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Young concert-goers make a summer offering in the fountain as the band warms up.

Indigo Dreams

Carr Hospitality moves forward with plans to redevelop waterfront property.

By MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

One of the ghosts haunting the Alexandria waterfront is Samuel Cummings, international arms dealer who owned a warehouse now at the center of a controversial redevelopment proposal. Cummings was the founder of Interarms, a company that shipped weapons across the globe that ended up in various sides of civil wars from Africa to South America. City Archeologist Pam Cressey recalls meeting with him to discuss a possible firearms museum in Old Town to display his

collection.

“He was a dealer in arms,” said Cressey, adding that he had a reputation for selling to both sides of an armed conflict. “So he wasn’t involved in the politics or the morality of it. He saw it as a business.”

Now his old warehouse is at the center of another war, an ongoing conflict over the future of Alexandria’s waterfront. On one side are planning officials and elected Democrats who want increased density and hotels on the waterfront. On the other side are Old Town residents and elected Republicans who are concerned about increased traffic and park

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Ruth Ann Kier on trombone and group president Dean Eveland on trombone.

Music in Market Square

The Alexandria Citizens’ Swing Band took the stage and performed at Market Square on Friday, July 13. The evening concert is of part of the summer series of evening performances at the square. Weather permitting the full band will perform again on July 27 and Aug. 3 at 7:30 p.m. For more information about the band visit www.alexandriacitizensband.org



Martin Horn on trombone.



Trombone player Bill Stetson plays out a solo part in the opening selection, “In the Mood.”



George Carroll on drums.

Former Sheriff Dies

Mystery surrounding the 2003 murder of his wife still unsolved.

By MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

James Herbert Dunning, the once popular sheriff who became increasingly reclusive after the mysterious 2003 murder of his wife, died last week at his home in Hilton Head, S.C. A South Carolina coroner’s office is still awaiting the results of an autopsy, although he told the Associated Press that there was “nothing suspicious” about his death. He was 62.

“We haven’t sent anyone to Hilton Head,” said Ashley Hildebrandt, spokeswoman for the Alexandria Police Department. “I don’t know if there are any plans



Dunning

to send anyone.”

In response to follow-up questions, Hildebrandt declined to answer because the murder of Nancy Dunning is “an active and open case.” SEE FORMER SHERIFF, PAGE 27

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Crisscrossing Northern Virginia

As the race to fill the U.S. Senate seat vacated by Democratic Sen. **Jim Webb** heads into the long hot political summer season, both candidates are trying to capture the attention of Northern Virginia voters. Former Democratic Gov. **Tim Kaine** and former Republican Gov. **George Allen** are crisscrossing the region in an effort to create an edge over the opposition.

This week, Allen met with small business owners and community leaders for a roundtable discussion hosted by the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce. For Allen, it was an opportunity to underscore one of the central tenets of his campaign — that Washington makes business more expensive.

“As a small business owner, I wish Washington would walk a mile in my shoes and understand what it’s like to balance a budget under the taxes, regulations and energy costs they’ve created,” aid **Vanessa Wheeler**, owner of Holly, Woods and Vines. “George Allen understands that we can’t spend money we don’t have, tax hikes don’t create jobs, and more regulations mean less money to live on.”

Meanwhile, Kaine also spent some time with small business owners in Mount Vernon this week. Recent campaign stops for the Democrat include Alexandria and Herndon. Kaine is also trying to underscore a central campaign message that Virginia needs to invest in what he calls a “talent economy.”

“Once we decided that talent was important, we grew our own talent, attracted companies that want to be around talented people,” said Kaine. “At the national level, we need to recommit to having the world’s most talented workforce.”

Implementing Beauregard

For many years, city planning efforts have been criticized as being all hat and no cattle. Plans are drawn and then sit collecting dust on shelves. Now, in an effort to address those concerns, city leaders have created an implementation group for the controversial Beauregard small-area plan, which was adopted after hours of testimony for and against in May.

This week, Beauregard Rezoning Advisory Committee held its first meeting and discovered many of the issues that were controversial during the consideration of the plan remain sticking points today. Civic activist **Jack Sullivan** appeared before the panel to denounce the appointment of several of its members and criticize the mandate of the group.

“Any group such as yours, to do its civic duty, actively should be comparing the developer desires to what is in the plan,” Sullivan said.

“The developers objected to many elements as the plan was being devised and they could be eliminating some of them in their design guidelines. Unless you take a serious look, you may never know.”

Desperately Seeking Officers

Just like **Uncle Sam** in that famous poster, Alexandria Registrar **Tom Parkins** wants you!

Parkins is asking for residents to serve as election officers for the city of Alexandria for this November’s election, which will feature races for president, the House of Representatives, U.S. Senate, City Council and School Board.

“Be a part of history,” implores a note on the city’s website. “Near record turnout is predicted.”

Those interested should be civic-minded and have basic computer skills. Applicants must be registered voters in Virginia and willing to work from 4:45 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Election Day. And, of course, have a sense of integrity, neutrality, transparency and accuracy.

Those selected will set up voting equipment, verify voter registration, demonstrate the voting process to assist voters and close the polling places down after the voting is over.

Here’s the best part — election officers are paid \$100.

“But the value of their service is priceless,” the notice concludes.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

\$1 Million Winner

Nadir Korkmaz of Alexandria was running late when he stopped at One Stop News in Pentagon City Mall. He bought a \$70 Million Payout Spectacular Scratcher ticket from the Virginia Lottery. He won the \$1 million top prize. The \$1 million prize is an annuity paid out over 25 years; Korkmaz chose to take the cash option of \$642,000 before taxes. He is not the only winner. The store receives a \$10,000 bonus from Virginia Lottery for selling the winning ticket. There are still two million-dollar unclaimed tickets.



Health Exchange in Limbo

Inaction may cause federal officials to create health-care exchange for Virginia.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Virginia is suffering from deadline fever, although Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell is calling for a second opinion. The delay could have drastic consequences for the future of the commonwealth’s health-care exchange, the new online state-based insurance marketplaces that are frequently compared to Travelocity.

In a July 10 letter to members of the General Assembly last week, McDonnell said he had no intention of calling for a

special session to meet the January 2013 deadline for Virginia to create the authority for a Virginia exchange. The consequence of that decision is likely to be that federal officials will create an exchange for Virginia instead of having state leaders take the lead, which was the preference of the General Assembly and a blue-ribbon

panel of health-care experts convened in 2010. Calling the U.S. Supreme Court decision “disappointing for Virginia and America,” McDonnell said his administration would continue to resist health-care reform until after the presidential election.

