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Molly Edwards at Waterfront Park. More pet photos, pages 12-13, 20.

Land, Air, Sea

EYA reveals historic influences for Robinson South development.

BY VERNON MILES
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Despite a long struggle with local residents, plans for Robinson Terminal South's redevelopment into an apartment and retail space are moving forward. But while the reaction from the city has been supportive of the development, local residents continued to express their concerns at the July 15 Board of Architectural Review meeting.

Greg Shron, vice president of architecture for property developer EYA, presented the company's Historic Interpretation report. According to Shron, EYA's development plan for Robinson Terminal South is based primarily on Alexandria's founding as a sea-port city. In particular, Shron says the architecture is reflective of the shipbuilding at the site with later influences from the 19th century rail lines that passed through. The furniture, particularly the loveseats along the pier, are styled after the wooden hulls of ships. The shade structures on the pier are modeled after the wings of sea planes formerly built on the site. The foundations of the pier itself

are proposed to be built using repurposed materials from the current warehouse building.

One of the more popular facets of the development proposal was the granite lines set to run through the property along where the rail lines used to run. Residents also spoke highly of the proposed "Timeline," a stone etching that details the history of the neighborhood along one of the pedestrian walkways.

But most of the residents who spoke at the Board of Architectural Review meeting, many of them familiar faces from previous objections to EYA's development, said they thought the historical overtones were a sham.

"We're talking about something out of Disney World here," said Tony Kupersmith. "The lore of the warehouses is gone. It's a theme park now."

"Discussing historical interpretation is a farce when the building is so wrong for the neighborhood," said Jan Rivenburg.

While the focus of the meeting was ostensibly on the presence of local history in the building's architecture, most of the outcry cen

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Assembling Social Justice League for Alexandria

Social Services Advisory Board regroups and refocuses.

BY VERNON MILES
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Everyone on the Social Services Advisory Board was there for different reasons, and most have concerns related to a specific human services need. For Deb Riley, it's a son with a disability and seeing Alexandria through that lens on a daily basis. For Susan Newell, it was working as an attorney and dealing with cases of child abuse, as well as a hope that work on a board like this could

help with child abuse on a more strategic level. With so many human services needs in Alexandria, this 10-member board met on July 20 to focus on key issues in the city before the City Council starts up again in the fall.

The board represents social welfare issues for Alexandria and advises city officials on public welfare issues. The board also lobbies for funding to the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS). Carter Batey, elected chair of the board

in June, said the purpose of the board was to speak for underrepresented groups in Alexandria at City Council. According to Batey, demographics like older Alexandrians tend to have a more powerful voice in the city government because they come from a larger voting demographic.

"We'll hold the council and the mayor's feet to the fire on the budget," said Batey. "We represent a portion of the population that does not organically speak for themselves The folks served by DCHS do not vote as much, so it's up to us to serve as their voice."

In representing Alexandrians living in poverty alone, the board

speaks for a sizeable portion of the city. According to a local Department of Social Services Report for 2014, released to the board by Suzanne Chis, the executive deputy director for the Department of Community and Human Services, 12,916 Alexandrians, or 9 percent of the local population

live in poverty in Alexandria. 3,921 children, 15 percent of children in Alexandria, live in poverty. While this is slightly lower than the 15.7 percent of children across the state living in poverty, it's much higher than the 9.6 percent throughout Northern Virginia.

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Arthur V. 'Art' Fox, Waterfront Commissioner, Dies at 72

Served on Board of Governors for Old Dominion Boat Club.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Fourth of July celebrations in Alexandria are traditionally low key as the city formally celebrates its own birthday a week later with a fireworks display over the Potomac River. The exception was the Old Town home of Art Fox, where for years an invitation to his annual Independence Day party was one of the most sought after in town.

"Art's parties were notorious," said Fox's sister Francis Schreiber. "An invitation to one of them was pretty coveted among his friends. But once you received one, you knew you were a friend for life."

Due to renovations at his home on S. Lee Street, Fox was unable to hold the event in 2014. Not wanting to miss another chance to entertain family and friends, he decided to hold this year's annual bash in May.

"The gods were definitely looking down on Art this year," said Kathy Seifert, a neighbor and close friend. "It was one of the most beautiful days of the entire year, with crys-

tal clear, crisp skies. Art was just so happy to see everyone enjoying themselves. He was thrilled to be able to have that party."

Fox, a member of the Alexandria Waterfront Commission and Board of Governors for the Old Dominion Boat Club, died at his home just eight weeks later on July 14 of complications from cancer. He was 72.

"Art was like a brother to me," said Paul Rapchak, a friend of Fox for more than 20 years. "If you didn't know him, you might think he was a curmudgeon but there was no one more generous than Art Fox. This is a devastating loss."

Born Arthur V. Fox on Sept. 19, 1942 in Salt Lake City, Fox was the son of Abraham Fox and Ida Taxin Fox. The family later moved to Washington, D.C., where Fox graduated from Calvin Coolidge High School in 1960. He went on to earn a degree in metallurgy from the Carnegie Institute of Technology (now Carnegie Mellon) in Pennsylvania.

Fox served as president for almost three



Art Fox

decades at The Chem-Met Company, which was founded by his father in 1950. In the 1970s, Fox began working with Chinese exporters to establish what would become a long and successful collaboration in international metals trading. Now one of the leading tungsten importers in the United States, the company evolved under Fox's direction into a national and international supplier of specialty metals and chemicals, including molybdenum chemicals.

Throughout his life, Fox enjoyed traveling, scuba diving, boating, an occasional card game and a meal at the newest restaurant in town. He was passionate about the local sports teams, especially the Washington Capitals, Nationals and Redskins, and was known for his regular attendance at sporting events in appropriate game day attire. "Art especially loved being out on the water," Rapchak said. "He loved taking friends out on his boat for a ride along the Potomac."

John Bordner served with Fox on the Waterfront Commission.

"Through visits to the Boat Club, I got to know the fun-loving — though philosophical at times — side of Art," Bordner said. "But it was serving with him on the Waterfront Commission where I really saw his love and true concern for the City of Alexandria. He was a very well respected mem-

ber of the commission and his dedication to this city will be missed."

From 1996 to 2000, Fox was president of the Refractory Metals Association. In addition to the Boat Club, he was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, #871. Over the years, Fox supported a variety of organizations including the Santa Claus Yacht Club, the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, the Wounded Warrior Project and the Leukemia Lymphoma Poker Run.

Once a year, Fox would dress up as an elf for the Boat Club's annual Christmas party for children with special needs.

"Art was a real character," Seifert said. "And to the end, he was a fighter. He didn't want to give up." Fox is survived by his son, Mike Fox, and granddaughter, Harper, of Sausalito, Calif.; son, Victor Fox, and daughter, Kelley Fox, both of Alexandria; sister, Frances Fox Schreiber (Jan), of Brookline, Mass.; brother, Sam Fox (Elizabeth), of Sperryville, Va.; as well as numerous extended family members and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at the Old Dominion Boat Club July 25 at 6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Fox's name to Santa Claus Yacht Club, Inc., scycva.org; the Old Dominion Boat Club Children with Special Needs Christmas Party, 1 King Street, Alexandria, Va. 22314; or a charity of one's choice.

Harold John Berman, Local Dermatologist, Dies at 87

Active in the Alexandria Medical Society, D.C. Dermatological Society.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
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Harold John Berman, a dermatologist who practiced in Alexandria for more than 54 years, died June 28 at Suburban Hospital of respiratory complications. He was 87.

"His patients were everything to him," said his wife Barbara. "He was treating patients right up until his retirement last year. Hard work truly was his joy."

Berman, who opened his first office on S. Washington Street in 1959, later expanded his practice to locations on Seminary Road, Southern Towers and the Medical Building. He retired in 2014.

"He opened his office six days a week," Barbara Berman said. "And at 6:30 a.m. on Saturdays, patients would be waiting in the hall for the doors to open — usually golfers or railroad workers just off of work."

Berman was an active member of the Alexandria Medical Society serving as treasurer and vice president and an active member of the D.C. Dermatological Society serving as president and treasurer. He was an associate professor at Georgetown University in dermatology for over 25 years. For 20 years, Berman volunteered at the Alexandria Health Department treating venereal diseases.

Born Jan. 12, 1928 in Washington, D.C., Berman attended West Elementary School, McFarland Junior High and Roosevelt High

School. He continued his studies at Georgetown University, New York University of Medicine and did his residency at Bellevue Hospital.

Following service in the Air Force Medical Corps at Scott Air Force Base in St. Louis, Berman then attended the Mayo Clinic to become a dermatologist.

In 1959, he returned to the D.C. metropolitan area to begin practicing medicine in Alexandria. His first wife predeceased him in 1964, leaving him a widower with five young children. He remarried and

added another child to his family.

In his free time, Berman traveled with his family camping at most of the National Parks including Canada and Alaska. Memorable trips included Antarctica, the Galapagos, Japan and Europe.

"Harold was a wonderful father," Barbara Berman said. In addition to his wife Barbara, he is survived by his children Stephen, Mitchel, Claudia (Tsiporta) Leslie and Eve. A son Geoffrey predeceased him.

Contributions may be made to the Mayo Clinic or to any charity of choice.



Dr. Harold Berman, shown with his wife Barbara at a Washington Nationals baseball game, died June 28 at the age of 87.

EYA Reveals Historic Influences for Development

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tered around the modern features of the building's size and style.

