



The award for Supporting Actor in a Musical is Jonathan Barger, "Billy Elliott," West Potomac High School.



The winner of the Best Musical is "Billy Elliott," West Potomac High School. From left are Tony Lemus, Adrianna DeLorenzo, and Jonathan Barger.

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Receiving Cappies Honors

The 18th Annual Cappies Gala honoring high school theater was held Sunday, June 11 at The Kennedy Center in the District.

Winning the top prizes for the Best Musical was West Potomac High School for "Billy Elliott," and winning Best Play was Duke Ellington School of the Arts for "The Bluest Eye." This year's Masters of Ceremony were Judy Bowns and Janie Strauss with Erich DiCenzo and Phil Reid as Lead Players.

The show included 59 public and private high schools in Fairfax County, Arlington, Fauquier, Loudoun, Montgomery, and Prince William counties, and the Cities of Falls Church, Alexandria, and Washington, D.C. This year's awards were pretty much evenly distributed across all of those regions. The Cappies season extended from late October to early May.

Cappies shows were attended, on average, by 45 student critics who wrote 300-599 word reviews. More than 300 student-written reviews were published or broadcast in local newspapers, including The Connection, Patch, Falls Church News Press, Times Community Newspapers, Loudoun Now, Maryland Theatre Guide, and Fairfax County Public Schools and other media.

The Cappies program was launched in the sum-



The winner of the Lighting Award is "Billy Elliot," West Potomac High School. From left are Kayla Claussen, Aubrey Blount, and Jessica Steadman. Not pictured: Sam Davidson.

mer of 1999 by Judy Bowns, the Theatre Arts resource teacher with FCPS, and the late Bill Strauss (director, Capitol Steps), in cooperation with area theater teachers, for the purpose of celebrating and bringing public acclaim to high school theater.

— STEVE HIBBARD



The winner for Best Song was "Solidarity," from "Billy Elliott," West Potomac High School. From left are Casey Long, Paige Edwards, Adrianna DeLorenzo, and Natalie Edwards.



The winner of the Special Effects and/or Technology is "Billy Elliot," West Potomac High School. From left are Logan Claussen, Ella Moore, and Will Schless.

Democrats Play the Long Game in Primary

Voters choose candidates who have been planning their campaign for years rather than upstarts newly energized against Trump.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY FOR GOVERNOR

- ❖ Ralph Northam: 300,000 votes, 56 percent
- ❖ Tom Perriello: 240,000 votes, 44 percent

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

- ❖ Justin Fairfax: 250,000 votes, 49 percent
- ❖ Susan Platt: 200,000 votes, 39 percent
- ❖ Gene Rossi: 60,000 votes, 12 percent

Slow and steady wins the day. That's the message Democrats sent this week at the polls, selecting two candidates who have essentially been running four-year campaigns for their ticket in November.

Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam has been planning a run for the Executive Mansion for years, lining up almost every elected official in the state before anyone else even thought about entering the race.

And Justin Fairfax, a former federal prosecutor, has been steadily planning a campaign for lieutenant

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Republicans Play Establishment Card

Close primary campaigns for governor and lieutenant governor send GOP candidates to November ballot.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY FOR GOVERNOR

- ❖ Ed Gillespie: 160,000 votes, 44 percent
- ❖ Corey Stewart: 156,000 votes, 43 percent
- ❖ Frank Wagner: 50,000 votes, 14 percent

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

- ❖ Jill Vogel: 150,000 votes, 43 percent
- ❖ Bryce Reeves: 140,000 votes, 40 percent
- ❖ Glenn Davis: 60,000 votes, 17 percent

Republicans chose their party's two frontrunners in two hotly contested primary fights for governor and lieutenant governor, but their candidates emerged from the June election with battle scars and de

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County Honors Lord & Lady Fairfax

Every year since 1984, two individuals from each of the nine Fairfax County magisterial districts, as well as two from the at-large “domain” of Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova are honored for their service to their communities or for particular acts of heroism. For their dedication, these community caretakers are named Lord and Lady Fairfax for the year.

The 2017 honorees were feted at a reception at the County Government Center on the morning of June 6. Following this gathering, the Lords and Ladies were escorted into the board auditorium where their accomplishments were publically acknowledged and each received a certificate declaring their status.

The Lords and Ladies will be making a few more appearances during their reigns, including at the signature celebration for Fairfax County’s 275th anniversary, which will take place in the area surrounding the Historic Fairfax Courthouse in central Fairfax, on June 17. Just to add another “jewel in the crown” of this event which promises fun and festivities for the whole family, the real Lord and Lady Fairfax will be joining celebration all the way from Great Britain.

Nicholas Fairfax, 14th Lord Fairfax of Cameron, and Lady Annabella will help celebrate the founding of our county from when the area was part of lands owned by his ancestor, the 6th Lord Fairfax of Cameron.

In announcing the visit by Lord and Lady Fairfax (the originals), Bulova laughed that the noble guests seemed a bit confused by the fact that there were more peers in Virginia whom they would be meeting. “Only here in Fairfax,” she told him. “We’re special.”

— ANDREA WORKER

At-Large - Chairman Bulova

Lord Fairfax: John J. “Jeff” Lisanick is a former client at New Hope Housing’s Eleanor U. Kennedy Shelter. Desiring to give back to the homeless community, he joined the Consumer Advisory Council (CAC) as an original member in 2012. Since being elected chair of the CAC in 2013, he has been a member of the Governing Board with a goal of preventing and ending homelessness. Lisanick took his passion to end homelessness to a new level in July 2015 when he was hired by New Hope Housing as the residential coordinator of the same shelter in which he was once a client. He now serves as the coordinator of residential services, overseeing seven different sites.

Lady Fairfax: Jane Miscavage has been an asset to both Fairfax County Public Schools and the community at large. In 2007, she began serving as a founder and manager of the Food Allergy Support Group of Northern Virginia, where she helped over 400 families access up-to-date allergy research



At-large Lady and Lord Fairfax, Jane Miscavage and John J. “Jeff” Lisanick, with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova.



Lee District Lord and Lady Fairfax, Richard Knapp and Michele Duell, with Supervisor Jeffrey McKay (D-Lee).



Mount Vernon District Lady and Lord Fairfax, Mattie Palmore and Dale Rumberger and, with Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon).

and health care professionals. Her commitment to children and families continued through her service to #IamFCPS, a grassroots organization that advocated for

a fully funded 2017 FCPS budget, and later, as the Vote Yes Meals Tax Campaign Manager. Currently, Miscavage continues to serve the schools as vice president of the

Fairfax County Council of PTAs.

Lee District

Lord Fairfax: Richard Knapp is a dedicated citizen of Fairfax County, working to reinvigorate and preserve Fairfax’s past while also bettering the future of the Route 1 Corridor. This is demonstrated by his work on the Old Mount Vernon High School Reutilization Task Force and its Steering Committee, helping bring a landmark back to life. His co-chairmanship of the Embark Advisory Group has revealed a guiding hand in easing transit in Lee District, and his continued work with the Pinewood Lake HOA and as the Lee representative on the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation shows dedication to his neighbors.

Lady Fairfax: Michele Duell’s commitment to improving the standard of living for the residents of Lee District is hard to match. Her service with the Friends of Richard Byrd Library saw the creation of Educators’ Night, a program that helps teachers get free books, while her dedication to pedestrian safety led to the installation of Fairfax County’s first HAWK Signal. Her work with the Springfield Civic Association helped give a voice to residents and their needs within local government, and her active support of her FCPS neighborhood elementary schools contributed to student enrichment initiatives.

Mount Vernon District

Lord Fairfax: Over his 33 years as a teacher, activities director, assistant principal, and principal, Dale Rumberger could always be found in the hallways talking with students, attending school plays or concerts, or cheering in the stadium stands. As a principal, he guided the opening of two new high schools, a task that earned him the Washington Post’s Distinguished Educational Leadership Award. In his spare time, he is a community leader and advocate, most recently as the South County Federation president. Since retiring, Rumberger returned as a consultant to FCPS and serves as an interim principal wherever he is needed. He is currently the acting principal at West Potomac High School.

Lady Fairfax: Mattie Palmore, Mount Vernon’s “Wonder Volunteer,” is a trailblazer for women’s rights and human service issues. For over 30 years, she has worked as an advocate for housing the homeless, assistance for the physically and mentally challenged, and on behalf of youth and senior citizens. She is a former director of Good Shepherd Housing and Families Homeless Transition Program. She co-founded the Women’s Group of Mount Vernon, which provides a safe environment for victims of abuse. She now serves as the Mount Vernon representative to the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board. She has made a difference in the lives of hundreds of persons in need.