“It remains my hope that a repeal of the existing law will occur after the next election,” the governor wrote, “and that Congress will enact prudent market-based health reforms, and states will be given

the freedom they need to implement healthcare solutions that work best for their citizens.”

Supporters of exchanges say the system was designed specifically to give states maximum flexibility. In 2011, the General Assembly took action encouraging Virginia officials to create an exchange rather than having Washington bureaucrats do it. And a blue-ribbon panel of experts has encouraged the state to create an authority as part of three separate sets of recommendations, the most recent of which suggested that the Anthem bronze plan become the baseline insurance plan for Virginia citizens.

“I can think of nothing better we can do to help prop up our economy than to make health insurance affordable for all Virginians,” said Del. Patrick Hope (D-47), a member of the Virginia Health Reform Initiative.

FOR NOW, McDonnell says, there are too many unanswered questions and political uncertainty for the state to take action on the exchange, which is

scheduled to launch in January 2014. If former Republican Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney defeats President Obama this November, McDonnell points out, Virginia would have invested money in a system that will never be implemented anyway. As a result, the governor is taking what his communications team is calling a wait-and-see

“If you prefer having certain decisions at the state level, which often states do prefer, then you’d want to go with the state-based exchange. If you would prefer to cede that authority to the federal government for whatever reason then that’s a decision you’ve got to make.”

— **Paul Dioguardi, director of intergovernmental and external affairs, U.S. Health and Human Services**

approach on the exchange.

“Right now, we do not feel there’s a significant rush or any kind of requirement that we act immediately in order to move forward in the best manner possible for the taxpayers of Virginia,” said Jeff Caldwell, press secretary for the governor.

More than 30 states are on track to create the authority for the exchange by the January 2013, al

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Stained Glass Window Designer Celebrated At St. Paul's

On Sunday, July 25, after the 10 a.m. service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on South Pitt Street, a reception was held honoring renowned executor of stained glass windows, Rowan LeCompte.

The reception commemorated the dedication of the window in the church chapel in March of 1981. LeCompte was commissioned to create the window for the chapel by Babs and Charles Henry Smith Jr. in memory of their young son William Wellford Smith (1952 – 1968). William was also the great-great- great grandson of Daniel McLean, a founder of St. Paul's in 1809.

LeCompte who has created stained glass windows for over 50 churches and public building in America has also created and produced over 45 windows and seven mosaic murals for the Washington National Cathedral. He described the window at St. Paul's as "A tangible sign of tender memories of a gifted and well-loved son who has left his family ... a form suggesting a tree trunk as a life rises in the world ... a sweep of darker glasses and little blue flames shows the coming of pain and travail, finally of death itself ... then a symbol of a doorway of light recalling the gates of larger life of the Prayer Book ... new life and new birth in a fresh world beyond the pain of the present. May its transparent depth send meaning and quiet joy radiating out from its dim corner." – excerpts from volume one of "The History of St. Paul's Episcopal Church 1809-1984" by Ruth Lincoln Kaye, St. Paul's historian.

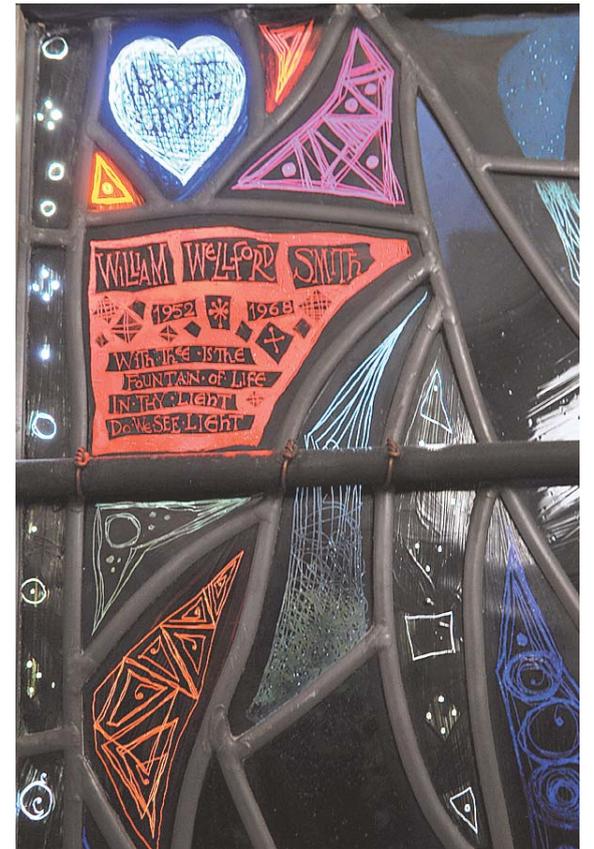


St. Paul's historian Ruth Lincoln Kaye greets Rowan LeCompte at the reception July 25.



Dean and President of the Virginia Theological Seminary the Very Rev. Ian Markham reads a tribute to artist Rowan LeCompte.

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A detail from the chapel window by Rowan LeCompte.

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Yoga. 532 North Washington St., Suite 100. Call 703-209-0049, email suzanne@532Yoga.com or visit www.532Yoga.com. Thai Yoga Massage, 2-4 p.m. \$35 for one, \$70 for two if pre-registered.

MONDAY/JULY 23

Alexandria Hospital Lectures: Minimally Invasive Joint Replacement, Presented by John Albrigo, MD. 7 p.m. 4320 Seminary Road.

Foreclosure Prevention Clinic hosted by Housing Counseling Services in Conference Room 3 of the City of Alexandria Office of Housing. The Clinic starts at 4:30 p.m. The event is free and counseling will be offered in both Spanish and English. To register, call 202-667-7006. The Office of Housing is located at 421 King St, Suite 200.

JULY 23-27

Vacation Bible School. 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade, come and enjoy the activities, learn about the Creator and His Son, Jesus, and find joy that will last a lifetime. Plymouth Haven Baptist Church. 600 Plymouth Road, Alexandria. Register by Phone 703-360-4370 or on-line at

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Strike Up the Band

Alexandria's Colin Cech, shown during his December 2011 audition, stars in the Arena Stage production of "The Music Man." Colin, 14, whose parents own The Happy Tart bakery in Del Ray, was one of five area children selected during open auditions for the musical, which runs through July 22. For tickets or more information, call 202-488-3300 or visit www.arenastage.org.

