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National Dance Day

DanceFlame dancer Yong Schaeler performs at Market Square on Saturday, July 31, for National Dance Day.

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Melting Pot Or Molten?

Attorney General's ruling on crack-down prompts heated discussion.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

When Alexandria police officers stop people for questioning, they don't currently check the immigration status of the individual during the interview. That could change as the result of a ruling issued this week by Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli. According to the official opinion issued by the attorney general on Tuesday, Virginia law enforcement officers may inquire into the immigration

status of people stopped for any reason.

"Crime is crime," said Cuccinelli in a written statement issued Tuesday. "The law does not distinguish between criminal violations of any other criminal law."

The attorney general's opinion immediately sparked controversy, mobilizing advocates on both sides of the immigration debate for action. Opponents of the attorney general's ruling gathered for a press conference Wednesday morning at the Alexandria head

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Looking Forward

**One year ago
Baker retired as
chief of police.**

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

For 40 years he had proudly worn the uniform of a police officer, becoming a fixture around the city of Alexandria as he served the community both in and out of the spotlight. But three days after a drunken driving arrest last summer, Chief of Police David Baker announced his retirement.

"That moment in my life will forever haunt me," Baker said while walking the grounds of Goodwin House Alexandria where he serves



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David Baker with Lew Michael, chairman of the Goodwin House residents council.

as a security consultant. "But in the aftermath I did everything I SEE FORWARD, PAGE 4

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Crashing City Hall

In some cases, criminals walk into City Hall because they work there. Recent months have seen a number of offenders on the payroll. First there was the parking official busted for using counterfeited handicapped parking placard. Then there was the DASH employee accused of driving off with the profits. More recently, there was the fleet services division chief who admitted to selling public property for personal gain.

But none of those crimes were as spectacular as what happened last week. The criminal mischief that unfolded this week at City Hall started across the river in Prince George's County. That's where 42-year-old Maryland resident and 28-year-old Washington resident carjacked a burgundy Ford Explorer using a hammer, according to police. Shortly after 8 p.m., the vehicle was spotted outside an Arlington Best Western where police say the men committed an armed robbery. That led to a chase along Arlington Boulevard toward the George Washington Memorial Parkway, a pursuit that included police cruisers as well as a United States Park Police helicopter.

The chase ended abruptly in front of Gadsby's Tavern, where the carjacked SUV collided with another car. One suspect stayed in the car and was arrested while the other gave chase into City Hall. Within an hour, an Alexandria K-9 tracked him down inside the building, where he was hiding in the closet of a third-floor kitchen pantry. The area was under lockdown for some time that night, with red and blue strobe lights flashing and crime-scene tape barring access. "The perimeter was secure for some time after the two suspects were taken into custody," said Alexandria Police Department spokesman **Jody Donaldson**, adding that the men are being held in Arlington. "We had to make sure there were no other people hiding in the building or weapons that had been left behind."

The \$3,000 Question

Should Congress extend the tax cuts put in place in 2001 and 2003 by former President **George W. Bush**? Or should the Bush-era tax cuts be allowed to expire?

Like many questions in politics, it depends on who's answering the question. According to an analysis released this week by the Washington-based Tax Foundation, taxpayers in Virginia's Eighth Congressional District would see the average federal income tax bill rise from \$12,000 to \$15,000. That's a \$3,000 difference between 10-term incumbent U.S. Rep. **Jim Moran** (D-8) and his Republican challenger, former diplomat **Patrick Murray**. Moran voted against both of the tax cuts, and he supports Democratic-led efforts in the House of Representatives to let them expire. Murray, on the other hand, favors extending the Bush tax cuts for at least six years. "It's almost criminal what the Republican Party is willing to steal from their grandchildren and our grandchildren," said Moran during an appearance this week on MSNBC. "It's \$2.3 trillion that has been added to our deficit, and it's the principal cause of the deficit."

"We do not have a tax problem in America, we have a spending problem," countered Murray, adding that he would support rolling back discretionary spending to 2008 levels. "We need major reform of entitlement programs to reduce the annual trillion-dollar deficits we face for the next 10 years."

Wait Is Over

Way back in January 2008, Alexandria formally accepted a sculpture created by artist **John Van Alstine** known as "Sacandaga Totem." Since then, the global economic crisis and the city's revenue crunch have pushed back installation again and again. But city officials are finally ready to install the 5,000-pound sculpture, which is nine feet tall and valued between \$60,000 to \$90,000. Construction of the pedestal and lighting for the sculpture will begin next week and last about a week. Then, on Aug. 21, the sculpture will arrive in Alexandria from Alstine's studio in upstate New York. A dedication ceremony is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 22. That will be followed that evening by a lecture in which Van Alstine will explain his work, which is inspired in part by the Washington monument.

"It's good for people to come to their own conclusions about public art," said **Jack Broward**, a division chief in Parks and Rec. "That's what public art is all about."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



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Del. David Englin (D-45) and others speak out against Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli's opinion authorizing police officers to check the immigration status of anyone stopped for any reason.

Immigration Debate Heats Up

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quarters of Tenants and Workers United, a group that frequently advocates for Latinos. Attorney Simon Sandoval-Moshenberg said he believes the opinion is ill-conceived, and suggested that the effort was aimed at creating dissension among police officers about how local officials should handle federal immigration issues.

"Mark my words, if this opinion does, in fact, have the effect of promoting racial profiling and unlawful stops on the street, we will sue," said Sandoval-Moshenberg, who works for the firm of Victor Glasberg and Associates. "And the person we will sue under law is not Attorney General Cuccinelli. It's the individual police officer who made the unlawful stop."

SUPPORTERS OF the attorney general's opinion say illegal immigration has reached a crisis level, and that they welcome efforts to crack down on the rising number of those who have entered the country unlawfully. Last week, Prince William County Board of Supervisors Chairman Corey Stewart launched an effort he calls the "Rule of Law Campaign," which has been designed to create a state-wide crackdown similar to the one he launched in 2007. Other ideas include adopting methods used in Europe.

"The French have their *carte d'identite*," said Phil Cefaratti, a Republican who waged an unsuccessful campaign for City Council last year, in a written statement. "Maybe it's time for us to get one."

On the other side of the issue are people who say the attorney general's opinion is a racist attempt to scapegoat a population and gain political prestige in the process. With Stewart's "Rule of Law Campaign" likely to become codified into legislative language that will be considered next year, the debate about immigration is likely to become a dominant issue in the next session of the General Assembly. With the commonwealth's revenue slump showing

no signs of changing anytime soon, Democrats who oppose Stewart's legislative package say the money isn't available even if a crackdown was a good idea.

"Whose teachers are you going to fire? Whose taxes are you going to raise to pay for these controversial policies?" asked Del. David Englin (D-45). "How are we going to pay for expanded training for police officers and expanded resources for police officers that would be necessary for them to enforce federal immigration law?"

IN LATE 2007, the Alexandria City Council unanimously passed a resolution reaffirming the city's longstanding policy that city agencies "will neither make inquiries about nor report on the citizenship of those who seek the protection of its laws or the use of its services" beyond what is required by federal and state laws. From the dais, the city's elected leaders said enforcing immigration laws was a federal and state responsibility, and each reiterated the resolution's articulation that "intolerance and fear threaten the diversity and strength of our community."

"Alexandria is now a sanctuary city," proclaimed English First director James Boulet Jr. at the time. "This resolution is like putting a giant sign on City Hall welcoming illegal immigrants to come here and receive services."

Since that time, the immigration debate has only become more pointed with part of the debate about the language that's used. For example, should "illegal immigrants" be known as "undocumented workers?" Then there's the expression "sanctuary city." Englin said he rejected the language as a vituperative way to spread fear and dissension. But Tenants and Workers United executive director John Liss said he thinks the term should be embraced.

"Sanctuary comes from a religious tradition that the church was one place where people's rights were going to be respected," said Liss at the end of Wednesday's press conference. "There are laws higher than what Cuccinelli says."

Going Digital

Attention analog Comcast subscribers: Say goodbye to Book TV. This week, Tivo subscribers received official notification that CSPAN 2 had been dropped from the Alexandria channel lineup. According to Comcast spokeswoman **Aimee Metrick**, the channel was actually spiked back in May during a reorganization that programmed a category the cable provider calls "sports overflow." As a result, C-SPAN 2 and its flagship programming known as Book TV will no longer be available to analog subscribers. The good news, according to Metrick, is that the channel is available for those who want to upgrade to digital service.

"The world is moving digital," said Metrick. "The vast majority of our customers are digital, and we want to make it easy for people to upgrade to digital service."

Metrick said that about 90 percent of Comcast subscribers in the Washington region are digital, so the service reduction is only applicable to the minority of analog customers still clinging to the old-fashioned technology. That means only a small fraction of Alexandria customers will be deprived of C-SPAN 2's Book TV, must-see television for bibliophiles since Old Towne **Susan Swain** launched it in 1998. "We're making it easy and inexpensive for analog customers to get a digital box to continue viewing channels that are digital without the need to change their level of service," said Metrick, adding that Comcast is offering free upgrades for a limited period of time.

Carlyle Expands

Those lions guarding the entrance to the Carlyle community are about to get a whole lot busier. In addition to guarding the Patent and Trademark Office and all the other high-end condominiums and apartments that have been built in the last decade, the pair of statues are about to get thousands of new neighbors.

This week, Atlanta-based Post Properties announced it will begin construction of the second phase of Carlyle Square apartments. Known as Post Carlyle II, the 344-unit luxury apartment building will be on Holland Lane near the intersection with Ballenger Avenue. City Council approved the special-use permit for the development back in March, and now the Georgia developer is ready to move forward with the project. On Monday, Post Properties issued a press release announcing that the first apartments should be available in early 2012.

"The metro D.C. development announced today is an opportunity to create value, taking advantage of this improving outlook," said Post President and CEO **David Stockert** in a written statement. Post Properties officials said they plan to take advantage of "cyclically low construction costs," using a revolving line of credit for the \$95 million cost of development.

Flight Risk

Do you know how much you are paying for baggage when you fly? U.S. Sen. **Jim Webb** (D-Va.) thinks you might not, and he wants to do something about it. The senior senator from the Old Dominion says hidden fees and bundled charges have become commonplace in the airline industry, which is why he introduced the Airline Baggage Transportation and Accountability Act this week. "In recent years, airlines have been adding various fees to the total ticket prices, often without fully disclosing these additional costs to customers," said Webb in a written statement announcing the legislation. "In addition, airlines have exploited a tax loophole that allows them to avoid taxes on these fees."

The legislation requires transparency, closes the tax loophole and authorizes the Department of Transportation's Aviation Consumer Protection Division to oversee lost and stolen baggage claims. It would also require public release of data concerning airline handling of lost, stolen or damaged baggage. Because airlines reported about \$8 billion in revenues in 2008 and 2009, according to a recent Government Accountability Office report, consumer advocates hailed Webb's action.

"Senator Webb has captured the flying public's frustration by creating a bill that would ensure transparency for unbundled fees and require the DOT to report the whole story to consumers regarding lost, damaged and stolen baggage," said **Kate Hanni**, executive director of a group known as FlyersRights.org.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS

'A Time To Look Forward'

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I thought I should. I stood up and took the punishment. I'm not proud of what happened but I can say that I am proud of the way I handled it.

"I think the measure of a person is how they handle adversity," Baker said. "When you're on the high road, you don't have much to worry about. But when you drag along the low road a bit it makes you appreciate the high road. It makes you work harder knowing that there are other people struggling with all kinds of circumstances."

It wasn't long after Baker retired that Harry Baldwin, the executive director at Goodwin House Alexandria, gave him a call.

"David had always been a friend of Goodwin House," Baldwin said. "We had a series of break-ins and needed a consultant."

Known for his use of sophisticated technologies, Baker evaluated the security infrastructure of Goodwin House and was asked to stay on to implement his recommendations. "This is a terrific community," Baker said. "It's not unlike going into any community in Alexandria and advising residents from my perspective and my experience how to make it safer and more secure. The challenge is to do it in a way that doesn't make a facility like Goodwin House a fortress or an unpleasant place to live or visit."

ACCORDING TO BALDWIN, Baker's impact is being felt far beyond his professional expertise.

"The residents dearly love him," Baldwin said. "They talk to him, confide in him and seek his advice. The mission statement of Goodwin House is to 'support, honor and uplift the lives of the elderly and those who care for them' and Dave Baker really epitomizes that statement."

Lew Michael, a retired Navy captain and chairman of the Goodwin House residents committee, agrees.

"David has given the residents a great confidence," Michael said. "He's open and affable and people enjoy talking with him. He's been a very positive presence and we are well served having him here."

For Baker, the day-to-day interaction with the residents is especially rewarding.

"With Goodwin House, I feel like I am contributing to the health and welfare of at least a segment of our elderly population in Alexandria," Baker said. "If you're not doing it every day, you sometimes get lost in daily life and forget that there are folks that you can help and



**Former Chief of Police
David Baker on the grounds
of Goodwin House Alexandria.**

provide something that they desperately need and appreciate."