"[You] think you can throw in references to the bones of a ship on a park bench and no one will recognize it's diffusing the real discussion?" said Pete Downs. Downs said when he moved to Old Town, he was challenged by the board to properly restore his house and to respect the community he lived in. "I don't think there's that respect here."

Some of the anger from the community was turned towards the board as well.

"You didn't ask a single question," said Greg Lee. "I would suggest that this is all just lip service... Those historic markers in the plan are tombstones, they tell you what

used to be here. Look up [at the mural of the Waterfront] and think about putting in a few glass boxes."

From the board, however, there was more widespread support of EYA's proposal, even among comments and concerns that this was just a small piece of the broader plan.

"I think one of the problems here is that we're looking at this microcosm without seeing the macro," said Board member Christine Roberts. This might be premature because there are so many things that are in brackets and are things we just don't know. There's so many pieces of this puzzle coming together. What the applicant wanted to do is that they're going in the right direction.

Board member John Von Senden said the

comment about tombstones struck him as particularly interesting.

"Most of what's being marked here was gone when the current warehouses were built," said Von Senden.

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Despite being elected as chair of the Board of Architecture Review during the June meeting, Wayne Neale was not acting in that role during the group's July 15 meeting. Al Cox, historic preservation manager in Alexandria's Department of Planning and Zoning, said the election was held fairly by the rules according to Robert's Rules of Order, a system that guides most government meetings. However, according to Cox, the election in the previous meeting was invalid. "Unfortunately, I overlooked that there is a provision in the Freedom of Information Act that says all votes must be oral and may not be by ballot," said Cox. "The board will need to advertise another election."

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AWLA's Got Seoul

BY ASHLEY CLAIRE SIMPSON
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It is hard to imagine that dogs in some parts of the world are being prepared for brutal deaths to become human food.

In December of last year, the Humane Society International (HSI) contacted the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA), in need of a place to send nearly 23 South Korean dogs who would otherwise suffer such a fate. AWLA Deputy Director Abbie Hubbard said there was no question that the Alexandria non-profit would take in the dogs.

AWLA had about two weeks to prepare its shelter for the mass canine arrival. The dogs ranged in breed, behavior and also in age. It took just until the spring of this year for AWLA to find homes or further rescue programs for all 23 dogs.

"We are an emergency placement partner for the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)," Hubbard said. "Their affiliate is Humane Society International. Because of our partnership, they contacted us when they knew that they would have 23 dogs that they needed to place somewhere in the United States."

This was the first time that the AWLA worked with HSI, and Hubbard said the staff and volunteers happily took the 23 dogs into the Vola Lawson Shelter on Eisenhower Avenue, which is operated by the, AWLA.

"This is the first time our shelter has collaborated



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with HSI, but we work with HSUS usually twice a year or so, as they contact us as one of their Emergency Placement Centers," Hubbard said. "Seeing an animal get placed into an amazing home is such a great feeling. To be a part of that is so rewarding. It is the thing that drives me."

Megan Webb, executive director of AWLA, said the organization has worked with HSUS for several years but only became a formal Emergency Placement Partner last year.

"We feel that our work with HSUS is mutual aid," Webb said. "We help other communities when we can and we know that HSUS will help us if we are ever in a crisis."

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Full Moon: Bring on the Babies

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
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Jennifer Argueta has first call for 24 hours beginning Saturday at 10 p.m. “First call almost always means a baby,” Argueta said. She is a midwife at BirthCare & Women’s Health on King Street in Alexandria. Argueta is a registered nurse with a Master’s Degree specializing in midwifery. She says about 70 percent of the mothers have home births and 30 percent in the Birth Center.

She adds that some people feel more comfortable at home while some dads like the idea of an institution and also they anticipate a mess at home. “But there isn’t much of a mess.”

PEOPLE AT WORK

She walks into a room upstairs and points to the red room-size tub which gets filled with water. “We monitor the water carefully at 99-100 degrees.

Moms really like the tub when they are in active labor. It helps to relax them between contractions.” But she explained they don’t do water births at the Birth Center but about 50 percent of the mothers elect a water birth at home. “People wonder why the baby doesn’t drown during delivery. But babies are not stimulated to breathe until they reach air.” She remembers one water birth where the baby came out quickly and suddenly they noticed he had started swimming.

Having babies with a midwife is a family process. Every woman needs a support person, and usually it is the husband. “But we have broad demographics with some conservative and others liberal. In some cultures, the husband doesn’t participate. Most fathers are really involved and a lot of dads like to catch the baby.” She recalls one really good dad who was “all about it. But what he didn’t tell is was that he had a thing about blood. He said ‘I can’t do it’ and we had to help him out.” But he coached her from the floor outside the door. “You can do it.” She had to take the newborn baby out to him.

Argueta says the process at the birth center relies on building a relationship of trust and allowing the woman to have confidence in her pregnancy. There is a lot of education, and it can involve as many or few of the family as they wish. “We all have a lot of toys in our offices.”

She sits on the couch. The first consultation and all follow up appointments “are held right here. We



PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE/GAZETTE PACKET

Jennifer Argueta says a lot of women have their babies right on the bed in the comfortable bedroom at BirthCare & Women’s Health but, “I’ve had babies all over this room, literally.”

do a lot of talking.” She says many women come to a midwife out of fear of the interventions in a hospital or an unwanted C-section. Argueta says she gives guidance but wants the woman to feel she is the decision maker and to understand that birth is a natural process. She also believes there is a strong relationship between mental and physical and that’s why education is so important.

“I also let a woman know what to expect, that a natural birth could take up to 36 hours — although everyone is happy when they go fast,” she said.

The birth center has a kitchen so the husband can keep his wife eating soup and drinking Gatorade during labor as well as keep up his strength for his own coaching ability.

Argueta walks down the hall past the door decorated with recent pictures of mothers and their babies to a comfortable bedroom with a patterned copper-and-gold comforter draped over the bed. “Some women have the baby in the bed but,” she says with a wide arm motion. “I’ve had babies come all over this room, literally.” And she added, “Although it is an old wives’ tale about more babies coming during a full moon, it is actually true and we get prepared.

Also big thunderstorms. Maybe it is the barometric pressure or gravitational pull. My first home birth was during El Nino.”

It is time for the center to open. Veronica Greenwell has brought in two-week old Gianna Magdalene for her first postpartum visit. Argueta takes the baby carefully and holds her for a moment while checking on how well she is eating and sleeping. Gianna is hungry and her mother breastfeeds her from the couch. “All of our mothers breast feed here. We want the baby to be healthy.” This is the third child in the Greenwell family who has been born in the birth center. “We tend to have repeat customers and we have been here so long now that sometimes we have some grandchildren. “It is so spectacular. There is something very magical. We become family members.”



Gianna Magdalene has returned to the birth center with her mother, Veronica Greenwell, for her two-week postpartum checkup. Greenwell has had all of her three children at BirthCare & Women’s Health.



Midwife Jennifer Argueta says many women love the big red tub filled with 99-100 degree water because it relaxes them between contractions. They don’t have water births at the center, but many women do choose this alternative for their home births.

AWLA’s Got Seoul

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Hubbard, who adopted one of the puppies herself, a shaggy dog named Minnow, said the AWLA’s undertaking with HSI offers a great opportunity to start a local conversation on every country’s animal treatment policies, procedures and outlooks.

“We all struggle with our animal welfare laws,” Hubbard said. “Dog meat farms are part of some Asian cultures, so it is a sensitive topic in some ways. The way that the animals are kept and slaughtered is really inhumane, though. That is something very concerning. The way I came to see it, it is an opportunity to have a discussion about animals all over the world and how we treat them.”

The AWLA received the dogs, who came to the United States on two different flights, on Jan. 5 and 6 of this year. The dogs were taken in and processed with the on-staff veterinarian and with behavioral specialists. After each of their needs were assessed, they were distributed among five additional local shelters.

“We took the 23 dogs and held them at our shelter for a week,” she said. “Our vet on staff did a lot of diagnostics, including testing them for parasites, vaccinating them and making sure all their health records were up to date.”

It also gave them time to acclimate after their 14-plus-hour-long flight.

“These dogs had endured a pretty long flight,” Hubbard said. “It must have been long and stressful. These dogs had lived in a cage their whole life and hadn’t had a lot of human interaction so suddenly they find themselves in a smaller cage — and people are handling them — and then they are on an airplane. I can’t even imagine what was going through their heads.”

AWLA kept some of the dogs at Vola Lawson, and the rest were split up between the Animal Welfare League of Arlington, Washington Animal Rescue League, Loudoun County Animal Services, Manassas City Animal Shelter and Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

“We were able to make room in the shelter for the 23 dogs by moving dogs around the shelter and into foster homes,” Webb said. “Our staff all worked together to take in the dogs, provide them with comfortable kennels, food and medical care. We had not an-

icipated the huge response from the public about the dogs — we received hundreds of phone calls from 21 states and Canada from people interested in adopting the dogs. Our adoption staff jumped in to help with responding to these inquiries.”

The group of dogs included specific Korean breeds as well as other mixed breeds. Some were quite uncomfortably in social settings, while some of the dogs were more receptive to human interaction. As a result, each shelter in the area had a different process for getting the dogs into safe places — whether going home with local families or going to American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) rescue programs.

Regardless of where they went, by the end of the spring, each of the 23 dogs had been transferred to adoptive homes or to other places for further support and rehabilitation. Hubbard said she saw a lot of progress made in just a few months: one of the more feral puppies made so much improvement that he was able to be adopted by a local family.