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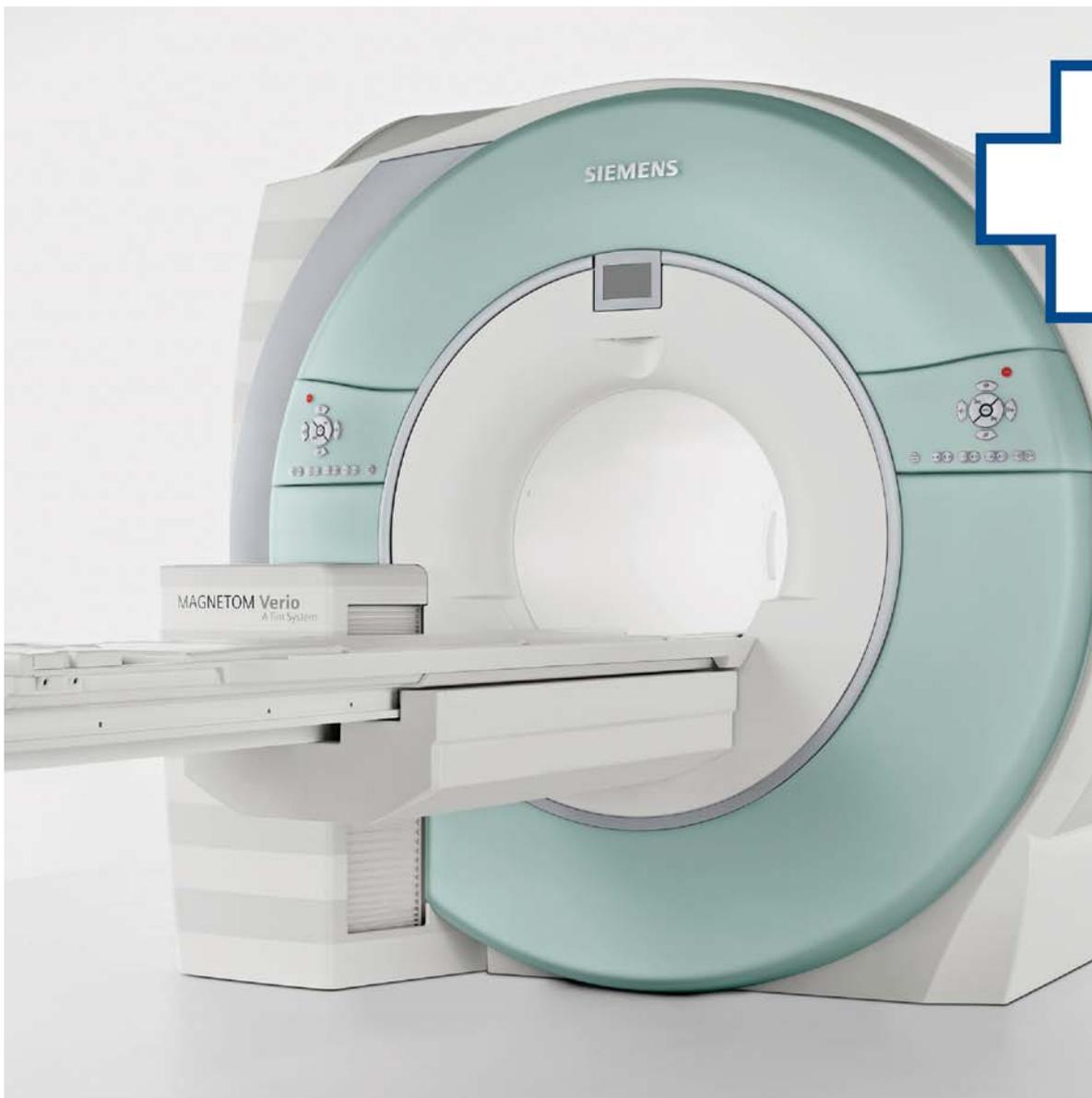
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Special Delivery

Meals on Wheels expands to Saturday delivery.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

It's a labor of love for Nancy and Buzzie Harris, who for the last year and a half have been delivering Meals on Wheels to homebound seniors as volunteers for Senior Services of Alexandria.

"We love it," said Nancy Harris as the couple gathered July 14 at the Hermitage to pick up meals and begin their delivery route. "The people are so happy to see us. They are so grateful for this food."

The program, in existence in Alexandria for 20 years, has been operated by SSA for nine years. Thanks to a recent grant from Alexandria Yellow Cab, Meals on Wheels expanded its service July 14 to include the delivery of meals on Saturdays.

"The people are so happy to see us. They are so grateful for this food."

— Meals on Wheels volunteer
Nancy Harris

"Janet told us about the need," said Alexandria Yellow Cab owner Spencer Kimball of SSA Executive Director Janet Barnett. "She took me out to deliver meals so that I could see the need and interact and get to know those we are serving."

Kimball, whose company provides transportation services as part of the Senior Taxi program, feels strongly about the Meals on Wheels program.

"My parents owned nursing homes so senior causes are near and dear to

my heart," Kimball said. "This program is vital to so many seniors and is something we at Yellow Cab feel strongly and passionately about."

Beginning in the fall of 2012, seniors will receive Sunday meals as well, a result of funding allocated by the Alexandria City Council.

"This is a great project," said Vice Mayor Kerry Donley. "It shows how volunteer, private and public resources can work together to expand and augment a service that has served the city for decades."

A part of the city's Division of Aging and Adult Services, Alexandria's Meals on Wheels program is the only one in the state that offers home-delivered meals on weekends.

"Senior Services of Alexandria has been at the heart of the Meals on Wheels program," said Barnett, who has headed SSA for six years. "The relationships which SSA has forged proves that everyone needs to work together to meet the needs of senior citizens in Alexandria. Working with the city, the Ron Bradley Foundation, Alexandria Yellow Cab, the Rotary Club and hundreds of volunteers has resulted in homebound seniors receiving meals nearly seven days a week. These kinds of relationships need to continue and grow. It's the right thing to do and we can do it."

