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Pet Gazette

“GoodBoy:” What! ... Why can’t I have treats before going to the vet?!

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New Board Chair Leads Public Schools

Corbett Sanders reviews current educational issues.



Sanders

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

Mount Vernon School Board Member Karen Corbett Sanders was elected chairwoman of Fairfax County School Board July 12 for the 2018-2019 school year.

professionalism, and delivering a quality education to all our students. I intend to help make sure we continue the tradition of being one of the best public school systems in the country.

Q: What are your goals as chair?

A: One of my top goals is to get the School Board to coalesce around a Strategic Plan that we are now working on. Also, to make

Q: How do you feel about being elected by your peers as chair for the upcoming school year?

A: I am honored and humbled. It is a great school system that prides itself on fairness and pro-

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Lending a Hand Became Full Time Job

Mount Vernon entrepreneur celebrates one year in business.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE GAZETTE

Groveton resident Rachel Buczynski was in a session of the women’s networking group “Lean In,” when she saw how busy her fellow professionals were, and hatched an idea for a business to help people in these situations. This summer, her business “Sidekick for Hire,” is just celebrating one year of existence, helping businesses with marketing, planning weddings and corporate meetings, and relieving the pressure off some of the overworked executives.



Rachel Buczynski

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Shared Mission: Caring for Animals

Shelter and its Friends group encourages pet adoptions.

BY HANNAH ROSMAN
THE GAZETTE

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter (FCAS) takes in strays and owner-surrendered animals from residents, while also taking in animals from other shelters as space is available.

A county facility, it received just over \$500,000 from the Fairfax County budget last year, but that is not enough, so the Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter (FFCAS) raised more than \$200,000 for

the shelter.

“Right now there’s a little dog that came in with a broken leg and broken tail who’s been hit by a car, and he’s super sweet, but it’s \$2,000 for his surgery and if the shelter chose to spend that much money on one animal they wouldn’t have money to care for all the animals,” said Executive Director of FFCAS Celia Flye. “That’s why our organization was developed, so that we can raise money to help fund things like that.”

The money they raise is much needed by the ever-growing shelter, which offers resources for prospective and current pet

owners. They provide low-cost rabies vaccination clinics throughout the county where people can get their dog, cat or ferret vaccinated for \$15 and Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Clinics, where people can learn how to humanely trap feral cats, and then bring them to the shelter to be spayed or neutered and vaccinated. FCAS offers free workshops, free trap loans and free surgeries on a weekly basis.

“A lot of times a barrier to people getting their community cats [i.e. feral colonies] spayed or neutered and vaccinated is the cost,” Communication and Outreach Manager Amanda Novotny said. “Most places will have a \$20 or \$40 fee, and that can be a lot when you have 10 cats. It’s just a chunk of money that you weren’t expecting to spend, so we eliminate that complication.

We make it so you don’t even have to go out and buy a trap, which might cost \$80.”

While the shelter itself is large, the organization is already growing out of its five-year-old building. They have space for 40 cats and 25 dogs and a couple dozen rabbits and guinea pigs on the adoption floor, and there is also room for 60 cats and a little over 80 dogs in the “back of the house space.”

Despite that amount of space they are still frequently full and always looking for ways to get more pets into homes.

“We try to have adoption events every couple of months at least. Sometimes they’ll be completely fee waived for all animals or it’ll be something like half off cats,” Novotny

SEE CARING FOR ANIMALS. PAGE 5



Miniature parti-poodle (Derby) was adopted July 2013 by Alberta White from Caring Hearts Rescue in Springfield. Derby celebrated his 8th birthday, 4th of July.



Sunny O’Malley (Mommy) and son Murph O Snyder celebrating July 4th at Villamay gathering.



Cocoa says: “I don’t like posing for pictures so hurry up and take so I can go back to relaxing.”

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Florence (left) and Mary are 10-week-old nearly-identical Torby (Tabby and Tortie) foster twins. They enjoy playing soccer with small balls, retrieving small balls, biting each other, licking each other, and relaxing.

— WENDY KILPATRICK



This is Lillie Knapp of Hollin Hall Village. She was adopted from the Alexandria Animal Welfare League in 2005 with her sister Raven. She loves treats, rolling on the sidewalk in the sunshine, sleeping with her mamma and watching “videos for kitties” on YouTube on the kitchen island. She is so loved!

— JENNIFER KNAPP

Caring for Animals

FROM PAGE 3

said. “We love them because adoption fees don’t translate into any judgment on the care the animal will get in their home because it’s just one transaction, but people who adopt a pet know that they’re going to keep this animal for their whole life and so if we can help get a good pet into a good home no matter if it’s 100 bucks or \$0 then that’s the important thing.”

FFCAS is also always working to get donations and make sure that the shelter can help all of the animals in their care as much as possible.

To do so, they have two major events, a wine tasting and a golf tournament every year. Most of the money they raise from those events come from corporate sponsors.

FFCAS also spends a lot of time writing grants. Most recently, they were awarded a \$15,000 grant from PetSmart Charities to fund promoting senior pet adoption.

“A big thing about fundraising is that you really want to diversify where you’re getting your finds

from,” Flye said. “You don’t want it all to be business or individuals or grants from foundations. For example: events are a lot of work. You could spend the amount of time that you spend on an event writing a lot of grants and probably end up raising a lot more money, but you need to have that social touch to get people engaged.”

They are not just looking for help in the form of money, though. FFCAS is always looking for volunteers who are willing to foster animals, help in the dog, cat, or small animal rooms, do dishes or laundry, or, if they don’t want to be hands-on involved with the animals, to do administrative work.

But they are also just looking for vocal fans.

They ask people to just tell their friends about the work they do, and spread the word about what a wonderful environment the shelter is.

“People message us and say, ‘I would love to come, but it would make me so sad’, but I can guarantee you that people who visit our shelter don’t leave sad,” Novotny said. “It doesn’t feel like a sad place, It feels like a happy place because of our amazing staff and volunteers.”

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OPINION

When a Good Plan Must be Better

DAN STORCK
MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

At the last Board of Supervisors meeting, I voted against the county's first-ever Operational Energy Strategy. While I strongly believe the county needs such a strategy, the goals and plan were not aggressive enough to make a real positive difference to either our county budget or our environment.

COMMENTARY The Energy Strategy set goals and targets for reducing energy use in county buildings, vehicles and operations, increasing some efficiencies, and saving money while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions. However, the strategy did not go far enough in advancing efficiencies, assessing future impacts or providing community

and governmental leadership. As a county, we can and must do more to save people, places and property. Yes, the waters are rising, particularly here in the Mount Vernon District, our rivers, bays and marshes are seeing sea-level rise. We are experiencing more extreme weather events from derechos to snowmageddons. Without strong, aggressive actions to stop or at least slow down global warming and protect our environment, these conditions will continue to worsen for ourselves, our children and our grandchildren.

Our time to act is now! The county needs more aggressive goals and actions for our Operational Energy Strategy, but it also needs a Community Climate Action Plan and to begin resiliency planning for the changes coming. I believe that by adopting stronger energy efficiency and savings goals, the county will not only lead the way in improv-

ing the quality of our environment, but also realize a rapid return on investment resulting in millions of dollars in future cost savings. During my time on the School Board, we successfully engaged an Energy Saving Performance Contractor which saved the schools over \$10 million in 3 and a half years. I am very proud of this achievement as these cost savings continue to increase as each day passes.

The environmental stewardship of our planet is a moral, social, political and financial issue, requiring action by all individuals, communities, businesses, religious institutions, social leaders, and especially by public officials. My thanks to the many community groups who embrace this challenge every day, working hard to education others and make our communities more sustainable and better places to live. It is an honor to serve you.

