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Ron Kirby's family and friends gather at the new plaque in his honor.

The Bridge Builder Alexandria honors slain transportation expert.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Originally, the Woodrow Wilson bridge was going to be a car only bridge, like the old drawbridge it replaced. So if you've walked or biked across the Woodrow Wilson bridge over to the trails around the National Harbor area, you can thank Ronald Kirby. Whether you're for or against I-66 reform, you can thank

Kirby for helping to introduce and research the idea. Big fan of teleworking? Kirby was one of the D.C.-area transportation experts analyzing its benefits on local traffic.

The mayor, City Council, staff and transportation planners who knew Kirby came together to remember him with a plaque, set on the Alexan-

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Four Mile Run Restored

Natural habitats slowly return to Alexandria's northern creek.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

In the 1970s, Alexandria was desperate. Throughout the '60s and '70s, Four Mile Run along the city's northern border with Arlington was flooding. Former U.S. Rep. James Moran remembers seeing the damage as the waters swept through Arlandria, pushing people out of their homes and destroying what was left. The city turned to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, who dredged the creek and poured in a concrete foundation. In a way, the city was saved, but this also created a new problem. The concrete works destroyed many of the natural habitats that were formed along the stream, and the creek was transformed into a lifeless gully.

But this is not the Four Mile Run of 2016.

In 2009, a Master Plan was approved to maintain the flood mitigation measures but also to restore

many of the natural habitats along the stream that had been lost. On Saturday, May 14, Moran joined other political and citizen leaders in celebrating the completion of the Four Mile Run restoration project. The total cost of the Four Mile Run restoration in Area 6, the wetlands area just east of Mount Vernon Avenue, was \$1.8 million. Total project costs for the Four Mile Run restoration was divided between government agencies, contributions from Fairfax, Alexandria, and Arlington, as well as federal earmarks secured by Moran before he left office.

One of the most visibly striking aspects of the park, currently, is the field of bright pink ribbons tied to stakes in the tidal basin. When Moran rounded the corner and saw the basin, he said that for a moment he thought for a moment that the wetlands was home to a flock of flamingos. Dana Wedeles, Alexandria park planner, said the

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Happy Birthday AHA Author Judith Viorst joins Alexandria celebration.



PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

AHA executive director Cele Garrett, board member Barbara Rosenfeld, Mayor Allison Silberberg and author Judith Viorst celebrate the 5th anniversary of At Home in Alexandria May 17 at Beth El Hebrew Congregation.

Award-winning author Judith Viorst was on hand May 17 as At Home in Alexandria celebrated five years as the city's only aging-in-place "village," a network of services that allows older residents to remain in their homes.

"This is not intended to be a fundraiser," said AHA executive director Cele Garrett. "It's a celebration of the first five years of what we have accomplished since we have been up and running."

Held at Beth El Hebrew Congregation, Viorst entertained the crowd with excerpts and ruminations on her latest book "Wait for Me and Other Poems About the Irritations and Consolations of a

Long Marriage."

Part of the growing nationwide "village" concept for seniors, AHA provides members with a variety of social events and an array of services, including transportation, errands, technology assistance, light home maintenance and other concierge-like work, carried out by

certified volunteers.

"The idea behind the aging-in-place movement is to provide a network of support that enables residents to postpone the difficult decision to leave their homes for a continuing care or assisted liv-

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Inside AlexRenew

Early June eyed for AlexRenew field opening.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

On the surface, the nearly completed park near the east end of Eisenhower Avenue looks like any soccer field. It's currently soggy and unusable, given the recent rain and some leakage issues, but by June, it should be operational and open to the public. What those playing on the field may not know is that they're actually standing over 18 million gallons of nitrogen and phosphorous removed from the local water supply.

The field will be run by the city, but the facility it sits on top of is part of AlexRenew. Alexandria Renew Enterprises, or AlexRenew, is a water resource recovery public utility. In essence, AlexRenew is a sewage treatment plant, a title CEO Karen Pallansch says years of branding has tried to change but nothing has quite stuck.

"If you make it dirty," Pallansch said, "we have to make it clean."

The facility takes water from parts of Fairfax County and all of Alexandria except Fairlington.

One of the biggest problems the system faces, and one they hope to reduce via public outreach, is harmful substances being flushed into toilets or down kitchen sinks. Baby wipes, medicine, and grease are three of the most common offenders. Each year, it costs AlexRenew between \$50,000 to \$150,000 to remove the material from the water, and \$200,000 to safely dispose of it. But the treatment facility has other reasons for keeping the material out. The facility is using an experimental new "bug" brought over from Europe that more efficiently draws the waste material out of the water. However, the new bugs have a more sensitive Ph. level, meaning they have to be maintained in a careful condition that non-approved substances could throw out of balance.

In celebration of infrastructure week,



Soccer field above the AlexRenew storage facility.



The underground structure at the AlexRenew field.

Pallansch led a group of local officials and community members through their facilities.

"I was impressed," said Del. Mark Levine. "Knowing what you're doing here is a highlight of Alexandria. This is really at the forefront in the Commonwealth."

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Central
operations at
AlexRenew.



Gearing Up for Bike to Work Day in Alexandria

Local cyclists share tips for new riders.

BY VERNON MILES
AND RIKKI GEORGE
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On May 20, expect to see more Alexandria commuters leaving the cars in the garage. The annual "Bike to Work" day encourages commuters to try out a car-free lifestyle, and some local experts are ready with tips for new riders.

"Wear a helmet," said Ron Taylor, owner of Wheel Nuts Bike Shop in Alex-

andria, "That's just key."

Wearing a helmet is not required in Virginia, but it is strongly encouraged. Taylor also recommended, before riding, that cyclists check that the quick release on the bike is secure, that the wheel nuts are tight, and that the brakes are functional. Tires should be checked for their condition as well and given the proper pressure (the number for which can sometimes be found on the wheel).

Once you start riding, Taylor said it's important to follow the rules of the road. Stop at stop signs, an offense that hit one Alexandria cyclist with a \$91 ticket last fall. In Alexandria, though riding on the sidewalks is strongly discouraged, it is not illegal except along King Street and along South

Union Street.

For safety, Taylor said it's important to keep visible, which means flashing lights on the front and back of the bike.

Visibility and awareness, both of the cyclist and by the cyclist, are the pivotal to bicycle safety.

Riding a bike through an urban environment presents a wider variety of dangers than bicycle trails. Ray Hayhurst, Complete Streets coordinator for Alexandria, said it's important to be cognizant of parked vehicles nearby.

"The number one source of bicycle injury is being doored," said Hayhurst, "that's riding too close to a parked vehicle and having the operator open the door into the bicyclist."

But many of the dedicated bike lanes throughout Arlington and Alexandria run alongside street parking.

"When on a bike path near a car, be a defensive cyclist and look into the car," said Hilary Orr, Alexandria's Complete Streets program manager. "Be aware that they might open the door on you. Anticipate their actions, because maybe they won't see you."

Especially on bike to work day, that's something people driving their cars should also be aware of. Pay attention. There's more cyclists on the road. Everyone needs to be defensive, as a driver, biker, or walker. You're all sharing a public space; be kind and courteous to the newer riders."

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AHA's Cele Garrett and Senior Services of Alexandria executive director Mary Lee Anderson.



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ACT for Alexandria president John Porter, left, gets Mike Anderson to pause from serving his Pork Barrel BBQ to attendees at the 3rd annual ACT Community BBQ May 16 at the City Dock.

ACT Community BBQ Bash

Annual 'No Speeches' event celebrates local charities.

More than 260 people turned out May 16 for the third annual ACT for Alexandria Community BBQ Bash, an event to celebrate the philanthropic works of community organizations.

"We bill this as 'No speeches, no auctions, no asks,'" said ACT president John Porter. "We just want the community to come together, celebrate the many good works of

local philanthropic and volunteer organizations and of course have fun."

Held along the waterfront, CityFarm Band performed Bluegrass music and refreshments were provided by Pork Barrel BBQ, Vola's Dockside Grill and Hi-Tide Lounge, Alexandria Restaurant Partners, Bittersweet Catering and Port City Brewing Company.

"What a beautiful evening," said Senior Services of Alexandria executive director Mary Lee Anderson, referring both to the event and the brief respite from several days of rain. "It's wonderful to see so many people turn out to celebrate our community."

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BY SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

Lena Larrea scoops put a large wedge full of vanilla buttercream from the 18-quart plastic container and spreads it on the bottom layer of the three-layer vanilla sponge cake. “Pink buttercream inside and white buttercream outside with a cross and white piping.” Larrea says the customer has ordered it for “Caroline’s first Communion.”

Tom Lally, owner of Alexandria Pastry Shop & Cafe in Bradlee Shopping Center says, “Lena is a very good artist.” Larrea’s uncle Fernando Zurita who is also from Boliva, had just made the buttercream earlier in the day with 25-30 pounds of butter. Lally said both of them have worked for him since the begin-

ning and that Zurita had started as a dishwasher and learned to become a baker.

PEOPLE AT WORK

“I like to do this with my employees, teach them and move them up,”

Lally says.

Lally walks back and forth across the kitchen injecting a question or offering a bit of advice. He explains they will soon be delivering appetizers to a party in Alexandria. Lally stops for a minute and confers on orders for tomorrow with his son Liam. “People call all the time for a change.” The top order on the pile is for breakfast sandwiches and assorted pastries for a 7 a.m. delivery to a consulting firm in Tysons followed by a 7:30 a.m. breakfast delivery to D.C. and then Jefferson-Houston Elementary School. Lally walks around the large wooden counter and peers over the shoulder of an employee decorating George Mason University cookies. “Where is the ticket for this?” Lally explains the savory and the sweet orders and the two sides of the kitchen are kept separate. It takes a lot of organization and constant checking to make sure things are right. “My second shift will be coming in soon, at 3:30 p.m. or so and will roll out the dough for the breakfast pastries. They work until they are finished. We always try to keep ahead of the orders.”

Lally has owned Alexandria Pastry Shop & Cafe since 1988. Before that he sold butter and eggs and other staples for 10 years. “I sold Chesapeake Bagel Bakery over here their first bag of flour.” He has seen things change, especially in the way customers communicate. “It used to be they would come in; now it’s email back and forth with details and how much is the cake going to cost. I tell them to just call me; it’s faster and easier. Also they order more complicated things now. They see something on TV or get an idea and they want me to make it.” He pulls out an order with a picture of a 4-layer birthday cake for 400 people.



Lena Larrea decorates a cake ordered from Alexandria Pastry Shop & Cafe to be delivered the next day. She will use buttercream for the three layers and smooth the top to add piping around the edges and the cross in the center for Caroline’s First Communion.



Tom Lally confers with his son Liam on the pile of upcoming orders. It starts the next morning with a 7 a.m. breakfast delivery and moves on to cupcakes and specialty cakes and later appetizers for an evening event.

“See that elaborate scroll work on the Indian design? It will take a long long time to do and will cost close to \$2,000.”

Tu Parsons, a manager, says cakes are getting a lot more excessively decorated. And there is food for every theme. “My kid plays baseball and there are baseball cookies.” Parsons says you can do anything with a cake but the question is whether the customer is willing to pay. Lally adds that customers come in and need a quick birthday cake because they forgot or found a birthday they didn’t know they had. So he has taught all “his kids upfront helping customers to write on cakes. Some are very good at it.”

Lally walks by a metal rack piled high with sponge cakes “just made today,” each waiting to be filled with fruit bavian, vanilla cream, raspberry or black and white mousse, a customer favorite. His own favorite is the chocolate-praline mousse or the lemon-coffee pound cake. “That’s really good, really good.” He reviews an order and asks a couple of questions.