“Everybody kind of lucked out,” Hubbard said. “We are really proud of our partnerships with HSI and HSUS. Our focus and work is about the animals and the community. But, when we have the opportunity to be involved on a more global scale, it helps animals across the world and in turn makes us better advocates and caretakers.”

With Minnow as a new addition to her family, Hubbard definitely lucked out. She said she had been looking for a terrier for her brood at home, and Minnow had been described as a “shaggy terrier.”

Another positive turnout for an AWLA employee was for Alex Cooke, an Animal Control officer, who also adopted one of the dogs.

“My fiancé and I adopted Harper on Feb. 12 after fostering her for a few weeks,” she said. “Harper came into the shelter loaded with parasites and severe dandruff. We brought her home as a three to four month old, and she is now nine months. Harper has been social from the beginning which is why we were attracted to her. She is very loving to her ‘brother’ Dexter, a shiba inu, my cat and horse.”

Cooke said she is so happy that Harper maintains such a friendly, happy disposition despite all she seemed to go through back in South Korea.

Focusing on Social Services

FROM PAGE 1

In addition, Batey and other members of the board hope to bring more outside speakers and policy makers to come to the meetings. While Batey says his group does their best to argue their case before the City Council, there's nothing that could replace a member of the council being present during the back and forth discussion or listening to the data about poverty in the city as it's being delivered.

HOWEVER, Jason Dechant noted that even within DCHS there are problems with communication. Dechant noted what he called the "dysfunctional relationship" between their board and Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA), a public agency that provides housing to low income Alexandrians.

"The fact that there is a dysfunctional relationship between DCHS and ARHA is a big problem," said Batey. "There's an enormous amount of overlap [between these groups]."

Chis said the board needs to work on streamlining the DCHS process.

"There is a whole scope of people [that work with] the department," said Chis. "We want to make sure there is no wrong door when you come in for help."

Batey said the board needs to have an

increased reliance on its committee structure:

"Each one of us need to come together with experiences and reports from outside the board."

In various roles, Batey worked on social change at a national and state level, focusing in particular on food and urban poverty. But Batey says this work is more fulfilling the more local it gets.

Susan Newell, chair of the board before Batey, led the group in an exercise focused around narrowing down the group's ambitions to a few specific issues for which they can lobby funding from council. Housing was identified as a consistent top priority in Alexandria.

"If you don't have housing, you can't access other services," said Deena Disraelly, noting that some youth who can't get housing often wind up staying at home with a part time job and can't advance their careers.

More specifically though, Chis said the group's affordable housing lobbying needs to focus on the lowest income level in Alexandria rather than some of the higher echelons of affordable housing geared or programs that allow seniors to age in place.

"The Commission on Aging and Disabilities will likely bring up housing for those groups," said Chis. "We need to focus on the poorest level."

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PET GAZETTE



Molly relaxes on the porch in the late day sun. She will be 12 years in August, so she is entitled to lounge. She shares her home (and sometimes her chair) with Carol Siegel in Alexandria.



Six-year-old Cat Cinco, "son" of Max Rotemund and Susan Dawson of Alexandria, likes to view the world from different vantage points. This is his way of keeping track of the important things in his life, especially older 18-year-old Esne at bottom.

— SUSAN DAWSON



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OPINION

What's Special about Alexandria?

Share tips in upcoming Newcomers and Community Guide.

The Gazette Packet's annual Newcomers and Community Guide will publish Aug. 26.

A bevy of interns, plus staff writers and editors, are preparing this year's editions, but we need help from our readers.

What tips do you have for someone getting to know the community?

We're hoping to share special places, activities, events, organizations and volunteer opportunities. What should someone new to your neighborhood know about? Events that should not be missed? Organizations that do a great job? Places to volunteer? Tips for navigating your PTA or your school's front office? A great place to see the sunset? We'd love to have your photos to go along with your suggestions.

EDITORIAL

Faith organizations, nonprofit organizations, clubs, environmental groups, advocacy groups, youth sports teams and others who offer events open to the public are invited to send a paragraph about the organization and how to get involved.

We will publish a selection of local tips along

with a plethora of information useful to newcomers and long-time residents alike, including our award-winning Insiders Guide to the Parks, information on how to vote and more.

See last year's community guides by going to www.connectionnewspapers.com/PDFs/ and scrolling down to Newcomers.

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City's Wise Investments

To the Editor:

The City of Alexandria just received a bond rating upgrade — to AAA stable. You cannot get any better than this! Thank you to our city elected official and highly competent staff. The Standard and Poors report states: Strong budgetary performance with a history of balanced financial operations and break-even operations, very strong liquidity, very strong management, low carrying charges, and low net debt with rapid amortization.

Our city has invested in important infrastructure. Because of improved schools, the attendance at our public schools has increased. Roadways including curb and gutter are being maintained. We have wonderful libraries and recreational centers. The city through taxes generated from the new development on the riverfront, is now able to address the constant nuisance flooding. A new Metro stop at Potomac Yards will attract private investment and increase the Metro usage while reducing traffic on our roads. There are more projects needed and the city has recognized them in its

10 year Capital Improvements Budget. These will be financed and constructed in a methodical fashion as the city has done before.

Allison Silverberg and two of the Republicans running for City Council, Bob Woods and Townsend Van Fleet complain about the city's debt. While the professionals say "Overall net debt is, in our view, low at just 1.6 percent of market value. We consider debt amortization rapid with officials planning to retire more than two-thirds of debt over 10 years." (Standard and Poors).

Our city leaders have made infrastructure investments in the lowest interest rate environment in decades. I applaud their decisions. What projects would the candidates mentioned above eliminate: Schools and libraries in the West End; improvements in Del Ray; roadway improvements? Political candidates especially those from Old Town need to recognize that there are 150,000 residents in Alexandria and public infrastructure development is a critical investment in our city.

Candidates should not yell "fire" by raising a non-existent issue when we have an amazingly well run city, recognized by the Bond Rating agencies as AAA. We should re-elect our current city council, including a write-in-vote

for Mayor Bill Euille to assure that we continue with the job well done.

Lynn Hampton
Alexandria

Empty Rhetoric

To the Editor:

Having recently questioned the Gazette for its silence on the ongoing saga of Hunting Point aka The Bridgeyard, I was happy to see the coverage on the Planning Commission's approval of the proposed clubhouse there. I would take issue with some of the article's content, although I will limit myself to two items in particular here.

First — there was no mention of City Council Resolution 2501 adopted on May 22 2012 in the context of the pending sale of the property by VDOT. It reaffirmed — yet again — the supposed importance of the Point as a source of affordable housing in the city, and to that end, declared to prospective owners that the existing zoning requirements would continue. As reported in the Gazette's article, the clubhouse proposal required a further reduction in the zoning requirement on open space, which was already non-complying by way of the age of the buildings.

I made repeated inquiries with the council, to see if they would stand by their own resolution, and inform the Planning Commission of that. I received no substantial response — not from the mayor, nor the vice-mayor, nor any of the other members. Apparently, the resolution was just one more exercise in empty rhetoric on the subject of Hunting Point, and the plight of affordable and workforce housing in the city in general.

The Planning Commission did not even discuss the issue at its meeting, despite my having raised it with the members as well. I subsequently asked City Attorney James Banks for his opinion as to what the legal aspects might be of the conflict between the resolution and the commission's approval, and was informed that since both the council and commission are his clients, he could not discuss the matter with me. A follow-up request as to which government attorney's office might be empowered to review the matter was refused as well.

Second — Robert Kerns of Planning and Zoning is quoted at the end of the article say-

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PET GAZETTE



Nora and Annie, Georgann Meadows' rescues, enjoying a dip in a local creek a couple of years ago.

We had to say goodbye to both Nora and Annie within the past year as they crossed the "Rainbow Bridge." They are sorely missed. Nora was a Hurricane Katrina orphan, adopted in January 2006 from the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. Annie came to live with us in 2010 at 9 years of age, when her owner had to find a new home for her. They were the best dogs anyone could ever wish for ... we were blessed. Please consider adoption and rescue if you are looking for a companion animal, rather than buying from a breeder. There are so many wonderful pets in need of a home. I wrote this after Annie died:

"Lament for Annie"

The oak floor beneath the window by my side of the bed is uncluttered space. The box your food bowl once set atop is gone. You no longer lounge beneath the deck out back, sheltered from the summer heat, waiting for me to come out and play "Run Around the Azalea."

The postman delivers the mail unannounced; friends and strangers reach the front door in silence.

There is no beautiful black shepherd peeking over the back seat of the car, brown eyes watching as I load just purchased groceries.

It's been months since you left and empty places remain, leaving eyes and ears wanting, but mostly our hearts.

— GEORGANN MEADOWS



Tex lounging in the screened porch of our home in Alexandria. Where is a better place for a cat to spend his time in the summer? The screened porch is an excellent way for an indoor cat to commune with nature. Tex and his predecessor, the late Samoa Smith were both adopted from the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria.

— RUTH SMITH



Tex (aka Big) with Kugel (aka Little), my parent's cat who was visiting. Kugel lives in Alexandria too — at Carlyle Towers. So being at ground level with the squirrels and chipmunks is particularly exciting. Kugel was also adopted from the shelter. She is not related to Tex as best as we know, but they look so much alike.