The Meals on Wheels program currently provides close to 100 meals to homebound seniors.

"This is a wonderful partnership between the city and Alexandria Yellow Cab," Barnett



Volunteers, donors and city officials gather at the Hermitage July 14 to celebrate the addition of Saturday delivery for the Alexandria Meals on Wheels program. Funding for the expansion was provided by Spencer Kimball, back row center, and Alexandria Yellow Cab.

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Volunteers Nancy and Buzzie Harris prepare to leave the Hermitage July 14 to deliver Meals on Wheels to homebound seniors.

said. "We are also grateful that Sunday meals will begin in October and we continuously work to find new donors, supporters and volunteers to work with us to enrich the lives of our homebound seniors with nourishment."

For more information on Senior Services of Alexandria or the Meals on Wheels program, call 703-836-4414 or visit www.seniorservicesalex.org.

Blood Donation Shortfall Leaves Hospitals Dry

Summer vacations, power outages result in low inventory.

BY MEGAN WENGER
GAZETTE PACKET

Inova Blood Donor Services, which supplies blood to 15 hospitals throughout Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C., has issued a call for all eligible blood donors to donate as soon as possible due to a low inventory of blood supply.

"It's been a nationwide epidemic for at least the last month," said Melanie Allen, Inova's marketing manager. "I started noticing alerts from the Red Cross and other blood centers a few weeks ago, when I started putting out the emergency alert for our own inventory levels."

Allen said factors such as the extreme

heat, early summer, vacations, and people simply just not thinking about donating are all causes to the low inventory levels of blood. The recent power outages also forced some drives to be cancelled or postponed in buildings without electricity.

Inova strives to collect approximately 250 units, or pints, of blood to supply demand every day, however, recently has found intake dropping between 150 and 200 pints daily.

Allen explained that Inova especially appreciates when AB+ donors, the universal plasma, participate in apheresis donations. This process, meaning "to separate," involves spinning blood into three components: red cells, plasma, and platelets. One

of the components is removed, while the remaining two are returned to the body along with an anticoagulant.

Ric Martin, donor recruiter for Inova Blood Donor Services, has given seven gallons of blood, and completed 467 rounds of apheresis. "My arms have been stuck over 700 times," he said, "and they haven't fallen off ... yet."

In his 30 years of apheresis, Martin has witnessed three "generations" of machinery. The first required manual control by the phlebotomist, the donor to have a needle in both arms, and could last up to 3 hours. The second lasted up to 2 and a half hours, with a needle in one arm, and another in the back of the hand on the other

arm. Martin said, "It felt weird, but at least you could move your arm."

Today, the procedure is minute-by-minute, with the blood drawn, separated, and returned all within one minute, and then repeated. Martin stated that the donor is hooked up to the machine with a single needle for approximately 71 minutes.

Allen explained that the current inventory is still far from stable. As donations trickle in, the units first go towards filling back orders and restocking shelves.

Inova will host a blood drive on Thursday, July 26, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Alexandria Health Department Conference Room, located at 4480 King Street, Alexandria. Visit <https://www.inovabloodsaves.org/> to make an appointment.

Waterfront Condos

One of the most distinctive buildings on the waterfront is about to be gutted and renovated. The 1984 office building known by some as “The Steps” is about to get a new lease on life. Developer EYA is planning to transform the 1984 building to create “The Oronoco,” 60 large one-level waterfront condominiums. Architect **Patrick Burkhardt** says the “1980s subdued brutalism” of the design offers “characteristics unique to the building and ideal for residential conversion.”

The renovation plan calls for virtually everything at the current site to be removed and replaced, stripping the building to its concrete frame. The structure of the building is typical for office space, but not for residential construction — presenting a challenge for renovation. EYA President **Bob Youngtentob** described the design as “a condo product that lives like a single-family house, on one level.” Because of its location on the waterfront, the property was highly sought after.

“Other developers were evaluating the building based on the maximum possible number of units,” said Youngtentob. “We saw it not about making as many as you could count, but dividing it into homes tailored for the growing affluent-mature market.”

The building’s two wings step down in terraces that originally supported solar panels. In the renovation, they will become patios for the condominium units. Reconstruction is scheduled to start in August.

Increasing Confidence

Consumer confidence is on the rise, according to results of a new survey by the Greater Washington Board of Trade. The Consumer Outlook Survey was conducted in June by Washington-based Clarus Research Group, which randomly selected 800 adult consumers from the District of Columbia, Northern Virginia and suburban Maryland.

“We continue to see opportunities for investment with a regional focus on public private partnerships,” said **Jim Dinagar**, president and CEO of the Greater Washington Board of Trade. “However, there is a lot of money sitting on the sidelines, waiting for a higher degree of certainty to return to the marketplace.”

Since December of last year, the Consumer Outlook Survey has shown a notable uptick from 55 percent to 60 percent. The positive movement continues a trend that started last summer, after a 10-point decline from June 2010 to July 2011. Overall, consumers perceive the regional economy to be faring much better than the broader national picture.

“Consumers are more positive about the current regional economic conditions than any time since the survey has been conducted,” said **Jim Dinagar**, president and CEO of the Greater Washington Board of Trade. “This coincides with everything we hear about Greater Washington being a great place to work and do business.”

The biggest movement in the survey was a shift in attitudes about employment conditions. Positive views on employment increased 10 points and negative views declined 16 points. Consumers reporting increased salary jumped from 23 to 33 percent while only 4 percent reported a salary decrease.

Regulatory Politics

For abortion providers, business has become increasingly difficult.

Earlier this week, Virginia Attorney General **Ken Cuccinelli** refused to certify new regulations of women’s health centers, which had been approved last month by the state Board of Health. The attorney general said that the board exceeded its authority by adopting an amendment that allows existing women’s health care centers to be grandfathered in rather than be subjected to building requirements to strict new construction standards.

“We understand that the issue of abortion has become a politically charged issue in the commonwealth, but regulation of health-care facilities should not be a political act,” said **Claire Guthrie Gastanaga**. “Rather it should promote high-quality patient care and the protection of public health.”