Then he gets called to the front to consult with a customer. Lally says they make a lot of wedding cakes and in fact Lally is featured in the George Mason Wedding Planning Management book. One weekend Parsons remembers they made 19 wedding cakes. “And,” Lally says, “you have to get it right because this is a memory they will have for the rest of their life.”



Mayor Allison Silberberg, right, congratulates George Williams as Foster Parent of the Year at the Fostering the Future gala April 8 at the Hotel Monaco.

Fostering the Future

New Orleans-themed evening raises \$21,000.

The Fund for Alexandria’s Child held its annual Fostering the Future gala, raising more than \$21,000 during an “Evening in the French Quarter” April 8 at the Hotel Monaco.

“What an exciting evening,” said event co-chair Christina Horst. “So many people have come together to make tonight a success. The generosity of our community will enable us to continue helping foster children and others at-risk of abuse and neglect to enjoy the experiences most kids take for granted.”

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For more information, visit the Facebook page at TheFundForAlexandriasChild.

— JEANNE THEISMANN



Fostering the Future event co-chair Christina Horst with Susan Sugerman, Mayor Allison Silberberg and John Bordner.

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NEWS



Dana Wedeles, park planner for the City of Alexandria, leads a group along the new Four Mile Run path.

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VERNON MILES/
GAZETTE PACKET

Four Mile Run Restored

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ribbons are set up to keep the geese away from eating the still-growing plants before they can become established. The flagging is expected to be removed in November once the plants are grown.

Aside from geese, Wedeles said the new park has a variety of wildlife, from turtles to foxes and deer. While walking along the trail, Wedeles pointed off to the side where several animal tracks were visible in the mud.

The project still has a few challenges. The restored wetlands area is regularly sprayed for invasive species, but just upstream the coast is littered with invasive plants. Garbage also floats down the creek and onto the shore from upstream, but Wedeles said there's not much can be done about that. Similarly, trash is always found at the same spot around the first curve from the path, where people can meet without being seen from the street. Police have been notified of the blind spot.

The biggest problem, however, is that shortly past that bend, the trail ends abruptly. The path slopes up near a tributary and stops with an orange construction sign. On the far side, a landing is visible where a bridge could easily connect coastline, and



Turtles and ducks in the goose-free zone of the restored Four Mile Run.

connect to the Mount Vernon trail nearby, but no connection currently exists.

"The grant was only for environmental sustained benefit," said Wedeles. "That does not include a bridge."

Wedeles said the city is currently in the process for bridge design in the fiscal year 2018 Capital Improvements Budget.

"Hopefully it will happen soon," said Wedeles.

Remembering Ronald Kirby

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dria end of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Kirby was murdered in 2013 by Charles Severance, who last year was sentenced to a lifetime in jail for three murders across over a decade.

"Ron [Kirby] knew more about transportation than anyone else," said Patsy Ticer, former Alexandria mayor and state delegate. "He was the man to go to. There wasn't anything he didn't know."

"He was the expert to the experts," said Councilwoman Redella "Del" Pepper. "He left his fingerprints on everything. He just knew it all."

At the plaque unveiling, officials were joined by Kirby's friends and family, who remembered a different side of the soft-spoken Australian. Aside from Kirby's family, Albert Brown may have known Kirby longer than anyone else. On hearing about Kirby's transportation expertise, Brown worked to bring Kirby from his home in Australia to the United States to work at the Planning and Research Corporation. Brown says the two became quick friends, both at

work and socially.

At work, Brown says Kirby was a marvelous negotiator because he listened, really listened, to everyone in a discussion.

"There was no by-the-way answers," agreed Ticer. "He listened to everybody and cared about what he was doing. He had a lot of passion."

Away from work, Brown and Kirby were passionate about sailing. Kirby's first wife, Molly Kirby, remembered sailing with Kirby and Brown on the Chesapeake. She also fondly remembered their trips to Egypt, or back to his home in Australia, or a year spent in the Philippines where they adopted two children.

"He loved this city," said his daughter Marilyn Kirby. "He loved its people and its history."

His wife, Anne Haynes, said that he helped her out in so many ways, and that she wished he'd been present to help get her to the ceremony.

"He was the love of my life," said Haynes. "His death has devastated me Now, I'm alone, without my love, my friend, and confidant."

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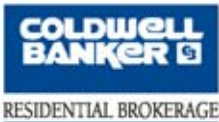


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OPINION

In Search of Diversified Revenue

Fairfax County residents can expect to see meals tax question on November ballots.

Local governments pay for almost all of local services, including schools, by taxing a single industry, property owners. In Fairfax County, property taxes pay for 65 percent of the budget. In Arlington, which has more revenue options as an urban county, property taxes pay for 57 percent of everything. In the City of Alexandria, property taxes pay for 58 percent.

It costs more every year to provide a consistent level of services, and the sources of revenue available to local governments in Virginia are very limited, forcing an outsized reliance on property taxes. The reason is that localities in Virginia have only the power explicitly given to them by the General Assembly, and the General Assembly allows very few options for localities to collect revenue.

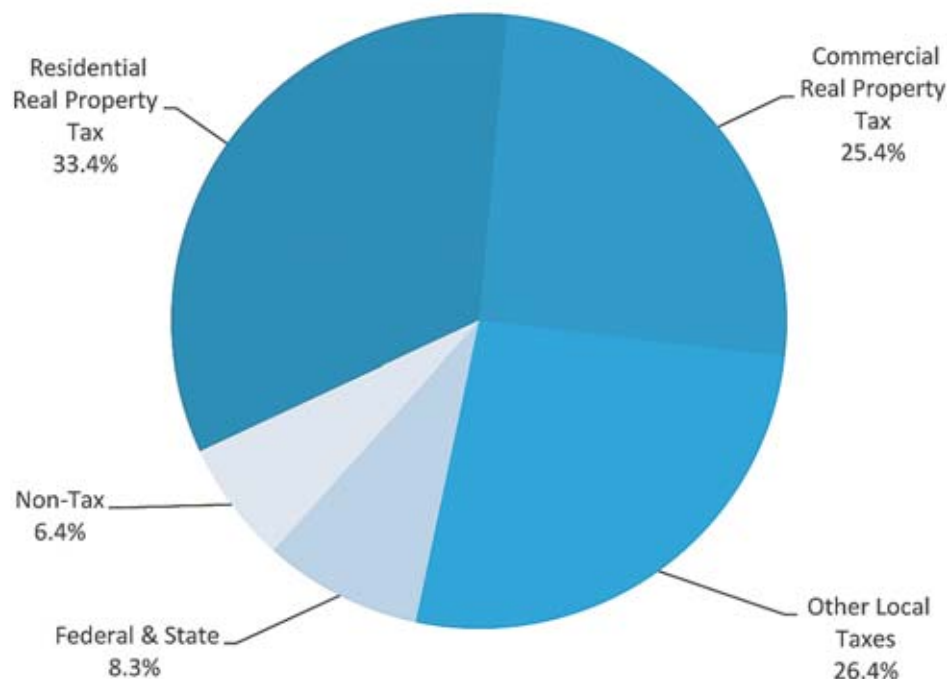
Alexandria and Arlington already have a 4 percent meals tax on top of the 6 percent sales tax, and it's evident that the robust restaurant scene in both areas has not suffered as a result. Would-be diners do not drive to Fairfax County to avoid the tax. But whether Fairfax County can collect a meals tax will be up to voters in November, pending the Board of Supervisors putting the question on the ballot.

A meals tax is not a silver bullet, but it does add one more source of revenue. A 4-cent meals tax is roughly equivalent to the 4-cent increase in property taxes that Fairfax County residents will face this year. But the property tax is levied on people with no relationship to their ability to pay. The meals tax is related to spending, a more progressive approach, and will also collect taxes from non-residents.

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country, and the highly educated population has high expectations. Schools, public safety, recreational facilities, transportation, human services and other services and facilities cannot be allowed to atrophy because real estate values are flat. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors was correct to provide what Chairman Sharon Bulova called a "booster shot," mostly to schools but also to other needs in the county.

What is needed for the future is access to other, more diversified forms of taxes. While it is a pipe dream given the disposition of the General Assembly, what is really needed is to give localities a portion of the income tax. In

Tax Relief for Some

Residents of the City of Alexandria who are either 65 years of age or older or permanently and totally disabled by Nov. 15, 2016, may be eligible for the City's Real Estate Tax Relief Program for Elderly and Disabled Persons, call 703-746-3901, Option 6, or visit <https://www.alexandriava.gov/finance/info/default.aspx?id=2886>.

the meantime, locals will have to press the state to pay for its fair share locally, and to allow increases in cigarette taxes and other possible sources of revenue.

— MARY KIMM

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Irregularities Affect Trust

To the Editor:

As residents of Canal Way and Pitt Street Station followed, in good faith, the city process for participating in the Old Colony renovation decision, a series of irregularities occurred.

The developer did not notify Pitt Street Station, which is a requirement, that the Old Colony owners were seeking to renovate the property. The developer's attorney, through three community meetings, was condescending and impolite, attempting to confuse rather than enlighten.

According to city procedure, the nearby homeowners visited individually with each planning commissioner and council member. However, two commissioners had already

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And So Much More

BY JANE COLLINS
COMMUNITY LODGINGS

This is the first in a five-part series about Community Lodgings' programs and services to the Alexandria community.

Pop quiz! Complete this sentence: Community Lodgings offers...

- A. Affordable housing
- B. Transitional housing
- C. Youth programming/education
- D. Adult/Community services at our Fifer Learning Center
- E. All of the above

While "All of the above" is a safe bet for any multiple choice question, it's also the correct answer.

COMMUNITY LODGINGS "I had no idea you do all of those things" is a common response we hear from attendees of our one-hour Open Doors tours, held twice monthly at our Fifer Learning Center. The tour offers an overview of our programs, a walk-through of one of our transitional housing apartments and personal stories from staff members who attended our programs before joining our team.

Founded by eight Episcopal churches in 1987 to combat the rise in family homelessness, Community Lodgings is now the only nonprofit in Alexandria that offers both housing and youth education to the low-income families of Alexandria. Today, as we near our fourth decade of service to our community, we are proud of our accomplishments while knowing we have more work to do.

Here is a quick overview of our services, in case you are quizzed again:

❖ **Affordable housing** – we rent 44 one, two and three bedroom apartments, housed in five buildings in the Arlandria area of Alexandria, at below-market rates. Prospective tenants must provide proof of income to qualify.

❖ **Transitional housing** – six of those 44 apartments are earmarked for families transitioning from homelessness. Families accepted into our two-year transition program must be referred by the city's Department of Community and Human Services and comply with all of our program requirements.

❖ **Youth Education Programs** – our year-round program includes after school tutoring and a summer enrichment program for children enrolled in Alexandria City Public Schools, as well as mentoring for students in grades 6-12. Our trained staff and volunteers work closely with the child's teachers to reinforce classroom instruction and prepare them for the Standards of Learning tests.

❖ **Adult/Community services** – we assist parents of our Youth Education Program students and other adults with English Language Learning, parent/teacher conferences, translation, food assistance and other needs.

Want to know more? We invite you to attend an Open Doors tour, held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., or the third Thursday of each month at 12:30 p.m. All tours are held at our Fifer Learning Center, 607 Notabene Drive in Alexandria. Please call 703-549-4407 to schedule.

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made their decisions before visiting with us. Commissioners are expected to come to us with open minds. Such bias tilted the playing field, denying us the opportunity to discuss our issues with neutral listeners.

At the May 3 Planning Commission meeting, a resident with whom we have no affiliation, made inappropriate remarks to the commissioners. He was, as should have been the case, rebuked by the chair and told to sit down.

