region semifinals, falling one win shy of a berth in the state tournament. The Wolverines defeated Osbourn Park in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament, upset Oakton 2-1 in the region quarterfinals and were tied 2-all against Washington-Lee in the semifinals. W-L would go on to win, however, 4-2. West Potomac finished the season with an 8-5-2 record.

"We didn't do well [against South County] in the conference semifinals at all, and they picked it up and just started playing," West Potomac head coach Andrew Peck said. "... We played three of the best teams in Northern Virginia [during the region tournament] and knocked two of the three out. We gave [W-L] a run for their money, it just came to the very end and they put the ball in the back of the net and we couldn't. We had some chances, but they pulled it out, made it happen."

In lacrosse, the Bishop Ireton girls' team

Eryk
Williamson
(10) and the
T.C. Williams
boys' soccer
team defeated Washington-Lee 20 in the 2014
6A state
championship match.



captured WCAC and VISAA championships. The Cardinals defeated Good Counsel in the WCAC final 17-7, avenging last season's conference championship loss to the Falcons. In the state championship game, Ireton knocked off national power St. Stephen's & St. Agnes 9-7.

Ireton finished the season with a 20-4 record. Charlotte Sofield, Kaitlin Luzik, Kelly Mathews and Natalie Irwin were named first-team all-state. Charlotte Sofield was named WCAC Player of the Year, and Rick Sofield was named co-Coach of the Year. Mathews, Irwin and goalkeeper Olivia Cole earned first-team honors.

"This selfless group of girls played as a team and won as a team," head coach Rick Sofield wrote in an email. "We weren't successful because of one or two or even three or four girls. We were successful because 30 players bought into the same goal and sacrificed to achieve it. It wasn't an accident."

The St. Stephen's & St. Agnes boys' lacrosse team won the VISAA state championship, beating St. Christopher's 10-8 in the state final.

In track and field, the T.C. Williams boys' team won the 6A state championship. TC's Noah Lyles won individual state titles in the 100 and 200 meters with times of 10.52 and 21.2, respectively. He was also fifth in the high jump with a clearance of 6 feet, 6 inches.

Kaitlin Luzik
(13) and the
Bishop Ireton
girls' lacrosse
team won
WCAC and
VISAA championships in
2014.

Gazette Packet File Photo Josephus Lyles won the 400-meter dash state championship with a time of 47.27, and finished runner-up in the 200 (21.26). The Titans' 4x400 relay team of Josephus Lyles, Philip Tyler, Mahlique Booth and Noah Lyles also won a state championship (3:17.64).

TC's Reginald Thorne placed third in the discus (152-11) and sixth in the shot put (51-8)

Mount Vernon's Alliyah Stevens placed third in the state for Group 5A in the girls' 100-meter hurdles (14.94). The Mount Vernon girls' 4x400 relay team of Kaleigh Winner, Zariyah Spence, Kimberly Mertens and Jasmine Hill placed third (3:57.21).

In baseball, West Potomac finished runner-up in Conference 7 and reached the region quarterfinals, where the Wolverines lost in extra innings to Madison. West Potomac finished the season with a 15-9 record.

In softball, West Potomac defeated Osbourn Park and Fairfax to reach the region semifinals, where the Wolverines lost to eventual state champion South County. West Potomac finished the season with an 18-7 record. The Wolverines were third in the regular-season conference standings, finishing behind Lake Braddock and South County, the two state tournament participants from the 6A North region.

Mount Vernon softball produced a 19-5 record and finished runner-up in 5A North's Conference 13, falling to Marshall in the championship game. The Majors lost to Tuscarora in the opening round of regionals.

WINTER SPORTS

The T.C. Williams gymnastics program fielded its first complete team since the early 1980s and ended up winning the Conference 7 championship. Competing with the minimum four gymnasts needed for a team score, Holland Cathey, Grace Girard, Jordan Mambert and Cailyn Lager blew away the competition, finishing more than 10 points ahead of second-place Woodson at the conference meet. Cathey won the allaround competition, and later captured the 6A North regional vault title.

"I just remember being a freshman and having to compete with other teams," Girard said. "Now I have my own girls to compete with and it's a great feeling."

The Mount Vernon girls' basketball team had graduated multiple college-caliber players, and never did find a way to beat Edison, but that didn't stop the Majors from having one of the program's best seasons in recent history.