Preview of National Museum of the Army

BY PAUL KRIZEK
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)

There is no more important task than honoring the men and women who have dedicated their lives to the service of our country. Earlier this month, I had the great joy of touring the construction site for the upcoming National Museum of the United States Army at Fort Belvoir.

This museum will celebrate the sacrifice of the over 30 million men and women who have served in the United States army since 1775. It was incredible to see all the progress they have made on the museum which is scheduled to open in 2020. I want to share with you my experiences from that day and what to look forward to upon its opening. I guarantee it will be a world class museum and a fantastic experience for every visitor.

The museum will be an astounding 185,000 square feet and a technological marvel with exhibits that will captivate audiences of all ages. There will be unique selections of 15,000 pieces from the Army Art Collection and 30,000 artifacts, documents and images. Most of these rare and priceless pieces have never been seen in public.

For war buffs, there will be exhibits that focus on each of our nation's major conflicts from the Revolutionary War up to the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. On the first floor, there will be an interactive learning center with classroom space and simulated rescue mission activities. This will be a great way to engage children. One of the most poignant displays to me will be the Soldiers Stories Gallery. The Soldiers Stories Gallery will have 41 pylons with individual soldiers faces etched on them along with biographical information and the history of their service. These individuals will exemplify the seven core values of the Army: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage.

A display that will truly make this museum stand out from other military museums is the Army and Society Gallery. This gallery will examine the symbiotic relationship that has existed throughout our history between the Army, its government and the people. For example, one of the stories recounted in this exhibit will be of how General Washington convinced his officers to abandon any ideas of seizing control of the government. This decision solidified the ideals espoused in the Declaration of Independence and helped America

avoid the pitfalls that many new nations face.

Outside the main museum there will be a Path of Remembrance which will be a scenic walkway lined with commemorative bricks honoring past and present soldiers. Then there will be a grandstand and parade ground with outdoor space used to display historic and modern tactical maneuvers, battle reenactments, and demonstrations that are too large for the inside of the building.

At the end of my tour, I only wished the museum were opening sooner so I could see all these amazing exhibits now. The exhibits will be a great way to educate our younger generations about the sacrifices made by men like my father, who started out in the U.S. Army Air Corps and retired as an Air Force colonel, and the other men and women of the Army, which allow us to enjoy the freedoms we do today. Additionally, the interactive exhibits will be a great way to cultivate the next generation of those interested in serving our country. The National Museum of the United States Army will be a tremendous addition to our Commonwealth and I can't wait to go see it when it opens in 2020. To join the volunteer program or donate to the museum, please visit armyhistory.org

New Policy for Police in Fairfax Schools

BY MATTHEW DUNNE
FAIRFAX COUNTY COUNCIL PTA

The policy governing roles and responsibilities of armed police officers who patrol the hallways of every public middle and high school in Fairfax County is about to be improved, after a community panel submitted more than 50 pages of comments in a wide-ranging review.

COMMENTARY Although universal agreement was not reached, the policy review, the first in several years, led to significant im-

provements, including establishing a bright line between school discipline and law enforcement.

The revised policy is set to be voted on by the Fairfax County School Board this coming Thursday, and will take effect with the start of the school year on Aug. 28.

The policy review grew out of concern that the existing agreement between the Fairfax Police Department and the school board had led to disparate treatment of minority children. In response, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Bulova appointed an ad hoc committee of community representatives to

provide input on the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the school system and the police.

Some parents and community members view armed police in schools, known as school resource officers (SROs), as a necessary safeguard against the many dangers in our world. While violent crime remains at historic lows, gun violence, sex trafficking and gang activity continue to threaten the safety and security of our children in school. From this perspective, SROs serve as the first line of defense.

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OPINION

New Policy for Police in Schools

FROM PAGE 8

Other parents and community members view SROs as the problem, not the solution. Dash cam, body cam, and cell phone videos have revealed a disturbing pattern of discrimination and violence against minority children across the country.

IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, there are conflicting reports on SRO interactions with students. However, data compiled by ACLU People Power show that approximately two-thirds of those arrested by SROs are African-American or Hispanic, even though these groups together constitute only one-quarter of the county population.

Similarly, two-thirds of students receiving suspensions are African-American or Hispanic, even though these groups together constitute only one-third of the student population.

Led by Communities of Trust Committee Chair Shirley Ginwright, the SRO review committee engaged in a thorough review of the MOU, starting with its first meeting on July 2. The process was at times contentious be-

cause the stakes were high and the time was limited. The parties had to bridge serious differences of opinion and understanding on SRO activities within three weeks. The committee members submitted dozens of comments, which were compiled into a matrix exceeding 50 pages in length.

The draft reviewed at the final meeting on July 19 committed Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) to "handle discipline within the school disciplinary process without involving SROs" and affirmed "that school administrators and teachers are responsible for school discipline and that law enforcement is not to be involved with disciplinary action."

In addition, Fairfax County Police Department reaffirmed its commitment to resolve student offenses through the school disciplinary process or restorative justice programs. These measures will help to deconstruct the so-called "school to prison pipeline."

FCPD also committed to a significant expansion in the training provided to SROs, to include mental health training, crisis intervention training, disability awareness

training, implicit bias/racial bias training, restorative justice techniques, and cultural competency training. With this training, SROs will have the knowledge and understanding to interact with an increasingly diverse student population.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS proposed a continuation of the review process in the coming months. In addition, committee members advocated for certain improvements to further strengthen the MOU, to include increased protections for immigrant students.

Among the organizations represented on the committee were the Fairfax County NAACP, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, the National Korean American Service and Education Consortium, the ADAMS Center, the Fairfax County Police Civilian Review Panel, the Fairfax Education Association, the Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, ACLU People Power, the Fairfax County Council PTA, the Special Education PTA, and the Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations.

Both FCPS Superintendent Dr. Scott Braband and FCPD Chief Edwin Roessler attended each of the three meetings held on July 2, July 9, and July 19, demonstrating their strong commitment to soliciting community input on SRO activities.

Matthew Dunne is vice president of advocacy, Fairfax County Council PTA, and parent of three children in Fairfax County Public Schools. He is a member of the Mount Vernon District Democratic Committee. He can be reached at vp.advocacy@fccpta.org

BULLETIN BOARD

THROUGH AUG. 6

UCM Donation Drop Off. Weekdays, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at UCM's main office, 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Drop off checks and backpacks to help UCM equip students with tools for success through UCM's Back to School program. Visit ucmagency.org or call 571-255-8992.

TUESDAY/AUG. 7

National Night Out. Various locations, events and times. Annual event offers an opportunity to show neighborhood spirit and strengthen partnerships with local police. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/national-night-out.

THURSDAY/AUG. 9

Chamber Breakfast. 8-9:30 a.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. Mount Vernon Lee Chamber's August Business Breakfast will feature Dr. Annette Hagray, provost of the NOVA Alexandria Campus and Dr. Ivy Beringer. They will discuss Workforce Training opportunities available at NOVA. \$25 per person for Chamber members and \$35 for guests. Register at www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org or call 703-360-6925.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Embracing 'Jesus Christ Superstar'

Rock opera by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice runs through Aug. 11 at LTA.