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

BUSINESS



Celebrating

Sabrina Campbell, owner of Occasionally Cake in Old Town Alexandria with husband Lorne Campbell, with a grand opening cake, a replica of the George Washington Masonic Memorial, at the recent opening of its second shop. To celebrate Occasionally Cake’s three-year anniversary on Saturday, July 21, one free cupcake per person will be given to all its patrons with no purchase necessary. The shop will also donate 25 percent of all their sales that day to the Dunbar Alexandria-Olympic Branch of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, as well as collect donations to be given to the organization. Located at 207 King Street in Old Town and 8859 Richmond Highway in Mount Vernon, Occasionally Cake will be offering free cupcakes from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

BUSINESS NOTES

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The Alexandria/Arlington Resource Recovery Facility located in Alexandria, has been named the 2011 Large WTE (Waste-to-Energy) Facility of the Year in the combustion category by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in recognition of its strong environmental and safety performance record. The award was announced at the 19th Annual North American Waste-to-Energy Conference in Lancaster, Pa.

Colette Wilson, a CPA at Cotton & Company, LLP was named vice chair by the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants.

MercerTrigiani law firm has been named as one of the “2012 Best Places to Work in Virginia” by Virginia Business magazine. The Alexandria-based law firm joins 70 other statewide companies being honored for providing best places of employment in Virginia, benefiting the state’s economy and cultivating the work force.

Association of Alexandria Radiologists, P.C., provider of radiology services to **Inova Alexandria Hospital**, rose to win the Top Performer Award in radiology services for 2011 from Pro-

fessional Research Consultants. The Top Performer Award represents PRC’s highest honor and signifies that Inova Alexandria Hospital radiology services are at or above the 100th percentile in the nation, as judged by other physicians, out of 376 healthcare facilities across the country.

Commonwealth One Federal Credit Union of Alexandria has launched its redesigned website at www.cofcu.org.

Virginia Commerce Bank announces the return of **Bob McCoy**, senior vice president, regional manager to the bank’s Alexandria market. McCoy has been with the bank since 2002, when he began his tenure in the same market. Most recently he oversaw the bank’s branches in Arlington, McLean and Vienna.

Shari L. Bolouri has been selected as **Alexandria Chamber of Commerce’s** new director of events and communications. She will be responsible for event coordination, fund development and new project creation. She was selected for her outstanding skills and experience in sponsor development, event management, budgeting expertise and community development. She can be reached at the Chamber office on her direct line (703-739-3815) or by e-mail at sbolouri@alexchamber.com.



Cherry Challenge

Alex McGuinness, general manager of RedRocks Pizzeria, receives the plaque as Cherry Challenge winner from George Washington Parade Chair Joe Shumard. The winning drink, Fire-Roasted Cherry Blossom, can be ordered at RedRocks in Alexandria.

Fiske Honored for Community Service

Kimberly Anne Fiske was named Non-Profit Board Leader of the Year by the 2012 Volunteer Alexandria’s Business Philanthropy Summit for her community service leadership. She recently received the award during the 5th Annual Spring for Alexandria, a citywide, four-day event that



focuses on giving and community service. Fiske is a partner with the Alexandria law firm of Fiske & Harvey where she practices trust and estate law. Her record of community service began in 1990 when she volunteered as a reader for Recording Services for the Blind and the Columbia Light-house for the Blind. During the last 20 years, she has served on the boards of directors of the Stop Child Abuse of Northern Virginia (SCAN), ACT for Alexandria, Alexandria United Way Regional Council and United Way of the National Capital Area. Alexandria-Olympic Boys and Girls Club.

Moss Named Rising Star

Virginia Super Lawyers has named Jeremy R. Moss, an associate with MercerTrigiani law firm, a 2012 Virginia Rising Star. He received this same honor in 2010.

As a Rising Star, Moss joins a list of outstanding young lawyers who have demonstrated excellence in practice for 10 years or less — a list



which will be published in the July 2012 edition of Virginia Super Lawyers. Selection is based on peer nomination and independent research of candidates. Moss, a community association law attorney based in the Alexandria office, also has received extensive industry recognition. In 2008 the Washington Metropolitan Chapter of Community Associations Institute presented him with the Rising Star Award and in 2011 he was named Educator of the Year.

He received his law degree in 2007 from the Columbus School of Law of The Catholic University of America and is a 2003 graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

OBITUARIES

Marian E. Nowland

Marian E. Nowland, 81, died on July 5, 2012. She is survived by her loving family and friends. Born and raised in Alexandria and a life-time member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alexandria, Marian was an active member until her last day. She was also a 30-year member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, with her highest serving position as Virginia State Court Regent.



tives, her generous spirit in dealing with executives and senior military personnel at all levels of the Department of Defense, her confident dealings with international partners, and loyalty to the military personnel. Following her retirement from the Pentagon, Marian worked in the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles where she delighted in helping customers with vehicle registration and licensing concerns.

Marian's professional career spanned more than three decades of service in the U. S. Department of Defense. In the 1960's Marian was secretary to the Special Assistant for Arms Control, and served in Geneva, Switzerland in 1961 as secretary to the United States delegation to the United Nations-sponsored Eighteen Nation Committee on Disarmament. She then served as dynamic and treasured secretary to several Assistant Secretaries of Defense for Health Affairs, until her retirement in the late 1980s. Throughout her tenure at the Pentagon, Marian was known for her skills in managing complex schedules and initia-

A prayer service will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 310 South Royal Street, Alexandria, on Monday, July 23, at 7:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Tuesday, July 24, at 10:30 a.m. Reception will follow immediately after Mass at St. Mary's Lyceum. Internment at Mount Comfort Cemetery, Alexandria. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Funeral arrangements are in the care of Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, Alexandria.

Edward S. Kidd, Jr.

The Hon. Judge Edward S. Kidd, Jr., 81, died peacefully July 14, 2012.

He was a wonderful husband and father, and a great friend to many. He graduated from George Washington University School of Law. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He and his wife, Betty Kidd, have resided in Roanoke for the last 45 years. He practiced law and served as District Court Judge from 1978 to 1981 and served as Chief Judge of the General District Court for 23rd Judicial Circuit from 1981 until retiring in 1994. He was predeceased in death by mother, Grace Kidd; father, Edward Kidd Sr., and two sisters, Edna May Collins and Marion Smith.



Judges of Virginia, Inc., Past-President of the American Judges Foundation.