— RUTH SMITH

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Dumbledore was found abandoned in a U-Haul truck with seven other cats. After receiving medical attention and plenty of affection, he has blossomed into a wonderful cat who loves to give hugs.

Summer Tips for Pet Lovers

FROM THE ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE OF ALEXANDRIA

❖ Be sure your pets have access to fresh water and shelter from the sun. Fair-skinned dogs or those with light coats and exposed skin should wear sunscreen or be kept inside during peak hours of sun exposure.

❖ Never leave your pet in the car, even for a minute, when temperatures are hot. The inside of a car heats up very quickly and can cause irreversible damage, even death, to the animal in only a few minutes. The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA) suggests that before you go out, you check with the shops you plan on visiting to determine if they are dog-friendly. If you do find yourself needing to leave a dog in the car for a few minutes, leave the car running with the air-conditioning on and lock it. (Bring a spare key with you so you are not locked out.) Better yet, leave your dog at home if there is a chance he'd be left in the car. Besides being cruel, leaving a dog inside a car when temperatures are above 70 degrees F is against the law: It is a violation of city law 5-7-58 "Dogs Left in Cars Prohibited." AWLA Animal Services addresses each call received about an animal left inside a vehicle and takes all appropriate actions to ensure the safety of the animals.

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appropriate actions to ensure the safety of the animals.

❖ Summer is kitten season, and that means a flood of very young kittens at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter in need of special care. For kittens — and puppies — who are just days old and too young to be put up for adoption, the AWLA often turns to individuals who can take the animals into their homes for a few weeks to help them gain weight and get a healthy start on life. Foster caretakers are needed year round. Besides the youngest creatures, fosterers take in animals with medical conditions, senior animals and those that need a break from the confinement of the shelter. AWLA provides all food, supplies and veterinary care for the fostered animals. Anyone interested in becoming a fosterer should fill out the application on the AWLA website and attend information sessions at the shelter. Go to: www.AlexandriaAnimals.org/fostering.

❖ This time of year wild animals are having their young and birds are learning to fly. Citizens who encounter baby wild animals should generally leave them alone — chances are their mothers are nearby, likely foraging for food. For example, AWLA recently had a call about a helpless-looking fawn seen in a garden. By morning, the parent had come for the baby. If an animal appears injured or in distress, call the AWLA for help at 703-746-4774.

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She was always "Daddy's Girl." In this case, the "Dad" being her dad and mine. When he saw her at the pound he picked her up in his gruff hands and said "who could resist a face like that." He was 66 and in poor health when he got her. Bridget became more than a pet, she was his companion and could always lighten his mood when she'd jump on his chest and lick him until he had to push her away. As his health declined he was unable to do simple tasks. He trained her to bring him his slippers in the morning when he got out of bed. He was old school. He passed two years ago on July 27, 2013, and I took Bridget into the home I share with my husband. She was comfortable but you could tell she missed her "daddy" greatly. She moped around and had lost that spark. But as time passed she slowly got better. She started to warm to me and my husband, and she had more energy. My husband broke his foot last year. As he convalesced in bed one morning, while we were reading the paper, I saw Bridget creep slowly into our room. In her mouth? My husband's slippers!

— LAURA PORTER



Get Your Cameras Ready

Does your dog look at a camera and smile, or do your cats like to snuggle together? Or maybe your guinea pig shares dried papaya with your cockatoo? If your pet is especially adorable, capture the moment, and he or she could become the 2016 Alexandria Animal of the Year. The winner not only becomes a city celebrity but also the pet will get a glamour shoot by photographer Shelley Castle and the pet's owners a photo shoot of their own by Gena Roma Photography.

The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria's annual Calendar Pet Photo contest begins Aug. 17 and ends on Sept. 17. Any pet is eligible to enter — any cat, dog, bird, fish, hamster, rabbit, turtle, guinea pig, lizard or snake can strike a pose. Just submit your pet's photo online beginning Aug. 17 at www.AlexandriaAnimals.org/calendar.

Each entry costs \$30, but there is no limit to how many animals one person or family may enter. Every pet that is registered for the



The cover of the 2015 AWLA calendar

calendar contest will have a place in the calendar, regardless of votes, and those with the highest numbers of votes will be featured as pets-of-the-month or as the cover model "Alexandria Animal of the Year." Once you register your pet, encourage your friends and family to vote for your pet's photo to ensure prime placement in the calendar. Votes are \$1 each, with a minimum donation of \$5.

Pet calendars will go on sale in November. All donations and monies raised from the contest go toward programs and operations of the shelter and AWLA, including animal adoption and foster programs, humane education pro-



Lady Beatrice of Carlyle joined our family in 2006. She enjoys being photographed. This picture was taken on June 7, 2015, just after her bath.

— LEE HERNLY

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LTA Stages Hip-Hop Musical 'In the Heights'

Play, set in Washington Heights, celebrates Hispanic life and heritage.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
GAZETTE PACKET

The Little Theatre of Alexandria is staging "In the Heights" from July 25 to Aug. 15. Winner of the 2008 Tony Award for Best Musical, the play tells the story of Washington Heights, a tight-knit New York community where the coffee from the corner bodega is light and sweet, the windows are always open, and the breeze carries the rhythm of three generations of music.

It's a community on the brink of change, full of hopes, dreams, and pressures, where the biggest struggles can be deciding in which traditions you take with you and which ones you leave behind. This modern day musical has salsa, hip hop, and soul in its score.

With music and lyrics by Lin-Manuel Miranda, and a book by Quiara Alegría Hudes, the story is set over the course of three days, involving a cast of characters in the largely Dominican-American neighborhood.

Director Frank D. Shutts II said when he saw the show on Broadway, he called home immediately to say that he had to direct this show for LTA. "It is fresh, something style-wise they haven't seen before, and its impact is stunning," he said.

He said he wanted to share this new type of theater and the incredible people who come "to work and to live" who are not different than us. "We often belittle those who leave their homelands for ours," he said. "Instead we should honor their courage to leave behind all you know so you can better your life and that of your family."

He said finding the Latino cast necessary for this production was a challenge. "We hit all the area colleges promoting auditions," he said. "Luckily the talent came out."

He added: "The show's music is so alive and vibrant; the characters, so memorable. The audience should leave with a smile on their faces, a tune in their toes, and hope in their spirit."

Producer Mary Beth Smith-Toomey, who has produced 16 shows with Shutts, said "In the Heights" tells a beautiful story of blended Latin cultures in Washington

Heights by a very talented and new playwright/composing team. "Frank and I really like to take new works and give our audiences the opportunity to see and experience them first at the Little Theatre of Alexandria," she said.

Christy Fischer plays the role of Nina Rosario, the daughter of Kevin and Camila who own the Rosario's taxi cab service. She said Nina dropped out of Stanford University due to the high cost and feels like she has failed the people in the barrio. "Without her identity as the neighborhood's brightest and biggest success, Nina does not know who she is," she said. "Throughout the show she seeks to find herself and figure out what to do next."

She added: "I hope audiences will leave with the recognition that home is wherever you make it. In this musical we see that home does not have to be physical; home is with the people that love and support you no matter what."

Mary Ayala-Bush plays the role of Abuela Claudia, the "Mother Earth" of the barrio who is always looking out for everyone, either with food or caring for them. "She is the embodiment of the American immigrant story; she came to America with her mother as a child, poor and hungry, no education, and speaking a foreign language (Spanish)," she said. "In spite of this situation, her mantra is *Paciencia y Fe* (patience and faith), which allows her to cope with all adversity she faces."

She added: "The story of Abuela Claudia mirrors my own family's experience, as both my parents came to New York from Puerto Rico as young adults to work to support their respective families."

She said she hopes, at a deeper level, the audience acknowledges and accepts that all of America is a community of immigrants, unless you are American Indian. "It doesn't matter how long you've been here or what generation you are, we all are the 'masses



PHOTO BY KEITH WATERS

Abuela Claudia (Mary Ayala-Bush) shares memories of growing up in Cuba with her neighbor Nina Rosario (Christy Fischer).

yearning to breathe free."

Matt Stover plays the role of Graffiti Pete, a young man who is all about dance, his boom box, and hitting it off with the ladies. "He enjoys expressing himself through spraying his tag throughout the Bodega," he said. "Although not everyone agrees with his artistic choices, he has his best friend Sonny by his side with much needed positive reinforcement."

He added: "Trying to tap into the cockiness of Graffiti Pete and his 'cool guy' mentality was difficult for me. I'm not the most confident person."

He hopes audiences take away the realization that a different place — a better home — might not be where you think it is. "Home could be right where you are right now, and that's 100 percent OK."

Andres Ponces plays the role of Usnavi De La Vega, a 24-year-old Dominican-American living and working in the Heights. "He loves being at the center of everyone's busy work day hoping that all of his friends and family from the barrio stop by for some of his delicious coffee," he said. "He wishes to see nothing but happiness and success

from those who he cares for and will do anything to give it to them."

As for challenges, he said he had never rapped before this show and wanted to make sure he worked on creating a balance of hip hop and musical theatre that will entice any theater-goer. "Since Usnavi's rap style is heavily influenced by East Coast hip hop, I've been actively listening to Big Pun, Jay-Z, and A\$AP Rocky," he said.

He added: "Representing Latin American culture has never been a priority to Broadway. This show does a glorious job of accurately representing our culture along with the fun and beauty of it. In a world where people are still discriminated by race, gender, sexual preference, and identity, 'In the Heights' shows all audience members that no matter who you are, where you're from, or who you love, you can still belong."