We, however, were courteous as we spoke to the commissioners, stating our points against the developer's renovation plan. The commissioners voted 7 to 0 against us. One commissioner stated that the impolite speaker "didn't help our case," which in essence, painted us all with the same brush stroke. The commissioner's comment clearly stated that the body's vote was informed, in part, by the impolite speaker's behavior in which he linked us all together. So, the question becomes: How much of the vote was based on the inappropriate speaker's comments and how much was based on the merits of the case? That we cannot know but the question remains.

Further, during the Planning Commission meeting, a city staff member misinformed the commission, stating that the National Park Service said the proposed hotel architecture was "OK." In fact, the NPS "did not state it was in support of the project" (NPS memo to the city 5/12/16).

At the council meeting last Saturday, we emphasized that the proposed building's incursion into the zone transition set back line did not comply with the city's zoning ordinance (Section 11- 416). Although council discussed the architectural embellishments which encroached on the zone transition line, a small part of the total incursion, it still allowed a serious infraction of the law to stand.

These process irregularities break the trust of the citizens who diligently and conscientiously followed the city policy for participating in the Old Colony decision.

When a city is not self-reflective of its own errors and chooses instead to become a closed entity, it loses the trust of its citizens. And the citizens, stripped of expectations of fair play and law adherence, return to their interior spaces, sadder but wiser.

Elizabeth Chimento
 Alexandria

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OPINION

Giving Children Roots

BY KATHARINE DIXON
PRESIDENT, REBUILDING TOGETHER
ALEXANDRIA



Despite the housing meltdown, homeownership remains an important investment tool for families and a source of long-term wealth. But the benefits of homeownership extend well beyond and have implications for many aspects of people's lives and a communities' health.

We see this everyday as we meet homeowners throughout the city and witness how homeownership transforms lives and neighborhoods.

That's why our Rebuilding Together Alexandria volunteers work to preserve housing affordability and revitalize the Alexandria community by providing free home repairs for low-income homeowners. If we can help these homeowners stay in their homes, it's better for them and the community as a whole. This is particularly true for families with children.

Research supports this too. For example:

❖ Children moving into better neighborhoods had positive long-term impacts for both kids and parents, according to the HUD study "The Effects of Exposure to Better Neighborhoods on Children." The report cites higher: earnings, college attendance, and marriage rates as outcomes. And the younger the child was when moving, the greater the impact.

❖ Homeownership helps stabilize neighborhoods since "homeowners move far less frequently than renters, and hence are embedded into the same neighborhood and community for

a longer period," concludes a report by the National Association Realtors about the social benefits of

homeownership.

❖ The same NAR study reported that homeownership makes a significant positive impact on educational achievement, including a greater likelihood by teenagers to stay in school. The study noted that "homeownership brings residential stability, and it is the stability that raises educational attainment."

❖ Children living in owned homes had math achievement scores up to 9 percent higher, reading achievement up to 7 percent higher, and behavioral problems up to 3 percent lower than for children living in rentals, according to an Ohio State research report.

This data affirms what we know from the families we serve — like Sam and his wife and their two children who struggled to maintain their home after a job loss. Earlier this year, our volunteers fixed a plumbing issue, repaired a roof and a kitchen appliance, and helped make their home more energy efficient.

By improving their housing conditions, we helped them keep their home, ensuring they can stay rooted and their kids can continue to go to the same schools. In turn, Sam and his family contribute to the economic, social and cultural diversity that make our city special.

If you know a family like Sam's who could benefit from our services, we encourage you to introduce them to us. To learn more, visit RebuildingTogetherAlex.org or call 703-836-1021.

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Opposing Discrimination on the Basis of Religion

BY DONALD S. BEYER JR.
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (D-8)

Last week I stood with Members of Congress of different faiths and an array of leaders from interest groups and religious organizations to introduce the Freedom of Religion Act.

Our bill would make it illegal for the United States to bar an immigrant, refugee, or traveler from our country on the basis of religion.

While this is the practice of the U.S. government, it is clear from current proposals to incorporate discrimination into U.S. immigration policy that we must codify this fundamental American value. Discrimination on the basis of religion would undermine the principle of religious liberty upon which our nation was founded.

The Freedom of Religion Act is a rallying cry to cut through messages of prejudice and restore the notion of America as a country that welcomes everyone from all walks of life and all faiths. For centuries, American shores have represented hope and freedom from religious oppression. The Constitution bans religious litmus tests for Americans who seek to hold higher office. And the opening phrase of the Bill of Rights bans both the establishment of a national religion and limitations on the free exercise of religion.



U.S. Rep. Donald S. Beyer Jr. at the press conference last week introducing the Freedom of Religion Act.

A religion-based immigration or travel ban would betray the promise of freedom that gave birth to our country and would hurt our national interest. Many of the recent proposals from candidates on the campaign trail have been specifically directed at Muslims. However, as Gen. David Petraeus — who commanded coalition forces first in Iraq and then in Afghanistan before becoming director of the CIA — wrote recently, “Anti-Muslim bigotry aids Islamist terrorists ... As policy, these concepts are totally counterproductive: rather

than making our country safer, they will compound the already grave terrorist danger to our citizens.”

At a time when we need strong global relationships to address major international conflicts and tensions, discriminating against those who come to America because of their religious beliefs would hurt our economy, our standing in the world, and our diplomatic relations.

Over 100 organizations, which include advocacy groups from a wide variety of faiths as well as civil liberties and civil rights

groups, support the Freedom of Religion Act. It is also cosponsored by 102 Members of Congress, including a single Republican, though we continue to seek the support of every representative in both parties.

Policies driven by bigotry and panic are as immoral as they are unwise. Northern Virginia and the United States are both strong because of our remarkable diversity. Together with the coalition supporting the Freedom of Religion Act, I will continue to fight discrimination and to speak out with appeals to hope rather than fear.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Addressing Airplane Noise

To the Editor:

The City of Alexandria shares the frustration expressed by Mr. Spar in his letter to the editor of April 29 regarding increased aircraft noise from flights out of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA). I hope the following facts will clarify the city’s role in dealing with aircraft noise.

Cities and counties do not have authority over civilian or military aircraft operations at DCA, and no aircraft operations have been approved by City Council or the city manager. This authority rests solely with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which implements legislation passed by Congress and regulates air traffic — including airplane flight paths. Three times since 2000, Congress has increased the number of flights that can arrive at and depart from DCA. Although an operational curfew has never existed at the airport, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) assesses penalties of up to \$5,000 per occurrence for airplanes that violate noise limits.

Recognizing that nearby residents have recently experienced increased aircraft noise, MWAA formed a Community Noise Working Group in the fall of 2015. Members representing Alexandria, Arlington,

Fairfax County, Montgomery County, Prince George’s County, and Washington, D.C., meet monthly with MWAA leadership and representatives from the FAA and American Airlines (the largest tenant airline at DCA) to review aircraft landing and departure noise and examine feasible solutions to minimize noise. As part of this group, the city strongly advocates to keep aircraft over the center of Potomac River as long as possible after takeoff and before landing.

The city is working with MWAA to host an informational meeting in Alexandria so the community may learn the details of this complex issue, raise concerns, and ask questions. Meeting information will be announced as soon as it is finalized.

Residents are encouraged to direct noise complaints to MWAA. The following link provides additional background information and a complaint form: www.flyreagan.com/dca/reagan-national-aircraft-noise-information

Allison Silberberg
Mayor, City of Alexandria

Focus on Safety Appreciated

To the Editor:

Patrick Henry Project decisions in April raised serious questions about the Alexandria City School Board’s decision-making priorities. Decisions about safety of students

were reportedly being made based on “numbers of email received,” rather than professional analysis by technical experts. On Tuesday, May 10, the questions about priorities were answered at a special School Board hearing. After discussion, board members agreed that (1) Safety, (2) Academic suitability, (3) Cost and (4) Green Space were their top priorities.

School Board Chair Graf led a discussion to ensure fact-based decision-making going forward: at her urging, the board directed the Patrick Henry Project Team to provide a report with analysis and pros/cons and costs/benefits to better inform the board’s decision-making, with a focus on the board’s four priorities. Both Chairman Graf and Vice Chair Lewis indicated that a \$1.5M to \$2M increase in cost for the latest option would likely be a deal breaker from their perspectives, if all other factors were roughly equal. Their focus on the fiscal aspect is greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, that focus led to a decision to not pursue a highly desirable and sought-after auditorium for the new school; the project team estimated that the auditorium would add \$2M to \$3.5M to the cost and cause a three-month delay in the project to re-design the building arrangements to include provisions for an auditorium.

By charting a path to open, transparent and fact-based decision making, the board’s action should also defuse what was becoming a divisive issue pitting “neighborhood” vs. “parents, teachers and students.” We are

writing to thank the School Board for their thoughtful discussion on Tuesday night that led to clearly-articulated priorities for project decision-making, and for making safety the primary concern. We share Ms. Graf’s objective to ensure that the project delivers the best school possible with the \$40M budgeted amount, with safety as a number one priority.

Mark Huddle
Alexandria

Lower Speed Limit?

To the Editor:

I admit it ... I have speed limit envy. Alexandria residents on Seminary and Quaker Road have just successfully lowered the speed limits to 25 mph on their roads. I understand that it wasn’t easy. Lots of signatures gathered, years of making noise in City Hall but they finally made it happen. Congratulations!

I live on a street in Old Town that is narrow and dark at night. My neighbors are well attuned to being cautious when crossing the streets, opening their car doors, wrangling their children and walking the dogs at night. Our city streets are 25 mph with stop signs at each end which don’t slow anyone down. Is 25 mph appropriate for residential streets that are shared by cars

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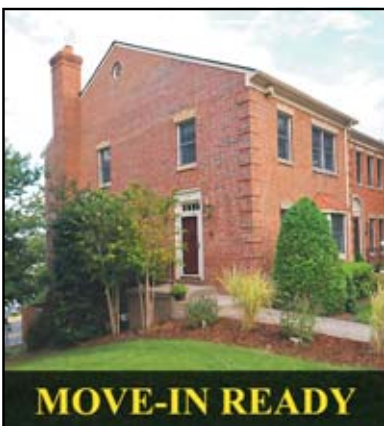