Mount Vernon reached the 5A state tournament, losing to eventual champion Princess Anne in the semifinals, 65-57. Despite losing several talented players from their 2012-13 team, the Majors continued to improve during the 2013-14 season, finishing with a 22-7 record. Mount Vernon finished runner-up to Edison in Conference 13 and the 5A North region. The Majors lost all four meeting with the Eagles during the season

The T.C. Williams girls' basketball team finished runner-up in Conference 7 and lost to eventual region champion Stonewall Jackson in the quarterfinals, 51-47.

In wrestling, Mount Vernon's Bill Adusei-Poku finished 5A state runner-up in the 132-pound division.

The T.C. Williams boys' indoor track team placed fifth in the state. Noah Lyles won the 300-meter state championship (34.2), and the boys' 4x400 relay team (Aaron McKinney, Josephus Lyles, Mahlique Booth, Noah Lyles) took home a state title (3:23.62).

FALL SPORTS

The T.C. Williams football program, known nationally for the 2000 Disney movie "Remember the Titans," qualified for the playoffs for the first time since 1990. The Titans finished the regular season with a 7-3 record and received the No. 9 seed in the 6A North region playoffs.

"It's special," then-senior defensive tackle Jeremiah Clarke said. "It feels great. You feel excited that you accomplished a goal, that you got into the playoffs, a goal we set from day one."

T.C. Williams lost to South County in the opening round of the regional playoffs, 51-27

The West Potomac football team lost its first two games, but battled back to have a chance at making the playoffs. The Wolverines lost their regular-season finale to T.C. Williams, however, and finished on the outside of the postseason with a 4-6 record.

The Mount Vernon football team qualified for the 5A North regional playoffs despite a 3-7 record. The Majors lost to Tuscarora 35-27 in the opening round.

The St. Stephen's & St. Agnes boys' soccer team won IAC and VISAA state championships, and finished the 2013 season with a 19-2-2 record.

In field hockey, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes won the ISL championship and finished with an 18-4-1 record.

In cross country, West Potomac's Katie Genuario received all-state honors for finishing 11th (18:24) at the 6A state meet.





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SPORTS



Thirty-five members of the St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School Class of 2014 — 29 percent of the class — will be continuing on with their sports at college or university this fall. They will be playing at NCAA Division I, II and III schools, representing 13 sports — baseball, basketball, football, golf, ice hockey, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse, men's soccer, women's soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, and track.

SSSAS Athletes College Bound

Andrew Altizer, lacrosse, Amherst

Nathaniel Archer, lacrosse, Cornell

Andrew Arnold, soccer, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

John Aversa, lacrosse, University of Pennsylvania

Allison Buch, ice hockey and softball, Utica College Nicholas Cargas, lacrosse and soccer,

Denison University Kathryn Cavallo, lacrosse, Columbia

University Samuel Cloud, lacrosse, Washington

College Sophie Davidson, lacrosse,

Dartmouth College Avery Donahoe , lacrosse, Boston

Virginia Fergusson, soccer, Kenyon

Alejandro Flores, soccer, Babson Col-

lege Liza Freed, golf, Washington & Lee

Ben Frerichs, baseball, Carleton Col-

Sam Gallahan, football, Towson Uni-

Sarah Goode, lacrosse, Columbia Uni-

Graham Guidry, soccer, College of William & Mary

Cameron Gregory, basketball, Loyola University (Md.)

Natalie Hellmann, swimming, Rollins College Hunter, Jordan basketball,

Shenandoah University Gussie Johns, lacrosse, University of

Southern California Nate Jones, lacrosse, U.S. Military

Joseph Kenna, lacrosse, University of

Graham Lian, lacrosse, Colby College Alison Lindsay, track, Washington University in St. Louis

Andrew Long, tennis, College of

Percy Martin, basketball, Old Domin-

ion University Olivia Mikkelsen, lacrosse, University of Notre Dame

Gavin Peppers, basketball, Southeast Missouri State University Darby Philbrick, lacrosse and soccer,

Hamilton College Ian Shackley, swimming, Queens

University (N.C.) Dominic Steward, basketball,

Shenandoah University CJ Tyeryar, football, Gettysburg Col-

Jones Veith, lacrosse, Washington & Lee University

Jordan Waite, football, Towson Uni-

Undefeated

The Alexandria **Lacrosse Club** Girls 5th/6th grade UB1 team won the **G56UB North**ern Virginia **Youth Lacrosse** League Championship, finished first in the G56UB standings, and became the first ALC girls' team to complete an undefeated season including the



finishing tied for first place in the regular season, the girls lost the coin toss and were seeded second going into the playoffs. On June 1, they defeated a seventhseeded Fort Hunt team 12-10 to reach the semifinals. The following Saturday, they battled Vienna's G56UB2 team, which came from behind to tie the game in the last minute, resulting in sudden death overtime. Thanks to a save by goalie Lexi Rakis, and the winning shot by Erica Harwood, the girls won and returned on Sunday, June 8, to face the undefeated Vienna G56UB1 team. The girls maintained a lead from early in the first half through the end of regulation, and defeated the second Vienna team 12-10. The team was coached by Katie DaRin, John Siegel and Roland Zone 3: • Alexandria Mount Vernon