BY STEVE HIBBARD

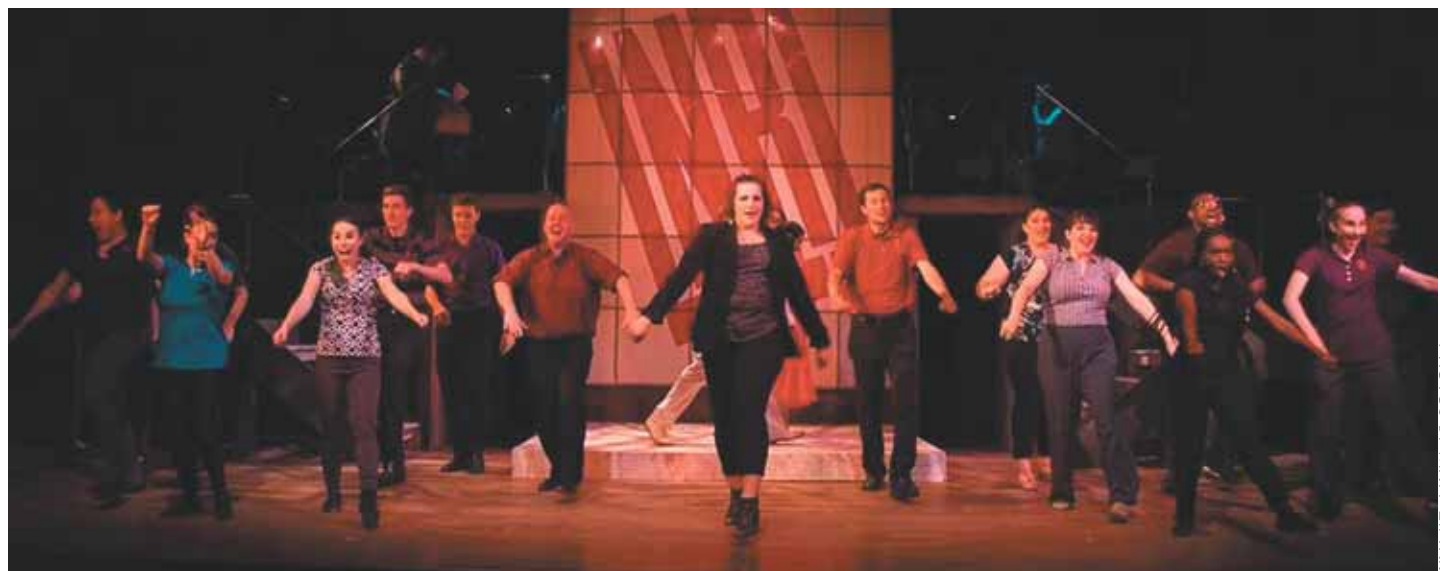
Set during the present day using cell-phones and iPads in an office space called INRI, Inc., the Little Theatre of Alexandria (LTA) is kicking off its 2018-2019 season with the rock opera, "Jesus Christ Superstar," from July 21 to Aug. 11. With music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice (and practically no spoken dialogue), this musical is a timeless work set against the backdrop of a universally-known series of events.

"This story or the musical version has been with me since I bought the concept album in 1970. The ideas of this production were to remove it from a Biblical setting and move it to a modern telling. The result is a corporate open concept office," said Director Jim Howard, who was one of the three producers. The other producers are Margaret Evans-Joyce and Robert Kraus with choreography by Michael Page.

Howard said the challenge was to get a good team of designers behind him to bring this musical to life. "Since I've worked with many of the design team that signed up they stayed on board to assist me. My producers are the best for keeping the team in place and helping me through this process. The second challenge is to pick a cast. I've got to give kudos to my musical director Chris Tomasino and choreographer Michael Page in the process of picking a cast," he said.

Rishabh Bajekal plays the title role of Jesus of Nazareth, but he's not really the same Jesus in the Bible, he says. "In this show Jesus is written as perpetually frustrated and overwhelmed by the role he plays in God's grand plan. These emotions build until he confronts God and, as a result, accepts his fate and the fact that he must die. Jesus has a full range of emotions from song to song and scene to scene," he said.

He said the thing that challenged him the



Cody Boehm plays Simon Zealotes (center) with the ensemble of LTA's production of "Jesus Christ Superstar."



Rishabh Bajekal plays Jesus of Nazareth and Thea Simpson plays Mary Magdalene in LTA's production of "Jesus Christ Superstar."

most about this character is the same thing that excited him the most: the acting. "I consider myself a singer first, and this acting-intensive role has really made me stretch myself and grow as an actor," he said. "I've really enjoyed figuring out how to interact with castmates in character. It's been a challenge to fully embody the character, though, because portraying the emotional and physical pain Jesus goes through, particu-

larly in the second act, definitely takes a toll. This character is totally different than I am as a person, but I'm excited to stretch myself and give a nuanced performance."

Carlos Antonio Ramirez is playing the role of the conflicted Judas Iscariot. "In the traditional contexts he is seen as a full-hearted villain, a man dedicated to sabotaging Jesus and his goals; 'Superstar' takes a different angle. My favorite aspect of 'JCS' is that it aims to humanize the characters we see in the Bible, so Judas is not portrayed as a villain but more so a tragic antihero that fears that the followers of Jesus are growing too fast, which causes him to fear that the high priests will eventually use violence to dismantle this new sect. This fear eventually causes Judas to betray Jesus; in his eyes he is sacrificing Jesus so that his followers may live on," he said.

He said his biggest challenge was the vocal lines. "It is as though while writing the play Sir Webber said to himself, 'Hey, what's the highest notes your average male singer can hit? Oh great, so let's take all of those and split them between Jesus and Judas.' Thankfully, our music director Chris (Tomasino) has helped us really learn to have far better control in a part of our voices that isn't frequently used, and I can honestly say that whatever bar is set in the audience's mind will be met," he said.

Michael Gale is playing the role of Peter the Apostle. "He begins the show as one Jesus's main advocates and supporters, but

his doubts and fears around what Jesus and his movement have become is a source of conflict as the show progresses," he said.

He added: "JCS' is a collection of songs — there aren't lines or even stage directions, so it's up to the director and actors to connect the dots. It is exciting, but also overwhelming at times, to be given that much flexibility and responsibility. Peter has two songs in the second act, which represent the climax of his story arc, but there is a lot for me to work out as an actor around how I build up to those moments and how they resolve."

Cody Boehm is playing the male role of Simon Zealots, who is Jesus's right-hand man and confidant. "He wants nothing more than for Jesus to succeed in life and stands by him no matter the consequences. Simon is the epitome of a true friend," she said.

She added: "Playing a role that was written for man has been challenging. Vocally everything's written in the wrong octave for a woman, so figuring out how to navigate that and put my own spin on it has definitely been trying at times," she said.

The Little Theatre of Alexandria is presenting "Jesus Christ Superstar" through Aug. 11, Wednesdays-Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$29-\$34. The venue is located at 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. Call the box office at 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

CALENDAR

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Art Exhibit: Graffiti. Through July 29, gallery hours at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery announces the opening of its juried show, Graffiti. Graffiti's unique form of artistic expression inspires this show's theme: big and bold

graphics, hip hop culture, and social commentary. Themed work will be eligible for recognition by the jurors. Non-themed work may also be exhibited. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

"Pippin." Through July 30, at Episcopal High School, 3900 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Directed by Rebecca Wahls, the Schwartz/Hirson musical is retold through the millennial lens. Using the 2013 revival script, Monumental Theatre Company shares its version of Pippin's journey of self discovery. Visit www.monumentaltheatre.org.

Art Exhibit: "Drawing Energy: The Logic of Madness." Through Aug. 5, gallery hours at Torpedo Factory, Studio 21, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Guy Jones uses his Cherokee teachings to evoke the energy and spirit of living things in his pen and ink drawings. Using micron pen and scratchboard techniques, Jones creates artworks that are mischievous, whimsical, and a bit eerie. Opening Reception and Meet the Artist: Thursday, July 12, 6:30-8 p.m. Special Program — Drawn in: Taking a Closer Look at the Solo Exhibit, Thursday, July 26.