Judge Kidd will be missed and remembered by Betty Kidd, his wife of 58 years; daughter, Deneen Kidd Amos, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Stan and Susan Kidd, Virginia Beach, Va. and Michael and Angela Kidd, of Archdale, N.C.; six grandchildren Cristin Amos, Wil Amos, Eastan Kidd, Trevor Kidd, Tyler Kearns, and Ashley Kearns; one sister and brother-in-law, Barbara Jean and Creighton Jones, of Petersburg, Va.; and one brother and sister-in-law, Alan and Kathy Kidd, of Panama City, Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service were scheduled for noon Wednesday, July 18, at Oakey's Roanoke Chapel with the Rev Brent Williams officiating. Interment will be at Green Sea Baptist Church Cemetery in Green Sea S.C. at 2 p.m. Thursday July 19. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Colonial Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Va.; the American Heart Association or a charity of your choice. Online condolences can be made at www.oakeys.com.

He was an avid Floyd farmer and craftsman. Often indulging in painting, sculpting, and woodworking. He enjoyed researching and illustrating historic Virginia courthouses. He was a member of Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity and the Andrew Jackson Masonic Lodge in Alexandria. He was involved in Civic Affairs, Previous Board Member of Association of District Court

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Virginia should embrace opportunity for more health care coverage for poor residents.

Chances are that if you are reading this, you have employer-provided health insurance. While you might worry about the young adults in your family or the lower wage workers in your organization, you also know that if you are sick, you can go to the doctor.

Incredibly, 144,873 residents of Fairfax County have no health insurance. That's more than 13 percent of the slightly more than 1 million people who live in the wealthiest county in the nation. Household income in Fairfax County averages more than \$122,000 a year.

Under the health care reform act, many of Virginia's uninsured residents could be covered by an expansion of Medicaid that would be paid for almost entirely by federal funds. But while the reform act itself was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, the court also opened a door for states to opt out of the expansion of Medicaid.

From a practical perspective, declining federal money to provide healthcare to uninsured Virginians makes no more sense than declining federal funds for transportation because you don't like the feds telling you to wear your seatbelt.

But Gov. Bob McDonnell says expanding

Medicaid is a terrible idea.

The state's refusal to be included in the program would deny health insurance coverage to a quarter-million Virginians, said U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly and others in urging McDonnell to accept the expanded coverage.

Medical care for uninsured Virginian adds up to \$1.65 billion a year in uncompensated costs. Medicare expansion would help reduce that by \$860 million per year, according to the Virginia Health Reform Initiative Advisory Council.

Virginia stands to lose more than \$9.2 billion in federal funds over the first five years of the new law if it opts out of the provision that expands Medicaid to individuals and families with incomes up to 133 percent of the poverty level, \$14,856 for an individual; \$30,656 for a family of four, Connolly said.

A revealing look at the possible local role of the health care reform act appears in this week's Mount Vernon Gazette, written by Del. Scott Surovell (D-44).

Surovell represents a district of 80,000 residents with stark differences between wealthy and poor in Fairfax County. The Mount Vernon area district is tied for the highest percentage of Medicaid beneficiaries in Fairfax County. One in seven people in the 44th District re-

ceive health insurance from Medicaid; 74 percent of these are children, 5 percent are pregnant, 6 percent are poor adults, with the rest elderly residents and people with disabilities. Surovell reports the largest number of Medicaid births at any hospital in Virginia occurs at Fairfax INOVA Hospital. The 44th District has a higher percentage of uninsured individuals compared with the rest of Fairfax County.

Surovell argues that his district desperately needs the help that would come with the expansion of Medicaid and other provisions under the new law.

Here is how he explains the mechanism: Health insurance reform would expand coverage by two means. First, if states expand their Medicaid programs to all individuals at 133 percent of Federal Poverty Level, the federal government picks up 100 percent of the cost in 2014-2016, and 90 percent after 2020. Second, states are required to set up healthcare exchanges to make more affordable health insurance available for individuals without employer health insurance benefits, and individuals with incomes between 100-400 percent of the federal poverty level receive a tax credit to help with the cost. Coverage was also expanded by banning coverage denials based on pre-existing conditions and requiring companies to cover college students through age 26.

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LETTER

Boards, Commissions And Power Politics

To the Editor:

The city's boards and commissions have grown to total 76 and were mostly established in the 1980s. Recently, Vice Mayor Donley signaled the use of boards and commissions to press forward city projects, such as staffing the Beauregard Advisory Group, but this use is also apparent in pushing forward the waterfront plan. Exploited like this for tough issues creates the perception that these city-appointed groups are little more than power arms of city hall.

In most cases boards' and commissions' charters require them to make policy recommendations to City Council and to draw on city staff for support within reason. This is where violations of their charter are apparent. It has been noted that staff can even effectively instruct them not to weigh in, as happened in the case of the waterfront small area plan — the

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Friday, July 6, was the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the Captain Rocky Versace Plaza and Vietnam Veterans Memorial at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center in Alexandria. From left are Mike Faber, the Friends of Rocky Versace; Elsie Akimabola, director of the Mount Vernon Recreation Center; Sheila Whiting, former director of the Mount Vernon Recreation Center, and Kevin Rue, the Friends of Rocky Versace). The Friends of Rocky Versace continue to hold an annual golf tournament and are involved with other activities which support efforts to maintain the memorial and support programs for the children at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center.

OPINION

Cooking Up a Safer Home

BY KATHARINE DIXON
REBUILDING TOGETHER ALEXANDRIA

Carmen's* home often smells of the wonderful flavor of beef, rice, and beans as she cooks her favorite El Salvadorian meal for her family. She has lived in her two-story townhome for 11 years with her father and young daughter and still enjoys cooking for them.

In 2002, Carmen moved into this "very friendly" neighborhood, which is close to her daughter's school, her job, a community center, and shopping stores. And though her 17-year-old son and mother do not live with her, they live nearby, making family meals and gatherings easy.

Wanting to stay in her home but unable to make needed repairs to it, Carmen asked Rebuilding Together to help. A team of volunteers from The Alexandria Rotary Club helped Carmen and her family stay in her home, safely. The main electrical service was upgraded and new circuits were installed, the kitchen was gutted and upgraded, doors and windows were repaired, walls were painted, the yard was cleared, and ceiling fans installed. "My home is more safe and secure because of the work the volunteers completed," said Carmen.

With her home recently repaired, Carmen is happy to fill it with the smells of her favorite El Salvadorian meals.