In addition to his work at Goodwin House, Baker has spent the last year volunteering his time speaking to criminal justice students at T.C. Williams High School, working security for the Scholarship Fund telethon, managing the Masonic Memorial site for First Night Alexandria and delivering Meals on Wheels for Senior Services of Alexandria.

At the request of Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Baker also spoke to 200 inmates last fall as part of Lawhorne's guest speaker series.

"With the inmates, it was a motivational speech but I had credibility because I had been in a detention center," said Baker, who served a mandatory five-day sentence at the Arlington Detention Center as part of his plea agreement. "My message to them was, 'When you find yourself in a bad circumstance, what are you prepared to do?' It wasn't all moaning and groaning about my case, it was 'What are you prepared to do to make sure you can move forward in the right way?'"

According to Lawhorne, Baker's message resonated with his audience. "David was well received by the inmates," Lawhorne said. "He took something very devastating and used it to help others understand how you can go through something like this and come out on the other end whole."

Lawhorne added that his admiration for his former law enforcement colleague never wavered.

"David didn't crawl under a rock," Lawhorne said. "He turned this around and in a quiet way has continued to be a positive contributor to the community. It set him back but it didn't do him in."

Janet Barnett, executive director of Senior Services of Alexandria, worked with Baker when he helped deliver meals to the elderly on Memorial Day.

"What Dave went through was devastating," said Barnett. "He made a mistake but he picked himself up and got right back to being the person he was in terms of giving back. Everybody deserves a second chance and he's willing to work for that second chance."

Though it was personally challenging at times, Baker continued to support his comrades by attending events like the Valor Awards or the Business Leader of the Year awards for his friend Charlie Colum. "Never have I gone into a place where I felt unwelcome," he said. "The only person who feels unwelcome is me. When you feel bad about yourself and what you did you have a tendency to think that other people think the same thing about you. It's my own personal remorse that makes it difficult sometimes to attend some of these things but I try to find the inner strength."

Baker, who at one time lived at Cameron Station, recently purchased property again in the city.

"I'm excited about relocating back to Alexandria," Baker said. "I have an enormous respect and love for this city and none of that has diminished. If anything my resolve to give back has gotten stronger."

Baker has been approached about teaching at the college level, doing corporate work and perhaps entering local politics. When asked if a run for elected office is in his future, Baker didn't hesitate.

"When I was the chief, I said to anyone who would listen that my career goal at that point was to finish my tenure and absolutely think about a run for City Council," he said. "I think I can add an interesting and exciting and productive dimension. I'm considering a lot of things and leaving my options open."

In looking back on the events of a year ago, Baker had one piece of advice that he would pass along.

"If I had one message to leave with people, it would be from Winston Churchill: 'Never give up,'" Baker said. "The lesson for me is that it doesn't matter where you are in life or where you want to go. If something happens to you unexpectedly, don't let that define you or defeat you."

With the legal issues of his case resolved and behind him, Baker is looking ahead to the next phase of his life. "If I never have another word written about me, that's fine," Baker said. "But I'm still going to be a player. Community activism, community involvement and being a community voice is important to me. A year later is a time to look forward."

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NEWS

Another Child Goes Missing

First day of year-round classes is marred by recurring problem.

By MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Another year, another lost student. That's what happened after the first day of classes Monday at Mount Vernon Community School, a year-round school where a first-grade student got on the wrong bus and went missing. This week's incident follows three separate instances last year, when three different Kindergarten students boarded the wrong bus or got off at the wrong stop.

"The problem is that some of the policies were not followed to the letter on the first day of school," said Alexandria City Public Schools spokeswoman Sandy Hundall. "Obviously, we will be reviewing with principals the importance of all staff adhering strictly to bus loading procedures."

Hundall said the first-grade student was grouped



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After a Kindergarten student boarded a bus he was not assigned to and dropped off in an unfamiliar neighborhood last year, school administrators responded by installing animal logos on every school bus. The system has since been abandoned.

with other children who were supposed to board a bus for Creative Play School, a private institution in Del Ray where the student's mother works. But the teacher did not make sure all the students in this

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Remembering Joan Funn

The Joan B. Funn Memorial Scholarship Donor Reception was held Saturday, July 31, at the Alexandria Black History Museum

"To Joan,
Who taught for 32 years
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What amazing grace."

— DOLORES DUNCAN,
SISTER OF JOAN B. FUNN

Lillian Patterson greets Margaret Chisley at the scholarship reception.



Joyce and Casey Sanchez, Katie Claybourne, Eunice Jones and Margaret Chisley.



Bridgett Wanzer-McCoy and Hiwottie Demissie, the Joan B. Funn Memorial Scholarship recipients.



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Father Daniel N. Gee

New Pastor at St. Rita's

BY SENITRA MCCOMBS
GAZETTE PACKET

Although Father Daniel N. Gee will miss riding his bike through the mountain trails of Front Royal, he is excited at being appointed the new pastor at St. Rita's Parish in Alexandria. He learned of his new position on June 16.

What do you hope accomplish during your time at St. Rita's?

Well we're hoping to add a preschool to our existing school and hoping to add some spiritual things to our mass. But it's a pretty active and vibrant place.

What is the most difficult aspect or challenges of being a pastor?

Well in my case, I guess the number one challenge is that they took away two priests and it's just me here. So, sorting out my time is going to be a little challenging for sure.

What do you enjoy most about it?

Celebrating mass, hearing confessions, preaching and teaching with the parishioners. It's wonderful thing: sharing the message.

Could you give me a little of your educational and work background?

I started at the University of Oregon. And then transferred to the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia. Then I went to All Saints Parish in Manassas (1995-99) and Our Lady of Angels Parish in Woodbridge (1999-2003). And then I went to Banica, a small town on the Dominican/Haitian border for five years. Then

I went to Christendom College in Front Royal for two years before coming here.

How was your work in the Dominican Republic different or unique from your work in the States?

Here everybody comes to the church. And there I lived in a small town of about 1,000 people which is where the church was. When I first got there I was in charge of two parishes and we had a total of 75 small communities outside of the parishes. So, I would spend a lot more time on a motorcycle or mule going out to those people.

And my teaching style was a little different because a lot of people couldn't read, so I used a lot more pictures. It was adjusted to the people and the culture. But other than the lack of electricity, it's the same church, same truth and the same sacraments.

Why did you become a priest? Was this a childhood dream or was it inspired by an event?

It's kind of a long story but I guess there came a point in my life that God made it very clear that's what he wanted me to be and I was happy to oblige of course.

Where or from whom do you draw your inspiration?

Certainly on a daily basis, it would be making a holy hour and celebrating mass everyday. Obviously the grace you receive from the sacraments that give you the strength to do what God wants you to do. I try to do that [holy hour] first thing

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NEWS

Comparing Instruction Versus Administration Costs

Economy of scale gives Fairfax a financial edge over Alexandria and Arlington.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria spends less per capita on instruction than any other jurisdiction in Northern Virginia, according to a recent report from Virginia's Auditor of Public Accounts. And officials at Alexandria City Public Schools spend more for ad-

ministration than every other regional division except for Falls Church.

Because the auditor's report measures spending on everything from welfare and firefighting to police and education, numbers are presented on a per capita basis for jurisdictions based on population. That puts Alexandria's 144,000 residents and Arlington's 217,000 population in a vastly

different category than mammoth Fairfax County, home to a million people. School officials and elected leaders in Alexandria and Arlington admit they might not have the economy of scale of Fairfax County, a division with about 170,000 students. But with 20,000 students in Arlington and 12,000 students in Alexandria, they say the trade-off is a more personalized environ-

ment.

"Personalization is expensive," said Alexandria School Board member Charles Wilson, a former chairman of the Washington Area Boards of Education. "It may not be as efficient as having huge schools, but that's not what our communities want."

Alexandria has the highest cost-per-pupil
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OPINION

Five Percent Off

While some of us are not sure how it got to be August, never mind time to start thinking about going back to school, the first day of school is more than a month away, Tuesday after Labor Day, Sept. 7.

Virginia families can take advantage of what amounts to a three-day coupon for five percent off many back-to-school items. Sales tax is suspended for the coming weekend, Friday through Sunday, Aug. 6, 7 and 8 (restrictions apply).

During this three-day period, purchases of qualifying school supplies selling for \$20 or less per item, and purchases of qualifying clothing and footwear selling for \$100 or less per item will be exempt from sales tax.

The tax holiday should encourage more families to spend their back-to-school dollars in local stores rather than online. This is an excellent time to support local businesses, many suffering from the recession as well as competition from online businesses that offer tax-free shopping all the time. Local businesses that don't get their money from the federal government need local shopping support now more than ever.

Back-to-school shopping for supplies is one of many important things to take care of before school starts. Students need up-to-date immunizations. Early in fall, flu shots will also be available. Add to the list of "safety" items:

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BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

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Here is a list of upcoming back-to-school nights, offering parents opportunities to visit their children's classrooms, meet teachers and learn more about this year's classes.

THURSDAY, AUG. 12

Mount Vernon Community School - 6:30 to 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 17

Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School - First and second grades, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18

Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School - Third through fifth grades, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUG. 19

Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School - Kindergarten,

talk with your students about what they are doing online (hint: it mostly isn't shopping).

But probably the most important thing parents can do to ensure a successful school year is to make contact with your child's teachers, make sure they know who you are, how to contact you and that you care. Use the online tools to track your child's progress (but don't

6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15

Francis C. Hammond Middle School Campus - 6:30 p.m., tentatively
George Washington Middle School Campus - 7 p.m.
T.C. Williams High School Minnie Howard Campus - 7 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 20

Patrick Henry Elementary School - 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 21

Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy - 6:30 p.m.

George Mason Elementary School - 6:30 p.m.

Matthew Maury Elementary School - 6:30 p.m.

James K. Polk Elementary School - 6:30 p.m.

John Adams Elementary School - Pre-kindergarten through second grade, 7 p.m.

Charles Barrett Elementary School - 7 p.m.

Jefferson-Houston School - 7 p.m.

Douglas MacArthur Elementary School - Third through fifth grade, 7 p.m.

William Ramsay Elementary School - Kindergarten through second grade, time to be announced

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22

John Adams Elementary School - Third through fifth grades, 7 p.m.

Douglas MacArthur Elementary School - Kindergarten through second grade, 7 p.m.

William Ramsay Elementary School - Third through fifth grades

T.C. Williams High School - Time to be announced

TUESDAY, SEPT. 28

Cora Kelly School for Math, Science and Technology - 6 p.m.

go crazy monitoring every blip).

One of the best ways to kick off this regular contact with your child's school is to attend back to school night. Most back to school events for parents are already scheduled; mark your calendar.

— MARY KIMM,
MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

LETTERS

Parking Hike A Mistake?

To the Editor:

Why are there so many empty parking spaces on the meters up and down King Street? In a nutshell, the new parking meter rates are too high and they are driving people away.

Very quietly the City of Alexandria recently increased parking meter rates on July 1, along with parking fines, etc. While it may have seemed like a smart way to generate some additional revenue for the City, it has already proven to be a terrible mistake. People are going elsewhere to do their business, shop or dine. At a time when retailers and restaurants are struggling to survive, making parking more difficult is short-sighted.

Most people do not realize that the meter rates were increased 175 percent making the cost \$1.75 for an hour or just 9 minutes for a quarter. While \$1.75 may not sound like much, it is quite a burden when you realize it takes 7 quarters (or 18 dimes) for just one hour. Imagine how many quarters

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OPINION



Youngsters celebrate the 4th of July at the Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center.

Independence And Inclusion

To the Editor:

Boys and girls from the City of Alexandria, Therapeutic Recreation Program and Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center celebrated the 4th of July together with one thing in mind: Independence Day! It was a time to remember that independence is the spirit and soul of the nation. And with that spirit comes a day when inclusion of students with disabilities is the key in making a difference in the lives of chil-

dren with and without disabilities. It's all about having the will and commitment to make it happen. Where we are today is definitely different from where we were 10 years ago. Having a disability does not mean students cannot meet standards or be independent. Programs where there is shared responsibility and collaboration among staff have students performing better and feeling good about themselves.

At the City of Alexandria, Therapeutic Recreation Program, our children will continue to brighten the lives of others, their spirits will continue to transform a whole

community to new horizons. We believe that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of inclusion.

If we just first take the "dis" out of disability and see our children's true abilities and see our children's challenges as an opportunity to learn and teach others. Let's have some fun together this summer without allowing the walls to separate our children from the rest of the world.

Brenda Holloway
Therapeutic Recreation
Assistant Director

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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you need if you want to shop or dine in Old Town for 2 hours!

Such a dramatic increase (175 percent) — along with the inconvenience of needing so many quarters — has taken a toll in just a short period of time. I can't remember a time in recent history when I noticed so many empty parking spaces. I have seen entire blocks along King Street without a single car on a meter. Empty parking spaces are a bad sign.