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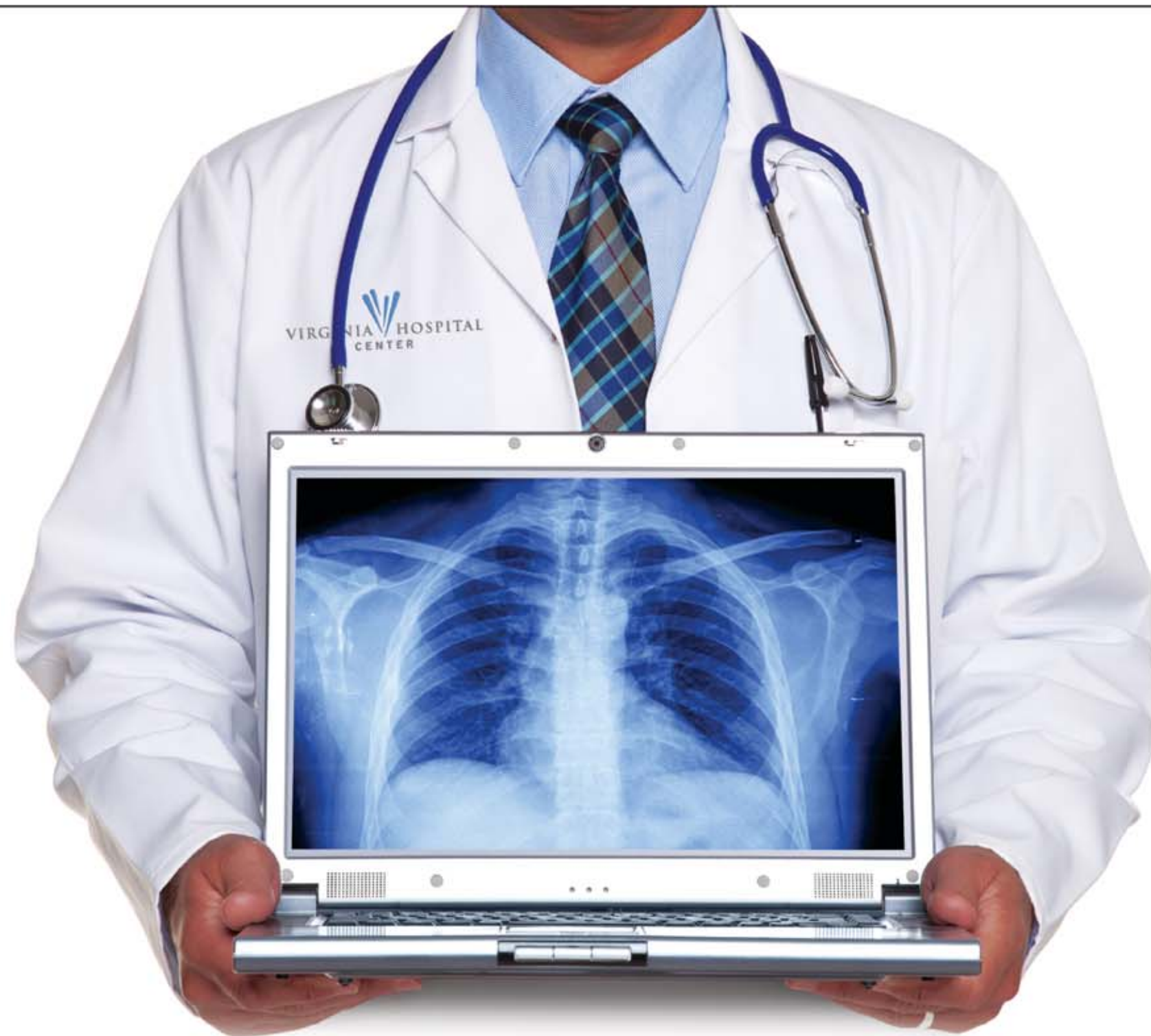
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News Briefs

Two Indicted for Murder

On May 16, the Grand Jury for the City of Alexandria returned murder indictments against two men in the death of Eduardo Almandarez. Almandarez was murdered on or about Nov. 28, 2015. His body was located in a park behind Cora Kelly School in the Arlandria neighborhood of Alexandria on Dec. 4, 2015.

Edwin Alexander Guerrero Umana, an 18-year old resident of Arlington County, was charged with capital murder and conspiracy to commit capital murder. Boris Elias Rosa Castro, a 19-year old resident of Fairfax County was charged with murder in the first degree.

The Commonwealth alleges that Almandarez was murdered in order to prevent him from testifying as a witness in a pending criminal case.

A trial date has not been set for either defendant.

King-Beauregard Intersection Improvements Project to Begin

The City of Alexandria will soon begin the King-Beauregard Intersection Improvements Project which includes roadway and sidewalk improvements, as well as the construction of new medians and a 10-foot shared use path on portions of King Street. Sagres Construction, Inc., has been awarded the project and will begin construction in late spring.

The project is being implemented in three phases, with Phase I consisting of grading, curb and gutter and retaining walls to be constructed prior to utility relocation. While access to all businesses and residences will be maintained, there will be periodic lane and sidewalk closures to ensure the safety of workers and the public. Phase I construction will be completed in the fall of 2016.

A public information meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24, from 7- 8 p.m., at the Minnie Howard Campus of T.C. Williams High School, 3301 W. Braddock Road.

Fort Ward Park Improvements

The City of Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities in cooperation with the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, will be repaving the existing loop road and parking areas at Fort Ward Park, 4301 West Braddock Road. The work includes milling, repaving, installation of new speed bumps, and parking space striping. Work is expected to take up to five days and is scheduled for May 23 - June 1, weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, work will be rescheduled tentatively for June 6-10. Work hours are 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The park and museum will be open during paving operations. Patrons should expect road closures throughout the day and should follow traffic signs, as some parking areas may not be available throughout the day.

Snapshot of Homelessness

The 2016 Annual Point-in-Time Count revealed 224 persons experiencing homelessness (i.e., unsheltered and in temporary shelter made available by homeless services providers) in the City of Alexandria:

- ❖ 28 households with adults and children (31 adults and 64 children)
- ❖ 129 singles (97 men and 32 women)
- ❖ 12 unsheltered singles (9 men and 3 women)
- ❖ 47 Chronically Homeless Singles
- ❖ 5 veterans

The total number of persons identified as experiencing homelessness during the 2016 Count decreased by 16 percent from 2015.

The Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness in the City of Alexandria, a public-private collaborative that serves as the local Continuum of Care, conducted the city's 2016 PIT Count on Thursday, Jan. 28.



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'RED Day'

Each year on May 12, Keller Williams Associates devote their time and energy to helping a local charitable organization. For the 8th annual "RED Day" (standing for Renew, Energize, Donate), the Old Town Alexandria office chose Operation Paws for Homes, a group seeking to find "forever homes" for dogs that have been abandoned in shelters. Keller Williams staff on Duke Street pose with a few of the dogs needing a home. The black poodles at right, owned by an associate, helped welcome the guest canines.



Melissa Rose Arcand (with Zola) and Peter Baturenko (with Sadie).

Boat Club Flag-Raising Ceremony

The Old Dominion Boat Club, a waterfront institution in Alexandria since 1880, celebrated the start of the boating season with its annual flag raising on Sunday, May 15. The club's commodore, Bill Gard, presided over the celebration at the foot of the club's mast, and members of the Alexandria Harmonizers sang the National Anthem and patriotic songs.

The U.S. Coast Guard's Ceremonial Honor Guard raised the Stars and Stripes, ODBC president Richard Banchoff the Commonwealth flag, Mayor Allison Silberberg the city flag, and Gard the club's burgee. As each flag was run up the mast, former



PHOTO BY MICHAEL K. BOHN

ODBC president Richard Banchoff offered remarks at the ceremony's close with Washington's fireboat, John H. Glenn, in the background.

commodore Tom Whalen fired the club's signaling cannon. Off shore, the District's fireboat, John H. Glenn, joined Alexandria's fireboat in sending celebratory plumes of water skyward.

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3 Food Trucks to Look Out For in Alexandria

City Council has permitted trucks in several places around town.

By HOPE NELSON
GAZETTE PACKET

With the Alexandria City Council's decision last week to allow food trucks at designated areas on West Street, King Street, and Eisenhower Avenue, some new menus may be rolling into town over the coming weeks and months. Here are three to put on your radar.

Lemongrass Truck (@LemongrassTruck)

Vietnamese-inspired Lemongrass is no stranger to Alexandria — it took part in the weekly food-truck event at the Patent and Trademark Office just last Thursday. But Alexandrians would consider it a victory indeed to play host to Lemongrass more frequently at each of the city's newly legal locations.

Peruse the menu for just a moment and you'll see that Lemongrass offers several ways to enjoy three proteins: slow-roasted pork, lemongrass chicken, or tofu. If you're aiming for a lighter lunch, give the salad a try, but if you want a stick-to-your-ribs meal that will leave you full but not stuffed, the

vermicelli noodles are a sure winner. Served cold, the noodles are a perfect complement to the hot protein, and the addition of pickled vegetables on the side makes a meal that sings. Don't overlook the Sriracha when picking up your order — fill a plastic container to the brim with the spicy red sauce and take it to go.

NuVegan Café To Go (@NuVeganCafe)

Carnivores of the world, don't dismiss this one straight out of hand. The food that comes from the inside of the NuVegan truck could addict anyone (even if you don't plan on forgoing meat forever — or the rest of the day, for that matter). NuVegan takes soul food to another level, and diners are the better for it.

First things first: See whether the fried "chik'n" sandwich is on the menu for the day, and if it is, order it immediately. Whether you're vegetarian or not, this sandwich will surely knock your socks off. The breading is crispy, the faux meat is juicy and rich with flavor — put this in a bun and you've got a full lunch already. But don't stop there: You'll want to try a side, and the vegan mac and cheese will have you

questioning the ingredient list. The creaminess of the cheese sauce makes it hard to believe that there's no dairy in this meal, and combined with the al dente elbow macaroni, it's comfort food at its finest.

The Big Cheese (@bigcheesetruck)

Sometimes, all you really want in life is a grilled-cheese sandwich. And when that craving strikes, the Big Cheese food truck is at the ready.

Admittedly, some food trucks can be too cute by half — they can offer too many frilly, fancy items that are big on style but low on substance. The Big Cheese doesn't fall prey

to such pitfalls; instead, it offers variations on a theme, and gives diners something interesting to taste along the way. To wit: The Irish stout sandwich, a hearty helping of Irish stout cheddar on sourdough bread. Also in style at the moment: The lemon fig, a chevre combined with lemon fig preserves served between slices of multigrain bread. It's springtime on a sandwich.

Keep an eye on these trucks' whereabouts via their Twitter accounts, which are updated often, and bring your appetite when they wheel into the neighborhood.

Hope Nelson operates the Kitchen Recessionista blog, at www.kitchenrecessionista.com. Email her any time at hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.



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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

Just Between Friends Kids Pop-Up Sale.

Through May 21, 12 p.m. at Landmark Mall, 5801 Duke St. Clothing, books, DVDs, toys, puzzles, games, baby equipment, and more. Free to attend. Visit www.easternfairfax.jbfsale.com.

Art Exhibit: "The Hand Speaks."

Through May 22, gallery hours at The Associates Gallery, 105 N. Union St. The Associates Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Art Center presents work of Kara Hammond and Drew Parris in an exhibit entitled: "The Hand Speaks." Recently juried into the Torpedo Factory, Parris is primarily self-taught in the medium of graphite drawing. His subjects, often family and friends, offer the viewer an emotional connection to his work. Hammond will feature new ink wash drawings each a story unto themselves. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Mount Vernon Historic Plant Sale.

Through May 22, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. At the Mount Vernon Historic Plant and Garden Sale, historic trees, shrubs and plants as well as a wide variety of annuals, perennials, heirloom

tomatoes and herbs — each carefully nurtured in the Mount Vernon greenhouses—will be available for purchase. Admission is free.

Visit www.mountvernon.org.

May Artists Showcase. Through May 28, gallery hours at Broadway Gallery Fine Art & Framing, 5641-B General Washington Drive. Find paintings of several local artists, celebrating the colors of Spring. Free. Visit www.broadwaygallery.net.

Exhibit: Ethiopian Crosses.

Through May 29, gallery hours at St. George Gallery, 105 N. Alfred St. With their elaborate lattice work and geometric patterns, Ethiopian Crosses have a variety of form, and are a decorative artistic emblem. Free. Call 703-299-9495 for more.

"Black Pearl Sings!"

Through May 29, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. Black Pearl Sings! is about two women in Depression-era Texas: an ambitious Library of Congress musicologist, searching for the African roots of slave songs, and the discovery of the musical gifts of an African American woman. Tickets are \$55-60. Visit www.metrostage.org for more.

"Surrealism: A Photography Exhibition."

Through May 29, gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans and Union 206 Studio present a surrealist photographic exhibition pushing the conventions of reality. Free. Visit www.delrayartisans.org for more.

Lisa Kellner: "Always Into Now."