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in need, including elderly, disabled, military veterans and families. To date, in-kind donations of labor and materials have resulted in \$6 million worth of value on more than 1,547 properties. If you would like to apply, volunteer or donate, visit www.RebuildingTogetherAlex.org or call 703-836-1021.

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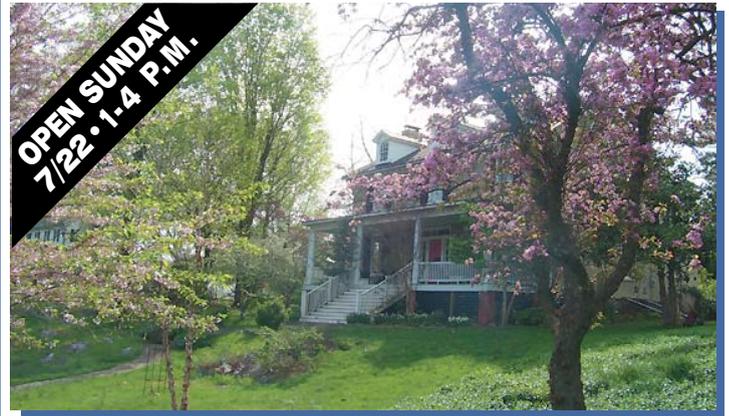
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Alexandria Hospital Lectures: Minimally Invasive Joint Replacement Presented by John Albrigo, MD. Inova Alexandria Hospital Auditorium. 7pm. 4320 Seminary Road. Register: 1-855-694-6682 or register online at inova.org/AskTheExpert

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 12

Alexandria Hospital Lectures: Minimally Invasive Techniques in Gyn Surgery, Presented by Natalya Danilyants, MD. Inova Alexandria Hospital Auditorium, 4320 Seminary Road. 6 p.m. Register: 1-855-694-6682 or register online at inova.org/AskTheExpert

ONGOING

StagePlay Summer Camp registrations are now being taken for an assortment of camps for pre-schoolers through middle schoolers. Locations are at the Little Theatre of Alexandria and St. Aidans Episcopal Church, Alexandria. For a full camp listing, email bardsplay@gmail.com, or call 703-360-0233.

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Alexandria Archaeology is hosting an archaeology camp for children this

summer, and applications are now being accepted. Campers will learn professional excavating, recording, and artifact-processing methods as they help uncover the Alexandria's buried past while protecting historical resources.

The camp is open to children ages 12 through 15. There are two one-week sessions, which run from Monday, July 16 through Friday, July 20, and from Monday, July 23 through Friday, July 27. The camp day starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m., and campers supply their own drinks and lunch.

Camp costs \$400 per session with some scholarships available. Space is limited to just 15 campers per session, and a non-refundable deposit of \$100 is required to hold a slot.

Each camper will receive a commemorative t-shirt. To register for camp, visit www.AlexandriaArchaeology.org or call 703-746-4399.

Summer Art Camps. One-week sessions for elementary and middle school students in Alexandria. Located in the Rosemont neighborhood at 700 Commonwealth Ave., a few blocks from the King Street Metro. Full day camps (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) will be offered:

* Session Four, July 23-27, 2012
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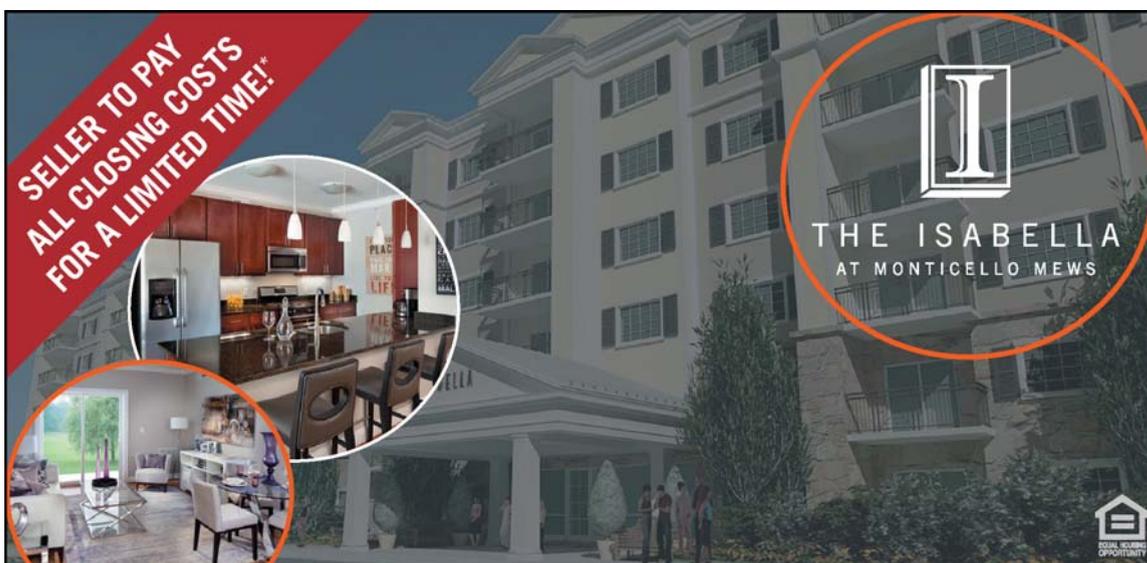
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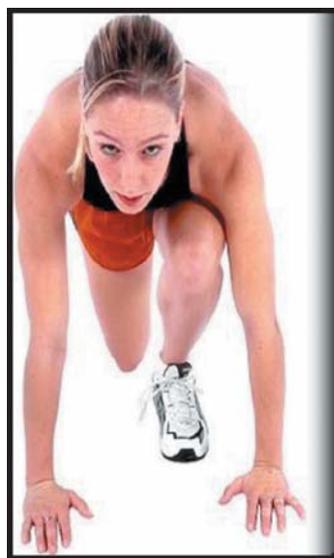
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though Virginia is not one of them. Yet unlike Texas Gov. Rick Perry, Florida Gov. Rick Scott, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, McDonnell has not categorically ruled out the creation of a state-based exchange. Ironically, that means Republicans are willingly ceding power to the federal government, a twist of fate created by a health-care reform effort that has become mired in partisan politics.

“If you prefer having certain decisions at the state level, which often states do prefer, then you’d want to go with the state-based exchange,” said Paul Dioguardi, director of intergovernmental and external affairs for the U.S. Health and Human Services. “If you would prefer to cede that authority to the federal government for whatever reason then that’s a decision you’ve got to make.”