The Little Theatre of Alexandria is staging "In the Heights" from July 25 through Aug. 15. Show times are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and \$30. The venue is at 600 Wolfe St. Call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

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 before event.

ONGOING

"Borders & Boundaries." During gallery hours through July 19 at the Target Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Artists were inspired the "outsider's

perspective" for this exhibit. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

"Magical, Mystical Animals." Through July 27, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily at The Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Studio 18. Artists will display art inspired by childhood stories and mythical creatures. Admission is free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

Mt. Vernon Recreation Center Art Class Exhibit. Through July 28, Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday 7 a.m.-6 p.m. at Saint Elmo's Coffee

Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave. View drawings and paintings done by the senior art class. Free. Visit www.stelmoscfeepub.com.

Where's Waldo Scavenger Hunt.

Through Aug. 1, throughout Old Town. Waldo will be hiding out in stores around Alexandria. To participate, pick up a Waldo Passport at the front desk of Hooray for Books!, 1555 King St. Free. Call 703-548-4092.

Hollin Meadows Summertime

Writing Nights. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays through Aug. 17 at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501

Sherwood Hall Lane. Families and elementary students kindergarten-third grade can read, write and talk with teachers. Free. Email Hollinmeadows.KeepInTouch@fcps.edu.

Paintings by Stanley Agbontaen.

Through Aug. 28 at The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 4915 E. Campus Drive. The Maryland-based international artist's depictions of scenes are painted on oil canvas. Free. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter.

Special Family Museum Tours.

Saturdays through Sept. 7, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum,

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Journey to Be Free: Alexandria Freedmen's Cemetery. Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. A new exhibit tracing the 150-year history of the long-forgotten Freedmen's Cemetery, its rediscovery and how the new Contrabands and Freedmen's Cemetery Memorial was created at the site. Call 703-746-

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Their Fates Intertwined: The Lees of Alexandria in the War of 1812. Wednesday- Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Lee-Fendall House and Gardens, 614 Oronoco St. A new exhibit on the experiences of the Lee family in Alexandria during the War of 1812 examines the contributions of Alexandria's citizens during the conflict that led to the writing of our national anthem through the lives of this iconic Virginia family. Visit www.leafendallhouse.org or call 703.548.1789.

JULY 18-27

"Jon Meadows – A Soldier's Voice." Gallery hours Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sunday, 12-6 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St, Studio 12. Veteran Army Staff Sgt. Jon Meadows tells his story, the narrative of his war experience, through visual art. Admission is free. Visit www.theartleague.com or call 703-683-1780.

JULY 23-SEPT. 6

"Fields." Gallery hours at The Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. Abstract Artists David Carlson and Pat Goslee make art based on their interests in spiritual exploration and energy fields. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/JULY 23-25

Summer Theatre Program Presents: "Bye Bye Birdie." Thursday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. at Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road. See a production of the musical theatre classic, "Bye Bye Birdie," put on by the Summer Theatre Program and directed by Andrew Curtin. Tickets are \$8 for seniors and students, \$10 for adults. Contact Katie Murray at katiel.murray@gmail.com.

THURSDAY/JULY 23

Mike Kelly and Friends. Starting at 4 p.m. at Two Nineteen Restaurant, 219 King St. Live concert. Free. Visit www.219restaurant.com to make reservations.

FRIDAY/JULY 24

Golf Classic. All day at Old Hickory Golf Club, 11921 Chanceford Drive, Woodbridge. Alexandria Chamber of Commerce hosts their Annual Golf Classic. Tickets are \$195 per player and \$600 per group. Visit www.alexchamber.com.

Beer Barrel Extravaganza. 6-10 p.m. at the Port City World Headquarters, 3950 Wheeler Ave. Celebrate the opening of the Colossal One barrel aged beer. Small samples of food will be provided. Price to be determined. Register at www.portcitybrewing.com.

Lisa Lim Band. Starting at 4 p.m. at Two Nineteen Restaurant, 219 King St. Live concert. Free. Visit www.219restaurant.com to make reservations.

Gin Lane. 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern, 134 North Royal St. Chat with the local tavern keeper, try specialty gin cocktails, beer, and wine, and play old-time games. Must be 21 and over. Tickets are \$10. Purchase at www.shop.alexandriava.gov under the events tab.

King Street Cats Theater Fundraiser. 6:30-10:30 p.m. at The Little Theater, 600 Wolfe St. Cocktail reception starts at 6:30, which will be followed by musical "In the Heights."

Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door. Visit www.kingstreetcats.rescuegroups.org.

A Tribute to Earth Wind and Fire and The Emotions. 8 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. The Brencore Allstars Band performs hits from Earth Wind and Fire and The Emotions. Tickets start at \$30. There is a \$25 minimum food and beverage purchase required per guest, except for general admission tickets. Visit www.thecarlyleclub.com.

Music Performance. Starts at 8 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The Noctonals, a vocal ensemble, will be performing. Tickets are \$10. Visit www.nvfaa.org/events-upcoming.

JULY 25- AUG. 30

Leigh Merrill: "Cloud Seeding." Gallery hours at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Texas-based artist Leigh Merrill shows photography and video in her solo exhibition Cloud Seeding. Merrill's work examines the construction of desire, fiction and beauty in urban landscapes by digitally compositing thousands of images and videos into imaginary spaces. Admission is free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 25

Bike Clinic. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. VeloCity hosts a bike clinic. Bring your bike to participate. Free. Call 703-746-3200.

Holmes Run Trail Ride Along. 10 a.m. at Cameron Run Regional Park, 4001 Eisenhower Ave. Take a family friendly, four mile bike ride. Contact Natasha Anderson at natasha.anderson@gmail.com.

Friendship Firehouse Museum Tour. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S Alfred St. Learn about the lives of firefighters. Tour is for ages 10 and up. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for ages 10-17. Visit www.friendshipfirehouse.net or call 703-746-4994.

Bike For Good. 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Bring a bike out to the market to take part in the bike for good event. Directly following bike clinic which starts at 9 a.m. Free. Call 703-746-3226.

Mudlark. 4 p.m. at Two Nineteen Restaurant, 219 King St. Live concert. Free. Visit www.219restaurant.com to make reservations.

Exhibit Opening Reception. 6-8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Celebrate the launch of new exhibit featuring Stanley Agbontaen's oil paintings. Free. Visit www.schlesingercenter.com.

Red, White & Beagle. 6-10 p.m. at River Farm, 7931 E. Boulevard Drive. The Beagle Freedom Project will present their first fundraiser. Find



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Balalaika musician Peter Omelchenko will perform 7 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S Washington St., accompanied by pianist Jonathan Laird. The Balalaika is a Russian stringed instrument with a high pitch. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Visit www.balalaika.org.

dinner, music and the "DC7" Beagles. General admission is \$150, VIP tickets are \$200. Visit www.redwhiteandbeagle.com.

Album Release Party. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. The Bumper Jacksons celebrate the release of "Too Big World." Tickets \$20. Visit www.birchmere.com.

Vintage #18. 8 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. The high energy soul and blues band performs live. Tickets start at \$20. There is a \$25 minimum food and beverage purchase required per guest, except for general admission tickets. Visit www.thecarlyleclub.com.

SUNDAY/JULY 26

"Fields" Opening Reception. 4-6 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. David Carlson and Pat Goslee celebrate the launch of their new exhibit, "Fields." Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Along for the Ride. 4 p.m. at Two Nineteen Restaurant, 219 King St. Live concert. Free. Visit www.219restaurant.com to make reservations.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Formed in Los Angeles, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy perform jazz at the Birchmere. Tickets start at \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com/calendar.

MONDAY/JULY 27

Capital Blues Ensemble. Starting at 4 p.m. at Two Nineteen Restaurant, 219 King St. Live concert. Free. Visit www.219restaurant.com to make reservations.

Water as a Sacred and Secular Source in Antiquity. 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Come

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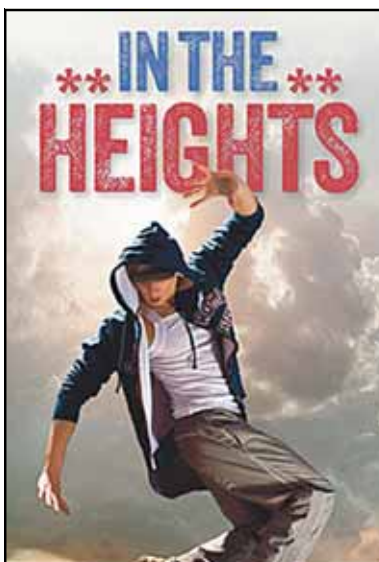
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TUESDAY/JULY 28

The Crawstickers. 4 p.m. at Two Nineteen Restaurant, 219 King St. Live concert. Free. Visit www.219restaurant.com.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 29

Dead Cat Bounce. 4 p.m. at Two Nineteen Restaurant, 219 King St. Live concert. Free. Visit www.219restaurant.com to make reservations.

JULY 28-AUG. 30

Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery Juried Show. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Studio 18. View parade-themed artwork. Admission is free. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com or call 717-359-7724.

MONDAY/ JULY 30

Mike Kelly and Friends. 4 p.m. at Two Nineteen Restaurant, 219 King St. Live concert. Free. Visit www.219restaurant.com to make reservations.
Jane Austen Dance Class. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N Royal St. In preparation for the Jane Austen Ball on Aug. 8, learn 18th-century English country dancing from expert dance instructors. \$12 per class. Visit www.alexandriava.gov.