If you think it means people are parking in the parking garages, guess again. Along much of King Street, there aren't many parking garages close to the businesses, shops, and restaurants. While some visitors may be parking in a commercial garage, most have simply chosen to go somewhere else to shop and dine — somewhere that doesn't make it so onerous to park.

I live and work here in Alexandria. As a commercial Realtor, I

pay attention to problems and conditions that affect businesses, shops and restaurants in town. We need to rethink the sharp jump in parking meter rates and bring them back down. I can't believe the few dollars generated by the higher fees are worth the loss of business and commerce in Old Town.

Charles Hulfish
Alexandria

Teachers, Not Buildings

To the Editor:

I am responding in alarm to the incredibly presumptive remarks expressed in the article titled "A Public-Private Jefferson-Houston?" I fell off my chair when I read councilman Krupicka's declaration that a new school is ordained to replace the underutilized structure now used

by Jefferson-Houston.

Where in the world did our city council and school board find the terrible idea that the building, not the teachers, determines whether a student is well educated? Haven't these people ever heard the old time refrain that "Four Walls a School Does Not Make?"

Someone tell our city council and school board to get better teachers; not better bricks. And never forget, the better bricks; not better teachers argument is the same mind-set that brought city taxpayers a state of the art, hideously expensive and over-budget replacement building complex for T.C. Williams high school.

The consequence: Led by our tax and spend city council and our anything goes school board, we taxpayers bought a glorious edifice — a brand new T.C. Williams — but one that is not producing well-educated students.

The most recent metric: Under SEE LETTERS, PAGE 12

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OPINION

Remember the Titans? — 35th Reunion

BY DAN WITTENBERG
T.C. WILLIAMS, CLASS OF '75

I just went to my 35th high school reunion. It was a roomful of mostly paunchy, middle-aged men seeing through lustful adolescent eyes a roomful of mostly sagging, middle-aged women as the svelte, beauties in peasant blouses and cut-offs that they once were. And it was those women, basking in the rosy prism of "reunion goggles," adoring us (balding pates, ear hairs and all) just for our proprietorship of that time machine. In other words, it was magical.

Yes, like every other reunion it was a non-stop exchange of life story arcs, old anecdotes, new character developments, nostalgia, and obituaries fueled by curiosity, competition, friendship, love, and alcohol. Naturally there was lots of too earnest conversation, too long hugs, too wet kisses, too lingering hand holding, and other behavior that may have been deemed "creepy" back in high school but by now has graduated to merely "inappropriate" (at least in the eyes of the few trailing spouses present).

But there was one big difference.

You see, we were the "Class of '75" from T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Virginia. Our freshman year was the first year of the court ordered desegregation of the Alexandria public schools and our class was a social experiment. Disney even made a film about our school that year and the

state championship football team that went with it. The movie was called "Remember the Titans." If you can believe Disney our school's integration was just as successful as our football team and was the direct result of the locker room camaraderie between the white and black players (fostered by the "tough love" of their enlightened coaches) "trickling up" to unify the rest of the student body and ultimately the community at large.

According to outward appearances at the reunion however it would appear that the integration hadn't worked at all. The white attendees socialized almost exclusively with the other white attendees and the black attendees socialized almost exclusively with the other black attendees. In the banquet hall the dining was self segregated into white and black tables — just like the old school cafeteria. The DJ was careful to make sure that there was at least one Eagles tune spun for every Earth Wind and Fire number played. "Separate-but-equal" to the note.

SURE, UNLIKE HIGH SCHOOL itself, everybody there was very friendly, open, and welcoming regardless of race, creed, color, or place of national origin. But the fact is that practically none of the white students at the reunion even knew any of the black students at the reunion (and vice versa). There well could have been two separate class reunions going on simultaneously. We'd all spent years co-existing under the same roof at the same time but we'd never

made each other's acquaintance.

Sure, it was a class of 900 whites, blacks, Asians, and Latinos (though Disney apparently didn't manage to find any of the last two groups). Certainly all those students were further segmented into preppies, freaks (as in stoners), freaks (as in Jesus), brains (including the brown-nosers and grade grubbers), nerds (the "uncool" pre-computer vintage), spuds (in case you were wondering that's "special education's"), jocks (subdivided by sport), cheerleaders (the same roster as the Civinettes and Keyettes), bandies (regardless of instrument), drill corps (flag, baton, and pom-pom too), poseurs/wannabes (interchangeable), thugs/distributive-ed's (not in school all that much anyway), and plenty of other even less mainstream amalgamations. Of course, you'd expect that with such ethnic and social stratification (just like every other high school) everyone would want to spend their precious few reunion moments with only the very best of their long lost "stratum" of friends.

Three and a half decades ago that was just the way it was and we all accepted it. Now, in a different time, it seems like a genuine pity that we never bothered to get to know each other any better. We probably had quite a few things in common back then but we either didn't know it or didn't care about it. We certainly have a whole lot in common now — and it's a commonality far more significant than mere skin color. We have in common both "middle age" and "children" (and practically middle aged children at that).

REGARDLESS OF OUR RACE, gender or whether we graduated to become "masters of the universe" or "cubicle schlubs"; attorneys or their defendants; doctors or their patients; failed musicians, failed actors, or failed writers, we are indisputably all getting older together.

And that's a very potent bond. Even though we're not quite at the age when we have to launch into an "organ recital" of our ailments to begin a conversation with a peer (though among the ex-jocks the word "knee" does seem to come up pretty early on) we are certainly at the age when

everyone's parents have either crossed the proverbial finish line or are rapidly approaching it (as rapidly, anyway, as an octogenarian can approach anything). We therefore can see our own common and ultimate mortality on the horizon which allows us to be much more charitable to the other guy who was, after all, only looking for his own little place in the sun too. That may indeed be the wisdom of age.

Regardless of whether we ended up married (happily and/or serially) or terminally single; actual parents or merely indulgent aunts and uncles; most of us have fulfilled our biological (or adoptive) imperative and have "had" kids.

That's a great equalizer that cuts across all lines of demarcation too. We've all struggled with the near impossible task of "bringing up" children and have thence seen ourselves reflected in that particular (and usually unflattering) rearview mirror. Our common parenthood, with its inherent (and oft repeated) message to our kids that cooperation trumps confrontation, has certainly probably made us all much more tolerant people than we were. Besides, for the generation that is displacing us (and that's the other big, ego deflating epiphany of parenthood — that we're being replaced by the children we've raised) "race" (like sexual preference) seems to be much less a "big deal" than it ever used to be.

So, caught as we, "the Class of '75", are between empty(ing) nests and "do not resuscitate" powers of attorney we now find ourselves having much more in common with our classmates than we ever did 35 years ago — even those classmates that we never even knew until the reunion.

While once "the Class of '75" may have shared a court mandated moment in time together in a big public high school we now, hopefully, share a realization of a common humanity. If so, that's a genuine bond and that's perhaps what true integration really is.

Still, it's a shame that we never did meet back then. Just imagine how many more Facebook friends we'd have sending us reunion photos today if we'd only bothered to introduce ourselves during that freshman year.

Dan Wittenberg currently lives in Bethesda, MD.

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SATURDAY/AUG. 7

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SATURDAY/AUG. 14

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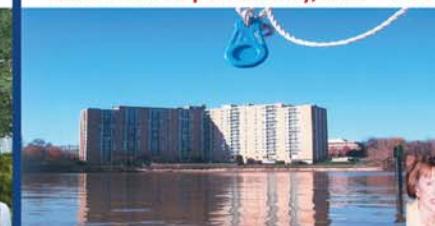
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LETTERS

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No Child Left Behind, a school makes Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) if it achieves certain minimum levels of improvement of student performance. In 2009, T C Williams incredibly costly building failed to achieve even AYP. If a new, expensive structure for Jefferson-Houston is built, nothing will change except an increase in our tax burden. If the structure is built using private funds from a developer in exchange for unspecified benefits, then at least someone wins. In this case, it's not the students or the taxpayer or the nearby neighbors; it's the developer, probably one from New Jersey.

Jim Roberts
Alexandria

20 Years Later

To the Editor:

America has celebrated another Independence Day. A time when it decided to take another step not only to form "a more perfect Union," but also a more inclusive one.

Twenty years ago, on July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law. This landmark legislative Act has been one of the tools that opened up many closed doors in our society to people with disabilities.

The key goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act promise participation in American society - education, housing, transportation, employment and civic participation – everything that is needed to pursue the American Dream.

Now, 20 years later, news reports show exactly how much more work we still need to do:

- States are tightening budgets and as a result not fully funding special education services and cutting disability services;
- Technology has outpaced the federal laws governing accessibility and need to be updated;
- The institutional biases found in Medicaid needs to be ended so people with disabilities can receive services in their home and their communities.

At the signing, President George Bush, Sr., said: "This historic act is the world's first comprehensive declaration of equality for people with disabilities – the first. Its passage has made the United States the international leader on this human rights issue."

There have been great accomplishments in the history of the disability rights movement – the Individuals with Disabilities Act, the Olmstead landmark Supreme Court decision, Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, and of course, the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The next steps for disability policy advocates is continue to pursue those goals and objectives we all want – an good education, a nice place to live, the opportunity to make a living and the responsibility of citizenship, or in the words of James Adams, who coined the term "the American Dream," to make "a better, richer, and happier life."

Michael J. Carrasco

Michael J. Carrasco

(michaeljcarrasco@gmail.com), is the former chairman of the Alexandria City Public Schools Special Education Advisory Committee.

A Job Well Done

To the Editor:

The following letter is addressed to Roy McClaren T&ES inspector.

I want to thank you for responding as promised, to my request for repair of the curb, sidewalk and street at the Seminary Road water main break. Everything was professionally done. The area looks great and is now safe for pedestrians. It is nice to have a city employee give such great service and support. Please share this with those who did the work. Job well done!

Carolyn Griglione

A Way To Help Animals

To the Editor:

I wish to thank you for the latest issue of the Gazette Packet for its focus on companion animal issues.

I believe it would have been useful to add one more article—about the Virginia "Animal Friendly" license plate for autos and small trucks.

The purchase of that license plate from the Department of Motor Vehicles, done either by telephone, mail, or electronic form, provides that \$15 of the cost goes to the locality in which the vehicle is registered for the purpose of neutering dogs and cats, thus mitigating the pet-overpopulation problem in our commonwealth.

For over 10 years, the license plate has been raising about \$150,000 per year in Virginia, and facilities that conduct spay/neuter surgeries of dogs and cats have been receiving that money. In Alexandria, the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria has received a check every year over that time and issues low-cost spay/neuter certificates to people who adopt pets from their shelter.

The DMV link to the Animal Friendly license plate is <http://www.dmv.state.va.us/exec/vehicle/splates/info.asp?idnm=AFS>.

Ann Plamondon
Alexandria

Encourage Local Shoppers

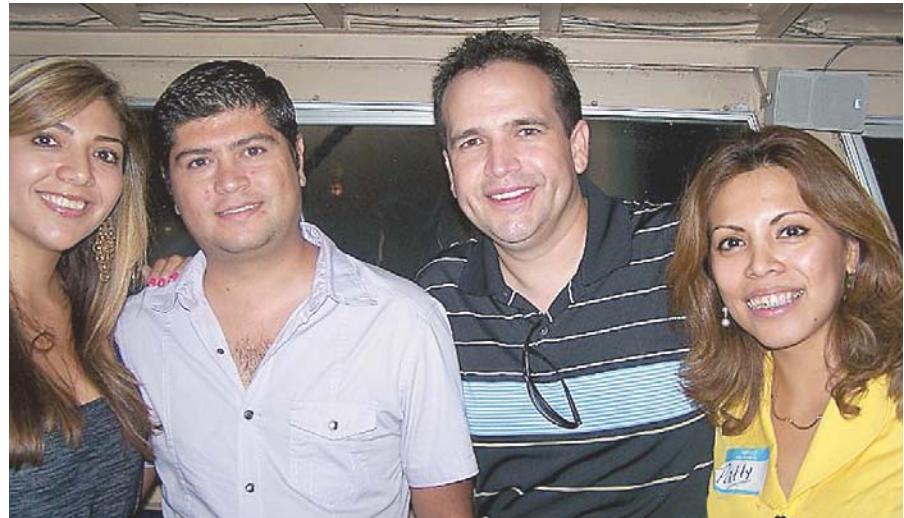
To the Editor:

Re your article "Turnover on King Street" (July 22-28): Atop the list of reasons for the "sluggishness," one must cite the lack of convenient parking and probably the added cost of parking for us residents.

For this long-time "mid-town" (Timber Branch Parkway) resident since 1977, almost any desire I might have to patronize a King Street business — big or little, chain store, little shop or restaurant — is tempered by the aggravation of the parking problem.