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Kevin Carter and Cynthia Hughell with Fear Factor host, Ludacris.

Facing Their Fears

Local couple tackles MTV's "Fear Factor."

BY BEATRIZ DA COSTA
THE GAZETTE

Confronting fears such as heights, snakes and spiders, isn't usually on anyone's bucket list — except for Alexandria's Kevin Carter and Cynthia Hughell.

When the two northern Virginia residents — Carter hails from the Clermont neighborhood and Hughell in the Wilton Woods neighborhood — heard about a reboot of the MTV show, "Fear Factor," neither hesitated to audition for the show. Being face to face to their fears such as "eating something gross" for Hughell and "having to bob for snakes" for Carter, didn't discourage them. In fact it motivated them, to fight the challenges presented, and pursue the \$50,000 prize.

"Fear Factor" has a history of pushing people to their limits. From 2001 to 2006, it aired on MTV, and during its five years on television, it had Carter "hooked as a fan growing up."

"['Fear Factor'] was a show I used to watch when I was younger," he said. "I grew up in the age of the beginning of reality TV. Some of the shows didn't seem to be true to reality but 'Fear Factor' seemed to be one of the genuine ones." When the show first aired it was originally presented by comedian Joe Rogan. Now, in 2017, Rogan passed the reins to rapper and actor Ludacris, who, according to Carter, "is amazing" and "like a normal person."

For Carter, joining the "Fear Factor" was more about accomplishing a childhood "dream" than anything else. However, for his girlfriend, Hughell, a self-described "fearless person," the show was an opportunity to "conquer her fears." One of her fears was having to consume anything repulsive, that's not the only fear she possesses. As a physical therapist aide who doubles as a personal trainer, she also has a fear of losing, which more likely than not, helped her.

Why did they sign up for a show like the "Fear

Factor"? While money did play into some of the reasons, it was not a driving force. Hughell felt that it would be fun and that it would allow their relationship to grow, whereas Carter had an attitude that was more along the lines of "why not?" The couple admitted that the competition did test their relationship, with Hughell saying that the couple needed to work on their communication and with Carter explicitly stating that having \$50,000 on the line, tested their "patience, ability and teamwork."

While Carter had a lot to say about the show, and his experience being on TV, he also had much to say about his girlfriend. "I take my hat off to Cynthia. I think she crushed it. I think coming into it, people would doubt her because she's beautiful so they might think she's prissy. But when she went into the snake bobbing and just threw her head in, I was like 'Oh my God, I love this girl,'" he said.

Now living in Los Angeles, they both said they would do it all over again. Why were they chosen for the show? Hughell said that she had "no idea" why they were chosen, and believes that perhaps they just gave a "good interview." Her boyfriend believes the opposite.

"Probably because she [Cynthia] is good looking," Carter said. "I definitely think because I have prior military experience and because Cynthia is a fitness trainer that helped us a lot." He joined the U.S. Army in 2013, after graduating from Fordham University in 2012, he served in the 173rd IBCT in Vicenza, Italy. Currently, he's a full time student at the University of Southern California doing a Masters of Business program. Hughell works at Evolution Physical Therapy in Beverly Hills.

While the two don't know exactly why they were chosen to be on the MTV show, when the show's production crew did reveal their "ideal candidate:" "We are looking for people that are naturally funny, have a good story, or you can tell will react broadly to everything. We need big personalities of all types." Occasionally, however, production feels that they may need more specific kinds of people, and they look to casting departments to help them do so. We hire a casting department to cast a wide net. For example we wanted frat brothers, so we called frats to see if anyone was interested."



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Democrats Play the Long Game in Primary Election

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ant governor since 2013, when he lost the Democratic primary for attorney general to Mark Herring. Now Northam and Fairfax are ready to barnstorm the state and take on the Republican ticket. Attorney General Mark Herring had no opposition in the Democratic primary.

"I'm a fighter," declared Northam at his victory party, which packed a sweltering Highline RxR in Crystal City. "I'm ready to lead the fight. Are you ready to join me? Let's get it done!"

Northam won a decisive victory, taking 56 percent of the vote. He swept Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads in addition to places like Winchester, Fredericksburg and Williamsburg. Former U.S. Rep. Tom Perriello secured 44 percent of the vote with a strong showing in college towns, including Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Harrisonburg and Blacksburg. But it was no match for the lieutenant governor, who spent more than \$2.5 million flooding the airwaves with commercials portraying the lieutenant governor as a hard-working doctor who stood up to Big Tobacco to implement a smoking ban in restaurants.

"Talk about a centrist Democrat, Ralph is exactly where our party should be," said Senate Minority Leader Dick Saslaw, who

represents Fairfax County. "On social issues, he's where he should be. And on business issues he's where he should be."

PERRIELLO'S CAMPAIGN tried to challenge Northam from the left, pushing a platform that would raise taxes on the wealthy to pay for free community college. On the campaign trail, he was critical of taking money from Dominion, the utility that wants to build two controversial pipelines through Virginia. Perriello opposed the pipelines, but Northam repeatedly dodged taking a position on the issue. Campaign finance records show Northam has received more than \$100,000 from Dominion and its executives during his political career.

"We need to wean ourselves away from fossil fuels. We'll do that," said Northam as pipeline opponents conducted a raucous protest outside the victory party. "We'll continue to work with renewable energy. We've made great progress with solar and wind."

Northam supporters portrayed Perriello was an opportunist, someone who carved



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Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam declares victory during a victory party at Highline RxR in Crystal City.

out a moderate record in Congress by voting against federal funding for abortions and receiving the endorsement of the National Rifle Association. His campaign for Congress was the polar opposite, moving all the way to the left and receiving support from U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders and U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren. Many of Northam's supporters held deep suspicion about

Perriello's dramatic shift across the political spectrum.

"I think his record in Congress did hurt him, especially with the women's health groups and the gun safety groups," said Del. Jennifer Boysko (D-86), one of the more liberal members of the House Democratic caucus who represents Herndon. "But also he hasn't really been active in Virginia until he showed up running for governor. I think that's probably what hurt him more than anything."

FAIRFAX spent more than \$250,000 in a campaign against two opponents, a longtime political operative Susan Platt and a seasoned federal prosecutor Gene Rossi, who

once mentored Fairfax at the federal courthouse in Alexandria. Since losing to Herring in 2013, Fairfax set out on a campaign to help raise money and support for candidates across the state, building up a steady stream of endorsements along the way. By the time his rivals announced their candi

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Republican Primary Voters Play Establishment Card

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pleted campaign accounts. Former Republican National Committee Chairman Ed Gillespie entered the campaign a frontrunner. But he spent more than \$2 million fighting back an unexpectedly strong challenge from Prince William County Board of Supervisors Chairman

Corey Stewart, who came within 5,000 votes of scoring an upset victory that would have upended Republican politics in Virginia. State Sen. Jill Vogel (R-27) beat back two challengers, one of whom accused her of engineering a false claim of infidelity against a rival. Lawyer John Adams was unopposed for attorney general.

"I can't wait to lead a unified ticket to victory in November and wage a campaign that makes us all proud," said Gillespie in a written statement following the election results. "We will not only elect a Republican governor, but lieutenant governor and attorney general."

Stewart served as chairman of the Donald Trump campaign in Virginia until he was fired from the campaign for participating in a protest at the headquarters of the Republican National Committee in Washington, a rally organized by Trump supporters who were concerned the party's support for the reality TV star would be lukewarm. His campaign hit many of the same themes as



Ed Gillespie



Jill Vogel



John Adams

the Trump campaign, including Stewart's outspoken opposition to undocumented immigrants and unyielding support for Confederate memorials. In the end, the chairman of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors came less than a percentage point away from securing the nomination.

"There's one word you'll never hear from me, and that's unity," said Stewart during a defiant speech in Woodbridge. "Whether it is the political establishment on the right with the Republicans or the political establishment on the left with the Democrats, in fact establishment Republicans and establishment Democrats are one in the same thing."

STEWART'S CAMPAIGN was built on the reputation he built in Prince William County, where he became a national firebrand against undocumented immigrants and sanctuary cities. Although he never had the name recognition that Trump enjoyed from his decades in the spotlight, Stewart

appealed to many of the same interest groups — white nationalists who oppose immigrants and support Confederate monuments. Gillespie spent much of the primary avoiding answering questions about his views about the Trump administration. Now he has to move past his narrow victory in the primary and leverage his

ability to fundraise in a battle against a Democratic Party united against Trump.