Through May 29, gallery hours at The Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Kellner's site-responsive Paintings in Space use the room as a canvas. She creates organic, ethereal forms from silk. Viewers experience the intimacy of being absorbed with a room-sized painting. This is the first exhibition as part of the Target Gallery's New Media Invitational and is funded, in part, by March150 participants. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Exhibit: "A Retrospective Exhibit of Florals and Still Life." Gallery hours at Goodwin House Alexandria Art Center, 4800 Fillmore Ave. Artist Concetta C. Scott presents her work. Call 703-578-1000 for more.

Nancy McIntyre: "The Rhythms of Time."

Through June 5, gallery hours at The Art League, 105 N. Union St. Nancy McIntyre's silkscreens and paintings focus on different scenes and subjects over varying periods of time, from five minutes to four decades. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

Potomac Fiber Arts: "Horizons."

Through June 12, gallery hours at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Artists' interpretations of separations between sky and earth, landscapes, seascapes, sunsets, sunrises. Jewelry, sculpture, clothing, and wall pieces are some of the items that will be exhibited and for sale. Free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

Judith Seligson: "A Gap Frame of Mind."

Through June 12, gallery hours at The Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. The abstract works in

this show reflect Seligson's interest in the importance of what lies between objects, events, words, shapes and thoughts. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

"Nature's Palette: Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists."

Through June 16, gallery hours at Green Spring Garden's Horticultural Center and Historic House, 4603 Green Spring Road. The exhibition brings together watermedia floral and landscape painters from the area. Free. Visit www.potomacvalleywatercolorists.org or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

Multiple Exposures Gallery: New Photography by Soomin Ham.

Through June 19, gallery hours at The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Photographer Soomin Ham exhibits new work. Free. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com for more.

Multiple Exposures Gallery: New Photos by E. E. McCollum.

Through June 19, gallery hours at The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. McCollum's work explores familiarity, simplicity, and the commitment to place in a series of photographs made over the course of a year at a small, suburban pond. Working in black and white, McCollum brings a sense of intimacy to a small landscape. Free. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com for more.

The von Brahler Ltd. Gallery:

"Circuitous Roots." Through June 30, gallery hours at 7931 E. Blvd. The von Brahler Ltd./Gallery,

announces the Opening of an Exhibition, "Circuitous Roots: A Celebration of Art" at George Washington's River Farm on the Potomac, home of the American Horticultural Society. The exhibition will honor artists represented by VBG over three decades, as well as Liberal Studies' Artists from Georgetown University, Anna Katakina, Nan Morrison, Anne Ridder, Robert Murray and Rana Ryan. Free. Contact Robert F. Murray at 703-798-8686 or vbghpromo@aol.com.

"Who The Wounded Are." Through July 11 at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. "Who These Wounded Are: The Extraordinary Stories of the Mansion House Hospital" is about people who lived and worked at this site in Alexandria and their real life stories that inspired the PBS show, "Mercy Street." Tickets are \$2-12. Visit www.carlylehouse.org for more.

Art Exhibit: "Streets Meets Glass."

Through Aug. 15, business hours at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 4101 Eisenhower Ave. The exhibit features the work of two Del Ray Artisans artists, Joshua Oliveira and Betsy Mead. Free. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW.

Baseball Boat to Nationals Park.

Starting April 7. Departs from the Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St. The Potomac Riverboat Company offers baseball enthusiasts the chance to avoid the crowds and take a leisurely cruise from Old Town Alexandria to Nationals Park along the scenic Potomac River. Admission: one-way \$20; round-trip \$25

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Monday-Thursday; round-trip \$28
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www.baseballboat.com for more.

Historic Alexandria Attics and Alleys Tours. Saturdays, May-October, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Attics and Alleys is a three-hour walking tour featuring the rarely seen spaces of four sites—the Lee-Fendall House, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, and Carlyle House Historic Park. Tickets are \$35. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org for more.

THURSDAY/MAY 19

Lauren Bruce Art Show. 4-8 p.m. at Victoria at Home, 1125 King St. Lauren Bruce displays her oil paintings. Champagne and snacks will be served. Visit www.victoriaathome.com for more.

Lecture: "What Do You Mean?" 7 p.m. at Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. Listen to a panel of preservation experts discuss the meaning of "cultural significance" with respect to local, national and international places. Free. Visit alexandriava.gov/Historic.

Demonstration: Dejan Jovanovic. 7-9 p.m. at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Torpedo Factory Art Center resident artist Dejan Jovanovic (Studio 15) will share information about how he uses 3D printing with his jewelry design during this presentation with DC ACM SIGGRAPH, a special interest group for graphics in D.C. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Santa Fe's Grammy award nominee Ottmar

Liebert and Luna Negra come to town to celebrate their new release "Waiting + Swan" featuring music by Bob Marley. Tickets are \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

FRIDAY/MAY 20

Garden Talks with Master

Gardeners: Lovely Annuals & Perennials.

1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Garden's Horticultural Center and Historic House, 4603 Green Spring Road. Master Gardeners show how soil preparation, mass plantings and the right flower selection can give a lush flowering garden from spring to fall. Tickets are \$10. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring using code 290 202 9101 or call 703-642-5173.

Family Fun Night. 6-9 p.m. at Chiquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility, 3210 King St. Pool games include beach ball relays, water basketball, diving for prizes on the "Aqua Challenge" floating obstacle course. Participate in swimming skill assessments for youth, learn pool safety tips and more. Tickets are \$4. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov.

Eames Armstrong: "Spell." 7 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. D.C.-based performance artist Eames Armstrong premieres "Spell" at the Torpedo Factory Art Center. This experimental new performance looks at how we mark time, language that is unspoken, and the everyday rituals that permeate our lives. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Reception: "Streets Meets Glass."

7-9 p.m. at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 4101 Eisenhower Ave. Celebrate this exhibit which features

the work of two Del Ray Artisans artists, Joshua Oliveira and Betsy Mead, who combined their art mediums for this exhibit. Free. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW.

Beer Dinner. 7-10 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. The Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant and Rhino Brewing Company host a dinner featuring beer-battered crab and chocolate fudge torte. Tickets are \$95. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Mount Vernon Swing Band performs live music conducted by Owen Hammett. Tickets are \$4. Call 703-765-4573.

Live Piano Concert. 8 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 1427 W. Braddock Road. A program of piano sonatas, the "Appassionata" Sonata, Opus 57 by Beethoven and the Piano Sonata Opus 1 by Brahms. Free, but donations accepted. Call 703-998-6100 Ext. 103.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 20-21

GospelFEST. 6-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Former Mayor William D. Euille, Master of Ceremonies, will guide the audience through the history of Gospel music through the ages. Songs for the "Alexandria - GospelFEST" will showcase a variety of Gospel music styles, including spirituals, contemporary, traditional, choral, call and response, and praise workshop music. Tickets are \$5. Visit www.alexandriava.gov to register.

SATURDAY/MAY 21

Hodge Podge Yard Sale. 7 a.m.-1:30



PHOTO BY PHILIP FRYER

Performance artist Eames Armstrong (pictured here performing "Perdita") will debut "Spell" on May 20 at the Torpedo Factory at 7 p.m. This experimental new performance looks at how we mark time, language that is unspoken, and the everyday rituals that permeate our lives. Free, but reservations requested. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

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p.m. at Pohick Episcopal Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Pohick Episcopal Church, the colonial church of George Washington & George Mason, will hold its annual "Hodge Podge" Yard Sale. On sale will be furniture, collectibles, household goods, books, clothing and more. All proceeds will benefit the ministries of Pohick Church, which serves the southern Fairfax and northern Prince William County areas. Free to attend. Visit www.pohick.org for more.

Seminary Ridge Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at 1000 St. Stephens Road. Email mandmbower@aol.com for more.

Garden Container Potting Workshop. 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Garden's Horticultural Center and Historic House, 4603 Green Spring Road. Bring a 16-inch (or smaller) container to Green Spring Gardens, where horticulturist Judy Zatsick will give a short talk on successful container gardens. Tickets are \$12. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring using code 290 287 5801 or call 703-642-5173.

Daisy Scouts: Flower Garden Journey. 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Garden's Horticultural Center and Historic House, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how seeds grow, plant seeds and take some home. Tickets are \$10 per Girl Scout. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring using code 290 274 6501 or call 703-642-5173.

Soldier-Led Tours. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Fort Ward, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Dressed in Union uniform, Museum Curator Brian Briones will present an orientation to the Defenses of Washington and a guided tour of historic Fort Ward, one of the largest

of the forts that guarded the Federal capital during the Civil War. Learn about the fort's history, how a Civil War fort was built, soldier life in the Washington area, and weaponry of the period. In addition to viewing many of the fort's preserved earthen remains, participants will visit the reconstructed Officers' Hut, furnished as a typical quarters in the Defenses of Washington, the fort's reconstructed ceremonial entrance gate, and the fully restored Northwest bastion of the fort. Tours are 90 mins. Free. Visit www.fortward.org for more.

Lauren Bruce Art Show. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Victoria at Home, 1125 King St. Lauren Bruce displays her oil paintings. Champagne and snacks will be served. Visit www.victoriaathome.com for more.

Beneficial Insects. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Beneficial insects play triple roles as pollinators, predators and parasites to help you maintain a healthy yard and garden. Learn how to distinguish friend from foe and how to attract beneficial insects. Free. Advance registration is requested at mgnv.org.

Book Signing: "Rediscovering God in America." 1-2:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. Newt and Callista Gingrich will be signing copies of their updated and redesigned book "Rediscovering God in America." Free. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

Junior Scouts: Gardener Badge. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Garden's Horticultural Center and Historic House, 4603 Green Spring Road. Identify wildflowers, create a bookmark and make a bouquet. Tickets are \$12 per Girl Scout.

Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring using code 290 274 4501 or call 703-642-5173.

"Chasing Rainbows." 3 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Sopranessence performs "rebooted" classical music. Tickets are \$37, \$34 for seniors and military, \$15 for children. Visit www.sopranessence.org for more.

Wine on the Water. 6-8 p.m. at Alexandria's Waterfront between Founder's Park and Blackwall Hitch. Attendees will be able to view wooden boats built by the Alexandria Seaport Foundation's apprentices, listen to live island music and enjoy silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$60 until May 13, \$70 after that. Visit www.alexandriaseaport.org.

Ladies Night Out Workshop. 7-9 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Learn about blind contour drawing and complete your artwork with watercolors. The workshop fee is \$45 (art supplies included). Visit www.metamorphosisaec.com/mama/classes.

Raise a Glass, Raise the Chimney. 7-10 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. According to local legend, Robert Downham, then-owner of the Lee-Fendall House and local liquor wholesaler, lost his license after news spread around Alexandria of his entertaining President Woodrow Wilson with lavish amounts of alcohol at a dinner party. Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Prohibition party. Tickets are \$50. Visit www.lee-fendallhouse.org for more.

Delbert McClinton. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Live music with Amy Black. Tickets are \$45. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

SUNDAY/MAY 22

Silkscreen Printmaking Demonstration. 2-3 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Nancy McIntyre is a painter and printmaker who presents her solo exhibit, "Rhythms of Time," this May at The Art League Gallery. She will demonstrate how she uses the silkscreen to create many-layered prints with a painting-like quality. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Opening Reception: New Photos by E. E. McCollum. 2-4 p.m. at Multiple Exposures Gallery – The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. McCollum's work explores familiarity, simplicity, and the commitment to place in a series of photographs made over the course of a year at a small, suburban pond. Working in black and white, McCollum brings a sense of intimacy to a small, and easily dismissed, landscape. Free. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com.