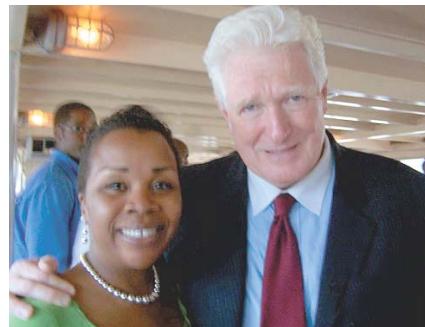
While convenient parking may not be a solvable problem, the Upper King Street Civic Association and their counterpart for

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From right to left: Patty Mendieta, Carlos Mendieta, Wilson Crespo and Paula Medina.



Deputy Audrey Eskridge with U.S. Rep. Jim Moran



DJ and Juvenile Probation Officer Rolando Welch

Mentor A Child

To the Editor:

Alexandria residents and businesses have once again come through to meet a pressing need. On the evening of July 20, the Alexandria Mentoring Partnership (AMP), a coalition of eight Alexandria mentoring programs, sponsored a cruise on the Miss Christin, donated by the Potomac Riverboat Company, to inform a capacity crowd of potential volunteers about the need for youth mentors in our city.

Congressman James P. Moran, Mayor William D. Euille and Councilwoman Del Pepper were present to show their support and encourage attendees to sign up to mentor. Congressman Moran was acknowledged for his efforts in securing a grant for Alexandria to fund the AMP Coordinator position, as well as other youth projects. Mayor Euille, a tireless advocate for the City's youth, stayed the night, helping to draw raffle tickets and donating dinner with the Mayor to two attendees. Former Vice Mayor Bill Cleveland, a 20-plus year mentor with The Untouchables, entertained the crowd with a rap about the program. Several school officials also attended the event. One of AMP's goals this year is to enhance its efforts to provide mentors to youth identified by the school system.

A big thanks goes to the Alexandria businesses and organizations donating raffle prizes and food for the event, including: O'Connell's Restaurant, Loralei's Pies and Cakes, Cheesetique, Artcraft, Fireflies Restaurant, La Madeleine,

Apple House Garden Center, Dairy Godmother, LA Boxing, and Wright to Read. Four Diamond Club tickets to the Nationals vs. Arizona Diamondbacks game, valued at \$540, were donated by On Tap Magazine. Rolando Welch donated DJ services, wowing the crowd into line dances and boogies. Thanks also goes to the City's Gang Prevention Coordinator, Mike Mackey, who for the third year in a row was Spring for Alexandria's top fundraiser, thereby winning the cruise aboard the Miss Christin. Rather than taking the cruise for himself and his friends, he has donated it to the AMP recruitment effort each year.

Our apologies to those potential volunteers who wanted to attend, but were turned away for lack of space. We urge you to contact AMP Coordinator Loralei Coyle at Loralei.Coyle@alexandriava.gov or 703-746-4506 to learn more about becoming a mentor. And for those of you already mentoring, Loralei will be contacting you about an upcoming picnic for mentors and their mentees.

Several hundred children need mentors now. Mentoring is proven to help decrease the risk of crime, substance abuse, gang involvement, teen pregnancy and poor school performance. Mentored youth are 60 percent more likely to graduate.

The AMP's motto: Once a week, for one year. Mentor a Child, Change Two Lives.

Please call Loralei today.

Mary Riley

AMP Founding Member/Mentor,
Wright to Read

HOME SALES

JUNE 2010

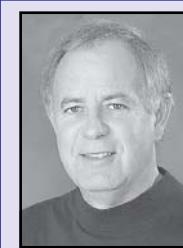
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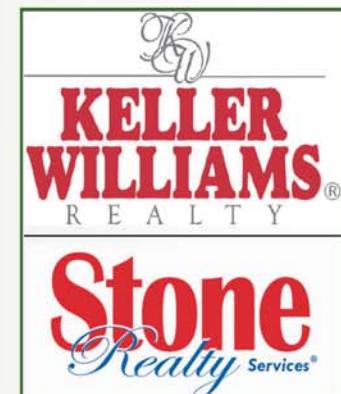
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OPINION



The Urban League place 2nd in the USBA National Basketball Tournament this last week in North Myrtle Beach, S.C. Back row: Assistant coach Michael Everett, Justyn Hamilton, Nigel Walton, Head Coach Marvin Elliott; middle row, Michael Everett Jr., Miles Weaver, Gabriel Harold, Teyan Williams, Leon Jones, and, front row, Roddy Hairston Michael Elliott, Thomas Persinski, Kielie Pegues

Get Involved: Volunteer

By MCKENYA DILWORTH-ABDALLA, CPP
ACTING CENTER DIRECTOR
NANNIE J. LEE MEMORIAL RECREATION CENTER

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities has a number of motivated as well as dedicated staff. I cannot name all of them here because I am only allowed so much space (for which I am grateful).

Marvin Elliot, Adult Sports Supervisor, is one of many shining stars within the department that not only works hard at the day-to-day duties of his job in providing quality leisure activities for adults, he also miraculously still finds the time to volunteer.

Elliot volunteers a great deal with the youth of Alexandria. He is the founder of the Fundamental Sport School of Northern Virginia for which he painstakingly plans and implements basketball

tournaments and the youth participate in competitions all over the country. One such competition happened recently when his team, the well known Urban League Titans, placed second in the nation in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

There are a number of opportunities for you to volunteer within the department or simply donate what you no longer use or want. You can donate clothes from the 50s, 60s, and 70s to help us with a more authentic portrayal of the Motown years. The production is scheduled for Aug. 14 and admission is only \$5 per person. We always need extra hands with weeding our community vegetable garden.

We are also still collecting musical instruments for the MUSE (Music Uniting Students Everywhere) program. If you have the time and talent to volunteer to teach a musical instrument or help us with our a capella ensembles, please contact us at 703-746-5533.

RECREATION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 12

the rest of King Street, if any, should consider reimbursing local residents' parking costs.

To answer the inevitable reply that higher product costs would result, I answer that obviously tourists and nearby residents are clearly insufficient a customer support base, and something has to be done to attract us locals who must drive to patronize King Street businesses.

Stephen Newman
Alexandria

Exhibits Hostility

To the Editor:

There can be no better example of Rep. Jim Moran's temperamental unsuitability for high elected office than his comments in the Gazette Packet relative to Virginia's lawsuit in opposition to the Obama healthcare plan. OK, there are many better examples but those aren't the subject of this letter.

Whereas his opponent, Patrick Murray, supports what your tongue-in-cheek headline called "A

Healthy Debate" over the constitutionality of Obamacare, Mr. Moran dismisses those persons having thoughtful and sincere misgivings about that law as "reactionary forces" and "anti-government radical(s)". A statesman might have said, "Let the courts do their work; we are confident that the law is constitutional." But he is no statesman. Instead, he seems compelled to exhibit total disdain for, and hostility toward, anyone with an opposing point of view.

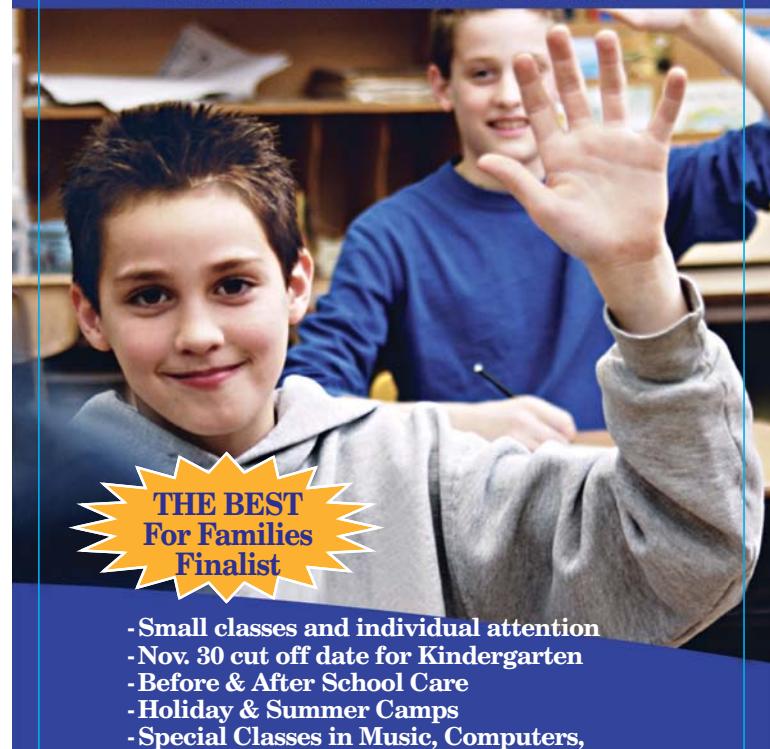
Even the most ardent Moran supporter has to see that this is not the reaction of a reasonable per

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Norma Stratton 703.966.0756



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Colonial!**

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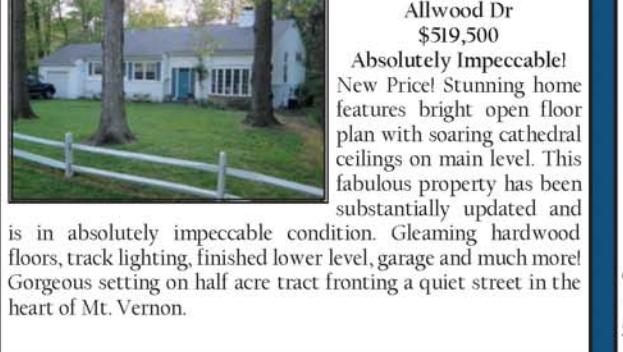
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Marsha Savchenko performs a Rumba. Savchenko and her husband Dmitry are a professional dance couple who participate in National DanceSport Competitions in the United States representing the City of Alexandria. They teach private and group dance classes at the Regan Dance Center located in the Landmark Mall.



Maya Simpkins from DanceFlame begins a Spanish dance called "Sevillanas."

Joy of Dance

National Dance Day activities at Market Square on Saturday, July 31, were presented by Alexandria Dance Community, West Potomac Academy Program with the West Potomac Dance Team, in partnership with the City of Alexandria.

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GAZETTE PACKET



Lindsay Leisher and Haley Narin go over a few dance steps with members of the audience.



The audience walks through the first few steps of the dance routine with the students on stage.

New Pastor

FROM PAGE 6

in the morning because it sets the day for me. Incidental to that is that one of my personal saints that I hold in esteem is St. Rita. It's kind of wonderful that he finally brought me to her parish.

What do you like or admire about St. Rita?

St. Rita always did God's will. Even though God's will for her wasn't always her desire, she did it happily. That's

kind of a daily challenge for most people. There's a lot of days I'd rather be out fishing than doing paper work but you do it anyway.

Do you have any hobbies?

I like riding my bike, fishing and boxing.

What will you miss about your old job?

The beauty of the mountains out in Front Royal. And teaching college was very enjoyable as well. I'm sure I will

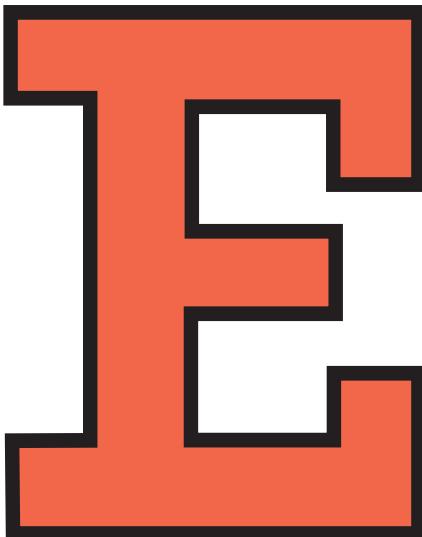
miss the complete utter lack of traffic.

What is your favorite food?

Grilled steaks and really good smoked ribs.

If you could have dinner with anyone famous who would it be and why?

I think it would have to be the Pope right now because he's our spiritual father and he's an amazing theologian.



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Some 60 restaurants will feature specials Aug. 20-29 during Alexandria Restaurant Week.

Alexandria Restaurant Week is Aug. 20-29

The first-ever summer Alexandria Restaurant Week will delight dining enthusiasts from Aug. 20-29. Some 60 restaurants throughout the city will feature either a \$35 prix-fixe three-course dinner or \$35 dinner for two; a \$3.50 sweet treat is offered at participating local bakeries, chocolatiers and dessert shops.

Restaurant Week menus and online reservations are available now on VisitAlexandriaVA.com. A one-stop shop for a complete Alexandria Restaurant Week experience, the website invites diners to browse the diverse list of delectable restaurant choices. Many of the city's favorite foodie establishments are participating including Bastille, La Bergerie, the Grille at Morrison House, Del Merei Grille, Geranio, A La Lucia, Tempo, Cheesetique, FireFlies, Fontaine Caffé & Creperie, Grape BEAN, and ACKC Cocoa Bar.

This 10-day gourmet and gourmand event enables residents and visitors to enjoy tantalizing multi-course meals and distinctive treats prepared especially for the occasion showcasing the inventive culinary diversity offered throughout the city. From fabulous fine dining to casual neighborhood favorites and tasty little delights, Alexandria Restaurant Week offers something for everyone.