"The primaries left our campaign with a very strong cash on hand figure and a robust ground game that made more than 800,000 contacts during the primary powered by over 6,000 volunteers," wrote Chris Leavitt, Gillespie's campaign manager in a post-primary memo. "The primaries also placed Ed Gillespie squarely in the center-right of Virginia politics. On the Democratic side, the long, expensive and bitter primary forced Ralph Northam to spend over \$4 million, reducing his cash on hand to half of ours, and, more importantly, pushing him far to the left politically."

For the most part Gillespie tried to ignore Stewart and another Republican primary rival, state Sen. Frank Wagner (R-7). He agreed to only one televised debate, and declined to answer questions about Trump. The centerpiece of his campaign is a tax cut that would reduce the income tax rate from 5.75 percent to 5.15 percent. On the cam-

paign trail, Wagner said that was an irresponsible move that would threaten to undermine the cash-strapped state budget. But Gillespie and his supporters view tax cuts as a clear way to frame the Republican case for taking the Executive Mansion from Democrats.

"Virginia needs a new direction, and with Ed Gillespie at the helm, the commonwealth will get back on the right track," said Republican Governors Association Chairman Gov. Scott Walker of Wisconsin. "Ed has a substantive vision for Virginia's future, including a commitment to cut taxes, raise take-home pay, reform state government, improve education and encourage business growth and job creation."

VOGEL emerged from a primary fight that often seemed more like a soap opera than a political campaign. Rival candidate state Sen. Bryce Reeves (R-17) accused her of a plot to accuse him of infidelity, a claim Vogel strongly denied. Late in the campaign, Reeves sent a controversial piece of direct mail criticizing Vogel for voting in favor of appointing a gay judge in Fairfax County. Ultimately, she was successful in persuading voters to support a moderate candidate, someone who often sounded like she was already running a general election strategy of appealing to Democrats even though she wasn't yet through the Republican primary.

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Fundamental Freedom to Choose to Marry

Virginia is historically slow in extending rights.

In 1967, Virginia was one of 16 states that banned interracial marriage and had criminal penalties for violators. Mildred Jeter, an African-American woman, and Richard Loving, a white man, were married in 1958, were convicted and banished from living in Virginia for 25 years to avoid serving a one-year prison sentence. On June 12, 1967, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Loving v. Virginia*, overturned the convictions of Mildred and Richard Loving, declaring the ban on interracial marriage unconstitutional.

Chief Justice Earl Warren wrote the opinion: "Marriage is one of the 'basic civil rights of man,' fundamental to our very existence and survival. ... To deny this fundamental freedom on so unsupportable a basis as the racial classifications embodied in these statutes, classifications so directly subversive of the principle of equality at the heart of the Fourteenth Amendment, is surely to deprive all the State's citizens of liberty without due process of law. The Fourteenth Amendment requires that the freedom of choice to marry not be restricted by invidious racial discriminations. Under our Constitution, the freedom to marry, or not marry, a person of another race resides with the individual, and cannot be infringed by the State."

This week, Gov. Terry McAuliffe celebrated

Loving Day, June 12, with a new state historical marker to commemorate the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in the landmark case. The dedication marked the 50th anniversary of the 1967 ruling that overturned all state laws restricting interracial marriage. The ceremony was held at the former site of the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, where the case was heard before it reached the U.S. Supreme Court. The Lovings' story is told in a movie of the same name.

On Valentine's Day, 2014, Judge Arenda Wright Allen, ruled that Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional. In the opening of her order, Allen quotes Mildred Loving in a statement she made in 2007 on the 40th anniversary of *Loving v. Virginia*:

"We made a commitment to each other in our love and lives, and now had the legal commitment, called marriage, to match. Isn't that what marriage is? ... Today's young people realize that if someone loves someone they have a right to marry. Surrounded as I am now by wonderful children and grandchildren, not a day goes by that I don't think of Richard and our love, our right to marry, and how much it meant to me to have that freedom to marry the person precious to me, even if others thought he was the 'wrong kind of person' for me to marry. I believe all Americans, no matter their race, no matter their sex, no matter their sexual orientation, should have that same freedom to marry. Government has no busi-

ness imposing some people's religious beliefs over others. ... I support the freedom to marry for all. That's what Loving, and loving, are all about."

Judge Allen's written decision begins:

"A spirited and controversial debate is underway regarding who may enjoy the right to marry in the United States of America. America has pursued a journey to make and keep our

citizens free. This journey has never been easy, and at times has been painful and poignant. The ultimate exercise of our freedom is choice. Our Declaration of Independence recognizes that 'all men' are created equal. Surely this means all of us. While ever-vigilant for the wisdom that can come from the voices of our voting public, our courts have

never long tolerated the perpetuation of laws rooted in unlawful prejudice. One of the judiciary's noblest endeavors is to scrutinize laws that emerge from such roots. "Plaintiffs assert that the restriction on their freedom to choose to marry the person they love infringes on the rights to due process and equal protection guaranteed to them under the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution. These challenges are well-taken. ...

"The Court is compelled to conclude that Virginia's Marriage Laws unconstitutionally deny Virginia's gay and lesbian citizens the fundamental freedom to choose to marry."

Adapted from an editorial published by Connection Newspapers in February 2014.

we have a wide open sky with no impediments over our head and the ability to change the air traffic with the flip of a switch. However, due to inaction by our leaders, a single lane of deafening aircraft noise is impacting our neighborhoods every 2-3 minutes for almost 20 hours daily. Congressman Beyer has "sent a letter." but it is mere lip service to his constituents. Our gerrymandered political system will continue to allow entrenched politicians to remain in their jobs while it continues to be Groundhog Day in the Mount Vernon District on our roads and in the sky over our heads. It is time for photo ops, lip service and "studies" to end — and action to begin.

Chris Fulghum, Villamay

Government has no business imposing some people's religious beliefs over others.

— Mildred Loving, in 2007

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'Groundhog Day'

To the Editor:

I read with interest and slight amazement the recent article which dedicated three pages to traffic problems on the GW Parkway entitled "Parkway Problems Will Get Worse." While I agree that there is speeding on the parkway and enforcement would be a relatively easy way to solve most of the problems, the road was built as a scenic parkway.

Our elected officials have not solved the issues on the other major north-south arteries in our district, yet they bemoan and wonder about the spillover effects on this scenic artery and the impact on the local residents. It's

as if they are removed from the problem, yet they are the same politicians who have been in office for years.

Instead of having a front page photo op with state Sen. Surovell and Del. Krizek pointing at the parkway, perhaps they should have been pointing to the sky? The 100-plus decibel airplane superhighway that is now running right through our district is the latest problem given to us by our federal government, and it is met with absolute silence from our local, state and federal leaders and even this newspaper. When will there be action — not words and photo ops?

The parkway article complains about lane sizes and other minor infrastructure issues, yet

ME & MY DAD A gallery of reader submitted photos.



Bill, Caroline and Grace Austin of Alexandria. Grace Austin was visiting dad (Bill Austin) to celebrate an early Father's Day last year.

Gunner Dutzman and his father Patrick Medina bottle feed a baby tiger during a trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C.



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'I Moved Here and It's Been Life-Changing'

Special financing arrangement makes workforce housing a reality.

BY BONNIE HOBBS

Dignitaries and VIPs were all smiles last week when they cut the ribbon for the official grand opening of Residences at the Government Center. A 270-unit apartment complex in Fair Oaks, it provides workforce housing for people who otherwise couldn't afford to live in Fairfax County.

But perhaps no one was happier than Dawne Sherman, a mental-health counselor who works for the county and just moved into an efficiency apartment there. She doesn't make anywhere near the average median income (AMI) for county residents — which, in 2015, was \$113,208 — but she now has a place of her own.

"I moved here six weeks ago and it's been life-changing," she said. "In the two years before, I lived with my parents — and I'm a grown woman. I have a tough job and my pay is pretty modest. But now, I have a 540-square-foot studio apartment and I love it. It has everything, and I'm truly grateful. I come home after a long, stressful day at work and don't have a long commute. I have a beautiful and green place to live, here in the county."

What sets the Residences apart from other apartment complexes is the special financing structure that made its construction possible, as well as its lower-than-average rents. It's geared specifically for those making 50-60 percent of the county AMI, such as teachers, public-safety personnel and service-industry employees. This equates to about \$44,000 for a family of two, at or below 50-percent AMI, and \$53,000 for that same family, earning up to 60-percent AMI.

Some 54 units are earmarked for those making 50-percent AMI, and 216 units are for those earning 60-percent AMI. So, for example, at 50-percent AMI, one person making between \$27,840 and \$38,650 could rent a one-bedroom apartment for \$928/month. At 60-percent AMI, a person earning between \$34,050 and \$46,380 could rent that same apartment for \$1,135. The complex contains studio plus one-, two- and three-bedroom units, and pets are allowed.