In the Company of President James Madison. 3-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. "President Madison" discusses life in 1816. Public questions and opinions related to the salon topics are welcomed and encouraged. Tickets are \$15 per person and \$10 for high school/college students. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Diane Schuur. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Schuur performs with Ron Blake (saxophone), Roger Hines (bass) and Reggie Jackson (drums). Tickets are \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com.

MONDAY/MAY 23

Art of Ballroom Dance. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. A class to learn to dance or improve your dancing skills: foxtrot, waltz, tango, swing, salsa, merengue, rumba, cha-cha, and samba. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Container Gardening. 7-8:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Learn how to select the right pots and plants, prepare for planting, and keep plants growing in containers healthy. Free. Advance registration is requested at mgnv.org.

TUESDAY/MAY 24

Living Legends Appreciation Event. 5:30 p.m. at Alexandria City Hall, 301 King St. Living Legends of Alexandria invites the public to the opening of "Living Legends of 2016." "Living Legends of 2016" is a portrait exhibit of 14 Alexandrians whose vision, creativity, dedication and hard work have made a difference for their fellow citizens and the community. The exhibition is mounted in the Market Square Lobby and will remain on view through the year. Free. Visit www.alexandrialegends.com.

Missy Higgins With Billy Raffoul. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Live music. Tickets are \$22.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 25

Poetry Reading. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Poetry Reading with Sass Brown and Donald Illich. Free. Call 703-74601702.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Richard Marx. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Live music. Tickets are \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com.

Civil Rights Lecture. 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. In 1939, Alexandria's 33,000 residents were served by just a single library, named in memory of Kate Waller Barrett, in the 700 block of Queen Street. As was common at the time among public facilities in the South, the library was segregated. While blacks voted and paid taxes to support these services, they were barred from using the library. During the summer of 1939, Howard University graduate and local attorney Samuel Wilbert Tucker decided to take action. Dr. Brenda Mitchell-Powell will recount this landmark episode and assess its impact. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum.

THURSDAY/MAY 26

Garden Tour & Tea. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Garden's Horticultural Center and Historic House, 4603 Green Spring Road. Tour some of the demonstration gardens with a master gardener docent who will share stories of Green Spring past and present. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea served in the 1784 historic house. Tickets are \$32. To make reservations, call Historic Green Spring at 703-941-7987.

Alexandria Office of Virginia Cooperative Extension Showcase. 4-6 p.m. at 1108 Jefferson St. Meet the staff and learn about the VCE programs that serve Alexandria, including Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists and services for professional

landscape and pest managers. Free. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.

The United States Air Force Band-Chamber Players Series. 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 210 S. Washington St. Chamber wind instruments conducted by Maj. Matthew Henry and Capt. Haley Armstrong. Free. Visit www.usafband.af.mil.

FRIDAY/MAY 27

Film Screening: "Minions." Movie starts at dusk, activities start at 6 p.m. at Four Mile Conservatory Center, 4109 Mount Vernon Ave. Free. Visit www.fourmilemovieseries.com.

Alejandro Escovedo. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Live music by Escovedo with Peter Case. Tickets are \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com.

SATURDAY/MAY 28

Freddie Jackson. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Live music. Tickets are \$45. Visit www.birchmere.com.

MAY 27-JULY 30

"Violent Grace: A Retrospective." Gallery hours at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. This exhibit is a survey of five decades of paintings by Edwards Knippers. Free. Visit www.ourconvergence.org for more.

SUNDAY/MAY 29

Justin Hayward. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. This spring, Justin Hayward – the iconic singer-

Convergence Presents 'Violent Grace' Exhibit

"Violent Grace: A Retrospective" is a survey of five decades of paintings by Edward Knippers, opening on May 27. The exhibit is being held in the Gallery at Convergence as a celebration of the release of Knippers' new monograph; "Violent Grace: Paintings from 1968 - Present." In addition to the retrospective, this exhibit features recently completed pieces by the artist. Celebrate the opening reception on June 3 and closing reception on July 22. Admission is free. Visit www.ourconvergence.org.



The Sorcerer's Veil Descending - oil on panel - 8'x10' - 1999

songwriter / lead guitarist / composer of The Moody Blues – presents the 2016 Stage Door Tour. Tickets are \$69.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 1

Summer Pruning of Shrubs and Perennials. 7-8 p.m. at 1724 Hollinwood Drive. Kirsten Buhls will demonstrate summer pruning techniques in the home landscape. Free. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.

Peter Wolf. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Peter Wolf & The Midnight Travelers perform live. Tickets are \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 2

Opening Reception: "Violent

Grace." 6–9 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. This exhibit is a survey of five decades of paintings by Edwards Knippers. Celebrate the exhibit and meet the artist. Free. Visit www.ourconvergence.org for more.

"Lost Alexandria: Remembering the Past." 7 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. See what places and buildings have been demolished in Alexandria over the years in this photographic tour of the City. Tickets are \$10. Visit alexandriava.gov/Historic.

FRIDAY/JUNE 3

Family Fun Night. 6-9 p.m. at Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility, 3210 King St. Pool games include beach ball relays, water basketball, diving for prizes on the "Aqua Challenge" floating obstacle course. Participate in

swimming skill assessments for youth, learn pool safety tips and more. Tickets are \$4. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov.

Farm to Table: Reception, Tour, and Dinner. 6:30-10 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. Join Mount Vernon for a special evening of tours and dinner featuring products cultivated and produced on the estate. Tickets are \$150. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

Art Reception: "Respect: Unsung Heroes in Uniform." 7-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Artists express their point of view, depict something amusing, or honor a loved one. There will be a small memorial section where visitors can reflect, contemplate and remember. Free. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org or call 703-838-4827.

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Inside the Alexandria Police Department

Part 8: Self Defense.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

The Alexandria Citizens' Police Academy is a 10-week course hosted by the Alexandria Police Department (APD) to offer citizens a better understanding of how the department works. Throughout the course, participants sit in on emergency calls and ride along with police officers on patrol. In the 10th and final week of the course, citizens met the with budget and communications specialists in the department and received a special lesson on how Alexandrians should secure their homes.

The man arrives at the door. One second passes. He tests the lock as he looks up and down the street to make sure no one is watching. Another second passes, then a third as he kicks at just the right spot on the door and it swings open. Three seconds. That's how long it can take for someone to break into a house.

In the final Police Academy class, Charles Lloyd, the Police Department's crime prevention specialist, helped citizens learn how to secure themselves and their homes. In the event of an emergency, anyone in distress should immediately contact the police.

For home security, Lloyd only half-jokingly noted that his objective is to make citizens a little more paranoid, or at least more aware. Lloyd referenced a triangle that determines the likelihood of criminal activity. The three elements that must be present are the desire to commit a crime, the ability to carry it out, and the opportunity.

"You can't take away desire or ability," said Lloyd, "but you can reduce opportunity. Criminals look for the softest target ... so you want to present an unattractive tar-

get."

Lloyd displayed a series of homes, some with dense bushes and shrubbery clustered around the house, others with minimal exterior lighting leaving most of the house in complete darkness. A moment later, he showed the same houses, but with the bushes trimmed and the exterior lights activated. These cosmetic changes, Lloyd said, also had an improvement to home security.

"You want to keep bushes trimmed below three feet and trees limbed up over six feet, it leaves less hiding space," said Lloyd, though he recognized that many people enjoy the dense foliage for the protection offered from street view. "With privacy, you give up some security."

Lighting is also one of the cheapest and most efficient sources of home protection. Lloyd's recommends dawn-to-dusk lighting rather than motion sensor activated, which can be tested to see if the home owners are actually present or paying attention.

Closer to the house, Lloyd advised using gravel mixed into the planter beds.

"Mulch is quiet, but walking on gravel stands out," said Lloyd, saying someone inside might be likely to hear, or even wake up, to the sound of crunching gravel outside.

Lloyd ran through a few tricks that can help homeowners keep entrances secure. At the doors, in addition to obviously keeping them locked, Lloyd recommended using three inch screws rather than the standard half-inch screws to secure the door frame. Lloyd also recommended installing a strike plate, which is easily available at any home-goods retailer. In total, Lloyd described it as a \$11 project that could potentially, with a little skill, be done by the homeowner.



Charles Lloyd (right) handing out a home protection-themed gift to Ankit Bhurtel.

"It won't stop a kick," Lloyd noted, "but it will make it more difficult. None of this will make the house burglar-proof, but it makes it more resistant. It gives you time to get to a safe place and call the police. You can do things relatively cheaply to fortify your home."

Another option is a door barricade, an unintrusive block that slides into place against the bottom of the door. Deadbolts are also an important locking mechanism, but they are also structurally the weakest part of the door. A door cage helps reinforce the deadbolt area of the door and make it less prone to kicking-in.

At the windows, Lloyd said there are a number of options, from adding bars to a protective film that keeps the glass from shattering. The glass will break eventually, but it will make a lot of noise and alert the homeowners. Adding a Charlie bar, a stick of some kind that blocks the window from opening, can prevent intruders from sneaking in that way. Many entrances through sliding glass doors, however, aren't done by

breaking the glass. The criminal applies pressure and pulls up, removing the screw from the track at the bottom. The only way to prevent this, Lloyd said, is to check the doors to make sure the screw doesn't easily come out of the track.

The last entrance many residents don't think about is the garage door.

"The garage needs to be treated as an exterior," Lloyd warned, and added that people should never leave their garage door openers in their cars. Once, as a patrol officer, Lloyd said he found a suspicious man going down the streets with a bag full of garage door openers. As it turned out, he was breaking into cars and replacing the garage door openers with identical ones in his bag, then using the real one to break in later.

But not all garage entrances have to be so sophisticated. Lloyd demonstrated how a long coat hanger can be slipped in through a gap and tug on the emergency release. To counter this, Lloyd recommended putting a binder clip over the emergency release, which leaves it still accessible from the inside but immune to external attacks.

On alarm systems, Lloyd ran through a variety of options, from sophisticated alarm systems that call the police in the event of an intrusion to the cheap, simple option of a magnetic alarm. Set on either side of a door, a magnetic alarm will trigger and ring once the door opens and the magnets are separated. It won't contact the police, but it may wake the homeowners and startle the intruder.

If someone decides to get a gun for home defense, Lloyd said there were a number of precautions they need to take. Mainly, it all goes back to not trying to be a hero.

"If someone breaks into your house and you grab your firearm, if you're incapacitated, you just armed someone who may not have been originally armed," said Lloyd. "If you hear glass break, grab the family and go to a safe place. Don't seek out trouble or the people breaking in, call the police. Tell the intruders you're upstairs and that you're armed. Think twice. Look out for your family before you go Clint Eastwood, because nine out of 10 times that won't work."

For any self-defense, Lloyd says it's vital that the person carrying the weapon understand the law. That's not just on guns either. Lloyd showed a popular keychain item that looks like a cat's head and functions like brass knuckles. They are legal to carry, but illegal to conceal. Meaning anyone carrying them on keys but keeping them in their pockets, purse, or even under a coat could be carrying a concealed weapon without a permit.

Lloyd's most recommended personal safety item is pepper spray. He says it's easy to use and is highly effective.

At the end of the class, Lloyd gave out various personal safety gifts to those in the citizen's police academy, including a book safe and magnet alarms.

Next week is the last meeting for Spring 2016 Citizen's Police Academy, with a review of the classes and a look at the academy itself.

Honoring an Unsung Hero

APF donates K9 vest to French National Police.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The November 2015 terrorist attacks in Paris left 137 dead and more than 368 injured. One of those victims was Diesel, a 7-year-old Belgian Malinois police dog for RAID, France's anti-terrorist police unit.

As tributes poured in from around the world, the Alexandria Police Foundation decided to do something more to honor the decorated police K9.