The August event is the first time Alexandria Restaurant Week has been offered in the summer. The success of two winter restaurant weeks, held in 2009 and 2010, brought about a summer event by popular demand from both diners and restaurateurs.

The Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association coordinates and markets the event which is free for participating restaurants. In addition to serving as an economic driver for Alexandria restaurants, Alexandria Restaurant Week builds the Alexandria brand as it helps the City to become known as a culinary destination.



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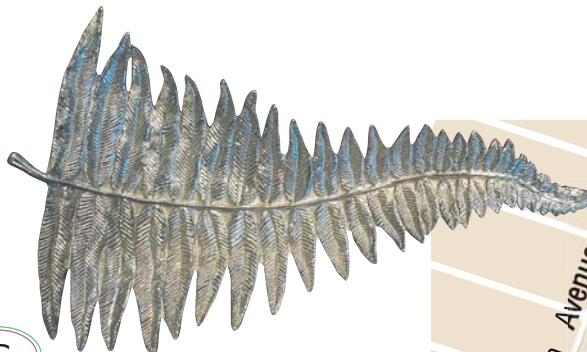
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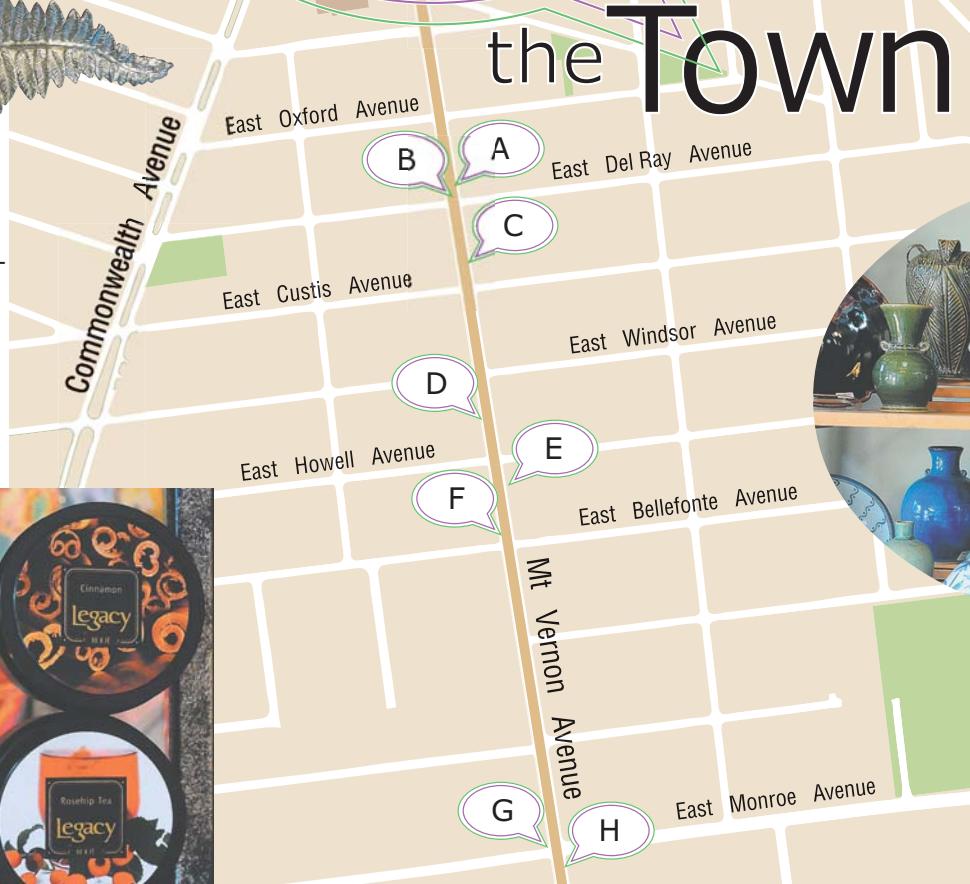
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THEATER

'Serenading Louie' at Gunston's Theatre 2

American Century revives Lanford Wilson play.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE GAZETTE PACKET

Arlington and greater Washington are fortunate to have The American Century Theater, a company that makes it their business to give theater audiences the opportunity to see full productions of plays that theater lovers always wished they'd seen. Right now, it is Lanford Wilson's "Serenading Louie" that they are bringing back to life. Few serious theater goers have seen this play because it is produced so infrequently.

Wilson is much better known for his more frequently produced plays such as the slightly quirky portrait of losers in a dilapidated hotel in Baltimore that is missing one letter from its fluorescent sign, "The Hot l Baltimore," or his touching, Pulitzer Prize-winning play for a cast of two, "Talley's Folly," which Dominion Stage gave such a lovely production of a few years ago.

The obscure reference of the title yields a clue as to the kind of drama this play offers. The "Louie" being "Serenaded" here is the one in the Yale drinking song about the "poor little lambs who have lost our way (Baa! Baa! Baa!)."

In the play, it is two marriages which have gone astray in suburbia, circa 1970. As with most Wilson plays, it is a conversational drama and it is in its language that Wilson demonstrates his strongest skills. Some will find the language beautiful and touching. Those are the ones who listen to dialogue with an ear for the turn of phrase, imagery and

momentum. Others will find it frustrating. They are the ones who want the author to get on with it ... "just let me learn what I need to follow the events of the plot." Which one are you? That is what will determine if you like the show or not.

During the first act you find yourself concentrating on who these four people are, what their backgrounds are and what has gone wrong with their marriages. It is clear from the first moment that the first of the two marriages is in trouble, and it certainly doesn't take long for the state of the second one to become obvious.

As Wilson specified, the shift from one home to the other doesn't involve changing the sets. Instead, it is clearly "Carl and Mary's home" or "Gabby and Alex's home" just by virtue of who is at home in it. It takes a few scene shifts to catch on to this concept, but it has the dual benefit of allowing nearly instantaneous transitions between scenes and emphasizing the playwright's view of the quality of life in suburbia. (Hint: he's not too wild about it.)

Deborah Wheatley designed a thoroughly satisfying set to serve as the two homes. It could have benefited from more sound absorbing material under its platform surrounding the sunken living room, for the echoey sound of the footsteps when the cast walks to the doors simply draws attention to the fact that they are on a stage. Andrew Griffin's lighting also draws a bit too much attention to the fact that the home is in a theater by being so dim that you wonder why the characters don't turn on some lights in their homes.

Wilson's male characters are the better developed and, therefore, the more interesting



Hans Dettmar as Carl with Vanessa Bradchulis as Mary.

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ones in the play. The failures of the marriages are really being examined through their eyes, with more attention to their expectations, desires and needs than those of their wives. We learn more about the men's worlds than we do about the wives'.

It isn't altogether surprising, then, that the performances of Theodore M. Snead, as an attorney with political ambitions that make at least the appearance of marital solidarity important, and Hans Dettmar, as a husband who can't quite figure out what to do with the knowledge of his wife's infidelity, are the most memorable. Snead is particularly good at getting the most impact not only out of Wilson's words, but out of the silences between them.

Where & When

The American Century Theater's production of "Serenading Louie" plays through Aug. 21 at the Gunston Arts Center's Theatre Two, 2700 South Lang Street, Arlington. Performances are Thursday - Saturday at 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$26 - \$32. Call 703-998-4555 or log on to www.americancentury.org.

Dettmar erupts to great effect, but it takes him a while to build up his head of steam.

Their women (the characters do exist in the play simply as the men's women) are given some great lines when it serves the structure of the scenes. Vanessa Bradchulis adds layers of meaning to the halting half statements Wilson penned for the unfaithful wife, and Robin Covington is at her best when her character is confounded by her emotionally claustrophobic husband's reaction to her clinging.

Director Steven Scott Mazzola's touch in the first act is sure, pacing the scenes to build one on the other as the emotions heat up. He can't quite keep the momentum going after intermission, however. In part, this is a failure of the play itself. Wilson becomes too talky after intermission and his final plot development presents a challenge that the production doesn't quite meet, in part because the sounds of off-stage events are too soft and muffled to register with the dramatic impact Wilson obviously intended.

This may not be a perfect production, but it is not a perfect play either. Instead, this is probably the only chance you will have to see it for quite a while. The American Century Theater comes through again with a theatrical opportunity to be valued.

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FINE ARTS



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NOW THROUGH SEPT. 4

"Sunflowers Say Summer." Photography exhibit of sunflowers at Buzz Bakery, Coffee and Lounge, 901 Slaters Lane, Alexandria. The work of six metropolitan-area photographers will be on exhibit. Photographers Grayce Warren-Boulton, Candace Clifford, Sheila Galagan, Jo Ann Tooley, Pam Richmond and

Marge Silverberg are part of the f11, A Women's Photography Collective.

AUG. 3 TO OCT. 3

Photography Exhibition. "You Are Who You Are," photographs by Louise Noakes; and "Shadow and Substance," photographs by Grace Taylor. Reception is Sunday, Aug. 8 from 2-4 p.m. At Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union Street, #312, Alexandria. Call 703-683-2205.

AUG. 4 THROUGH SEPT. 6

"Scapes: The Annual Landscape Exhibit." Artwork inspired by all environments may be a part of this exhibit – urban and rural, industrialized and primitive, coastal and arid, and works portraying the beauty and destruction created by Mother Nature. At the Art League Gallery. Opening reception: Thursday, Aug. 9, 6:30-8 p.m.

AUG. 4 TO SEPT. 5

Artist Genevieve Lynn. "In Misty China" captures moments in landscape, people and culture. Opening reception is Saturday, Aug. 7 from 6-9 p.m. A Chinese brush painting demo and workshop will be held on Sunday, Aug. 8 from 3-5 p.m. At Gallery West, 1213 King street, Alexandria. Visit www.jaderiverstudio.com.

AUG. 6-22

Gathering of the Legends. Meet Alexandria's Living Legends of 2009-2010 Photo exhibition, many of whom will be in attendance. Twelve individuals or teams were selected from among the nominees as the 2009-10 Living Legends of Alexandria – Chet Avery, Rosalind Bovey, V. Rodger Digilio, Nelson A. Greene, Sr., Alice Merrill and Linda Odell, T. Michael Miller, John Porter, Joan and John Renner, David G. Speck, Pat Troy, Lois Walker, and Betty R. Wright. Opening reception is Aug. 6 from 7-10 p.m. Artist's Talk/Q&A: The Art of Photojournalism, Aug. 12 from 7-8:30 p.m. Presented by the Del Ray Artisans. At the Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-625-2330 or visit alexandrialegends@earthlink.net or www.AlexandriaLegends.com.

THURSDAY/AUG. 12

Artists' Talk. 7-8:30 p.m. "The Art of Photojournalism," at the Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Free. RSVP: 703-625-2330.

AUG. 13 THROUGH SEPT. 29

FEAR Exhibition. Preview reception on Friday, Aug. 13 from 6-9 p.m. featuring Adam Garcia on the marimbas "Up Under the Roof" screening. At the Gallery at Convergence located at 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-998-6260 x3.

NOW THROUGH AUG. 15

Marsha Staiger and Alison Sigethy — Art in Balance: Rhythm and Repetition. These two artists present an exhibit that investigates the paradox of balance, the nature of rhythm, and the beauty and order created by repetition. The Torpedo Factory Art Center's Target Gallery hosts the annual Artist of the Year exhibition, which is sponsored by the Friends of the TFAC. At 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565, x4 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.



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CALENDAR

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ONGOING

Children enter a world of fantasy and fables when costumed interpreters weave three tales together during Mount Vernon's storytelling session, "Once Upon a Time at Mount Vernon," held every Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Storytelling sessions will take place in the Hands-On History Room in the Donald W. Reynolds Education Center. "Washington Builds a Barn" is the theme for August's storytelling sessions. During the 20-minute session, children learn Aesop's fables and listen to stories about George Washington's life! The storytelling program is recommended for children ages three to eight. Parental supervision is required. "Once Upon at Time at Mount Vernon" is included in regular Estate admission: adults, \$15; youth ages 6-11, \$7; and children under 5 are admitted free.

Alexandria Library's SummerQuest reading program has begun, but it is not too late to sign up! Children ages 6-12 can sign up for SummerQuest (and children under 5 years old can sign up for SummerQuest Junior) at the children's desk at any of the four Alexandria Library branches. Specials event schedules are available at any branch or online at www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

Tea Dances. 1 to 3:15 p.m. Group class from 1 to 1:30 p.m. Ballroom, Latin and Swing music. \$11/person. At the Dance Studio Lioudmila, 18 Roth Street, 2nd Floor (off Duke Street), Alexandria. Call 703-751-8868.

NOW THROUGH AUG. 10

Zenergy's Summer Yoga for Teens. Tuesdays from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. At Nativity Lutheran Church, 1300 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. Cost is \$10/class. Drop in anytime. Bring a yoga mat and water (mats are available for \$10). Contact instructor Susan Doyle at zenergy.yoga@cox.net or call 703-933-1986.