So, said county Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, "It's pretty affordable for someone raising a family and with a lower income. This is beautiful, inside and out, and is a very innovative way of providing housing this affordable for folks in the workforce."

Bernice Dolberry, the first person to move



PHOTOS BY BONNIE HOBBS

Dignitaries and stakeholders cut the ribbon for Residences at the Government Center's official grand opening.



U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly with Bernice Dolberry, the complex's first resident.



Supervisor John Cook.



New resident and county employee Dawne Sherman.

into the Residences, is also delighted about it because she needs help getting around and her apartment is accessible. "I have a scooter, a walker and a cane, and I can ride my scooter into my house," she said. "This is accessible for me in the bathroom, the kitchen cabinets are lower and the stove controls are in the front, so I can reach them."

The four-story, smoke-free, environmentally friendly apartments were also built to EarthCraft standards for sustainable and energy-efficient living. They're on some nine acres along Monument Drive, on the county Government Center's perimeter, and back up to woods.

Besides being across from the Fairfax Corner shopping center, the complex's amenities include an outdoor pool, tot lot, fitness center, outdoor lounge with grilling area, clubroom with Wi-Fi and billiards,

community room with couches and a smart TV, business center, parking garage and connections to trails.

Paradigm Construction Co. was the general contractor, and last Monday's (June 5) official grand opening came two years after the project's groundbreaking. But it only reached fruition because of cooperation among a variety of entities.

The project's developer, Jefferson Apartment Group, was able to lease the land from the county, and federal low-income tax credits were obtained. A public-private partnership was formed between the county, its Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA), Jefferson, and Stratford Capital Group. In June 2014, it became the first project of its kind in Virginia to structure its financing via a combination of both 9-percent and 4-percent tax-credit allocations from the Virginia Housing Development Au-

thority (VHDA), plus tax-exempt bonds from the FCRHA and other financing sources.

"Not doing this through tax dollars is a creative mechanism for making housing available," said Bulova. "This was built with \$13 million in tax-exempt bonds at no cost to local residents. And because it's privately owned, it'll generate tax revenue for the county."

Also pleased with the building's appearance, she said, "You can't really tell it's affordable housing because it's attractive and blends into the surrounding community. And the county and developer also did a wonderful job of preserving the wooded area. It's a place where people want to live and live next to."

Noting that many people who work in the county currently have long commutes from elsewhere to and from their jobs, Bulova said, "This has been a long time coming for those who want to live and work in Fairfax County. Young people, entry-level professionals and low-income individuals can now live near where they work."

Jefferson will manage and maintain the complex, but the county will have oversight, since it owns the property. And Bulova said she hopes the county can do partnership-projects similar to this one in the future. "Fairfax County is a leader in finding creative ways to leverage our resources," she said. "This will serve as a model and exemplify smart growth, going forward."

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) said those who make this county's economy successful need affordable places to live while working here. Doing so, he said, reduces traffic congestion, promotes diversity and improves everyone's quality of life.

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"When I became Board of Supervisors chairman in 2003, we made affordable housing our priority," he said. "We dedicated one penny from the tax rate — nearly \$171 million between FY 2006 and FY 2016 — to affordable housing." He also supported the Residences and praised the work of Paula Sampson, then head of Housing and Community Development for the county, and her team, in making it a reality. After all, said Connolly, "Affordable housing is a practical matter and also a matter of our values as a community."

At the federal level, he said, the president's budget would eliminate programs to prevent homelessness and tax credits for affordable housing. "We're going to fight those efforts in Congress," said

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Patio Ready for Summer? The latest trends for entertaining alfresco.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

The warm days and nights of summer lend themselves to outdoor entertaining. From colorful pillows and cozy throws to textured fabrics and jewel-toned tableware, local designers offer ideas for creating a festive space for an alfresco soiree.

Consider the way an outdoor space will look when it's viewed from inside your home, says Madeline Fairbanks, product development director, Country Casual Teak.

"Choose fabrics that coordinate and accent the colors used indoors to create a seamless transition between the spaces," she said. "Add texture with fabrics, from gauzy sheers to the heaviest brocades, to bring the textures of indoor upholstery outdoors. An added plus is that they help hide dirt and stains."

The transition from a home's interior to its exterior should be fluid, advises Jim Rill of Rill Architects. "It shouldn't just be an outdoor patio, but an extension of the indoor spaces," he said.

Rill suggests using outdoor walls, fireplaces and trellises to create a sense of scale and comfort. "For instance, stone walls, hedges, pools and ponds help give an out-



PHOTO BY STACY ZARIN GOLDBERG

Todd Martz of Home on Cameron in Alexandria advises using colorful table accessories to set the stage for a festive gathering.

door setting scale and coziness," he said. "Think of the outdoor space as a room and consider how it's organized with furniture and materials like you would an indoor room. Patterns in the patio materials also organize the area."



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Outdoor furniture pieces like these by Country Casual Teak help define the outdoor atmosphere of this Potomac, Md., home.

Outdoor entertaining is often food-centric and for an upbeat outdoor table setting, Todd Martz of Home on Cameron in Old Town Alexandria suggests acrylic table accessories. "Incorporate colorful pitchers, glasses and plates to set the stage for a fes-

"It shouldn't just be an outdoor patio, but an extension of the indoor spaces."

— Jim Rill of Rill Architects

tive gathering," he said.

Have a few key pieces for hosting, whether you entertain weekly or just once a year, recommends Fairbanks. "Keep a bar cart near an entrance for wheeling refreshments to guests, or an outdoor sideboard near a dining area for easy buffet-style service," she said.

For chilly nights, drape throws on the outdoor seating for guests, advises Martz. "With the popularity of fire pits, add comfortable seating with indoor-outdoor cushions around them to enhance the experience," he said.

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Albo Retirement Prompts Hotly Contested House Race

Democrat Kathy Tran to face Republican Lolita Mancheno-Smoak.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

On paper, the 42nd District in the House of Delegates is a solidly Democratic district. Terry McAuliffe won the district in 2013 with 50 percent of the vote for governor. Mark Warner won the district in 2014 with 50 percent of the vote for the U.S. Senate. And Hillary Clinton swamped Donald Trump in the district last year, securing 57 percent of the vote. But Republicans have held the district for decades because of the popular longtime incumbent, Del. Dave Albo (R-42), who fashioned himself as a “Northern Virginia Republican.”

But Albo’s last-minute decision against seeking reelection in May has now opened up the seat, which is at the top of the list for Democrats seeking to pick up Republican-held seats in districts that Clinton won last year.

This week, Democrats selected Kathy Tran as their candidate for the general election. Tran, who immigrated as a refugee from Vietnam with her family as a child, spent years working in a variety of positions in the federal government. She beat longtime social worker Tilly Blanding, who came out of retirement to run for the House of Del-



Kathy Tran



Lolita Mancheno-Smoak

egates. Tran joins an unprecedented number of first-time candidates running as Democratic candidates for the House of Delegates, a political landscape largely shaped by the controversial election of Trump last year.

“They are farmers and teachers, law enforcement officers and stay-at-home parents, veterans and small business owners,” said House Democratic Leader David Toscano and Caucus Chairwoman Charniele Herring after the primary. “More than half are women, about a quarter are people of color, and at least six are members of the LGBTQ community.”

The Republicans decided to select their candidate in a caucus rather than a primary, choosing engineer Lolita Mancheno-Smoak

over two other candidates. Mancheno-Smoak won with 45 percent of the vote against two challengers, Steve Adragna and Michael Drobnis. She’s a familiar face to voters in Fairfax County because she waged an unsuccessful campaign for the School Board in 2011.

“Lolita has been an active member of our party and more importantly an active member of the community for many years,” said Republican House Speaker Bill Howell af-

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THURSDAY/JUNE 15

Community Meeting. 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Mount Eagle Elementary School, 6116 North Kings Highway. Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will host a community meeting to discuss the Phase III A of the infrastructure improvements in the Jefferson Manor neighborhood. FCDOT staff will present the Pre-Final design for proposed improvements, and affected property owners and residents will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide input related to the project. The project includes roadway, sidewalk and drainage improvements along Albemarle Drive and

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OBITUARY

Norma Hoffman

Fairfax County Park Authority volunteer Norma Hoffman died Sunday morning, June 11, 2017, after a long illness. She was one of the most extraordinary volunteers in the agency's history, according to the park authority.

Hoffman's impact began in 1978, when a planned four-lane road would have cut through Huntley Meadows Park. Hoffman had the foresight to understand the damage the road would cause, and so she established the Citizen's Alliance to Save Huntley and enlisted scientific and legal help. Thirty-nine years later there is no road.