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Dr. Robert Adeson

passed away on May 31, 2014 at the Cohen-Rosen House in Rockville, MD. Dr. Adeson was born in Pittsfield Massachusetts in 1931. He attended Pittsfield high school

where he played baseball and basketball as a sophomore then transferred to Berkshire Preparatory School in Sheffield Massachusetts where he played baseball, football and bas-ketball until graduation in 1948. In 1949 he played first base

and pitched for the Pittsfield Brass Rail baseball team, which won the All-American Amateur Baseball Association cham-pionship in Johnstown Pennsylvania. He pitched the

semifinal game against Pittsburgh. He attended Yale Col-

lege where he was allowed to select a curriculum, unusual in those days, which included constitutional law, religion, American studies and premedical courses. He remained grateful to great teachers at Berkshire and Yale who taught

him. He played freshman baseball and varsity basketball at Yale until he dropped sports his junior year to concentrate or

his studies.

After graduation in 1952 he enrolled at Tufts University

After graduation in 1952 he enrifoled at Turk Offiversity School of Medicine and graduated in 1956. He interned at the graduate hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and then did his surgical residency at the New England Medical Center hospital and the Floating Hospital for Infants and children. He continued to work there until he enlisted in the Navy in October 1961 where he oversaw the dependents wing (women and children's surgen) at the Potsmouth

wing (women and children's surgery) at the Portsmouth Virginia Naval Hospital. He was one of the first to do repairs of omphalocele (a fetal abnormality where part or all of the

baby's abdominal organs are contained in a membrane that

protrudes outside the baby's abdomen at the naval) using successive closures with mesh to close the abdominal wall. Dr. Adeson was assigned to the aircraft carrier Independ-

ence on which he served as a general surgeon during the

Cuban missile crisis in 1962. He gained great respect for the Navy, for its officers and men, who fly on and off the carriers and he loved the experience.

Dr. Adeson started his surgical practice in Alexandria, Virginia in October 1963 where he did pediatric and adult general surgery. He served as Chief of the Section of Gen-

eral Surgery, as Chief of the Department of Surgery, as President of the Medical Staff, as a member of the Board of Directors, and of the Parent Board of Directors of the Alexandria Hospital.

He was a member of the American College of Surgeons and served as an examiner for admittance to that body of surgeons in Virginia. He brought into his practice Dr. Alan Deutsch and Dr. Michael Nigro with whom he practiced until

his retirement in 1997. Dr. Adeson was a strong supporter of the Alexandria Hospita Nursing School and was pleased to deliver commencement addresses to three classes of graduates. He strongly opposed closure of these nursing programs around the country. Dr. Adeson valued the excellent clinically oriented

nurses who graduated from these programs. It appears now that the nursing profession may have finally seen the light as some of these programs were reinstated. In 1984 with State Senator Richard Saslaw, Dr. Adeson

wrote and testified for passage of the bill which codified informed consent for breast cancer patients. The law was designed to ensure that valuable information was

communicated to women and to ensure that no procedure

was done without the patient's consent Dr. Adeson remained an avid lover of sports through his adult years. He won singles and doubles tennis championships at Westwood Country Club and enjoyed golf since

1968. He hit three holes in one and after several near miss es shot one under his age with a 75 at the Highland golf course in Massachusetts on Cape Cod in 2007.

Dr. Adeson loved music, played the clarinet and was diligent

ly learning to play the violin. He enjoyed trips to Italy and Spain with friends and family, and to Eastern Europe for a Jewish studies program.

In 1999 he worked with others to develop the learning center

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In 1999 he worked with others to develop the learning center at Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria and enjoyed seeing and helping this project come to fruition.

Dr. Adeson's wife of 57 years Andrea passed away in 2012.

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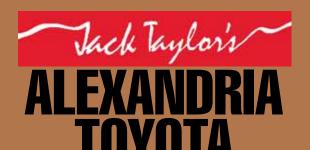
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