FRIDAY/JULY 31

"Science Behind Harry Potter." 3-10 p.m. at the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 107 S Fairfax St. Explore the real world of science and medicine behind J.K. Rowling's series Harry Potter. Admission is \$6 per person. Visit www.alexandriava.gov.
219 All Stars. 4 p.m. at Two Nineteen Restaurant, 219 King St. Live concert. Free. Visit www.219restaurant.com to make reservations.
Unburied: The Secrets We Keep Closing Reception. 7-10 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N Quaker Lane. View a collaborative collective of new talent in the art world, spanning various mediums. Visit ourconvergence.org.
Phil Perry. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. R&B artist Phil Perry performs live. Tickets start at \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com/calendar for tickets.
BroadSound. 8 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. BroadSound performs '90s hip hop, soul, rock, and latin music. Tickets start at \$20. There is a \$25 minimum food and beverage purchase required per guest, except for general admission tickets. Visit www.thecarlyleclub.com.



'Au Naturel' Explores the Exposed

The "Au Naturel" exhibit at Del Ray Artisans will display art that seeks to reinterpret the nude or naked with objects or materials that in some sense of the word have been "exposed." The exhibit will run Aug. 7-30 at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Admission is free. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org for more.

SATURDAY/AUG. 1

Yoga at the Market. 8:15-9 a.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Morning Yoga featuring live music by Alex Young. Bring yoga mat and water. Free. Call 703-746-3200.
Sidewalk Sale. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Market Square Garage, 108 North Fairfax St. More than 50 shops host promotional events and clearance sales. Free. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/sidewalksale/.
Marty Stuart. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Accompanied by His Fabulous Superlatives and the Christian Lopez Band, Marty Stuart performs Tickets are \$35 on Ticketmaster or at the door. Visit www.birchmere.com.
Big Bad Juju. 8 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. The full nine-piece band performs live. Tickets start at \$15. There is a \$25 minimum food and beverage purchase required per guest, except for general admission tickets. Visit www.thecarlyleclub.com.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 1-2

Brides Against Breast Cancer. Saturday, 5-9 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. Brides Against Breast Cancer will be hosting a charity bridal event and trunk show as part of their "Nationwide Tour of Gowns." Dresses will be priced from \$75-1,800. Sign up for the Saturday night V.I.P. event and get first choice of the dresses on sale while enjoying refreshments, entertainment and giveaways. Proceeds will fund free programs for those affected by cancer nationwide. Tickets for Saturday V.I.P. event are \$40 for bride + guest; \$25 for each additional guest; Sunday general admission is \$5. Visit www.bridesagainstreetbreastcancer.org.

SUNDAY/AUG. 2

Sidewalk Sale. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Market Square Garage, 108 North Fairfax St. Over 50 shops will host promotional events and clearance

sales. Free. visit www.visitalexandriava.com/sidewalksale/.

MONDAY/AUG. 3-6

Alexandria Library's Science in the Summer Program. 10-11 a.m. for rising 2nd and 3rd graders, 12-1 p.m. for rising 4th-6th graders at Alexandria Library, 5005 Duke St. A four-day program with the purpose of educating children about science. Registration is free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1753.

MONDAY/AUG. 3

Jorge Drexler 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Musical Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Uruguayan musician Jorge Drexler performs. Tickets are \$35. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

TUESDAY/AUG. 4

Tuesday Morning Stroll. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Simpson Park Gardens, 420 E. Monroe St. Residents are invited to visit the garden, receive free seed packets and have their gardening questions answered by experts. Free. Contact carol_kilroy@comcast.net.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 5

Free Film Series. 6:30-9 p.m. at Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. See the second feature in the Friends of Duncan Library's free film series, "Screwball Comedies of the 30s and 40." Visit www.friendsofduncanlibrary.org or call 703-746-1705.

An Evening with Graham Nash. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Musical Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee Graham Nash performs. Tickets are \$90.50. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

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THURSDAY/AUG. 6

First Thursday. 6-9 p.m. along Mt. Vernon Ave., Del Ray. Attend a Music and dance festival on Del Ray's main street. Free. Visit www.visitdelray.com.

Kasey Chambers. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Country and country-pop music from Australian-born artist Kasey Chambers. Tickets are \$35. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 7

FLY-Summer Performance. 6 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Drive. The Metropolitan School of the Arts will be performing. Admission is free. Call 703-339-0444 or visit www.metrofinearts.com.

"Au Naturel" Exhibit Opening Reception. 7-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave. Attend the opening ceremony for the "Au Naturel" exhibit. Admission is free. Visit www.TheDelrayArtisans.org.

Kim Waters. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Music by Maryland-born saxophonist and jazz performer Kim Waters. Tickets are \$35. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

Four Mile Summer Movie Festival. Movies start at dusk and are shown at the Four Mile Conservatory Building, 4109 Mt. Vernon Ave. National Community Church's Inaugural summer movie festival is co-sponsored by the City of Alexandria. Film schedule is as follows: Friday, Aug. 7, "McFarland

USA" and Friday, Sept. 11, "Cool Runnings." Bring a blanket or chair. Free. Visit www.theaterchurch.com.

AUG. 7-30

"Au Naturel" Exhibit. First Thursdays, 12-9 p.m., Thursdays, 12-6 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, 12-9 p.m., Sundays, 12-6 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave. View artwork made in the "Au Naturel" or minimalist style. Admission is free. Visit www.TheDelrayArtisans.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/ AUG. 7-9

Arts on the Horizon presents: "Space-Bop." Friday -10:30 a.m.; Saturday - 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.; Sunday - 10:30 a.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Join Arts on the Horizon for a sneak peak of their new show "Space-Bop," set to open in February 2016. "Space-Bop" takes place under the stars and employs hip-hop artist help tell a story that will help children appreciate the beauty of the night sky. The show is geared towards infants and toddlers. Tickets are \$3. Visit www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org

SATURDAY/AUG. 8

Cooking Event. 10-11:30 a.m. at Old Town Farmers' Market, Market Square, 301 King St. Sample food from Chef Antonio Carluccio, from Carluccio's Restaurant. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/OldTownFarmersMarket.

Canine Cruise. 11 a.m. at Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St. The family dog is welcome to join in on an hour-long cruise through the

Alexandria Seaport. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$10 for children. Dogs ride free. Visit www.potomacriverboatco.com.

Irish Festival. 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m. at Waterfront Park. The Ballyshaners of Alexandria will host a full day of Irish music, dance, food and more. Visit www.ballyshaners.org/festival.

One Love Festival. 12-6 p.m. at Braddock Road Field, 400-594 E Braddock Road. This community event is held in honor of Lenny Harris to continue his legacy. Performers and vendors will be on site along with entertainment for children. Free. Visit www.actionalexandria.org/event/one-love-festival or email javierel@verizon.net.

Jane Austen Ball. 8 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N Royal St. Listen to live period music and watch or perform a variety of English Country dances. Tickets are \$45 Visit www.alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern or call 703-746-4242.

SUNDAY/AUG. 9

Performance by Peter Omelchenko. 7 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S Washington St. See Peter Omelchenko perform, accompanied by pianist Jonathan Laird. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Visit www.balalaika.org.

THURSDAY/AUG. 13

Art Exhibition Reception. 6-8 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Texas-based artist Leigh Merrill will be hosting a reception and Q&A at her photography and video solo exhibition Cloud Seeding. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.com.

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7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Listen to traditional New Orleans-style jazz by the Preservation Hall Jazz Band. Tickets are \$35. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 14

Titan Takeover

Teen Night.

7-10 p.m. at Cora Kelly Recreation Center, 25 W Reed Ave. Featuring foods, events and giveaways. Free; food and raffle tickets are available for purchase. Recommended for teens. Text "Titan" to 30644 or email kim.hurley@alexandriava.gov by Aug. 12 to attend.



'A Soldier's Voice' Extended

Veteran Army Staff Sgt. Jon Meadows suffered a brain injury during his tour in Afghanistan in 2013. Upon returning home to the U.S., Meadows found a creative outlet in the visual arts. His first work was mostly sculptural, but Meadows now works in other media as well. His recent exhibit, "A Soldier's Voice," at The Art League Gallery, 105 N Union St., Studio 12, originally intended to run until July 24, has been extended to July 27. Gallery hours Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sunday, 12-6 p.m. Visit www.theartleague.com for more.



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OPINION

FROM PAGE 10

ing “There’s a balance between improving the property while maintaining the affordable housing commitment.”

The “affordable housing commitment?” That is news to me and most all of the former and current residents there. I am aware of some residents being priced out early on in Laramar’s tenure with substantial rent increases for largely unimproved apartments that match what Laramar is currently seeking for fully renovated apartments. I am also aware that the residents in general face rent increases of 20 to 80 percent for the fully renovated apartments. Building 1204 had become half a ghost town when I left. Is that what Mr. Kerns means by “the affordable housing commitment?”

It is true that the buildings suffered from a decade’s worth of neglect by VDOT, and that Laramar did undertake some necessary upgrades to the plumbing and windows. But most of the final phase of renovations that has resulted in the issuance of “vacate” notices to residents has nothing to do with Mr. Kerns’ imaginary “balance.” It has to do with clearing the way for installing up-scaled kitchens, baths and the like, designed solely to increase the rents that Laramar can achieve — the clubhouse being the latest and most egregious example.