THURSDAY/AUG. 5

Barkley Square Yappy Hour. Del Ray's "Dog Days of Summer." Scavenger Hunt, photos with Barkley, doggie pools, beer, wine and music.

18th Century Dance Class. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Learn the dances of Jane Austen's time — danced by Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy. Cost is \$30/series or \$12/class. Singles or couples are welcome. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling 703-746-4242.

FRIDAY/AUG. 6

Alexandria Citizens Band Concert. 7:30 p.m. Featuring the City's oldest performing arts organization. At Market Square, 301 King Street, Alexandria. Call the hotline at 703-746-5592.

Festival for the Hungry & Homeless. 1-4 p.m. Social Service providers from all across the area will be present with food, clothing, medical care, job counseling, and other resources to help the homeless. In the parking lot of Rising Hope Mission

Summer Concert Series. 7 p.m. Free. Featuring the Jazz Ambassadors, a 19-member big band. Part of the U.S. Army Field Band. At Centennial Park, off of English Ave., Fort Meade.

Friendship Firehouse Festival. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. Celebrate the 236th birthday of the Friendship Fire Company in the 100 block of South Alfred Street. Kids of all ages will enjoy displays of historic and modern firefighting apparatus, free birthday cake, craft books, food vendors and more! Go on tours of the historic firehouse, first built in 1855. Children will receive free Friendship Fire helmets! Visit www.friendshipfirehouse.net or on weekends, call 703-746-3891.

Tavern Day at Gadsby's Tavern. 1-5 p.m. Free open house will feature continuous tours of the site by costumed guides, the opportunity to dance like George and Martha Washington, and more. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street in Old Town. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbytavern.org.



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FRIDAY/AUG. 6

QuinTango Concert. 7 p.m. Free. Alexandria's internationally renowned music group QuinTango brings an hour of music, stories and dance to the Lee Center Friday night. At Kauffman Auditorium, Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St, Old Town Alexandria.

At Barkley Square, 2006 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-548-3644 or visit www.barkleysquarebakery.com.

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Church, 8220 Russell Road, Alexandria. Contact Rising Hope at 703-360-1976.

Musical Art of the Andes. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Yarawi, playing South American, Latin American and world music using traditional Bolivian instruments. At Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469). Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ performances.

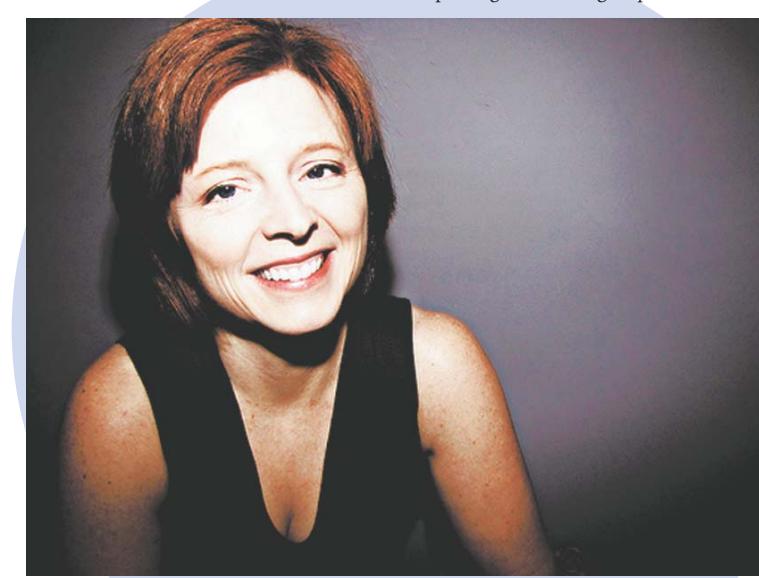
SATURDAY/AUG. 7

Cocker Spaniel Adoption Day. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sponsored by Oldies But Goodies Cocker Spaniel Rescue. At the Alex-Hybla Valley PetSmart, 7690 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria. Visit www.cockerspanielrescue.com

A Fine Beginning Housewarming. Noon to 4 p.m. Features living history interpreters portraying the Carlyle family. At the Carlyle House, 121 North Fairfax Street, Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.nvrpa.org.

Alexandria Art Market. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A variety of original artwork from over 20 artists will be displayed for sale including painting, photography, pottery, jewelry, and glasswork. At the Nicholas A. Colasanto Park, adjoining the Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria (corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Mount Vernon Avenue). Contact Kimberley Bush at 703-627-7656 or email DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com.

Summer Concert Series. 7 p.m. Free. Featuring the Jazz Ambassadors, a 19-member big band. Part of the U.S. Army Field Band. At Centennial Park, off of English Ave., Fort Meade.



Suzie Celentano

AUG. 5-8

Wellness Workshops. Suzie Celentano will present several workshops and master classes at the DCAC International Fitness Convention. At the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. Visit www.dcacfitness.com.

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CALENDAR

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SUNDAY/AUG. 8

Summer Chamber Music Series. 3 p.m. Free. French hornist Jay Chadwick and pianist Sarah Strauss Himmelfarb performing Bach Violin Sonatas arranged for horn and piano. Violinist Joel Ang, violist Cesse Ip, cellist Paul Marshall and pianist Stephen Bertino performing Faure's Piano Quartet in C minor. Susan Brockman and pianist Stephen Bertino performing Faure's Fantasie, for Flute and Piano, and Thomas F. Dunhill's Valse Fantasie. At the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria.

Mystic Warriors. 7 to 8 p.m. Free. A concert in Ft. Hunt Park, six miles south of Old Town Alexandria on the GW Parkway, 703-289-2550 or www.nps.gov/gwmp and go to "News and Fun Things to do."

MONDAY, AUG. 9

Theology on Tap. 7 p.m. Food, fun and faith in a casual setting. This session's theme is "The Athletes 6-Pack" Winning for Christ. Must be 21. At Pat Troy's Ireland's Own, 111 North Pitt Street, Alexandria. Call 703-549-4535.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 11

Luncheon at Springfield/Alexandria

Women's Connection. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Topic: "I'd Love to Own a Gift Shop (What you need to know)" with guest Shelly Jennings, owner of three Collectible Treasures stores. At the Springfield Golf & Country Club. Cost is \$17/person. For reservations, call 703-590-6562 or email to SpringWmConn@yahoo.com.

THURSDAY/AUG. 12

Jean Bayou Performs. 7 p.m. Jean Bayou has maneuvered her way through motherhood, womanhood, the neighborhood (and other hoods too numerous to mention) to write songs of love, loss, redemption and bad family vacations. Performs at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035.

18th Century Dance Class. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Learn the dances of Jane Austen's time — danced by Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy. Cost is \$30/series or \$12/class. Singles or couples are welcome. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling 703-746-4242.

AUG. 12-14

"Cinderella." Presented by the homeschool group, Morningstar Productions. Performances are Thursday, Aug. 12; Friday, Aug. 13; Saturday, Aug. 14 at 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. Admission is \$8/regular; \$5/children and seniors. At Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, 9600 Plymouth Road, Alexandria. Visit www.Cinderella2010.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 13

Film Screening. 7 p.m. "Renewal: Stories from America's Religious-Environmental Movement," a film about how Americans of different faiths, motivated by their spiritual and religious convictions, become better stewards of the environment. At the chapel of the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Refreshments provided. Donations accepted. 703-721-0595 or gporchot@yahoo.com.

Alexandria Harmonizers Perform. 7:30 p.m. At Market Square in Alexandria.

Honor by August Performs (Rock/Pop). 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. "Anyone who saw these guys open Bon Jovi's sold-out show at the Verizon Center knows why they're one of the most buzzed-about bands on the East Coast. Their award-winning songwriting, strong vocals, catchy melodies, and a



SUNDAY/AUG. 8

"Precedence." 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and all seats are reserved. From the ragtime piano of Scott Joplin to Janis Joplin, plus the resonating rhythms of African drum circles, Pachelbel's Canon, and lighthearted Broadway, Virginia Ballet Company's summer performance "Precedence" brings alumnae back to work with current students (of all ages). Visit www.birginia'balletcompany.org. Call 703-249-8227. At the Ernst Community Cultural Center, NVCC, Annandale Campus.

dynamic live performance are not to be missed." - Jenni Chase, Washington's Z104 FM / OnTap Magazine. At Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469). Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances

SATURDAY/AUG. 14

Alexandria Youth Arts Festival. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Children's activities, crafts, exhibits, music and spoken word. At Jefferson-Houston Elementary School Field, 1501 Cameron St., Alexandria. Children through age 19 are invited to enter original artwork for display at the festival. Contact Jason Ellis at 703-535-3175 or McKenna Dilworth-Abdalla at 703-746-5550.

Jane Austen Ball. 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Costumes of the 1790s are encouraged. Tickets are \$45/advance, \$50/door. Participants can prepare for the ball with instruction from dance master Corky Palmer on Thursdays, July 29, Aug. 5 and Aug. 12 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Learn the basic steps of English country dancing for \$12 per class or \$30 for the series. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal street, Old Town Alexandria. For tickets, call 703-746-4242. Visit www.gadsbytavern.org.

Summer Concert Series. 7 p.m. Free. Featuring the Volunteers, the U.S. Army's premier touring pop/rock band. At Centennial Park, off of English Ave., Fort Meade.

Kitchen and Bath Seminar. 10:30 to

12:30 p.m. At Ferguson Bath, Kitchen and Lighting Gallery, 5650-D General Washington Drive, Alexandria. Call 1-800-513-2250.

"Faubourg Tremé: The Untold Story of Black New Orleans" Film Screening. 4:30 p.m. Free. Part of "Movies with a Mission." At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or call 703-746-4356.

Summer Orchestra Series. 7:30 p.m. The Marine Chamber Orchestra performs. At Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 North Beauregard St., Alexandria. Call 703-845-6156 or www.schlesingercenter.com.

Alexandria Sidewalk Sale. Alexandria will host its first-ever sidewalk sale. Sign up as a participating retailer today, or just plan to come out and shop till you drop while looking for great deals. Visit www.alexandriasidewalksale.com.

AUG. 14-15

Model Train Days. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday; 1-4 p.m. on Sunday. For ages 8 and up. Register online at www.alexandriahistory.org and click on "Shop" or call The Lyceum to register by phone at 703-746-4994. Admission is \$5 per person. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington street, Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org.

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VALIANT VOLUNTEERS

How far away it seems, hiding indoors from this heat wave, to remember all that snow which imprisoned us last winter.

Most City offices were closed, most City employees unable to get to work, but the volunteers from Senior Service Of Alexandria, a non-profit organization with its own board, got out there and delivered Meals on Wheels, often to the amazement of the recipients.

"Many people assume we are a city agency, but we are not," points out Janet Barnett, executive director of SSA

GALLAND LEGACY

Started in 1968 by the redoubtable Marian Galland and friends largely to help people over 55 find jobs, SSA has widened its scope enormously.

Senior Taxi provides over 11,000 rides annually; DOT Paratransit gives 55,300 trips every year to residents unable to use public transportation; SSA's Money Manager provides information, helps with bill paying and IRS information, and provides other information.

Meals on Wheels delivered 44,332 meals using 360 volunteers last year.

YOUNG AT HEART

SSA sponsored a Juried Artist Exhibition for artists 55 and older. First, second, third place winners were honored at a reception displaying their work at the Durant Center.

"Times have changed, and SSA has changed with them," says long-time supporter Carter Fleming. "A federal law now protects seniors from age discrimination in employment; our commitment to improving the lives of seniors continues in many fields."

MONEY NEEDED

"Right now we are concentrating on developing a Senior Resource Center which



PHOTO BY JANET BARNETT

June Geoffray and granddaughter Liza Banks Campagna wait for their bags of food to be delivered to homebound seniors during the snow storm.

will be a one-stop information outlet for seniors, families, and caregivers and will have a social worker. We hope that grants and donations will make it possible for us to establish the center next year," said Mark Roth, the president of SSA.

Forty-three percent of the current expenditures go to support the Senior Taxi.

— LOIS KELSO HUNT

Old Town

BIG YEAR FOR AGENDA: ALEXANDRIA - 'Towners, forget the heat for a minute and take a gander at the exciting and timely series of programs on tap for the 2010-11 year.

Agenda:Alexandria, only 12 years old, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization who describes its mission as one that provokes

thoughtful discussions on often hot-button topics in town. The idea of its eight dinner meetings a year is to look at issues without taking sides. Tough to do, but AA seems to do it awfully well.

For those who aren't familiar with the organization, it meets at the Holiday Inn Eisenhower Metro Center, 2460 Eisenhower Av. A cash bar opens at 6:30, followed by dinner (\$25 members/\$30 for non-members) at 6:45. The program begins at 7:15. Membership to Agenda:Alexandria is \$30 annually. For more information on joining or whatever, call Sherry Brown at 703-548-7089.