Free. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

New Works by Ken Strong. Through Aug. 9, gallery hours at Broadway Gallery, 5641-B General Washington Drive. Shipped straight from his studio in Australia, Ken Strong's new works represent a variety of subjects from Australia and the United States. Call 703-354-2905 or visit broadwaygalleries.net.

Art Exhibit: "Off the Grid." Through Aug. 31, gallery hours at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. "Off the Grid" is an exhibit of artwork by Fairfax County and City of

Alexandria inmates. The inmates vary in age, background and artistic experience, with most having never drawn before their lessons with volunteer art instructor Kelli Schollard-Sincock. Visit torpedofactory.org.

Art Exhibit: Art, Light, and Metaphor. Through Sept. 2 at Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. New exhibition explores the connections between art, light, and metaphor. The opening reception will be the cornerstone of the Torpedo Factory Art Center's Late

ENTERTAINMENT

Shift: Bright Lights on Friday, July 20, 7-9 pm. A Gallery Talk with select artist comments will take place at 8 p.m. There will also be a special Illuminate pop-up exhibition in the Grand Hall. Learn more at torpedofactory.org/target.

“Dredging The Lethe.” On view through Sept. 14 at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Free admission. Visit www.torpedofactory.org. Wrapped around the interior wall of a smokestack of the former munitions factory, Kara Hammond’s mural, “Dredging the Lethe,” uses recycled book-pages, collage, charcoal, gesso and ink to create large-scale drawings of Greek goddesses amid contemporary human events. Free admission. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Art Exhibit: Makers in the Mansion. Through Oct. 22 at Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House Historic Site, 9000 Richmond Highway. Six installations of work by local African American makers hosted in an 1805 mansion owned by Nelly Parke Custis and Lawrence Lewis, once a prominent plantation home. Stories of a transformed African American community through the artisan eye. RSVP to Woodlawnevents@savingplaces.org.

WFUMC Farmers Market. Tuesdays through Oct. 23, 4-7 p.m. at Washington Farm United Methodist Church, 3921 Old Mill Road. Orchard Country Produce, from Gardners, Pa., will operate a Farmer’s Market from the west parking lot of WFUMC. They also operate from the St. Luke’s parking lot on Fort Hunt Road on Saturday mornings. They have a very wide offering ranging from fresh vegetables to meat and desserts. Admission is free. Visit www.washingtonfarmumc.org or call 703-780-4696.

Row by Row Junior. Through Oct. 31, local quilt shops like Artistic Artifacts (4750 Eisenhower Ave.) are welcoming children participating in Row by Row Junior to their shops. It’s the junior version of the summertime travel event for quilt making fans known as Row by Row Experience. Kids visit shops in person, collect a free sewing pattern, and find inspiration in colorful, creative world of sewing. At home, families can find free tutorial support and activities online by visiting www.rowbyrowexperience.com or www.artisticartifacts.com for local quilting.

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. Wednesdays, 8 a.m.-noon at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Every Wednesday (through Dec. 19), 15 local farmers and producers will sell fresh produce and fruits; meats; breads and pastries; honey, jams and jellies;



High-fire crimson horizon plate by Phyllis Roderer of Manassas, Va.



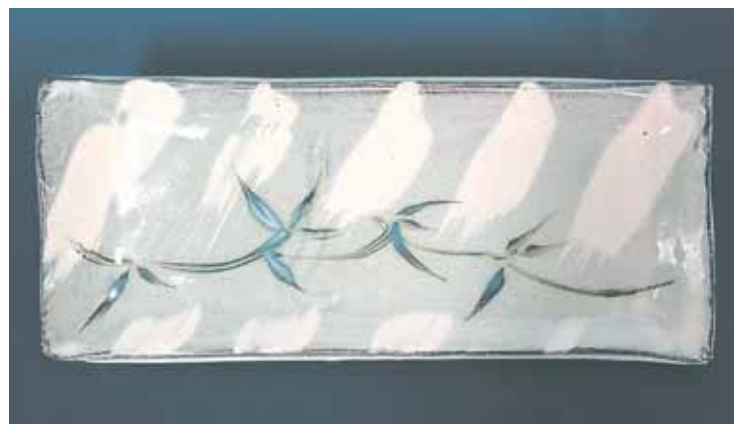
Jade celestial ceramic lantern by Pam Eisenmann of Springfield, Va.



Jade celestial ceramic lantern by Helene Vonnegut of Arlington, Va.

Ceramics Combust

“Brilliance: An Exploration of Heat and Light.” July 30-Sept. 2, at Scope Gallery, 105 North Union St., Studio 19, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria. Hours are Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., with Thursdays open until 9 p.m. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288, visit www.scopegallery.org, www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope.



High-fire stoneware contrast tray with brushpainting detail by Jennifer Coffin of Fairfax, Va.

dairy products and eggs; herbs; and more. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

SUMMER CAMPS

Quest Forth into Nature. At Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd, Alexandria. Nature Quest camps have a variety of themes as they explore the plants and animals that put the wild into the park’s wildlife. Nature Quest campers ages 6-11 will research reptiles and amphibians the week of Aug. 6. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/camps to register.

Camp Invention. Multiple sessions through July 27 at Charles Barrett Elementary School, 1115 Martha Custis Drive and at James K Polk Elementary School, 5000 Polk Ave. Using hands-on activities, Camp Invention promotes science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) learning; builds

resourcefulness and problem-solving skills; and encourages entrepreneurship — in a fun and engaging environment. See campinvention.org for details.

NOW THRU LABOR DAY

Honoring Our Veterans Exhibit. At Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Included in museum admission - Adults: \$5, Children (ages 5 -12): \$3. After his service in the Revolutionary War, Hamilton went home to contribute to his community and nation. As part of the World War I 100th Commemoration, learn how returning veterans served Alexandria, including American Legion Post #24, which restored Gadsby’s Tavern in honor of WWI veterans. See how the museum looked under their care and hear about the contributions veterans still make to the City of Alexandria today. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

FRIDAY/JULY 20

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Learn more at torpedofactory.org/target.

Mount Vernon Nights. 7:30 p.m. at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway. This series of free, public concerts features a variety of musical performances reflecting Fairfax County’s diversity, culture and community spirit. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy one of Fairfax County’s special summer traditions. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/mt-vernon-nights.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 25

Cool Yoga 2018. 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Del Ray Psych & Wellness Lot, 1900 Mt. Vernon Ave. Maureen Clyne teaches Cool Yoga – Del Ray’s free summer outdoor yoga, Wednesdays through Aug. 29. Chill out after class with the Cool Yoga After-Party featuring refreshments courtesy of Bon Vivant Cafe + Farm Market.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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THURSDAY-SATURDAY/JULY 26-28

Disney's "Newsies." At Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. Presented as part of the Summer Theatre Program co-sponsored by Saint Bernadette Catholic Church in Springfield. Visit www.summertheatreprogram.org.

FRIDAY/JULY 27

30th Anniversary. At the Alexandria Pastry Shop & Cafe, 3690 H & I King St., Alexandria. Celebrating 30 years of providing its customers with special occasion cakes and pastries as well as old-fashioned, hand crafted bakery confections that make ordinary days special. Raffle off gift certificates for \$10; grand prize is \$200. Email catering@alexandriapastry.com.

Four Mile Movies: Wonder. 6:30 p.m., film begins at dusk, Four Mile Conservatory Center 4109 Mt. Vernon Ave. A summer tradition in Arlandria returns with a host of new and old favorites on the last Friday of the month this summer. Fun with friends and family, a picnic dinner, and a blanket or chair. Free. Visit www.fourmilemovieseries.com.