"The original mission of our foundation was to care for Alexandria's retired police dogs," said APF board president Willem Polack. "So we wanted to find a way to honor Diesel's service."

On May 17, Polack was joined by Police Chief Earl Cook as members of the APF board visited the French Embassy to present

a K9 protective vest to the French National Police in honor of Diesel.

Polak and Cook presented the ballistic vest by Armor Express of Central Lake, Mich., to Pierre-Edouard Colliex, Police and Homeland Security Attache to the Embassy of France.

Diesel, an explosives detection K9, was killed Nov. 18, 2015, by a suicide bomber as she entered an apartment in Saint-Denis, a Paris suburb, during the investigation of the Paris shootings by ISIS terrorists. Diesel was a member of the French National Police anti-terror unit known as RAID — Recherche (Research), Assistance, Intervention and Dissuasion. Five police officers were also injured in the raid.

For more information, visit www.alexandriapolicefoundation.org.



French Police K9 Diesel



Alexandria Police Foundation President Willem Polak, French Embassy Police and Homeland Security Attache Pierre-Edouard Colliex and Alexandria Police Chief Earl Cook join APD K9 Officer Robert Egan and K9 Czekaj at the French Embassy.

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2016 Athletes of the Year

**Esherick to keynote
61st annual ASC banquet.**

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Craig Esherick, former head coach of the Georgetown University men's basketball team and current associate director of the Center for Sport Management at George Mason University, will keynote the 61st annual Alexandria Sportsman's Club Athletes of the Year banquet honoring 30 high school athletes from across the city.

"We are excited to have Craig Esherick as our speaker this year," said ASC president John Duke. "The Alexandria Sportsman's Club is a nonprofit dedicated to honoring

the best of our student athletes. All proceeds from the event go directly to our scholarship fund so we hope to have an especially good turnout this year."

A scholarship basketball player at Georgetown University, Esherick attended the Georgetown University Law Center and also was a graduate assistant basketball coach for two of those years.

After graduating from law school, Esherick became a full-time assistant coach at Georgetown for the men's basketball team. His tenure as an assistant lasted 17 and a half years and included a stint as the assistant basketball coach for the USA Olympic team that won a bronze medal in



Craig Esherick, former head coach of the Georgetown University men's basketball team, will keynote the Alexandria

Sportsman's Club Athletes of the Year banquet May 25 at the Westin Alexandria.

the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

He became the head basketball coach in 1999 and held that position long enough to win 103 games.

Esherick went on to work as a television sports analyst before entering the academic world as a graduate professor of sports management at New York University.

The annual ASC banquet will be held May 25 at the Westin Hotel Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square.

Registration and reception begin at 6 p.m. with dinner and awards beginning at 7 p.m. The event is open to the public and tickets can be purchased online at www.alexvasports.org.



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OPINION

Appreciating Milestones

From Chanelle, student

I learned that I like to read different kinds of books. I like to read books like “Lunch Lady” and “Plants vs Zombies.” Right now I am reading “Lemony Snicket” and it is a chapter book. I like when we go on field trips with other students and their tutors. For my birthday, Sean took my brother and me to Sweet Frog. Sean helps me with my reading homework. When my class had a field trip to Jamestown, I read books with Sean about Jamestown.

From Dylan, student

I have worked with Sean for a couple of years. I like to read graphic novels like “Amulet.” I also like to read “Muddy Max,” “Stone Rabbit,” “Mighty Robot” and the “Lunch Lady.” Sometimes after my sister and I read a few books, we get a treat like Ben and Jerry’s or z-Pizza. I read a lot of books with Sean and he helps me. I like to check out books from the library.

From Sean Lenehan, tutor/mentor

Years ago, I was a literacy tutor during



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Sean Lenehan with Dylan and Chanelle and the Cat in the Hat

my undergraduate years. More recently, I attended an Alexandria Mentoring Partnership presentation and heard more about the local need for literacy tutors. Wright to Read works with the Alexandria City Public Schools and offers one-on-one literacy tutoring for at-need elementary students. I believe partnerships like Wright to Read can support our local schools’ mission. For the past three school years, I have worked with Chanelle and Dylan. We found a weekly day and time that works for all of our sched-

ules, and we meet year round. I see their mother each week and she remains excited about their progress. Wright to Read has helped me identify the kids’ reading interests and supports us with books and other materials. The program offers Read-Aloud events, field trips, Movie Nights (after reading the book!) and regular Award Nights to celebrate success. Last year, when Dylan was visiting with myself and Luisa Reyes from Wright to Read, Dylan exclaimed he loved to read. For lack of a better description, that was awesome. The photo is from a Dr. Seuss reading event with “The Cat in the Hat.” I have enjoyed working with Dylan and Chanelle and am amazed with their progress. They seem genuinely interested in reading and recently were issued their own library cards! They enjoy reading clubs at school, look forward to book fairs and even have favorite authors. These are wonderful milestones and I am grateful to be a part of it.

Wright to Read provides volunteer-based one-on-one sustained literacy tutoring and mentoring relationships to City of Alexandria elementary school children in need, and collaborates with families, schools and community partners to create a comprehensive support network that guides each child to success. Wright to Read is a member of the Alexandria Mentoring Partnership (AMP). AMP was created in 2006 to ensure that quality mentors and mentor programs are available for Alexandria’s youth and young adults in need. To learn more about Wright to Read, visit www.wrighttoread.org or to learn more about AMP, visit: <http://www.alexandriava.gov/Mentoring>.



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National Healthcare Decisions Day

Woodbine Rehabilitation and Healthcare host its annual National Healthcare Decisions Day on April 29 to inspire, educate and empower the public and providers about the importance of advance care planning. The event provided education on advance directives, guardianship, living wills, and the importance of having a power of attorney. Participants included Jallisa Arnold, director of Social Services; Cathy Durham, Capital Caring, social worker; Bettie Samuels, Capital Caring, care representative; Janelle Holt, Legal Services of Northern Virginia, attorney; and Regina Campbell, notary.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 14

parked on both sides of the road, tourists, cyclists and more pedestrians than any other streets in our city wide areas?

As I write this I’m wondering how other Old Towners would feel about lowering the speed limit in town. Is everyone in a rush to get through our streets? Including us?

Jeanie Tulipane
Alexandria

Preventable Child Deaths

To the Editor:

On Mother’s Day this year, I was once again reminded how lucky I am to have a healthy daughter who was able to overcome a scary battle with pneumonia when she was only a few weeks old. At the same time, I realize that, no matter how hard some mothers try, they don’t have the resources to ensure their babies make it through the critical early years.

We tragically lose 5.9 million children every year before they reach their fifth birthday. This doesn’t have to be that way: evidence shows that the end of preventable maternal and child deaths is possible by 2035.

Congress has come together this year around moms and kids through the Reach Every Mother and Child Act (H.R. 3706 and S. 1911).

More than 140 legislators, Republicans

and Democrats alike, have signed on to meet the goal of ending unnecessary deaths of moms and kids for once and for all by ensuring that maternal and child health programs are well coordinated within our government and oriented toward producing measurable results.

I commend Representatives Don Beyer and Gerry Connolly for recently signing HR3706 and ask them and Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine to encourage the leadership of the House Foreign Affairs and Senator

Foreign Relations Committees to work on the Reach Act. Actions speak louder than words — my Mother’s Day wish is action for a healthy, bright future for millions of mothers and children in the U.S. and worldwide.

Claudia Ender
Alexandria

Value of Bike Lanes

To the Editor:

As someone who bikes between Old Town and Chinquapin several times a week, I like having the bike lanes on King Street, and hope that they can be extended further West on King Street (and the road re-surfaced

for a smoother ride). I would hope that the purpose of adding bike lanes, and making other bike-friendly changes, in Alexandria would be to encourage more people to ride bikes, not just to accommodate those

of us who already use our bikes for transportation.

A visit to Portland, Oregon will show you what can be done when bike lanes are emphasized, and car traffic lanes are designed to accommodate the bike lanes. It makes for a much more pleasant experience for everyone.

Mike Schauer
Alexandria

Citizens’ Role In Ethics

To the Editor:

Since the Alexandria City Council chooses not to engage in discourse concerning a Citizen’s Ethics Commission, an inspector general, or an ombudsman, how is Alexandria planning to handle its ethics infractions?

Other jurisdictions have faced up to this challenge, yet Alexandria remains mired in timidity and hesitation where the oversight of ethics is concerned.

It is hard to believe that the City Council, city staff and various boards and commissions never encounter ethics dilemmas, especially concerning the management of new developments.

As an example, although there are zoning laws that have been in existence for years, a developer need only make a quid pro quo “proffer” of \$100,000 to Bikeshare in order to build a structure that is at vari-

ance from the originally enacted zoning layout of the community.

This “paying to play” brings up a number of potential ethics concerns, yet no one seems to curb this business practice that has been tolerated over the years. In addition, the recent unilateral decisions made regarding new food truck and Bikeshare locations and the Community Improvement District (CID) process for the Waterfront/King Street complex have not furthered our trust in our local government. It’s time to solve this problem. Although the City Council self appointed an Ethics Committee (what could go wrong with this?), it is no surprise that its recommendations were not germane to the oversight of potential ethics violations by the City Council, the city staff or members of boards and commissions.

It is therefore apparent that the citizens should establish a citizen’s ethics advisory board to craft ethics guidelines for the consideration of City Council. A likely home for this board is the Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations, whose membership consists of civic associations throughout the city, and which has members who are well versed in federal, state, and municipal government matters, and have the required ethics expertise. If the City Council continues in its ethics dithering, I am very confident that the Federation will be more than happy to step up to the plate, since there has never been a better time to make a real difference.

Townsend A. “Van” Van Fleet
Alexandria

Language Immersion for Young Children

Experts tout benefits of an early start.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

When Martha Davis' daughter Alice was ready for kindergarten, she decided to enroll her in a Spanish language immersion program. Davis, who is the assistant dean for World Languages at Northern Virginia Community College chose Mt. Vernon Community School in Alexandria.

"I know personally the benefits of knowing a second language and I wanted my daughter to experience that," she said.

Davis, also a Spanish professor, says that the benefits of such immersion programs range from boosting cognitive functioning and confidence to accent acquisition and social skills development. "Speaking with a native or near-native accent significantly eases communication, particularly with



PHOTO COURTESY BY CHRIS REYNOLDS

Martha Davis reads a book written in Spanish with her daughters, 6-year-old Alice (right) and 4-year old Jane. Alice is in a Spanish immersion program at Mt. Vernon Community School in Alexandria.

people unaccustomed to interacting with non-native speakers," said Davis. "This in turn can help boost the confidence of the non-native speaker and can provide the encouragement needed to continue language study."

Numerous studies suggest the brain-boosting power of early exposure to a sec-

ond language as another benefit of immersion programs for young children, says Ana Lado, Ph.D., professor of Education at Marymount University in Arlington.

"Cognitively, kids who learn two languages in preschool and really young children tend to score better on abstract thinking all the way into high school," said Lado. "If you know that in one language there is one word for chair and it includes foot stool and sofa chair and lounge, and in another language you have three different words it makes your brain think more abstractly."

The sooner children gain exposure to a second language, the easier it is to acquire, says Davis who contrasts her daughter's feelings with those of some of her adult students, "who feel that speaking another language is strange or foreign," which impedes their language acquisition," she said.

"I have found that if students can iden-

tify themselves as a speaker of the language of instruction, regardless of their level of proficiency, they enjoy learning the language more and acquire it more easily," said Davis. "This year Alice has begun to sign her name 'Alicia' on her Spanish homework."