The Alliance eventually grew to 600 members and succeeded in having the road plan removed from the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan. Hoffman then co-founded the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park in 1985, instituting a model that has been used by subsequent Friends groups at other county parks. Hoffman served as the Friends president, and in that role used wetland protection laws to prevent any further potential degradation to the park. The two groups worked collaboratively to secure state grants for the stabilization of 1,000 feet of severely eroded stream banks above the park using bioengineering techniques. Her efforts eventually added more than 100 acres of wetlands to Huntley Meadows Park, repaired several failing stormwater ponds on an adjacent golf course, and established a continuous pollution monitoring system, thus protecting a vital



Hoffman

water passageway to the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay. She also maintained an unrelenting pursuit on behalf of the acquisition of the mansion at Historic Huntley, which is now park property.

Hoffman continued as a volunteer at Huntley Meadows Park for nearly four decades. She was honored with the Park Authority's highest volunteer service award, received the annual Distinguished Volunteer Service Award from the Virginia Recreation and Park Society, and in the week prior to her death was named a national Outstanding Volunteer by the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials. In 1992, the Sierra Club named her one of its 100 Environmental Heroes.

Hoffman taught thousands of children about nature and the responsibility to be environmental stewards.

A Park Authority Board resolution noted that she tirelessly served community children in a 30-year crusade to imprint an appreciation for the environment through countless classes, hikes, and engaging stories. The Visitor Center at Huntley Meadows Park was named in her honor in 2013.

Celebrating Workforce Housing

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Connolly. "But meanwhile, Fairfax is a model for the rest of the country. Since 2004, we're the only jurisdiction in Metropolitan Washington, D.C., that's reduced its homeless population by 40 percent."

Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock), who also helped move this project forward, called affordable housing "probably the most vexing problem facing local governments.

By partnering, we were able to get it done, and it's a pleasure to have it in my district."

"We've been waiting a long time [for this]," said Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), on the county's committee to Prevent and End Homelessness. "But it would take 31,360 more affordable units to be built before everyone within this AMI could move into affordable housing. We're losing workers and businesses because people can't afford to live here." She then urged residents to participate in the county's Strategic Housing Plan "so they'll understand and support addressing this need."

Steve Wilson, president of Stratford Capital, one of the project's development partners, said its financial structure benefited everyone. "A 2015 GMU study said that, between 2011-23, about 60,000 lower-income households will move into Northern Virginia — and 30,000 of them will be renters," he said. With such a great need then for affordable housing, he added, "Only 18 out of 270 units are left at the Residences. That's about 2-1/2 times the normal, absorption rate, so the pent-up demand for



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Sharon Bulova at the podium in front of Residences at the Government Center.

this type of housing is significant."

Greg Lamb, Jefferson's executive vice president, said his firm normally builds market-rate housing. "We were selected for this in 2008 and then the recession happened," he said. "But the county didn't give up, and we were so grateful to be one of the partners."

"This project was complicated, but Paradigm Construction didn't cut any corners, did a beautiful job and built a quality project," he continued. "We're very proud and look forward to being property owners here for a long time."

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Front Row L-R: Dustin Gardner, Charlie Hornung, Pierce Waller, Daniel Melchior, Isabelle Murphy, Miranda Larson, Sarah Sullivan, Allie Ryder, Lily Altree

Members of the Class of 2017 have been offered admission to and/or will be attending the following high schools:

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ENTERTAINMENT

Submit entertainment announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

ONGOING

Ceramic Show. various times through July 1 at Studio 19 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. The “Classic Wedding Whites” Ceramic Guild show at Scope Gallery. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288, visit www.scopegallery.org for more.

Art Exhibit: Pattern and Repetition. Various times through June 25 at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Artists Reni Gower and Stephen Boocks use repetitive shapes and patterns, combining both precision and randomness to create meditative and mesmerizing pieces. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

Native Plants, Herbs, and Heirloom Tomatoes. Various times through mid June at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church Greenhouse, 1909 Windmill Lane. Visit www.mvuc.org for more.

Flora and Fauna Artshow. Through June 25, various times at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 N. Union St. This show will highlight the work of artists Jeanne Bohlen and Floris Flam. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com or call 703-548-0935 for more.

“By the Seashore.” Various times through June 30 at Arts on the Horizon, The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. Arts on the Horizon is a theatre company that produces original work exclusively for children ages 0-6 and their families in Northern Virginia and the D.C. metro area. “By the Seashore” takes the audience on a journey to the beach. Visit www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org, info@ArtsOnTheHorizon.org or call 703-967-0437 for more.

The Light of Day Paintings. Through July 15, various times Broadway Gallery, at 5641-B General Washington Drive. Featuring landscape paintings by Michael Godfrey, Christine Lashley, Tricia Ratliff, and Rajendra KC. Call 703-354-2905 for more.

Artwork Inspired by Nature Exhibit. Various times through Aug. 31 at Huntley Meadows Park Nature Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Local artist-photographer Nina Tisara will share some of her mosaic work in an exhibit entitled “Inspired by Nature.” Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks.

Costumes of Mercy Street. Through Sept. 1, at The Lyceum: Alexandria’s History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. To learn more about The Lyceum, visit alexandriava.gov/Lyceum or call 703-746-4994.

Gadsby’s Tavern Museum Relics. Various times through Labor Day at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Learn the history of the museum, the purchase and see the original woodwork. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org for more.

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Wednesdays, through Dec. 14. Fresh local food, artisan crafts. Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mtvernonmkt.htm for more.

All the President’s Pups. Saturdays 10 a.m. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. All the President’s Pups Walking Tour, along the way, learn about George Washington’s love for dogs, his dogs’ unusual names, and his efforts to



In Concert

QuinTango Concert, Monday, June 19 at 7 p.m. at George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. QuinTango and student performers will meet the audience after the concert. Call 703-548-6811 for more.

improve the quality of his hunting dogs through breeding. \$7. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

Mercy in Alexandria Walking Tour. Sundays at 1:30 p.m. at Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St. Experience an inside access tour of 19th century Alexandria. Inspired by the PBS mini-series “Mercy Street,” accompany a trained military historian through Civil War-era Alexandria and learn the actual history behind the TV show. Short tours are \$15, private tours for five are \$149. Visit www.dcmilitarytour.com for more

The Lyceum: 175 Years of Local History. Ongoing, Monday-Saturday

10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. On view in the museum’s Coldsmith Gallery, the historical objects and images featured represent The Lyceum, the community at work, and commemorations and celebrations. Throughout the exhibition, visitors are invited to “be the curator” and think about why the various artifacts are in the museum’s collection, and about how tangible representatives of the past help tell the story of Alexandria’s history. Free. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org for more.

Pick-Up Hockey. Ongoing, Wednesdays and Fridays 11:30 a.m.-

1 p.m. at Mount Vernon Ice Skating, 2017 Belle View Blvd. Play hockey with other hockey buffs, hitting slap shots and learning puck handling skills that the pros use. Players must have full equipment. 16 and older. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/mtvernon/ or call 703-768-3224 for more.

Medical Care for the Civil War Soldier Exhibit. Ongoing at the Fort Ward museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. ongoing exhibit which features original medical instruments and equipment from the Civil War period and information on Union Army hospital sites in Alexandria. Free. Visit

www.alexandriava.gov/fortward for more

Alexandria’s Nurses and Hospitals

During the Civil War. Ongoing at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. An exhibit on the life of Clarissa Jones, a nurse at The Lyceum hospital during the Civil War. The true story of a nurse in Alexandria during the war, drawing parallels with characters portrayed in the PBS drama “Mercy Street,” with references to the experiences of other nurses, such as Anne Reading, who worked in the Mansion House hospital, and Jane Woolsey, who served at the Fairfax Seminary hospital. Admission is \$2. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/lyceum for more.

Shield of Earth: Defending the Heart of the Union exhibit.

Ongoing, museum hours Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. -5 p.m., Sundays, noon-5 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road. Highlights of the exhibition include military passes issued by Provost Marshal’s Office, construction tools, and original photographs of some of Washington’s defenders. 703-746-4848 or www.fortward.org.

Who These Wounded Are: The Extraordinary Stories of the Mansion House Hospital exhibit.

Ongoing, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. at the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Come see the site that inspired “Mercy Street,” the new PBS’ series inspired by real events that took place at Carlyle House. www.carlylehouse.org or call 703-549-2997

Color Disorder Exhibit. Ongoing, Thursday through Sunday, noon-4 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. at the The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. A joint exhibition of artists Katie Baines and Amy Chan who use diverse painting materials such as acrylic, gouache, airbrush and screen print to build energized abstract paintings. www.nfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

Flamenco Show. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at La Tasca, 607 King St. Watch dancers and guitarists perform traditional flamenco. Free to attend. Call 703-299-9810 or visit www.latascausa.com.