18th Century Gaming Night. 7-9 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Cost is \$10 cover. Play games 18th century style: Shut the Box, Fox + Geese, Dice, and a special Cards against Humanity: Tavern Edition. Also hear stories of this young nation and see the room(s) where it happened. Cash bar with wine, beer, and specialty cocktail will be available. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/

GadsbysTavern or call 703-746-4242.

Trivia Night. 7-9 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronoco St., Alexandria. Staff members at Carlyle House Historic Park and Lee-Fendall House Museum have combined their random nerd knowledge to create bi-weekly trivia nights. Test knowledge on all things from pop culture to history. \$5 a person; includes one drink ticket. Additional drinks can be bought at the cash bar. Teams may have up to six members. Registration slots are first come, first served; pay ahead to save a spot. Every other Friday June-August. Purchase tickets through eventbrite.com.

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SATURDAY/JULY 28

Mount Vernon Flea Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at 8717 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Flea Market will take place every fourth Saturday of the month through September. Vendors will sell items such as: homemade goods, lavender sachets, jewelry, soap, antique and vintage items; books, CD's and DVDs, comic books and more. Refreshments will also be on sale. Hosted by the Mount Vernon



Almost Home, painting



Seaside, painting

Arlington Artist Solo Show: Peregrination

Arlington-based fine artist Bryan Jernigan's solo show – "Peregrination" – will run through July 28. Peregrination, also known as a long, meandering journey, encapsulates the artist's abstract take on real and envisioned landscapes. Gallery hours at The Margaret W. and Joseph L Fisher Gallery on the second floor of the Rachel M. Schlesinger Center on the Alexandria campus of the Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 E. Campus Drive (off Beauregard Street), Alexandria. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter.

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Telling their Story: Museum Specialty Tours. 10 a.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Cost is \$12/person. Tour the halls where Washington, Lafayette, Jefferson, Madison and Burr partied and made history. Consider the ideas debated in the rooms where it happened... for some, but not for all. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

"Beyond The Battlefield" – A Civil War Walking Tour. 10 a.m.-noon at Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronoco St., Alexandria. Participants will see locations and stories associated with soldiers, citizens, and the enslaved, including the occupation of Alexandria and emancipation. The tour will last approximately two hours and the tour route is approximately 1.75 miles. Tickets are \$15 in advance through eventbrite.com, or \$20 the day of the program. Tour space is limited, so the purchase of tickets in advance is recommended. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and bring water. Call 703-548-1789 or visit www.leefendallhouse.org.

Archaeology Workshop: Understanding the Landscape. At the grounds of George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Archaeology Workshops take a deeper look at the archaeology process and the Shuter's Hill site, before sifting through excavated soil for artifacts. Reservations are \$10 per person and may be made online. If a session is filled, contact the museum at 703-746-4399 or archaeology@alexandriava.gov to be added to a waitlist. Visit www.alexandriaarchaeology.org.

Short African American Films. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. \$10 admission. The Alexandria Black History Museum will host a short film festival featuring the works of two award-winning studios in Washington, D.C. and Richmond. These directors highlight the stories of notable African American figures, demonstrating that African American history is America's history. Make a reservation at alexandriava.gov/EventPurchase.aspx.

Archaeology Workshop. 1:30-3 p.m. at Shuter's Hill at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, Alexandria. Part of the Alexandria Archaeology Program. What did Shuter's Hill used to look like? Each day of excavation uncovers more information. Take a tour of the site to learn how archaeologists can understand the original landscape, view archaeology in action, and get the chance to sift through excavated soil. \$10 donation and pre-registration is required at Alexandriava.gov/Shop.

Visual Arts Workshop: Seeing Beauty. 2 p.m.-4 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Adults. Photography instructor Tuan Pham helps participants seek artistic beauty, sharpen perception of the natural world and learn how to capture that new vision for photography or other visual arts. \$34/person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 290 331 3701 or call 703-642-5173.

Home Makeover 1850s. 2 p.m. at the Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden, 614 Oronoco St., Alexandria. Explore the extensive renovations that the Cazenove family made to the Lee-Fendall house and garden in the early 1850s. Learn about the fashionable trends that shaped their decorative decisions and discover the modern conveniences they added to make the home more comfortable. Cost is \$8 in advance, \$10 at door. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org.

Harry Potter Tour. 6-9 p.m. at the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Adults only tours. In honor of Harry's birthday, the Apothecary is offering tours exploring the historic muggle science and medicine that's found in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series. Call 703-746-3852 or visit www.apothecarymuseum.org.

SUNDAY/JULY 29

Harry Potter Tour. 1-4 p.m. at the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Family-friendly tours. In honor of Harry's birthday, the Apothecary is offering tours exploring the historic muggle science

and medicine that's found in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series. Call 703-746-3852 or visit www.apothecarymuseum.org.

Meet the Junior Docents. 2-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St., Alexandria. These young historians, grades 4 and older, will be on hand to share highlights of the tavern and answer questions as guests journey through the museum. Great for families as children connect with the building through their peer tour guides as well as for adults looking for some inspiration. Included in regular admission: \$5 adults (\$4 with AAA), \$3 children ages 5-12, and 4 and under are free. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Free Music Concert. 3-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Free. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association presents its weekly free summer chamber concert series. This week's concert features violinist Lisa Park and pianist Dan Campolieta playing music by Kreisler, Elgar, and Brahms. Email: wmpa.exec@gmail.com. Visit www.wmpamusic.org

Band Concert. 7-8 p.m. at Fort Hunt National Park, Pavilion A, 8999 Fort Hunt Road. Kings Park Concert Band; program of marches, band classics, Broadway and movie show tunes. There are picnic tables in the pavilion, or bring a lawn chair. Free. Call 703-569-3090 or visit kingsparkband.org.

18th Century Gaming Night. 7-9 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. \$10 cover. Play games 18th century style: Shut the Box, Fox + Geese, Dice, and a special Cards against Humanity: Tavern Edition. Also hear stories of the young nation and see the room(s) where it happened. Cash bar with wine, beer, and specialty cocktail will be available. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

MONDAY/JULY 30

Read, See, Do. 2-3 p.m. at Carlyle House Park, 121 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Every Monday in July, Carlyle House and Alexandria Library are teaming up to have a reading program paired with an activity. The books chosen have a historic theme

and can be tied in with Carlyle House. The program will take place on the Magnolia Terrace behind the house, which will be tented. Visit www.novaparks.com.

JULY 30-SEPT. 2

Ceramics Combust. At Scope Gallery, 105 North Union St., Studio 19, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria. Featuring "Brilliance: An Exploration of Heat and Light." Hours are Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., with Thursdays open until 9 p.m. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288, visit www.scopegallery.org, www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope.

JULY 31-AUG. 26

Life Under the Sea. At Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, in Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Real or imagined, the world beneath the waves calls to the artists for this show: Enchanted mermaids, coral, shells, sunken ships, fish, and glorious colors. Free. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com or call 703-548-0935.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 1

Ready, Set, Grow: Agriculture in the Classroom for Elementary Teachers (K-5). 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria.. This interactive, professional development workshop helps sprout successful learners. The workshop features cross-curricular, standards-aligned lessons and resources that use Virginia agriculture and natural resources to engage learners in science, mathematics, language arts and social studies. Leave with resource kits full of curriculum, books, and materials. Free. Space is limited, and registration is required. Call 703-642-5173 to register.

Cool Yoga 2018. 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Del Ray Psych & Wellness Lot, 1900 Mt. Vernon Ave. Maureen Clyne teaches Cool Yoga – Del Ray's free summer outdoor yoga, Wednesdays through Aug. 29. Chill out after class with the Cool Yoga After-Party featuring refreshments courtesy of Bon Vivant Cafe + Farm Market. Email yoga@prasadayoga.com.