But of course, none of this is really a mystery. It’s simply another variation on the theme played out in the city from Beauregard to the Waterfront. The city’s leadership has plainly cast its lot — and the city’s — with hyper-development wherever it can, for the attendant increase in tax revenue of all kinds and the higher disposable incomes. The toll that policy is taking in so many ways appears at best to be acceptable collateral damage to them.

Jim Mercury

Ignoble Cause

To the Editor:

The flying and subsequent removal of the Confederate battle flag from the Capitol grounds in Columbia, S.C., has focused attention on symbols of the Confederacy elsewhere. They often represented the canard of the apologists of the day that the Civil War was some noble lost cause that was about states’ rights. School text books sugar-coat what was morally reprehensible without offending a large number of people. The cause was never noble — it was slavery and the right of states to retain and expand it. It was the burning issue of the day. The fact that the North was not without

complicity does not change this basic fact.

Appomattox, a bronze statue of Confederate soldier, stands facing south at Washington and Prince streets. When it was erected in 1889, veterans and their families were not so far removed from their sacrifice and loss. I remember segregationists rallying to it as a symbol of defiance to civil rights. The fact that it cannot be removed without the approval of the Commonwealth is telling. Alexandria was not immune to Jim Crow.

Alexandria fought the desegregation of schools; it had “White Only” and “Negro” rest rooms and drinking fountains. Looked at from the landscape of Alexandria today, it may well seem a quaint historical relic.

Nevertheless, it is time to move the statue to where its presence no longer will imply that neither the Commonwealth of Virginia, for its approval is required, nor the City of Alexandria sympathizes with the Confederate cause. There are appropriate venues — perhaps, amidst graves of Confederate soldiers. (Maybe away from the perils of traffic, one could actually safely read the names.) It is fitting that we pay homage to those who fought and died, bravely and even nobly, even though the cause for which they fought was ignoble.

Philip Brinkman
Alexandria

Rules for The Road

To the Editor:

When will Alexandria take a cue from Arlington County with the portable “State Law” pedestrian crosswalk signs. From eastbound Braddock Road at the crosswalk/train tracks, to Mt. Vernon Avenue in Del Ray/Arlandria and elsewhere, they are constantly moved into lanes of traffic presumably by pedestrians and I’m guessing transit bus drivers.

It would be nice if the city is going to insist on placing these at various crosswalks, then it would be helpful if they were cemented in place, like Arlington County.

That said, the City of Alexandria is not the former Cameron Station Army Depot where there was a standing order that granted pedestrians, in or out of uniform, the right-of-way in all situations. Just like traffic lights, stop signs apply to pedestrians as well, be it at two-way or four-way stops. If the city is really looking to promote pedestrian safety, than perhaps you should launch a campaign educating your citizenry about the laws as they apply.

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Master Theatre Arts Workshop Participants with Vanessa Bel Calloway.

‘Listening’ to Vesey Folk Opera

BY MCKENYA DILWORTH

“It was a much-needed break from technopoly,” said one theatregoer at a recent Wednesday evening at The Black History Museum in Alexandria.

Technopoly is a term often used today to describe how technology monopolizes our daily lives. Audrey Davis, director of The Black History Museum, introduced the program for the evening and later marveled over how engaged the audience members were in the audio play.

AT BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM

A curious audience gathered to hear the audio play entitled “Look What A Wonder,” a fictionalized Gospel folk opera based on the Denmark Vesey Slave Conspiracy of 1822, written and composed by Walter Robinson and directed by McKenya Dilworth. Vesey was a skilled carpenter in the early 1800s who bought his freedom with his lottery winnings but was unable to buy the freedom of his wife and children. Vesey built the Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where the massacre recently occurred, for free and enslaved Africans to worship freely and without fear.

A “Listening” was the much-anticipated event of Wednesday evening; where all gathered around an authentic 1917 radio, courtesy of avid collector McArthur Myer, and listened to the folk opera. There were peaks and valleys, as with any traditional theatrical presentation, but what made this experience particularly unique was the opportunity for the audience to imagine their own character’s faces and other nuances, like the wonderfully composed music played on in their ears and minds.

Watching the engaged audience gave me hope that perhaps “Listening(s)” can occur in other spaces. After all, radio (and active listening) used to be the American past time before television. There was something nice about seeing a group of people actively listening without all of the technological bells and whistles.

We owe this unique opportunity to listen together to Patricia Washington, president and CEO of Visit Alexandria and sister of the playwright/composer of the folk opera. Washington facilitated the “TalkBack” discussion with the audience and was prepared with surveys after the “Listening” to gather feedback about the overall experience.

‘Senior Academy’ To Launch This Fall

BY MARYANNE BEATTY
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY OUTREACH
SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA) along with the City of Alexandria is reaching out to seniors 60 and over to participate in a four-week “Senior Academy.” The Academy’s goal to inform Alexandria residents about the various city government programs and services available to seniors and to encourage them to get involved in all that the city has to offer. Academy participants will also hear from local organizations and non-profits who also provide services to seniors.

“Senior Services of Alexandria is excited to be a part of the “Senior Academy,” providing another avenue for seniors in the city to learn about the many services and programs available” stated Donna Shaw, SSA’s board of directors chair.

The Senior Academy will be held each Wednesday from 10 a.m.-noon on Sept. 9, 16, 23 and 30. Sessions will be held at City Hall, Charles Houston Recreation Center, Police Headquarters and Beatley Central Library. Attendees will “graduate” during a

City Council meeting in October. Topics include: Getting to Know Your City and How You Can Make a Difference; Community Resources; City Services for Seniors; and Leisure, Cultural and Educational Opportunities.

Each session will feature local city government officials and non-profit executives talking about a broad array of topics. Participants will learn about the annual budget process, programs offered for seniors by the city and local agencies, cultural and recreational activities, and the many ways our safety officials are looking out for the senior community. There will be plenty of time for interaction with local officials during this unique opportunity to learn how Alexandria works and how it supports our older residents. The Senior Academy is a free program and light refreshments will be served at each session.

If you are interested in becoming an informed and involved Alexandria resident, you can find out more on SSA’s website at www.seniorservicesalex.org or by calling SSA at 703-836-4414, ext. 113. Enrollment is limited to 25 city residents and registration closes on Friday, Aug. 14.

Don’t miss this unique opportunity to learn how to take advantage of all our wonderful city has to offer.

SPORTS

Aces Baseball: a City of Alexandria Hidden Gem

Collegiate league uses wood bats.

BY GORDON ROGO
GAZETTE PACKET

Community, exposure, and experience: these are the foundations upon which the Alexandria Aces Collegiate Summer Baseball organization has built itself. And in its eighth season in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League, the Aces have become a staple in the City of Alexandria.

The Aces baseball club roster features a number of players from some of the top collegiate baseball programs around country. Most of the players come from outside of the Alexandria area and require the generosity and willingness of local families to serve as hosts to these college athletes.

"We've had a wonderful experience," said

John Kelly, a host parent and the Aces' host family coordinator. "The players come as guests in our home for two months or more. They become virtually a part of our family. They are like big brothers to our two children, and they probably more than anyone love it. Our children are very much baseball kids. We've done it for two years now, and we are still in touch with the players that we hosted last year. We talk to them, text them and Facebook them on a fairly regular basis."

The players themselves know how much generosity and openness that families display by taking them in for two months of the summer, and they are very appreciative of it.

"My host family has been great with getting me acclimated," said Matt Doughty, a pitcher from the 2015 national champion University of Virginia. "They have been really courteous and gracious having me here and I really appreciate everything they've done. It's really cool to live with someone else and experience a different culture. I'm not really from a big city, I'm from Roanoke, and so getting to come up here and seeing all the traffic and the bigger atmosphere has been a bit of a culture shock, but has been a really cool experience."

On the field, the Aces play 40 games over a two-month period in the Cal Ripken League, so they are virtually playing every night. This schedule has not hindered the players from being a part of the community and interacting with locals.

"One thing that's really important to note about these guys, is that in between each game they all come out and talk to the kids," said Caroline Doughty, a local second grade elementary school teacher whose brother is playing for the Aces this summer, and is



PHOTO BY HARVEY LEVINE/GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria Aces infielder Brett Netzer played for the South All-Stars, which defeated the North All-Stars 3-2, on July 15 during the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League all-star game at Shirley Povich Field in Bethesda, Md.

being hosted by one of her students' family. "I was here during one of their doubleheaders the other night and they were all sitting in the bleachers, talking to the kids, and signing balls. The guys are just so enthusiastic about meeting the kids, parents and families of the community. So it shows that they really genuinely care about getting to know the community with what little time they have."

The players are actively involved with the Alexandria Aces youth baseball camp where they interact and instruct local youth baseball players.

So how do the players get selected to play for the Aces?

The process of recruiting the players that make up the Aces roster, from summer to summer, is a 365-day process. Alexandria Aces manager and Alexandria resident David DeSilva is constantly on the phone talking to college coaches trying to find young men that fit the talent level and char-

acter of person he is looking to bring in.

"A lot of it is networking with different coaches," DeSilva said. "You'll find that a lot of the players we've had on our rosters over the years are from the same college programs because we have built relationships with coaching staffs and former players."

And with the Cal Ripken League being considered one of the elite collegiate summer leagues in the country by a number of notable baseball publications, it makes playing for the Aces an attractive summer destination for top tier talent.