Local language immersion programs offer classes for children as young as 10 months old. They use songs and games to teach language in a way that is pleasurable for students. "Starting when they're young helps language develop organically and naturally," said Amanda Michetti of Language Starts, which offers classes to children in Alexandria, Fairfax, Arlington, Reston and Bethesda. "The classes are conversation based with a little bit of reading and writing."

Hilary Javier has three children, ages two, three and four, who take Mandarin Chinese at Language Starts. She wants them to be citizens of the world, and believes exposure to a second language is important in achieving that goal. "You don't have to translate anything into English," said Javier. "They really do understand from picking it up naturally in the immersion setting. There is this special window when they are young to expose them to different cultures they would not never been exposed to, even noticeable in their mannerisms in the classroom."

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SPORTS



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T.C. Williams pitcher Jillian Stone struck out 10 batters and earned the win against Mount Vernon on Monday in the Conference 7 tournament quarterfinals.



T.C. Williams senior Calla Zane slides past Mount Vernon catcher Sophia Castillo to score what proved to be the winning run in the bottom of the third inning during their Conference 7 tournament quarterfinal game on Monday.



T.C. Williams head softball coach Jennifer Ushe, right, and assistant coach Katie Frawley led the Titans to the program's first region tournament berth in more than a decade.

TC Softball Earns First Region Berth in More Than 10 Years

Pitcher Stone leads Titans to victory over Mount Vernon.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

After Jillian Stone hurled strike three past a Mount Vernon batter for the final out of the game, the T.C. Williams junior stepped out of the pitcher's circle and removed her protective mask.

Infielders jogged up to hug Stone, who limited her initial expression of excitement to high-fiving a teammate who emerged from the dugout.

After going through the postgame handshake line, Stone and the Titans headed out to right field and finally let loose.

The T.C. Williams softball team defeated Mount Vernon 2-1 on Monday in the open-

ing round of the Conference 7 tournament at Witter Field. With the victory, the Titans secured the program's first region tournament berth in more than a decade and advanced to the conference semifinals.

Why was Stone so calm after the final out?

"I was really excited," Stone said, "but it was setting in still because we've never done this before. I was still soaking it in."

T.C. Williams finished the regular season with an 8-6 conference record, winning four of its final six games, and entered the tournament as the No. 3 seed. Monday's win was the next step for a program that hasn't won a district championship since 1989.

"They knew how big of a deal this was," TC head coach Jennifer Ushe said. "We've been talking about it for a week now. They want their season extended, so they're very excited."

Stone, who was born 10 years after TC's last district title, threw a complete game on Monday and earned the win. She allowed one run on four hits while walking one, hit-

ting one batter and striking out 10 in seven innings.

Stone worked her way out of a bases-loaded jam in the top of the sixth. With one out and TC leading 2-1, Stone induced a ground ball to shortstop Sarah Leckman, who threw home for the force out. Stone then struck out the next batter to escape unscathed.

"She's got a lot of poise," Ushe said. "That's been huge this year. Any situation with her and we feel very confident that she's going to find a way to get out of it."

TC scored both of its runs in the bottom of the third inning. Center fielder Simone Haskins scored the first run on a wild pitch, and senior Calla Zane scored what proved to be the winning run on a fielder's choice.

Mount Vernon took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, when second baseman Katherine Hutchinson hit a one-out single and pitcher Susannah Anderson followed with an RBI triple.

Anderson suffered the loss for the Majors. She allowed two runs on four hits in six

innings. She walked three and struck out six.

Hutchinson had two hits for Mount Vernon. Anderson and Castillo each had one.

Stone, designated player Brittany Shelley, second baseman Kayla Shelley and pinch hitter Amanda Dorris each had a hit for the Titans.

What is it that made this TC team the first in more than a decade to qualify for regionals?

"I think part of it is that they've all played together for a really long time, even since rec league," Ushe said. "I think that helps. When you keep kids together and they get to this level, they know how to play with each other. They're all friends, so that's always helpful."

Leckman praised the coaches.

"[T]hey're the reason," Leckman said, "we're here."

TC was scheduled to face South County in the conference semifinals on Wednesday, after the Gazette Packet's deadline.

TC Crew Captures Two More State Titles

The T.C. Williams crew team captured two state titles, as well as a silver and two bronze medals, at the May 14 "states" competition.

The Titans boys' second 4 and girls' junior varsity 8 boats captured gold medals; the girls' second varsity 8 won a silver medal; and the girls' first varsity 8 and boys' junior 4 earned bronze medals.

The May 14 Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championships were a battle of top boats in the Commonwealth. The boats raced on the Occoquan Reservoir in Sandy Run

Park in Fairfax. This competition among the upper boats was the second week of competition for Virginia state titles. A storm that blew in about 3 p.m. caused the cancellation of afternoon races. Categories where no finals had occurred awarded medals based on times in heats; no medals were given in categories that had not yet raced, dashing the medal hopes of some Titan rowers.

The boys' second 4 earned a decisive victory in its category, finishing 5 seconds ahead of Langley

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The Boys Second 4 powers down the 1,500 meter course to win a state championship at the Occoquan Reservoir on May 14.

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Siegel, Ralph

On May 11, 2016, Ralph Siegel; beloved husband of Sara Lee Siegel (nee Freeman); devoted father of Janet Siegel (Roger) Levin; dear brother of Victor Siegel; loving grandfather of Jacob Levin. Funeral services and interment were held at Agudas Achim Cemetery - Alexandria, VA on Thursday, May 12, at 1:30 pm.

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Roosevelt Blakeney

In the early morning of May 14, 2016, Roosevelt Blakeney, long-time resident of the Mt. Vernon area of Fairfax County, VA, passed after enduring an extended illness. Viewing will be held at Every-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA on Thursday, May 19th from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. The funeral service will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 7920 Holland Road, Alexandria, VA on Friday, May 20th at 11:00am.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Mount Vernon Country Club Inc, has requested authorization from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to restore and stabilize 575 linear feet of North Fork Dogue Creek, utilizing a combination of techniques including bank grading, channel shaping, boulder toe protection and rock sills; and to repair/replace three golf cart crossings, within the Mount Vernon Country Club in Fairfax County.

Send comments/inquiries within 15 days to Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 2600 Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor, Newport News, Virginia 23607,

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to members of the NY, nonprofit, American Society of Clinical Oncology, Inc. (ASCO), that eligible ASCO members may vote by proxy ballot on a proposed set of amendments to the ASCO Bylaws through ASCO's official website, www.asco.org/bylaws-vote between April 22 and May 23, 2016. Completed proxy ballots will be delivered to the ASCO President or her designee for to be cast at a special members' meeting to be held on Thursday, May 26, 2016, from 9:30-10:00 AM, Eastern Time, USA, at ASCO Headquarters, 2318 Mill Road, Suite 800, Alexandria, VA 22314. Members with questions can email ASCOBylaws@asco.org or call 571-483-1316

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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 16-05-05

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking proposals for Custodial Services. Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 16-05-05 - Custodial Services, will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, June 15, 2016. 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 703-619-8343, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPS website at www.acps.k12.va.us. Administration, Financial Services, Procurement and General Services - Current Bids and Request for Proposals. All questions should be submitted before 3:00 p.m., June 8, 2016. If necessary, an addendum will be issued and posted to the ACPS web site. All responses to this RFP shall be subject to the City of Alexandria's Living Wage requirement. There is a non-mandatory pre-proposal conference for this RFP on Monday, May 23, 2016 at 10:00 AM, at the Alexandria City Public Schools Central Office, located at 1340 Braddock Place, in conference room 610, in Alexandria, VA 22314. All Offerors interested in providing the services in the RFP are encouraged to attend. The Conference will include a site visit to the school locations. No RFP may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the opening of proposals except as may be set forth in the RFP. ACPS reserves the right to cancel this RFP and/or reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities in any proposal.

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Frances Jane Spinn peacefully passed after a battle with cancer on May 8, 2016. She served as a sergeant in the US Army for 2 tours of duty during the Vietnam War. Her name is also inscribed on the wall dedicated to women in the military. She is survived by her brothers William and Richard; nieces and nephews Michael (Carleigh), Katherine (William), Jason, and Alexandria; 8 great nieces and nephews; and many loving neighbors and friends. Services will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society <https://donate.cancer.org/index>. Online condolences can be made at www.everlywheatley.com

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— JEANNE THEISMANN

TC Crew

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with a time of 5:19.8. The storm, which suspended and then cancelled racing for the day, precluded a Titan trip to the medal dock to pick up the gold medals. However, the boys will receive their hardware in the next week. Members of the boys’ second 4 boat include Kai Linehan (coxswain), Anthony Burke, Julien Depeyrot, Kevin Maldonado Aguilar, and Will Milone. They are coached by Spencer Allin.

The Titan junior 8 girls also captured the gold medal in a highly competitive race. The T.C. oarswomen held off a strong final sprint by Lake Braddock, which finished .5 seconds behind the Titans. The junior varsity 8 included coxswain Victoria Anthony, Hope Parsons, Cleo Lewis, Marley Osborne, Tess Moran, Catherine Mellette, Lila Greiner, Ella Benbow, and Cecilia Fernandez. The boat is coached by Mary Carey.

The T.C. girls’ second varsity 8 powered down the 1,500 meter course against tough competition to earn a silver medal in 5:12.8, finishing about a second behind National Cathedral School. Members of the girls’ second 8 include Camila Cardwell, Rachel Saez Knapp, Alyssa Forbes, Hannah Posson, Grace Asch, Grace Vannatta, Lily Warden, Emma Carroll, and Charlotte Carey. They are coached by Gracie Barbara.

The girls’ first varsity 8 sprinted down the course against the fastest female boats in the Commonwealth. The T.C. girls grabbed second place in their heat, and with a final sprint, clinched the bronze medal in the final. Members of the boat include Brooke Teferra, Rachel Sedehi, Kathleen Murphy, Giulia Pastore, Amelia Bender, Reed Kenny, Ithaca Hogan, Caroline Hill, and Maria Justiniano. They are coached by Jaime Rubini.

The boys’ junior 4, which competed as a boat for the first time in the state competition, came out strong against its competitors, earning a bronze medal with a time of 5:10.1. Only Great Bridge and St. Albans High Schools bested it. Rowers on the Boys Junior 4 included Ian Wilmore, Wogan Snyder, Jacob Souza, Addison Guynn, and Clare Williams (coxswain). Men’s Head Coach Pete Stramese coaches the boat.

The T.C. crew team’s performance this past Saturday caps a successful two-week run for the Titans, during which T.C. rowers competed in Virginia championship regattas for both the upper and lower boats. The team earned three gold medals, one silver medal and five bronze medals in the state championships this year.

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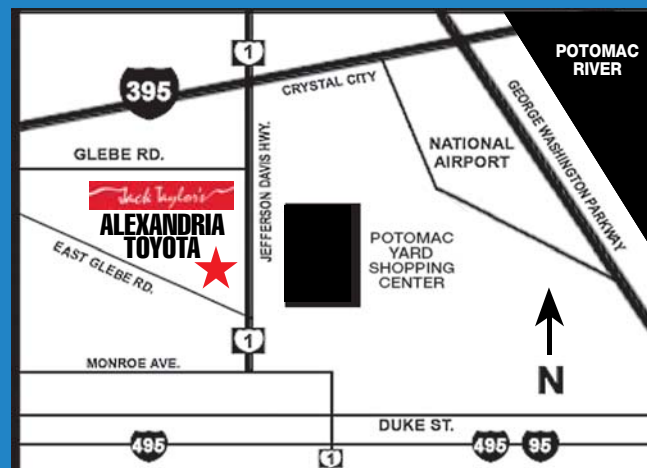
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