THURSDAY/AUG. 2

Children's Dance Party. 11-11:45 a.m. at Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St., Alexandria. Join in the SummerQuest Junior Dance Party. Lots of great tunes to dance to, plus fun props – bells, scarves and more. (Ages 2+). Visit www.alexlibraryva.org.

First Thursday Del Ray. 6-9 p.m. Along Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. First Thursdays is a series of free outdoor street festivals along Mount Vernon Avenue. Every first Thursday of the month, the Del Ray Business Association features businesses along Mount Vernon Avenue, special events, food and music. Each month has a different theme with activities for children, live music and a festive atmosphere. Visit www.visitdelray.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 3

Summer Concert. 7 p.m. at Market Square, 202 King St., Alexandria. Free. Featuring the 257th Army Band, "The Band of the Nation's Capital," a unit of the District of Columbia Army National Guard.

Book Buzz. 2-3:30 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Attention book lovers: want the inside scoop on the upcoming books for fall release?

ENTERTAINMENT

Library staff will give a presentation on the newest titles from Penguin, Random House, and Macmillan. Free. Visit www.alexlibraryva.org.

Mount Vernon Nights. 7:30 p.m. at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway. This series of free, public concerts features a variety of musical performances reflecting Fairfax County's diversity, culture and community spirit. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy one of Fairfax County's special summer traditions. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/mt-vernon-nights.

AUG. 3-SEPT. 2

Ancestry Art Exhibit. 7-9 p.m. Opening Reception. At Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. The "Ancestry" exhibit at Del Ray Artisans showcases how the diverse, vibrant cultures of our members come together to form one strong community. Visit www.DelRayArtisans.org/event/ancestry/

SATURDAY/AUG. 4

Friendship Firehouse Festival. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St., Alexandria. The free family event features antique fire apparatus, craft booths, displays by Alexandria merchants and live music. Participants will enjoy visiting the Friendship Firehouse Museum, originally built as a firehouse in 1855. Children will receive free fire helmets and are treated to a supervised visit inside the fire trucks. Call 703-746-3891 or visit the website www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse.

Watercolor Workshop: Working with Brusho. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. (16-Adult) Brusho is a versatile watercolor medium made of ink crystals. It's incredibly vivid and beautiful colors open up a world of possibilities for painters. Learn to use Brusho in your watercolor paintings on various surfaces under the guidance of artist Marni Maree. A supply list will be emailed before the first class. Bring lunch. \$90 per person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 290 332 1001 or call 703-642-5173.

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Tavern Day Open House. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St., Alexandria. Want to learn to dance like George Washington? Ever heard of a learned pig? From 1-5 p.m., continuous tours of the historic site will be given by Junior Docents (grades 4-7). Learn to dance like George and Martha Washington in the ballroom. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

SummerQuest – Mr. Gabe. 11-noon at James M. Duncan Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Mr. Gabe is a singer and guitarist who performs original songs as well as familiar classics. All ages. Space is limited to the first 74 participants.

Special Collections Tour. 11-11:45 a.m. at the Local History/Special Collections Library, 717 Queen St.,



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Country-Western Dance. At Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St, Alexandria. 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 of all ages 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.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 4-5

Hands on History Tent. Noon-4 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. This year's annual Hands-on-History Tent theme is Colonial Plants. Learn all about native Virginia plants and their use during the 18th-century. Participate in a variety of games, crafts, and projects that test knowledge of plants, and explore how they were used in cooking, medicine, and art. The event is free, and designed for children ages 3-12. Call 703-549-2997 or visit www.novaparks.com.

SUNDAY/AUG. 5

Gestures: A History of Body Language. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Cost is \$32/person (program + tea); \$12 (program only). The handshake, the wink, and the thumbs up: gestures form a nuanced, non-vocal language that speaks volumes. Conveying everything from encouragement to disdain, many gestures have a long history. Hear about their fascinating origins, and discover that not all body language is universal to all cultures. Programs are by reservation only. Call 703-941-7987, TTY 703-324-3988.

Meet the Junior Docents. 2-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St., Alexandria. These young historians, grades 4 and older, will be on hand to share highlights of the tavern and answer questions as guests journey through the museum. Great for families as children connect with the building through their peer tour guides as well as for adults looking for some inspiration. Included in regular admission: \$5 adults (\$4 with AAA), \$3 children ages 5-12, and 4 and under are free. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Concert. 3-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association presents their weekly free

summer chamber concert series. This week's concert features the US Naval Academy Band Wind Trio playing music by Bach, Schuloff, Brandon, and Auric. Free. Donations appreciated. Call 703-799-8229 or visit www.wmpamusic.org.

TUESDAY/AUG. 7

SummerQuest Maker Camp. 2-3 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Ages 8-14. Come explore STEAM concepts with high-tech and low-tech activities and challenges. Class size limited to 20 children, pick up a ticket starting at 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 8

Decoding Weather Machine. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at James M. Duncan Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Disastrous hurricanes. Widespread droughts and wildfires. Withering heat. Extreme rainfall. This is a result of the weather machine itself – our climate. In this two-hour documentary, NOVA will cut through the confusion around climate change.

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Outdoor Concert. 7 p.m. at John Carlyle Square Park, 300 John Carlyle St., Alexandria. Free. Featuring Capital Sound and Brigadier Brass. Part of the Centennial of the end of World War I, the District of Columbia National Guard will host a series of events to commemorate the end to the first war.

THURSDAY/AUG. 9

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FRIDAY/AUG. 10

Alexandria After Work Concert Series. 6-8 p.m. at the Murray-Dick-Fawcett House, 517 Prince St. The Folklore Society of Greater Washington and The Office of Historic Alexandria sponsor a concert on the second Friday of the month with locations rotating between the Murray-Dick-Fawcett House, Lloyd House, and The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum. \$15 suggested donation for the musicians, light refreshments available, and a cash bar. Visit www.fsgw.org.



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New Board Chair Leads Public Schools

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sure the Strategic Plan coincides with the budget and One Fairfax [policy].

Q: What is the School Board doing about improving school safety?

A: As you can imagine when looking at security we need to look at it in the context of what can we do to prevent an incident from occurring: from planning, type of personnel, and facilities. Following the Parkland, Fla., school shooting in February, the School Board requested that our Superintendent Scott Brabrand conduct an internal review of FCPS' security programs, policies, and practices. This was in addition to the Virginia General Assembly Committee formed to study and recommend school safety at the state-wide level by the House of Delegates and most recently by the Governor. Delegates Krizek, Sickles and Watts are on the House Committee and solicit ideas from school board members and FCPS staff. Delegate Krizek has put together an advisory round table to gather insights from local community members. Recent reports by the Secret Service and the Virginia Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee identify the school climate, threat assessments and early warning systems as the most important factors in preventing incidents of school violence. FCPS' security review had similar findings.

The review examined current security processes, opportunities for improvements to existing programs and structures, and consideration of new initiatives to further reduce risk in the short- and long-term. Along these lines, the security review focused on three key areas:

* School climate and Mental Health Studies have shown that a key component of preventing tragedies such as Parkland is creating a positive school climate. Mental health supports are essential in providing support to students that may be in crisis. The superintendent has recommended hiring 18 additional school-based mental health support staff members such as psychologists or social workers. All high schools currently have full-time psychologists and

Bio

Karen Corbett Sanders was raised in Fairfax County. She is a retired international business executive, a community advocate for health care and education and a past PTA president. She has served on international boards of directors and operating companies as well as the quality board of Inova Children's Hospital and the Dean's Advisory Board of Boston University's Wheelock School of Education. She was elected to the School Board in 2016 to represent the Mount Vernon Magisterial District. She served as vice chair during the 2017-2018 school year.

social workers. Additional staff would enable all middle schools and targeted elementary schools to have full-time mental health support.