One aspect that makes the Cal Ripken League unique and attractive to players compared to most college summer leagues around the country is the use of wooden bats instead of aluminum bats.

In college baseball a majority of the players use aluminum bats in contrast to the wood bats used in the major leagues. Why is this important?

"To come in and play with wood bats, which have a much smaller sweet spot than aluminum bats, it really fine tunes and shows the strengths and weaknesses in these players' swings," DeSilva said. "So when players might get certain hits just because they get contact with aluminum bats, it's not going to happen with wooden bats; they'll break. If you don't hit the ball on the barrel on a wood bat it is not going very far."

This is beneficial for the players because it exposes them to playing with the same bats they would use if they played in the Major League. It also gives professional scouts a chance to get a better evaluation on the strengths and weaknesses of the players' swings.

"We want to provide the highest quality experience for our players to get ready for the professional level," said Dan Didan, CEO of the Alexandria Aces organization. "We also want to give them the opportunity to play every day, and to play every summer. Lastly, we want to provide quality entertainment for the citizens of Alexandria."

SPORTS BRIEF

Alexandria's Alhighbani Wins Tennis Title

Alexandria resident Saul Alhighbani recently brought home the boys' 12-and-under singles title at the USTA National Clay Court Championships held last week in Winston-Salem, N.C., defeating Karl Lee of Los Altos, Calif., 6-1, 6-4 in the final round.

Alexandria Firefighter a Pass-Catching Force for D.C. Divas

Whisonant won bodybuilding title at World Police and Fire Games.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

Ashley Whisonant has a track record of athletic achievement.

After graduating from St. John's College High School in 2004, the Bowie, Md., native played basketball for four years at the University of Arizona. She finished her career with 1,451 points, at the time placing her fifth on the Wildcats' all-time scoring list. As a senior, she was named team MVP, Defensive MVP, and earned 2nd-team all-Pac-10 honors.

Five years ago, she decided to give tackle football a shot. Whisonant, 28, is now in her fifth season as a wide receiver for the D.C. Divas. Listed at 5 feet 5 and 153

pounds, Whisonant has been selected as a first-team All-American four straight years by the Women's Football Alliance and is considered to be the top pass catcher in women's football.

Whisonant, a full-time firefighter in Alexandria and part-time substitute teacher for Fairfax County Public Schools, recently tested her ability as a competitive bodybuilder at the 2015 World Police and Fire Games.

"This was the first time I've done body building," she said. "I typically try to stay in fairly good shape. ... I don't want to say [I was] nervous. I was curious. ... [I was] anxious and curious to know [where] I stood and to know how well I would do."



D.C. DIVAS/DOUG CHARLAND

Ashley Whisonant is a four-time first-team Women's Football Alliance All-American wide receiver for the D.C. Divas.

A member of the Alexandria Fire Department, Whisonant placed first in the women's 18+ Over 5 feet 4 division.

Whisonant has proven she can excel in multiple sports. This weekend, football will be the challenge at hand as the D.C. Divas look to earn a trip to the national championship game.

The D.C. Divas will take on the Chicago Force in the WFA National Conference championship game at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 25 at Lee High School in Springfield. The winner earns a trip to Los Angeles for the national championship game on Aug. 8.

Whisonant is the Divas' top threat in the passing game. She played flag football before giving tackle football a chance.

"It was a pretty big transition," Whisonant said, "getting used to carrying a little bit of extra weight with the shoulder pads, seeing with the helmet."

It didn't take long for her to catch on. This season, Whisonant has 29 receptions for 659 yards and 11 touchdowns.

For those who have never watched women's football, Whisonant said it's "just as exciting" as watching men play.

"If you like sports, football to be exact, it's almost like going to a Redskins game or a Ravens game, except you see females," Whisonant said. "... It's just as exciting. You have a lot of fun. ... People assume woman can't play sports that men play. It's an eye-opening experience."

Tickets are on sale at www.dcdivas.com/tickets.



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Collin Marquis, 19, with
our 11-year-old black lab
mix Guinness in front of
our Alexandria home.
We've had Guinness since
she was 8 weeks and she
has been a loved member
of our family since the day
we brought her home.

— BRIAN MARQUIS



Our 11-year-old black lab mix Guinness with our 5-year-old "tuxedo" cat Cannoli. When we brought Cannoli home as an 8-week-old kitten, she immediately became friends with Guinness and the two have been almost inseparable ever since, frequently playing, lounging and sleeping together.

— BRIAN MARQUIS



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Mama's boy and Jax, of course,
is a Daddy's boy.

— JIMMY DEATON

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care of him for over
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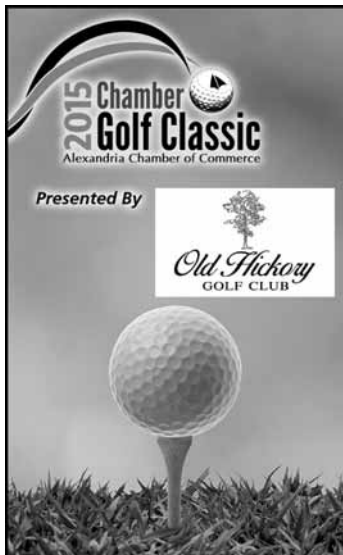
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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 18

Just because the courts constantly toss out infractions against cyclists for riding through stop signs, does not mean the police should stop writing infractions. You do it enough times, and maybe they will at least slow down through an intersection. I would assume that for this same reason, the police never write infractions against pedestrians for the same reason. The argument that it would turn tourist away is a farce. The city does a pretty good job of that on their own. If you listen to our outgoing mayor, tourists are suppose to take the metro to say Old Town or ferry over from National Harbor. Locals are suppose to take local transit. Tour buses are nice, but we don't want you to park anywhere in our city. If city traffic ordinances don't apply to pedestrians or cyclists, why should motorists bother obeying them.

Ruben Duran
Alexandria

A Matter of Respect

To the Editor:

Even as we debate how to honor our Southern/American heritage of 150-plus years ago, today we should all take pride in being Americans. Among other ways, we show that we do so by saluting our flag and being active participants in the Pledge of Allegiance and other appropriate ceremonies. When I was a teacher at T.C. Williams, students who refused to salute the flag and recite the Pledge were required to show respect by being silent and not interfering with those who wished to do so. They were not permitted to perform other tasks. However, the First Lady was captured recently texting during the Pledge of Allegiance. She owes us all an apology for this egregious display of disrespect. In particular, I recommend that she begin by calling the families of the recently murdered service members in Chattanooga to offer her sympathy and thank them for volunteering to defend our freedoms. Even better, she should also visit them and hear first-hand about the costs of protecting our country.

Ellen Latane Tabb
Alexandria

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FRIDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 21-23

Beth El Hebrew Congregation Open House. 5:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21-Sunday, Aug. 23 at Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road. The congregation hosts a "Get to Know Us" weekend for new location. Free. Visit www.bethelhebrew.org.

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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NUMBER 15-06-05

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking competitive proposals from qualified Offerors to provide Library Materials and Related Services. Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 15-06-05 Library Materials and Related Services will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, August 7, 2015. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Proposals appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8181, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPS website at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financial-services/purchasing/bids.php>

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Obituary

John Henson

Murrells Inlet, SC

John Henson, age 65, died Monday, July 13, 2015 at his residence.

Born in Prince George County, MD, he was a son of the late William H. and Margaret Kerr Henson. He served in the United States Air Force. Mr. Henson worked for 28 years at AT&T before going to Cisco Systems and finished his career at Juniper. He loved reading while smoking cigars, and watching his boys play baseball.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Carol; sons, Matthew John and Ryan Patrick Henson; daughters, Kathryn Marie Henson and Meredith Dawn Robbins; grandchildren, Blair, Baylee, Jade, Brayden, Jamison, and Jaxon; brothers, William Henry III and Steven Robert Henson; sister Marcia Elizabeth Holt and 21 nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 2:00-4:00 PM, Saturday, July 18, 2015 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Father Pat's Kitchen, Precious Blood of Christ, 1633 Waverly Rd., Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel, Murrells Inlet, SC is in charge of the arrangements.

ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID NUMBER 15-07-01

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking competitive bids from qualified Bidders to provide laptop equipment.

Sealed Bids with the notation ITB# 15-07-01 Chromebooks will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, July 27, 2015. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Bids appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. Bid documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8343, or by downloading the ITB from the ACPS website at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financial-services/purchasing/bids.php>

No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of bids except as may be set forth in the ITB.

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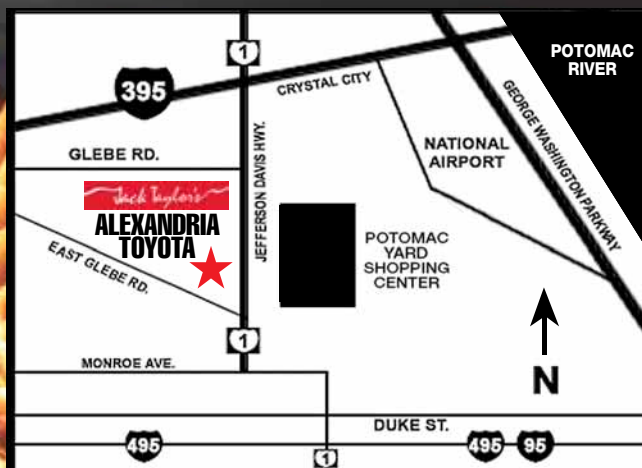
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