French Movie Night. Every Thursday, 7 p.m. in the back room of Fontaine Caffe and Creperie, 119 S. Royal St. View a French film. Free, no reservation necessary. Call 703-535-8151 or visit www.fontainecaffe.com/reviews.html.

Their Fates Intertwined: The Lees of Alexandria in the War of 1812. Wednesday- Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Lee-Fendall House and Gardens, 614 Oronoco St. A new exhibit on the experiences of the Lee family in Alexandria during the War of 1812 examines the contributions of Alexandria’s citizens during the conflict that led to the writing of our national anthem through the lives of this iconic Virginia family. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789.

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

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays 12-5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-



Live Music

Jonathan Butler in Concert, Wednesday, June 21 from 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. He’ll perform his biggest hits and songs from his latest album “Free.” Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

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Dinner for the Washingtons. 12 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

Second Thursday Music. Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 p.m. Second Thursday of every month. Visit nvfaa.org to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

The Monday Morning Birdwalk takes place weekly, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free, requires no reservation and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park's entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to park staff during normal business hours at 703-768-2525.

Civil War Sundays. 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., #327. Learn more about the Civil War as it occurred in Alexandria. Find dioramas, newspaper articles and more Free. Visit www.alexandriaarchaeology.org.

Doggy Happy Hour. Starting April 5, Tuesdays through October 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Doggy Happy Hour at Jackson 20 and the Hotel Monaco Alexandria offers specials on cocktails and beers plus treats and water for canine companions. Free, but drinks sold separately. Visit www.monaco-alexandria.com for more

Wake Up Wednesdays featuring The Pop Up Cafe. 7-9:30 a.m. on Wednesday's near the King Street Tunnel - Carlyle Entrance located near 2000 Duke Street near Motley Fool. The cafe will feature coffee, live music to help commuters start the day off right and donuts from Sugar Shack. maurisapotts@gmail.com

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

The Harmony Heritage Singers (Mount Vernon Chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society), a daytime, a cappella, Chorus, rehearses on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, monthly, at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Newcomers welcome for fun or to book for a performance. Visit www.HHSingers.org, or call Bruce at 703-352-5271.

MAY 31-AUG. 25

Summer Theatre Camps. Various times at the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Preschool-8th graders can learn acting, musical theatre, dancing, improv, Shakespeare, film making. Visit www.thelittletheatre.com or call 703-683-5778.

JUNE 26-28

Civil War Mini-Camp. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.



'Thanks For All The Fish'

Kathy Turner's "First Fish," is one of the Del Ray Artisans works on display at the "Thanks For All The Fish" exhibit which runs June 2-25, 2017 at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. The exhibit will showcase the artwork of members who have made exceptional volunteer contributions to support Del Ray Artisans.. Visit www.DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits for more.

each day at Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, 4301 West Braddock Road. Camp participants will explore life during the Civil War through fun and educational activities such as drilling and marching, hands-on craft lessons, 19th-century games, and learning from guest reenactors. Ages 9-12. Call 703-746-4848 or visit www.fortward.org.

JULY 17-21

Del Ray Artisans 2017 Summer Art Camp. All day at Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Ages 8-14 are invited to spend one week creating art and architecture, followed by a one-day gallery show. All art supplies and snacks are provided. Visit DelRayArtisans.org/event/Art-Camp-2017 for more.

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THURSDAY/JUNE 15

Essential Oils Workshop. noon-1 p.m. at Caring Acupuncture, 2111 Eisenhower Ave., Suite 402. Intro to doTERRA: What are Essential Oils? Learn how to enhance skin care with these natural oils. Free. Email ipalicea@yahoo.com or call 703-861-3493.

Farewell to Alexandria's 18th-century Ship. 3-6 p.m. at 116 S. Quaker Lane. The ship discovered by archaeologists during construction of the Hotel Indigo begins one last voyage before returning to her final port at Texas A&M University's Conservation Research Laboratory in College Station, Texas. Free but reservations are required. Proper footwear and close-toed shoes are recommended. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov/Events.aspx for more.

Meet the Author. 7 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Margaret Wagner is coming to Alexandria to discuss her newly released book "America and the Great War: A Library of Congress



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- ◆ More than one-third of the class was offered college scholarships or merit aid.
- ◆ Two National Merit finalists, two semi-finalists, and seven commended scholars.
- ◆ Won the National Latin Exam New Latin Educators Award and the Rockwell Collins Innovate Award at the Virginia state robotics tournament.
- ◆ Prepared thousands of sandwiches for Martha's Table; collected food items and volunteered at local food banks. Led supply drives for local agencies and our partner school in Haiti. Volunteered thousands of hours with local non-profits. Participated in international causes in Romania and Haiti.
- ◆ Received two Cappies nominations for "The Good Woman of Setzuan." Performed in all of our drama and musical productions, Evening of the Arts, Multicultural Night, and the Pit Orchestra; directed the One-Act Plays.
- ◆ Performed in the Virginia District 10 Music Festivals and invited to sing Evensong at the National Cathedral.
- ◆ Won two Gold Keys, seven Silver Keys, and 10 Honorable Mentions in the regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, two Honorable Mentions at the Congressional Institute Artistic Discovery Competition, and the Digital Design, Sculpture, and Best of School Awards at the All City Alexandria Art Exhibition.
- ◆ Thirty-one to play collegiate athletics next year, representing 11 sports.
- ◆ Led the boys lacrosse team to a VISAA state championship and won an individual and relay state championship in boys swimming. ISL championships in field hockey and girls lacrosse. IAC co-championship in ice hockey. Participated in league finals or state tournaments in boys basketball, girls basketball, cross country, field hockey, golf, boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, swimming & diving, boys tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field, and wrestling.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Illustrated History.” Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum or call 703-838-4994.

JUNE 15-16

Iced Coffee Benefit. All day at Dunkin’ Donuts, 1640 King St. \$1 from all large iced coffees sold at participating Dunkin’ Donuts restaurants in the Washington, D.C. region will be donated to Children’s National. Email Colleen Krygiel, colleen.krygiel@dunkinbrands.com for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 16

Closing Reception. 7-9 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Free closing reception for “Witnessing Worship: Connecting through the lens of faith.” Email ninat@ninatisara.com or DanABH@ourconvergence.org for more.

Summer Sunset Movie Night. 7-11 p.m. at Mount Vernon Rec Center, 2017 Belle View Blvd. “Sing,” is the first of a series of movies throughout the summer. Visit www.ZelsmanPowersGroup.com for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 17

Colorful Garden Totem Workshop. 9:30 am-noon at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Horticulturist Nancy Olney guides in making a garden totem with a birdhouse topper to use as a garden feature or focal point. \$38 for the program plus \$20 supply fee. Register online for the program at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes or call 703-642-5173.

Anne Hills and Jay Ansill in Concert. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria. \$15 in advance and for members, \$18 at the door. Visit <http://www.focusmusic.org/buy-tickets> to purchase.

Country-Western Dance. 7-9:30 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will hold a dance. Lessons, 6-7 p.m.; open dancing, 7-9:30 p.m. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles welcome. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit www.nvcwda.org or call 703-860-4941.

MONDAY/JUNE 19

QuinTango Concert. 7 p.m. at George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. QuinTango and student performers will meet the audience after the concert. Call 703-548-6811 for more.

TUESDAY/JUNE 20

Sons of the American Revolution Genealogical Lecture. 1-3 p.m. at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Paul Welden and Dave Thomas will talk about the SAR Genealogical Research Library in Louisville, Kentucky. Free. Email publicity@mvgenealogy.org for more.

Mount Vernon Lee Chamber Scholarships. 6-7:30 p.m. at the Hilton Springfield, 6550 Loisdale Road. Meet the local high school seniors selected to receive business scholarships from Mount Vernon Lee Chamber. Call 703-971-8900 for more.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 21



‘Classic Wedding Whites’

Ceramic Show, May 30-July 1 at Studio 19 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. The “Classic Wedding Whites” Ceramic Guild show at Scope Gallery features this vase by Norma Hintze. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288, visit www.scopegallery.org for more.

Home Beautification Tips. 7-8:30 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center 2701 Commonwealth Ave. The Alexandria Beautification Commission programs focus on ways residents can beautify their homes and neighborhoods using sustainable landscaping practices. Email AlexandriaBeautification@gmail.com

Jonathan Butler Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. He’ll perform his biggest hits and songs from his latest album “Free.” Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 22

Garden Tour and Tea. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Tour the demonstration gardens with a Master Gardener docent who will narrate with stories of Green Spring past and present. Afterwards, a traditional English afternoon tea. \$32. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes or call 703-642-5173.