* Planning, and Personnel Training: Hire additional staff members to improve training in all schools, such as enhanced lockdown drills, threat assessments (a structured process for identifying and assessing threats), visitor management procedures, including visitor management systems and protocols, and increase the frequency of school-based security exercises. In addition, table top exercises would be conducted annually. A tabletop exercise provides participants emergency scenarios to evaluate each school, such as a crisis management plan and response; at least one lockdown drill each year would be conducted during a lunch period and/or between classes; and grade level appropriate training scripts and videos would be provided to staff for use in the lockdown drills.

* Physical Security: Require all classroom doors to be locked at all times and to replace outdated dual-keyed door locks initially and possibly additional cameras in middle and elementary schools in the future. All schools currently have locked doors with cameras at the entrance.

The recommended enhancements were presented to the School Board at its June 18 work session and consensus was reached to present the recommendations as part of the FY 18 year-end budget review scheduled for July 26, 2018. Public hearings on the budget review recommendations were

TJHSST Admissions Statistics for Class of 2022

	Applicants	Percent	Admitted	Percent
GENDER				
Male	1,683	53.3%	278	57.3%
Female	1,477	46.7%	207	42.7%
Total	3,160		485	
ETHNIC				
White	870	27.5%	111	22.9%
Black	220	7.0%	10	2.1%
Hispanic	276	8.7%	23	4.7%
Asian	1,633	51.7%	316	65.2%
Multiracial/Other*	161	5.0%	25	5.2%
Total	3,160		485	
SCHOOL TYPE				
Public	2,996	94.8%	460	94.8%
Private/Home	164	5.2%	25	5.2%
Total	3,160		485	
Reduced Fee or Waived Fee Paid	336	10.6%	7	1.4%

SOURCE: FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

held on July 12 and July 17.

In addition to the actions that should be implemented as part of the year end budget review process, the School Board requested additional information on a number of areas which include additional Interior cameras for middle schools and elementary schools and where they would be located, the effectiveness of an options based approach to risk assessment in some instances, and a review of procedures for administrative buildings. Once the superintendent has completed the review and assessment of the items requested by school board members in the June work session, the School Board will have a second work session on the second report.

Q. Do you support arming teachers?

A: No, I do not support arming teachers in the schools.

Q: The Opioid Task Force Report reflected an increase in abuse of prescription drugs in the county. What is the school system doing to tackle this problem?

A: I personally visit the schools and urge awareness by the teachers, parents and students about the long-term adverse consequences of prescription drug abuse as well as abuse of illegal drugs.

Also, the FCPS is working with our county partners to implement several recommendations of the County Opioid Task Force. The Board of Supervisors funded six substance abuse specialists for FCPS. In 2018-2019, the specialists will begin working in the Langley, South Lakes, Herndon, West Potomac, and Robinson Pyramids. These pyramids were selected based on 3 years of Youth Survey and discipline data. The specialists will tailor prevention activities to fit the needs of the school communities. Their responsibilities will include assisting with substance abuse assessments, short-term early intervention counseling support and referrals to outside services. Additionally,

the school system includes opioids and other substance abuse education issues in our health curriculum beginning in the early grades. We encourage parents to keep lines of communication open with their children, and engage them in conversations about substance abuse.

Q: We are aware of pending litigation affecting TJ Admissions policy and that you can't comment on the lawsuit. However, what can you comment on with respect to ongoing admissions policy?

A: The admission's policy has been debated and modified numerous times to address community concerns regarding the makeup of the school. This School Board recognizes the importance of having a diverse student body and staff and have emphasized equity of opportunity as a priority in our policy making and have asked the superintendent to set this issue as a priority in the implementation of the Strategic Plan. Included in my response is, at your request, the admissions statistics for the incoming TJ freshman class this fall. [See chart.]

Q: What would you like to convey to our readers as you prepare for your role as chairwoman of the School Board?

A: As the School Board chair, I am enthusiastically looking forward to working with my colleagues in continuing the important work of supporting our students and teachers as we implement the FCPS Strategic Plan and the One Fairfax Policy. Making One Fairfax a reality means every FCPS student has equity and excellence in their educational experience. The goals of the Strategic Plan provide a framework for ensuring that we inspire and empower students to achieve academically, make healthy choices, and are capable of making responsible and ethical decisions in our rapidly changing world. I want every child to love learning and experience joy in their classrooms.

Fairfax County School Board Budget

Overall, FY 2019 Budget is \$2.9 billion that includes an additional \$53.1 million as part of a multi-year plan to enhance teacher salaries, and \$43.9 million for a step increase for all eligible school employees. The district's cost per pupil is projected to be \$15,318 for FY 2019, fifth out of the 10 area school districts. Eighty-six percent of the budget is allocated to instructional programs.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) provided ESOL services to English learners in Grades K-12, Level 1 to Level 5 in all FCPS schools and centers during FY 2018 at a cost of \$77.1 million (approximately 2.5 percent of the operating budget) to provide ESOL services to 27,572 students. An additional \$15.8 million is provided by state and federal grants.

Special Education: 26,730 students are projected to receive special education services in FY 2019. Special education is approximately \$537 million, or about 18.7 percent of the operating budget.

Projected FCPS enrollment this fall is 190,168 students.

Couple Celebrates 50 Years

On July 20, 2018, Jack (Charles) and Roberta McKay (nee Morris) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The two were married in 1968 at St. Louis Catholic Church in Alexandria.

Both Jack and Roberta are lifelong residents of the Washington, D.C. metro area. Born in D.C., Jack grew up in the Virginia Hills neighborhood of Alexandria in Fairfax County and attended Gonzaga College High School. As a child, Roberta lived with her parents in the Groveton area of Alexandria and attended Groveton High School. Both attended college locally: Jack attended Benjamin Franklin University (which later merged with The George Washington University) and the University of Maryland, and Roberta attended Mary Washington College (now The University of Mary Washington). She finished her studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and Mississippi State College for Women (now Mississippi University for Women) in Columbus, Miss., where Jack served in the U.S. Air Force. They moved to Sterling, Va. in 1970, and in 1972, Jack and Roberta moved to the Mount Vernon area of Alexandria, where they have spent the last 46 years. During that time, Roberta worked as an elementary and junior high school teacher in Alexandria, and along with her mother, was an active volunteer with Lee District Democrats. Roberta also held several PTA/PTO officer positions and served as a Scout leader. Jack spent 40 years working in Washington, D.C. as Chief Financial Officer for the American Psychological Association and served as a member of the Board of Directors for HumRRO and for Mount Vernon Country Club in Alexandria.

Jack and Roberta raised three children: Jennifer, Jeffrey, and Jessica, who all grew up and were educated in Alexandria and graduated from Virginia state colleges. Jennifer attended Mary Washington College and the American College of Education for graduate school; Jeffrey attended James Madison University and the Sorensen Institute of Political Leadership at the University of Virginia; and Jessica attended James Madison University and The George Washington University for graduate school. All three children are now married and still live with their families in Fairfax County, and work in northern Virginia — Jennifer as a Kindergarten teacher in Alex-



Roberta and Jack (Charles) McKay

andria City Public Schools; Jeffrey as Lee District Supervisor in Fairfax County; and Jessica as a trade association editor in the City of Alexandria. Jennifer and Jeffrey also have two children each attending Fairfax County public schools at Hayfield Elementary School and Stratford Landing Elementary School.