Past programs, to give you an idea, have included such issues as transportation, education, the arts, public safety, preservation, housing, public health, the City budget, and the waterfront.

AA will jump into a controversial topic at

its first meeting of the new year on Sept. 27 with "Torpedo Factory - Targeted for Change?" The AA teaser notes that the Factory has made Alexandria a mecca for cultural tourists, but is it performing to its full capacity? More on this in a minute, 'Towners.

The Oct. 25 topic will be "Waste Not? The Costs and Benefits of Recycling." On Nov. 22, the subject will be "Alexandria's Unique Retailers-An Endangered Species?" For the Jan. 24 meeting the topic will be "Alexandria Development: Are Residents Part of the Process?" On Feb. 28, participants will get a take on "Alexandria and the Civil War - Pride and Shame in Black and White." On March 31, the topic is "Dollars and Sense: Paying for the Alexandria We Want." April 25 is open at this writing for an emerging topic. Drop by next May 23 to hear about "Who We Are and Who We Will Be" from the director of demographics for the Northern Virginia Regional Commission.

Give Agenda:Alexandria a try, 'Towners. Bet you enjoy it.

FACTORY BEING TORPEDOED? - I mentioned earlier that the future and status of the Torpedo Factory will be the kick-off topic for this fall's Agenda:Alexandria programs.

When I read this the other day I couldn't help but think of a comment made last fall about the Factory by one of its pioneers and fierce defenders, Marian Van Landingham. As most readers of the Gazette Packet know, the future of this cherished destination in the heart of Old Town is clouded.

I'll be writing more about this issue later, but suffice to say that there are those who think the Factory is getting stale and should be more of a cash cow for the city. "Let's make some bucks off this colossus," is the thinking of many — including some of our clueless city fathers.

Van Landingham's take on this: "It's not supposed to be a shopping mall." Amen.

— BOB FELDKAMP

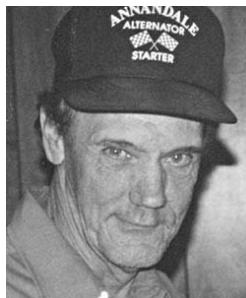
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OBITUARY



Buddy Wright

Edloe "Buddy" Withfield Wright, III, 65, died on Friday, July 30, 2010 in Madison Heights, VA. He was born in Alexandria on July 19, 1945, a son of Edlow W. Wright Jr. and Ida Seiders Wright, who preceded him in death. He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose and had worked for the Town of Warrenton in the Public Works Department. He is survived by a daughter, Sylvia Vacca of Glendale, AZ, a sister, Betty "Sam" Hanlon of Colonial Beach and two grandsons. He also leaves two nieces and a nephew; Lisa Davis of Warrenton, Tammy Clarambeau of Sperryville and Jesse Tyree of Madison Heights and a large extended family. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 12:00 PM until 1 pm followed by a graveside service at Warrenton Cemetery.

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the provision of section 4-1-16 of the code of the City of Alexandria, the Alexandria Police Department located at 2003 Mill Road, Alexandria, VA 22314 is now in possession of unclaimed bicycles, mopeds, lawn equipment, money, scooters, and other items. All persons having valid claim to the property should file a claim to the property with reasonable proof of ownership or the items will be sold, destroyed, converted or donated. For a complete listing go to <http://alexandriava.gov/police/> and contact the Police Property Unit at (703) 838-4709.



'Stories in the Park'

Lisa Springer, pictured with guest Barbara Effron, entertains dozens in Fort Ward Park, with the "Stories in the Park" special library program celebrating nearly two decades of storytelling.

LETTERS

FROM PAGE 15

son. Yet such has been an ongoing feature of his now long and tired 20 years in Congress. We should ask ourselves, "Is this the best we can do? Is this what Alexandria and the 8th District really want as our voice in the Congress of the United States?"

Jack Lichtenstein
Alexandria

Tax Holiday This Weekend

To the Editor:

Please be sure to remind your readers that Virginia's fifth annual back-to-school sales tax holiday begins Friday, Aug. 6 and runs through Sunday, Aug. 8. During this three-day period, customers will not be charged the 5 percent state and local retail sales tax on school supplies priced at \$20 or less per item, or on articles of clothing, including footwear, costing \$100 or less each. This includes items like pencils, pens, binders, paints, musical instruments and calculators, as well as pants, shirts, formal wear, shoes,

flip-flops, and even uniforms.

As a parent, I know how expensive getting ready for school can be. More than ever, families need a hand making ends meet, and this will provide some relief. But remember that the sales tax holiday is for all shoppers in Virginia, not just for those with children heading back to school, so now's a good time to stock up on office supplies or clothing for adults as well. There is no limit on the number of items you can buy as long as each one qualifies under the holiday's guidelines.

(Lists of exempt items, along with guidelines for the sales tax holiday and a set of frequently asked questions, are available on the Tax Department's Sales Tax Holiday Information Center at www.tax.virginia.gov.)

Better still, the sales tax holiday will give our local retailers a boost, since it's open to anyone shopping in Virginia stores, including visitors from across the Potomac. What better opportunity to invite your friends in D.C. and Maryland to come and enjoy a weekend of shopping in our community?

David Englin
Delegate (D-45)

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

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— Jimmy



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Lauren Whitestone, a veterinary technician died late in the evening of Jan. 29, 2010. She was involved in a car collision with a Mack dump truck while traveling through Mason Neck. Lauren was a 2002 graduate of T.C. Williams High School. At 18 she took a position as receptionist at the Caring Hands Animal Hospital on South Glebe Road. Lauren went on to school and received training at the Northern Virginia Community College in the Veterinary Technology Program graduating in 2007.

A scholarship fund for the Veterinary Technology Program has been set up with the community college in her name. Her mother, Anne Hall, spoke of Lauren, "She loved every four-legged creature she laid

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Launching Woodrow Wilson Bridge Half-Marathon

BY ISABEL AMEND
GAZETTE PACKET

Running enthusiasts gathered at Market Square on Wednesday, July 21, to inaugurate the Woodrow Wilson Half Marathon that kicks off Sept. 19.

Guest speakers lined the stage and talked about the effort and dedication required to host the 13.1 mile race. Burke & Herbert Bank & Trust CEO E. Hunt Burke; Mayor Bill Euille; Del. David Englin; Race Director Kathy Dalby of Pacers Events, and American Running Association Executive Director Dave Watt addressed the crowd.

The half marathon's founder, Steve Nearman, is a professional journalist and businessman in Old Town. He elaborated on his life-long ambition to create this kind of race: "Dreams are like the lottery, if you have a lot of them, they might come true."

Euille discussed the relationship between the half marathon and his own Health Initiative for Alexandria. "Thousands of people will run over Woodrow Wilson Bridge in the name of health, physical fitness, and safety," he said.

Race officials capped the number of entries to 4,000. On Wednesday, the list had reached 3,000. George Banker, the author



E. Hunt Burke, CEO of Burke & Herbert Bank & Trust, speaks about fiscal responsibility.

of "Marine Corps Marathon: A Running Tradition," is in charge of recruiting the elite runners, predominantly Ethiopian, Kenyan, and Russian.

"Some of the elite come out here to win



Mayor Bill Euille talks of his Health Initiative for Alexandria.

prize money, which is valued at a total of \$8,000, whereas others toe the line to face some of the best competition ever," Banker said.

The race's premier sponsor is Old Town's

158 year-old Burke and Herbert Bank & Trust, which, according to Nearman, "took a big leap of faith by backing this race."

Workers at the event donned T-shirts that said "Cross that Bridge!" The phrase was repeated throughout the rally. People also did not miss out on Runyon, a colorful parrot mascot that danced his way across Market Square posing for pictures.

Dalby and Watt complimented the scenic aspect of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge.

Besides aesthetics, the race is special because it benefits six charities: the Alice Ferguson Foundation, the American Heart Association, Autism Speaks, Back on my Feet- DC, Child and Family Network Centers, and the Washington Area Women's Foundations.

"This is my way of giving back," Nearman said. "I tried to find a nice diversity of charities so there's really something for everybody to run for."

Burke said, "We are a fiscally fit bank with a core value of supporting the community and supporting these six charities."

Englin described the event as "a fantastic way to promote the fiscal and physical health of our community while also supporting six very good causes." Then, without further ado, he said, "Now let's go cross that bridge!"

Missing Child

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A group boarded the bus, Hundall said. As a result, the boy wandered out of the group and boarded bus 24, which he had been on that morning to get to the first day of classes.

"What we should have done is walk the student all the way to the bus to make sure he couldn't wander off," she said. "Obviously, that didn't happen."

When the bus arrived at the East Windsor Street center and the student was not aboard, the mother became concerned and called the school. After learning about what happened, Mount Vernon Vice Principal Scott Elchenko called 911. Meanwhile, a neighbor saw the child wandering around outside his house and took him in. When the police cruiser arrived, the neighbor brought the child out. Shortly afterward, a social worker drove the mother to her house to be reunited with her son.

Last year's three different cases sparked concern among parents and public officials. As a response, the school system created a system of animal logos so that children would have a better idea of which bus they are supposed to be on. But that system has since been abandoned, Hundall said, because it created a situation for creating more confusion.

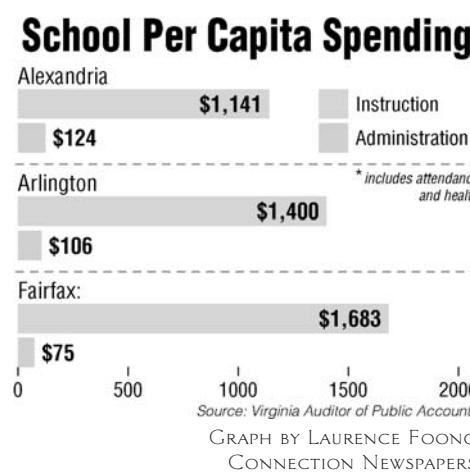
Instruction Versus Administration Costs

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Spending in Northern Virginia, followed closely by Arlington. But Alexandria and Arlington also have smaller class sizes in their elementary schools. That creates a sharp distinction between how education works in larger jurisdictions such as Fairfax County and Loudoun County compared to how things work in Alexandria and Arlington. School leaders in both communities say parents overwhelmingly approve of the small-scale approach, even if they are sometimes concerned about the cost of administering it. "Am I satisfied? No. I always think we can do better," said Arlington School Board Chairwoman Libby Garvey. "But I will say that I think we deliver a very good value for the dollar."

THE RELATIONSHIP between money spent on instruction versus administration is a frequent topic of conversation in the education world. When candidates for School Board stand for election, they frequently hear from concerned that too much money is being spent on administration and not enough is being spent in the classroom. And parents always want to make sure every available dollar is spent to help children learn.

"There's a general perception that more money in the classroom is more critical than money for administration," said John Vigstadt, a member of the Arlington Council of PTAs. "I think we need to take periodic look at what these administrators do to make sure all these positions are justified."



Data collected each year by certified public accountants by jurisdictions across Virginia are compiled by the state auditor in a report known as the Comparative Report of Local Government Revenues and Expenditures. The report documents per capita spending on everything from welfare and social services to firefighters and education. According to Auditor Walter Kucharski, the categories are closely aligned with how schools report spending to the Virginia Department of Education.

"Is there some judgment from the various jurisdictions about what's included in the categories work from time to time? Yes," said Kucharski. "But it's consistent from year to year."

According to guidelines for how the data is reported, "instruction" is defined as "activities dealing with the interaction between teachers and students. Every other jurisdiction in Northern Virginia spends more in

this category, including Prince William County (\$1,542), Fairfax City (\$1,195) and Loudoun County (\$1,967). "Administration" is defined as "activities concerned with establishing and administering policy for administration, attendance and health." Alexandria and Arlington spend more per capita than every other jurisdiction in Northern Virginia except Falls Church, which spends \$298 per capita in this category.

"There are some positions you just can't eliminate because you are a small jurisdiction," said Marianne Hetzer, a member of the Alexandria PTA Council. "Considering the size, it makes sense that we have some more administrative costs."

With standardized testing results expected next month, school officials in Alexandria are anticipating drastic changes in the immediate future. Now that T.C. Williams High School has been designated a "persistently lowest achieving school," Superintendent Morton Sherman has created an action plan that includes writing an individual plan to chart progress for every students and teacher in the system. While that may increase administrative costs, some say, it could also reverse years of failing test scores at the high school.

"I'd expect slightly higher administrative costs as the changes require resources to implement," said Alexandria City Councilman Rob Krupicka, who is also a member of the Virginia School Board, in a written statement. "Administrative costs in ACPS went down per student over the last few years and I would not be surprised if that trend continued for another budget or two."

SPORTS



PHOTO BY MICHAEL K. BOHN

Linda DiVall, four-time state golf champion, at work in her Old Town Alexandria office at American Viewpoint, the political consulting company she founded in 1985.

Birdies and Ballots

Alexandria political consultant is state champion in golf.