Meet the Filmmaker. 7 p.m. at the Nannie J Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Local writer and filmmaker Jerry Casagrande, who co-created The Anthropologist film, will be on hand to supervise the kids watching The Wing, so parents can watch his film. Email JC@JerryCasagrande.com or call 703-717-3603 for more.

The Del Ray Players. 7:30 p.m. at at Logan Fringe Arts Space, 1358 Florida Ave., NE, Washington, D.C. Preview of world premiere of local writer and musician Neal Learner’s sung-through musical, “LIFE: A Comic Opera in Three Short Acts,” at

the Capital Fringe Festival next month in Washington, D.C. The work will be staged five times from July 9-23. Visit visitdelray.com for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 23

Storytellers from the Story District. 8 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St. An open-mic storytelling experience including the NEA’s Big Read, Atlas Performing Arts Center, INTERSECTIONS: A New America Arts Festival, Woolly Mammoth, Capital Fringe Festival, Dance Place, and Sixth & I Historic Synagogue. Visit torpedofactory.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 24

Mount Vernon Flea Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at 8717 Fort Hunt Road. The flea market features: furniture, art, china, glass, porcelain, pottery, books, photographs, lighting, tools, comic books, vinyl records, novelties clothing & sewing, toys, jewelry, collectibles, homemade items, soaps & scrubs, antique & vintage items, crafts, dolls, household items, hobby items, tapestries, and clothes. Visit mountvernonfleamarket.wordpress.com for more info.

Well Ray Festival. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. along Mount Vernon Ave. between Custis and Uhler avenues. This free outdoor festival features free fitness classes; health, wellness, and nutrition demonstrations and exhibits. Visit www.visitdelray.com.

Summer Bouquet Floral Design Workshop. 1-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring

Road. Learn how to make a summer bouquet to take home with the help of floral designer Betty Ann Galway. \$38 plus \$25 supplies. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes or call 703-642-5173.

Tea Program: The Old Farmer’s Almanac. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Celebrate a total solar eclipse this year and the 225th anniversary of the Old Farmer’s Almanac. \$32 for tea, \$12 for program only. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes or call 703-642-5173.

6th Annual Vine on the Waterfront Festival. noon-6 p.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com for more.

8th Annual Youth Arts Festival. 1-5 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. A family-oriented event showcasing art (visual and performing) by students citywide, with music, entertainment, and interactive exhibits for children and adults. Visit www.arha.us/events; 703.5392742; arhacontact@gmail.com for more.

DelRay Poetry Slam. 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Fireflies, 1501 M. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Del Ray Players presents Great Del Ray Poetry Slam. Local poets are invited to share original poems for enjoyment and prizes. Alexandria Poet Laureate Wendi Kaplan is special guest & expert judge. Visit www.facebook.com/DelRayPlayers/.

JUNE 24-25

“Enchanted, the Musical.” 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center in 4915 E. Campus Drive. Metropolitan School of the Arts (MSA) of Alexandria will perform their spring production. \$20-\$23. Visit www.metropolitanarts.org for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 25

Junior Docents Tours. 2-5 p.m. at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. 4th, 5th, or 6th graders lead the tour Sunday afternoons through Labor Day weekend. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern or call 703-746-4242.

MONDAY/JUNE 26

Charity Golf Tournament. 11 a.m. at Mount Vernon Country Club, 5111 Old Mill Road. Charity event for AIA NOVA partners with United Community Ministries, a social services provider to the most vulnerable community members. Visit www.aia.nova.org or www.ucmagency.org.

JUNE 27-JULY 30

Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery. Various times at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N.

Union Street, ground floor Studio 29. Show is called “Under the Big Top,” highlighting the work of three featured artists: Janet Barnard, Paige Garber, and Anne-Sanderoff Walker. Call 703-548-0935, or visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 30

Celebrate American Freedom. 6-9:45 p.m. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. Fireworks choreographed to patriotic music. \$30-\$34 for adults and \$20-\$24 for youth. Visit www.mountvernon.org/herbthyme for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 1

Celebrate American Freedom. 6-9:45 p.m. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. Fireworks choreographed to patriotic music. \$30-\$34 for adults and \$20-\$24 for youth. Visit www.mountvernon.org/herbthyme for more.

Saturday Cinema at Carlyle. 8:37 p.m. on John Carlyle Square, 300 John Carlyle St. Top Gun is the first of this series. Free. Visit www.AlexandriaVA.gov/CarlyleFun for more.

JULY 3-30

Ceramics Show. Various times at 105 N. Union St., ground floor Studio 19. The “Rough around the Edges” Kiln Club show. Call 703-548-6288 or visit scopegallery.org.

TUESDAY/JULY 4

Independence Day. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. Event includes a naturalization ceremony for 100 new citizens, military reenactments, a special wreath-laying ceremony, free birthday cake for all guests. Fireworks choreographed to patriotic music. \$18; children ages 6-11, \$9; and children under 5. Visit www.mountvernon.org/herbthyme for more.

Waynewood Plant Sale. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Waynewood Recreation Park, 1027 Dalebrook Drive. Plant sale is after the community parade. Call 479-221- 0883 for more.

THURSDAY/JULY 6

Great War Discussion. 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. To commemorate the 100th anniversary of America’s entrance into the Great War, Historian Dr. Mitchell Yockelson will tell the story of some of the individuals who fought in the Meuse-Argonne. A book-signing will follow the lecture. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum or call 703-838-4994.

Festival on the Waterfront

On Saturday, June 24, it’s the 6th Annual Vine on the Waterfront Festival noon-6 p.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com.



OPINION

Fairfax County Celebrates its 275th Anniversary

By JOHN C. COOK
SUPERVISOR (R-BRADDOCK)

It seems no matter where you go in Fairfax County, you can't go more than a few hundred yards without finding something of historic or cultural significance. Fairfax County is rich in nearly all historic eras — be it colonial, civil war, or 20th century, and played a significant role in each. As the supervisor for the Braddock District, I want to make sure all of my constituents — and all county residents — take full advantage of this. This year marks the county's 275th Anniversary, and on June 17, Fairfax County will hold a commemorative celebra-

tion honoring just how far the county has come.

On June 17, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the area surrounding the Historic Fairfax Courthouse located in central Fairfax (4000 Chain Bridge Road), Fairfax County's 275th Anniversary Celebration and Historic Fair will take place. The celebration will include historically themed family-friendly activities and demonstrations, live musical performances, and more than 80 historical organizations and attractions showcasing their sites and neighborhoods. The county's Fire and Rescue Department will display antique vehicles, and attendees can enjoy other historical displays covering events such as the Revolutionary War as well as World War I and II. Kids can enjoy a petting zoo and other fun, interactive activities.

As a special treat, the actual Lord and Lady Fairfax will be attending the celebration as our honored guests all the way from England.

The Lord and Lady Fairfax will also personally present the annual Lord and Lady Fairfax Awards to their 2017 recipients. The Lord and Lady Fairfax Awards recognize community members for their volunteer work and civic engagement. Two residents are chosen from each magisterial district by each supervisor.

In addition to this visit from abroad, attendees can enjoy meals from a variety of on-site food trucks, and the event will feature speeches from county officials and guests throughout the day. Parking is available at the Historical Festival on the Safety Complex; Parking Garage B (10550 Page

Ave, Fairfax). There is no rain date for this event. This is a rare, and sure to be special, event so please consider taking part in the festivities. For more information about this celebration, and to register for other events observing the county's 275th Anniversary Celebration, you can go online to www.fxva.com/275/.

I hope you will attend the County's 275th Anniversary Celebration this Saturday, and help fill your summer with not only ways to explore the county you call home, but also gather with friends and neighbors for activities that are culturally enriching. You are sure to find something about your county that you didn't know before.

Most importantly, I hope you enjoy a safe and happy summer with all of your friends and neighbors.

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portions of Edgehill Drive within the Jefferson Manor neighborhood. Community members are invited to give feedback for this planned project in the Lee District by attending the meeting, submitting comments online, or by calling FCDOT at 703-877-5600, TTY 711. For more information on the project including background, schedule and project plans, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/jefferson_manor.htm.

TUESDAY/JUNE 20

Mount Vernon Lee Chamber Scholarships. 6-7:30 p.m. at the Hilton Springfield, 6550 Loisdale Road. Meet the local high school seniors selected to receive business scholarships from Mount Vernon Lee Chamber. Call 703-971-8900.

FRIDAY/JUNE 30

Senior Health and Safety Seminar. 9 a.m.-noon at the Mount Vernon

Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane. Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck invites residents to attend a senior health and safety seminar. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/event/mount-vernon-district-senior-safety-summit-june-30/.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Line Dance Instructor needed for the Gum Springs Senior Program once a week on either Tuesday,

Wednesday or Thursday. Call 703-324-5406, TTY 711.