On July 28, the McKays will gather with family and friends at Mount Vernon Country Club to celebrate and reflect on Jack and Roberta's 50 years of marriage.

Offering a 'Sidekick for Hire'

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"I could see all my peers were struggling to keep up with their personal lives as they climbed the corporate ladder," she said. Out of that came her new company "Sidekick for Hire."

Buczynski kept her full-time job at a trade association, and formed her company on the side, relying on her cell phone and internet to do most of her work. "Almost all my work is virtual," she said. After nearly one year doing it part time, she left the association and started doing it full time. Her one year anniversary full-time is Friday, July 27.

Weddings make up about one-third of her work, and she takes over after the couple has put in much time and they are ready to



Rachel Buczynski launched "Sidekick for Hire" for busy professionals.

concentrate on each other. "They need someone to come in and tie it all together so they can relax," she said. She also specializes in

business development, writing press releases, marketing and social media. "Logistics and coordination," she called it. "They can't handle it all."

She's travelled as far as Pittsburgh and Charlotte, N.C. to do a few weddings, and once was left with the job of cremating a dead cat of one client. The cat was killed in an animal attack, and they were in the midst of a busy event. "I was happy to be there for her," she said.

In the trunk of her car, Buczynski keeps an emergency equipment box and is constantly adding to it as different kinds of tasks come up. "I had a ton of fun putting it together, it's grown through the years," she said. "White duct tape is great for hemming a dress in a pinch," she said.

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Phoning It In



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

For my next post-scan, face-to-face appointment with my oncologist, we won't in fact be seeing him face to face. Instead, we will be speaking with him phone to phone. This bothers or concerns me not in the least. "I only mention this in passing," ("The Exorcist," 1973) and as a topic for this week's column since I'm being CT-Scanned on Wednesday, July 25.

Typically, we would meet my oncologist in person a week or so after my scan to allow for proper reporting/interpreting of the scan. This appointment would have been made — or attempted to have been made, during the previous face-to-face appointment, three months prior. However, sometimes the computer program managing such scheduling doesn't provide the doctor's schedule so far in advance.

When this happens, the doctor/staff makes a note in the computer's margins, so to speak, to schedule me automatically when the appointments become available. Well, for some reason, that didn't happen this cycle. That became clear to me when, a few weeks before my presumptive appointment, I went online to see when my it had been "computerized." I noticed it hadn't. I immediately called oncology to make inquiries and to schedule this kind-of-important, post-scan appointment.

I spoke with one of the nurses — with whom I'm familiar, and explained my circumstances. She went on the computer, entered my member number and, if I understand the process correctly, typed in something like "next available appointment."

"Aug. 31," she said.

I said "What!!? I usually see the doctor the week after my scan."

"That's the next available appointment," she repeated. (I'd mutter "incredible" to myself but I have some prior experience with such blips.)

Stammering as I gathered my thoughts, the nurse casually offered up the chance of a phone appointment. "Sure!" I said, (having received a similar offer once before).

The nurse said "How about Aug. 6?" 12 days post scan and much sooner than Aug. 31. (Normally we try to schedule the follow-up in-office appointment for the following Friday, 10 days after the Wednesday scan which ideally would have been Aug. 3).

"Perfect," I said, since I'm home on Mondays and my wife, Dina, coincidentally had already scheduled that day off from work. (The phone-appointment process involves putting the phone on speaker — so that all parties can participate, and exercising some patience. It's a little awkward but given the appointment unavailability, it's what we have to do.) Not stressing too much about this unexpected set of circumstances, I am now prepared to move forward and hope for the best — results.

The only semi concern I do have is what if the conversation, different than the previous phone-appointment conversation, involves some significant decision-making/discussing about Kenny's life treating forward. If the conversation is potentially life-altering, I'd rather look my oncologist in the eyes rather than hear his voice over the phone.

And, of course, being that there are very few guarantees in the cancer business, there is absolutely no assumption to be presumed that since I'm having a phone appointment that somehow that means all is well with yours truly. Hardly. I haven't even had my scan yet. It simply means that the doctor is already double-booked for the time frame in consideration.

However, on the totally-plus side: There's no 45 minute drive to and from. Once on site, there's no 15- to 20-minute wait in the reception area. Then there's no 10- to 20-minute wait/getting vitals in the examining room until my oncologist comes in. And finally, there's no 30- to 45-minute appointment with my oncologist since there's no physical examination and no ability as well to computer-review the actual scan. It's simply questions and answers. This all works perfectly well when the scan shows "stable."

But, what if?

I don't do "what-ifs." I do what I do until I'm told otherwise (that's why I'm a good husband). Moreover, I don't worry about things I can't control. My scan is in 10 days and it will show what it shows.

In the interim, I will hope for the best and await further instructions.

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CRIME

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

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY: 8100 block of Keeler St., July 21, 11:20 p.m. A restaurant employee reported that while he tried to deliver a pizza, an unknown man came up from behind him and demanded money. The driver ran back to his car and quickly drove away.

ROBBERY: 5700 block of Telegraph Road, July 18, 1:00 pm. A man approached the teller at a bank, placed a bag on the counter, and demanded money while displaying a black handgun. The man ran away with an undisclosed amount of money, and no one was injured. The man was described as a black male, 25-30 years old, 5'8", and 190 lbs. He was wearing a neon yellow construction vest, black pants, and a blue construction helmet.

Grand Larceny/Pursuit: 6700 block of Richmond Highway, July 16, 1:40 pm. Employees reported a man left the store with unpaid merchandise. An officer in the area saw the man in a white Ford SUV pull out of the parking lot. The officer tried to stop the driver, who sped away in his car. The officer followed the man until he lost sight of the driver in traffic. He was described as a black man in his late 50s, 6'3", and 300 lbs.

TRAFFIC PURSUIT: Sherwood Hall Lane at Fordson Road, July 14, 2:41 pm. An officer saw a car involved in an earlier weapon brandishing case where a citizen reported having a firearm pointed at them during a traffic altercation. As officers attempted to stop the car, the driver of the car drove off. During the pursuit, the car stopped and the driver and passenger got out and ran away. Officers caught up to the men and arrested them. A 37-year old man and a 24-year-old man, both from Alexandria, were charged with possession of a schedule I narcotic, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and felony speed to elude.

PURSUIT: 6421 Richmond Highway, July 12, 9:12 pm. An officer attempted a traffic stop for traffic infractions on a rental car. The driver failed to stop and accelerated through a parking lot. During the pursuit, the suspect hit two other vehicles with his rental car. No one was injured. Our pursuit ended at the county line as the suspect drove into the City of Alexandria. This is an active criminal investigation.

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 8200 block of Frye Road, tool from vehicle
 6100 block of Richmond Highway, backpack from business
 8600 block of Richmond Highway, liquor from business
 5800 block of Saint Gregorys Lane, keys from residence

6700 block of Tower Drive, tires from vehicle
JULY 20 LARCENIES
 6100 block of Edgewood Terrace, wallet from vehicle
 2500 block of Parkers Lane, cellphone from business

7600 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
JULY 19 LARCENIES
 7500 block of Republic Court, property from vehicle

7900 block of Richmond Highway, cellphone from business
 8200 block of Russell Road, merchandise from business
 6300 block of South Kings Highway, keys from residence

JULY 18 LARCENIES
 8300 block of Old Courthouse Road, cash from business
 8200 block of Richmond Highway, beer from business

JULY 17 LARCENIES
 6600 block of Fort Hunt Road, jewelry from library
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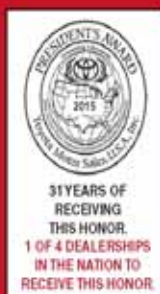
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