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN
FOR THE GAZETTE

Ah, yes, the numbers. In Linda DiVall's two passions in life, numbers rule. In her day job as a political consultant and pollster, positive percentage points of public approval drive her clients' campaigns and strategies. While playing championship golf, DiVall welcomes negative numbers — those scores below par. She is doing well on both counts.

On July 30, DiVall won the Virginia Senior Women's Amateur Championship, her third title in the prestigious tournament since 2003. This year's victory at the Homestead's Old Course was especially satisfying to DiVall because it's a national election year, the biennial cycle that drives her company, American Viewpoint.

"I usually play less and often poorly during the run-up to an election," the Mount Vernon resident said after the tournament, "so this win is great."

In addition to her three match play championships in the Women's Senior Amateur, DiVall, also won the 2009 Virginia Senior Women's Stroke Play tournament. In local competition, she has been a stalwart on the women's golf team at her home club, Mount Vernon. The club has won nine of the last 11 team titles in the top division of Women's District of Columbia Golf Association, and since 1991, seven Virginia state team championships. She is a two-time women's club champion at

Mount Vernon.

IN THIS YEAR'S WIN at the Homestead in Hot Springs, DiVall easily earned a spot in the championship flight after posting a 4-over 76 in the 18-hole qualifying round. After comfortable wins in her first two matches, DiVall won a tough quarterfinal on the third extra hole. She then beat fellow Alexandrian Arline Hoffman from Belle Haven in a tight semifinal, 1-up.

Before the final match against Portsmouth's Cindy Morris, DiVall reoriented her strategy.

"I was convinced that I was too focused on playing my opponents in the quarters and semis, she said afterward. "So in the finals, I just concentrated on playing the golf course. I thought to myself, 'Play your game, focus on the target, execute, and hit the shot you need to hit.' I did that pretty well."

The new approach clicked, and she rattled off 15 straight pars before winning 2-up.

DIVALL IS ALSO celebrating this summer the 25th anniversary of her Alexandria company, which she founded in 1985. American Viewpoint provides polling and strategic consulting services to Republican congressional and presidential candidates. Her clients have included McCain '08, Bush-Cheney '00 and '04, Newt Gingrich, Fred Thompson, Phil Gramm, both Elizabeth and Bob Dole, and Mary Bono. The com

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Aces Finish CRCBL Season

The Alexandria Aces closed the 2010 Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League season with three consecutive victories and finished in sixth place out of eight teams with a 17-25 record.

Alexandria defeated the Southern Maryland Nationals 15-5 on July 23, and swept a doubleheader from the Herndon Braves, 7-6 and 8-0, on July 24.

Pitcher Max Knowles (NC Wesleyan) finished as the league leader in wins (6) and strikeouts (60) and second in ERA (1.23). Catcher Will Davis (Pennsylvania) tied for the league lead in home runs (4) and fourth in RBIs (24). Outfielder Rand Ravnaas was third in the league in RBIs (26) and tied for third in home runs (3).

The defending champion Bethesda Big Train defeated the Baltimore Redbirds 8-4 on July 31 for the league title.

Aces Booster Club

The Alexandria Aces is launching its inaugural booster club. The club will support Aces baseball and assist in expanding the program to support an annual charitable golf tournament, awards and recognition banquet and preseason "meet the players" dinner. Proceeds from these events will go toward developing and improving the Alexandria Aces baseball program, supporting local high school student athletes, supporting local recreational activities, supporting Little League and more. The Aces are seeking people who are interested in serving on the Booster Board of Directors and are seeking corporate and business sponsors to support the events. Those interested in serving on the board or sponsoring any events should contact John Herrity at 703-930-9930 or by e-mail at john@AlexandriaAces.org.

New Gunston Boys Soccer Team Forming

A new SFL U16 team will play in the competitive Suburban Friendship League and will be coached by veteran Gunston coach Bill Boger. Tryouts will be held Aug. 5 at Grist Mill Field No. 4 starting at 6 p.m. Experienced players born between Aug. 1, 1994, and July 31, 1996, are encouraged to contact Coach Boger as soon as possible at: wboger@aba.com

Area Agencies Sponsor Senior Olympics

Since 1982, Northern Virginia Departments of Parks and Recreation and Area Agencies on Aging have been sponsoring the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. Since that time, participation has increased to more than 600 senior athletes competing in more than 25 indoor and outdoor events ranging from sports to card games to line dancing to board games. Seniors are eligible to compete if they are 50 years of age by Dec. 31 and live in the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church or the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun or Prince William.

The 2010 NVSO competition will take place Sept. 18-29 at more than 10 venues throughout Northern Virginia. Events include track and field, swimming, diving, tennis, table tennis, pickleball, racquetball, golf, miniature golf, bowling, Wii bowling, eight-ball pool, men's basketball, men's and women's basketball free throw, frisbee throw, shuffleboard, bunco, chess, scrabble, cribbage, duplicate bridge, softball hit and throw, team line dancing and yo-yo tricks. New in 2010 are bocce and fencing.

Registration forms are available at senior centers, community centers and senior residences or by calling 703-228-4721. Information can also be downloaded at www.nvso.us. Registration deadline is Sept. 1. Registration fee is \$10, which includes one event; additional events are \$1 each.

Running Club on Sundays

The Mount Vernon Milers running club meets at 8 a.m. on Sundays. The group usually meets along the Potomac River, but the exact location is listed in an e-mail sent every Wednesday for the coming week. Distances vary but runners can expect between four and eight miles.

To join the Mount Vernon Milers, send Lee Britton an e-mail at lbritton7@yahoo.com to be put on the e-mail list.

Indoor Baseball Training

The StrikeZone Academy, an indoor baseball training facility located in Alexandria, is offering week-long summer baseball camps for the weeks of Aug. 16 and 30. Camps run from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday

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The Gators were the National League runner up in June for the Alexandria Girls Fastpitch Softball Program.

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The Sluggers were the American League runner up in June for the Alexandria Girls Fastpitch Softball Program.

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through Friday. The target age group is from 7-11 years old. Extended hours from 1-4 p.m. are available as well. Cost is \$160 per week for the morning session and \$160 per week for extended hours. All camps are held indoors in our climate controlled facility, so parents have no need to worry about security, excessive heat, bugs, or lack of cold water and restroom facilities. Interested parents can register online at www.thestrikezoneacademy.com/clinics, via telephone at 703-823-0061, or stop by in person at 826 South Pickett Street, near the intersections of South Pickett and South Van Dorn Streets.

Alexandria Titans Youth Tackle Football

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, Centers, Playgrounds and Youth Sports Division is now accepting registrations for the Alexandria Titans Youth Tackle Football program. Teams are formed in the following weight divisions and participate in the Fairfax County Youth Football League: Anklebiters, 75 lbs, 85 lbs, 95 lbs, 110 lbs, 125 lbs, and 150 lbs. Participants will be weighed and assigned to teams according to their weight and age. This program is for participants ages 7 - 16. Registration fee is \$25. All participants must have a Division of Motor Vehicles Identification Card upon registration. Call 703-746-5402 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation. The registration deadline is Aug. 6.

Youth Coaches Needed

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is currently seeking volunteers to coach youth track and field, tackle and flag football, basketball, and volleyball. Criminal history background checks are required. Call the youth sports office at 703-746-5402 extension 4345 or e-mail mac.slover@alexandriava.gov.

'Stuff a Backpack' Drive

The Washington Redskins Charitable Foundation in partnership with World Vision - National Capital Area will launch a "Stuff a Backpack" School Supply Drive through Saturday, Aug. 7. They are seeking donations of new school supplies to help families in need get their children ready to start the school year.

To participate, fans are encouraged to review the list of suggested school supplies and come down to Redskins Park on the Training Camp open practice days between now and Aug. 7 to donate. Fans unable to come to the Park can drop off new supplies at any of the 10 metro area Redskins Retail Stores. A collection box will be visible and clearly marked "Redskins & World Vision" inside the stores.

This school supply drive will collect new school supplies that will be "stuffed" in backpacks and distributed throughout the Washington Redskins market to children that could otherwise not afford to purchase new school supplies.

The school supplies being collected are: pencils (wooden No. 2 unsharpened), pens (medium point blue or black), pencil sharpeners (double barrel with canister), erasers (large pink beveled), rulers (12-inch plastic with inches and centimeters), glue sticks (0.28 oz, dries clear), filler paper (100 sheets, wide-rule), pencil cases (10 inches x 5 inches, zipper, with three-hole grommets), folders (two pocket, assorted colors), colored Pencils (12-count package), highlighters (yellow, chisel tip), spiral Notebooks (one subject, wide-ruled), crayons (24-count box), binders (three-ring, one inch - two inches).

If fans wish to make a secure monetary donation, cash or checks will be accepted both at Training Camp or online at www.worldvision.org/StuffaBackpack.

Donations may also be sent to World Vision c/o "Stuff a Backpack" School Supply Drive, P.O. Box 70384, Tacoma, WA 98481. All funds collected will be used by the Washington Redskins Charitable Foundation and World Vision - National Capital Area to purchase new school supplies for elementary and middle school students at targeted Title I schools in the greater Washington, D.C. metropolitan region.

Political Consultant Is State Champ

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pany also provides survey research to private industry companies such as Corning, Pfizer, and Monsanto.

As a regular guest on broadcast and cable television networks shows, DiVall offers analysis and insights during national elections. CBS News person-

alities, from Dan Rather to Katie Couric, have welcomed her insights in their Election Night coverage.

She enjoys the parallels between golf and politics.

"I'm a very competitive person," she said recently. "I enjoy helping my clients prevail in an election as much as winning a golf tournament."

NEIGHBORHOODS

Seminary Valley

A full crowd was on hand at the quarterly meeting of the Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association this past Monday. The topics at hand included the introduction of Ms. Suzanne Maxey, T.C. Williams' new principal, the ongoing construction at Polk Elementary School and a discussion of Community Supported Agriculture.

The personable Ms. Maxey, a 36-year educator, has made a specialty of "turning around" low-performing high schools. She stated at the outset that she is "wowed" by the potential of T.C. Williams, citing its facility, staff and students. To meet the challenges faced by the school, Ms. Maxey has set in place several initiatives: on the operations side, additional grade-level counselors and deans, as well as an assistant principal for each grade; and an specialized plan for each student in English and Mathematics. In addition, Ms. Maxey will host a principal's breakfast the first Tuesday of each month, from 8 to 9 a.m. at the school. She is spending a lot of time getting to know the community, and she and her husband have moved to Alexandria from Maryland.

Representatives from HITT, the building contractor for the Polk Gymnasium and Virginia Drilling, which is handling the geothermal portion of the construction, were on hand to discuss the project's progress. Curious passersby no doubt witnessed the installation of the precast gym walls last week and the entire project is about two weeks ahead of schedule. The geothermal wells, installed for the new HVAC system, are similar to the wells installed at Minnie Howard last year, and they should effect a cost savings to the school of about 50 percent. For a detailed discussion of these projects and modular classrooms at Polk, come to the school on Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. for a public meeting.

Neighborhood thespians have been busy all summer. Miss Charlotte Torres took part in Theatre Lab's "Into the Woods" in July. Several Alexandrians took part in the Summer Theater Program's "Hello Dolly" this past week, including Kate Aplin, Maria and Sam Jones, Jack Ladd and Gulianna Mortimer. Walt Lohmann enthusiastically participated in Encore Stages' "Anything Goes."

In other news, the Joneses certainly weren't the only ones gallivanting across the globe this summer. Misses Eni Maho, Mia Brown and Ariel Ardura, fresh from their first year at college, traveled to Eni's native Albania where they visited with Eni's family and got a taste of a decidedly un-Westernized part of Europe. The Chamberlain family (Patti, Rob, Caroline, Maggie and Grant) visited (to name a few) Italy, Switzerland, Hungary, France and Austria. Miss Abby Cox was part of the T.C. Williams annual trip (many of our neighborhood kids have taken this trip, put together by the saintly teacher Jeff Cunningham). She visited Spain and Morocco. Kelly Danver, a newly-minted T.C. grad, visited Scotland and Susan Thompson traveled to Ireland. Maybe we need to give out a prize for the person who traveled the farthest ... please let me know if you can outdo your neighbors!

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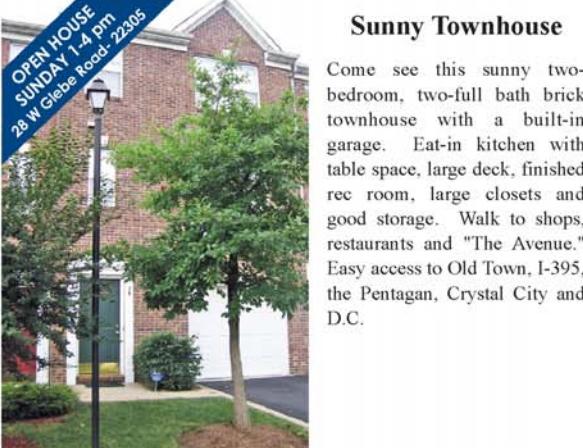
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