Volunteer Fairfax makes it easy for individuals and families, youth and seniors, corporate groups and civic clubs to volunteer. Fulfill hours, give back, or pay it forward through a variety service options. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org.

STEM VOLUNTEERS. The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) needs scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and physicians to assist K-12 STEM

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) teachers in the Northern Virginia Area, during the 2016-17 school year. Details of the collaboration are worked out between the teacher and the volunteer, and may involve giving demonstrations, assisting in lab experiments, lecturing on special topics, assisting with homework, etc. The hours are flexible, and volunteers attend a one-day training in September. Contact donaledrea@aol.com.



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FCPD PHOTO

A motorcycle collided with a truck on Richmond Highway on Friday, June 9.

Fatal Crash on Richmond Highway

Crash Reconstruction detectives are investigating a fatal crash that occurred around 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 9.

Officers from the Mount Vernon Police District were called to the intersection of Holly Hill Road and Richmond Highway for a report of a motorcycle that collided with a truck.

An investigation determined that a 25-year-old man from Alexandria was driving a stolen 2006 Honda motorcycle northbound on Richmond Highway at a high rate of speed.

The driver of a 1999 Dodge Ram 1500 was making a left turn into the Cherry Hill Apartment complex, when the motorcycle struck the pickup and became impaled near the engine block. The driver of the truck and two young passengers were taken to a local hospital with minor injuries. The motorcyclist was pronounced dead at the scene.

Speed appears to be a contributing factor. Detectives are investigating to determine whether alcohol was involved. Next of kin have been notified.

CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported by the Mount Vernon Police District station.

UNLAWFUL ENTRY/ASSAULT/DRUNK IN PUBLIC/ARREST: 7200 block of Wickford Drive, June 11 around 11 p.m. A man was arrested after walking into someone's garage and started knocking items over. Two residents confronted him and he assaulted them. A 19-year-old man from Alexandria was taken to the Adult Detention Center and charged with unlawful entry, drunk in public and two counts of assault. Both victims declined medical attention.

ROBBERY: 7900 block of Janna Lee Avenue, May 24 around 9:50 p.m. Two males assaulted a food delivery driver and fled with the food he was delivering. The victim suffered minor injuries, but declined medical attention.

JUNE 13 — LARCENIES
8400 block of Frye Road, merchandise from business
6300 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
6700 block of Richmond Highway, tools from vehicle
5700 block of Woodlawn Gable Drive, license plate from vehicle

JUNE 12 — LARCENIES
9000 block of Charles Augustine Drive, property from residence
2300 block of Emmett Drive, cash from vehicle
2300 block of Huntington Avenue, merchandise from business
6300 block of Richmond Highway, cell phone from business
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6600 block of Richmond Highway, cell phone from business
6800 block of Richmond Highway, bicycle from residence
7700 block of Richmond Highway, tools from business
8200 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
8500 block of Richmond Highway, wallet from business
7400 block of Vernon Square Drive, purse from business

JUNE 9 — LARCENIES
5800 block of Cameron Run Terrace, laptop computer from residence

JUNE 8 — LARCENIES
8700 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business

JUNE 7 — LARCENIES
2300 block of Huntington Avenue, merchandise from business
6700 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business

JUNE 7 — STOLEN VEHICLES
7500 block of Lindberg Drive, 2006 Honda CBR
6000 block of Richmond Highway, 2005 Yamaha motorcycle

JUNE 6 — LARCENIES
6700 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
7600 block of Richmond Highway, cash from business
7600 block of Richmond Highway, wallet from business
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Spontaneous Confusion



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Since I have some alone-time; just me and the cats, I thought I'd try to write my next column a few weeks ahead and take a bit of the time-sensitive deadline pressure off. Not that meeting my weekly commitment has been too much of a problem over the years (nearly 20 in fact), still, I thought I'd put pen to paper, literally, and see what comes out.

So far what has come out is that I'm having creative difficulty writing something that's to be published two weeks hence. It seems/feels that writing in the present about something to be published in the future is awkward, sort of. It's somewhere between wishful thinking and a prediction. Neither of which is characteristic of who I am or how I think. I guess my writing nature is that I like to react to reality and then address it in print, rather than anticipate it and then respond to it. Typically I prefer to be current in my thinking and honest in my prose. Apparently, I have nothing else to share so trying to explain that void is the semi point of this column.

And I suppose, without being too self-indulgent, that if a stage IV cancer patient — yours truly, who shares everything with you regular readers; highs, lows and in-betweens, has nothing of particular interest to share, perhaps it's because I'm experiencing a comparatively easy fortnight between 24-hour urine collection, pre-chemotherapy lab work, every-five-week infusions, and quarterly scans followed by my quarterly face-to-face appointment with my oncologist, so I have minimal cancer-related business to preoccupy my life. It's almost as if I'm unencumbered by my underlying problem: non-small cell lung cancer. And I have to admit, it's a heck of a feeling to not have my conscious and unconscious minding my business and reminding me that I have an incurable form of cancer. Which of course I never need reminding of; as opposed to ending a sentence with a preposition which obviously I do need to be reminded of.

Getting back to the substance — if you can even call it that, of this column: my difficulty writing weeks ahead of publication. What's puzzling about this difficulty is how uncharacteristic of my personality it is. I am not spontaneous. I rarely do anything spur of the moment other than getting off the couch, changing the channel on the television, switching radio stations in the car, deciding what to wear, eating/drinking/going to the bathroom and/or miscellaneous other household-type duties and responsibilities. Yet the problem I'm experiencing now — related to my June 14 column, is that since I'm not being spontaneous, I'm unable to create?

How can that be a problem? That's who I am all the time. I do everything in advance — of consequence, that is. Maybe I'm making too much out of nothing? (Oh, really.) Maybe I'm simply stuck in my head and need to get out of my own way. Not that I make mountains out of mole hills but sometimes, and I've told by my oncologist that I can blame my having cancer for everything, I might not think so clearly and get bogged down emotionally. Ergo, I will lay the blame for this column and it's lack of substance, on having "terminal" cancer.

Cancer doesn't work in mysterious ways (well, perhaps it does to researchers), it works in destructive ways: physically, mentally and spiritually. Logical becomes illogical — and vice versa; rational becomes irrational — and vice versa; and manageable becomes unmanageable — and vice versa. For cancer patients/survivors, expecting that one's life will go merrily along is totally unrealistic. Expecting the unexpected is the path of least resistance.

This week's column/dilemma is simply another example/reminder of how cancer intrudes and deludes and affects those of us who naively thought we would be unaffected.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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dacies after Donald Trump won the White House, Fairfax had already lined up an overwhelming list of endorsements from elected officials across the state.

"In the last year, we've driven over 40,000 miles with our message of economic security and opportunity," said Fairfax in a written statement following his victory. "We've met thousands of passionate Virginians who agree with our message and want our future for Virginia."

The Democratic campaign for lieutenant governor struggled for attention, crowded out by the hotly contested race at the top of the ticket as well as the soap opera quality that dominated the Republican primary for lieutenant governor. On the campaign trail, the three candidates stuck to the issues and conducted a relatively issues-based debate about how to handle the opioid crisis and how to expand access to higher education in Virginia. All three of the Democratic candidates for lieutenant governor opposed Dominion's plans to build to pipelines in Virginia.

"We must unite as Democrats for victory in November," said Platt in a written statement conceding the race to Fairfax. "We cannot allow Virginia Republicans to roll back rights for women and spread Donald Trump's hateful and dangerous agenda across the commonwealth."

Republicans

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be partisan issues," said Vogel in a written statement after primary. "As this campaign continues building momentum, I eagerly look forward to earning the support of independents and Democrats who also wish to put principle over party and focus on solving our problems."

McGuireWoods lawyer John Adams was unchallenged in the primary, which means he spent the last few months building a campaign war chest to take on incumbent Democratic Attorney General Mark Herring, who was also unchallenged in the primary. For Adams, it was a case of being in the right place at the right time. Del. Rob Bell (R-58) was considered the frontrunner in the race, but then he decided to withdraw from the race and focus on his reelection campaign to the House of Delegates, where he is expected to become chairman of a key committee next year. Virginia Beach lawyer Chuck Smith was also planning to run, but he failed to submit the required number of signatures. That left Adams unchallenged in the primary.

"I am confident that Virginians want an attorney general that will enforce and defend the laws of our commonwealth, not pursue a political agenda," said Adams in a written statement after the primary. "There's a clear difference between me and Mark Herring, and I look forward to sharing that with every voter over the next five months."

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