THE HEALTH-CARE exchanges are one of the cornerstones of the Affordable Care Act, an effort to increase access for people who are currently without health insurance. Under the existing federal law, all exchanges must be fully certified and operational by Jan. 1, 2014. Unless this year’s presidential election changes the fate of the Affordable Care Act, that means Virginia will have an exchange whether McDonnell wants one or not. And even if Romney wins the presidential election, undoing this part of the reform may become the first pitched battle of his new administration. Many see the exchanges as a revolutionary change to the existing marketplace.

“It would shift the balance of transparency and power from insurers to consumers,” said Nicholas Len, a health economist with George Mason University. “That’s why it’s both controversial and dangerous.”



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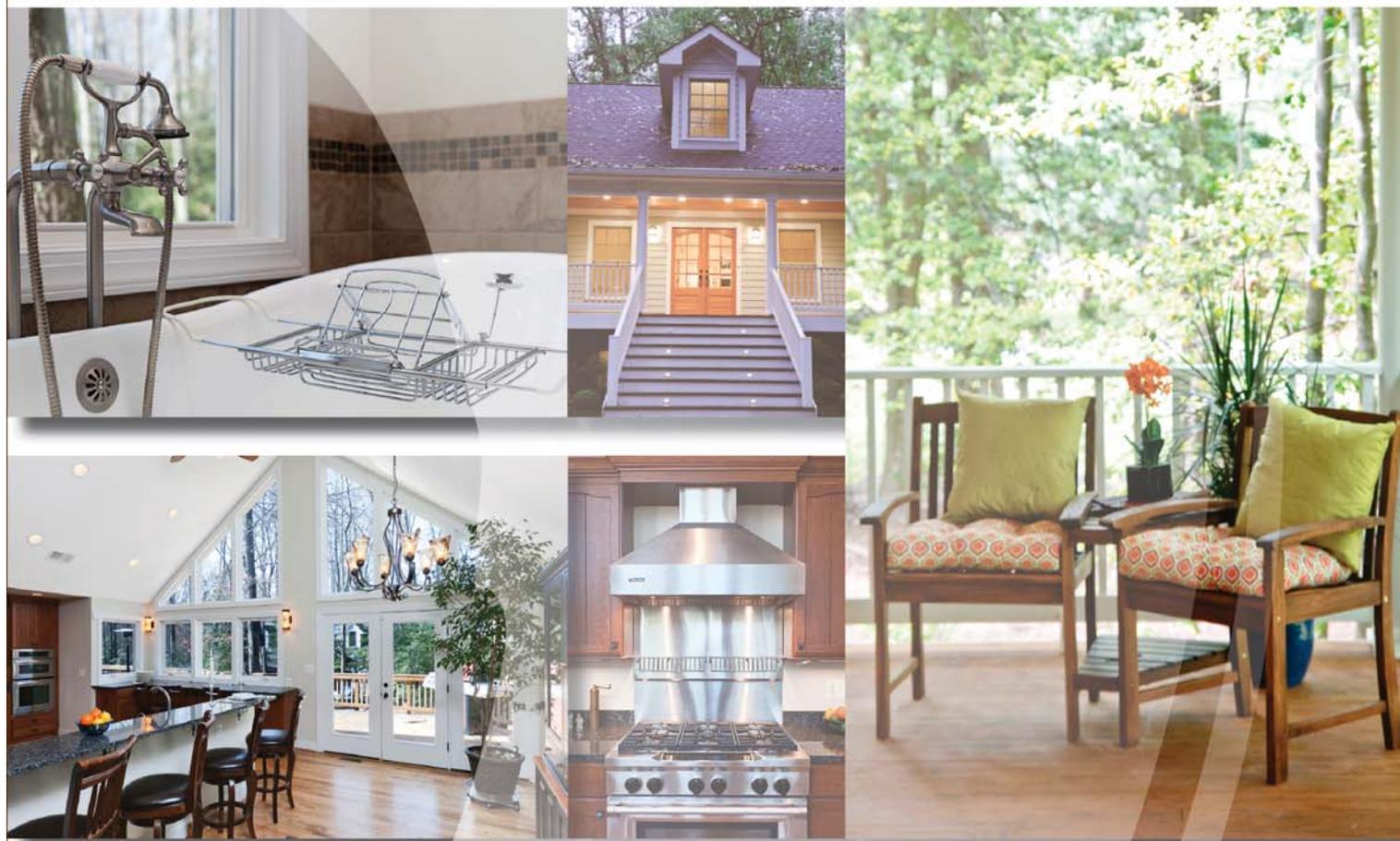
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PEOPLE

Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society Celebrates 20 Years

The members of Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society hosted an ice cream social on June 24 in the assembly room at the tavern museum before adjourning to the ballroom for the annual meeting and election of new board members. Outgoing president Danny Smith recognized founding board member Kim Sheridan. Sheridan and Smith invited Mayor Bill Euille to say a few words and after which, they presented the Mayor with a lifetime honorary membership to the Society.

The Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society was formed in 1992 as a private citizens' group designed to provide on-going support for the preservation, development and interpretation of Gadsby's Tavern Museum.

The support of the museum has taken many forms, including: the purchase of reproduction items for the museum when period tavern pieces are not available (bed hangings, window treatments); improvements to help operations of the museum (shelving for the shop, items for the docent lounge) and funding for advertising museum events and facilities. The

society members also act as advocates on behalf of Gadsby's Museum in Alexandria City budget or other debates, provide financial support to museum programs, promote the museum and its activities and organize fundraising campaigns to help the museum with major purchases and improvements. The present major renovation campaign is to restore the Tavern's unique urban Ice Well. Incoming president of the Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society is Peggy Gross.



Outgoing president Danny Smith welcomes Charlize Sowers to the ice cream social. The ice cream was donated by Old Town Ben & Jerry's owner Steve Brown.



Founding Society board member Kim Sheridan pins a lifetime membership pin onto the lapel of Mayor Bill Euille.

James Huck and Jeanne Defliese donated a cake replica of the tavern museum for the anniversary party.

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Deputies Graduate

On June 27, five new deputies with the Alexandria Sheriff's Office graduated from Session 126 of the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy. The graduation ceremony was held at Dominion High School in Sterling and followed nearly six months of deputy and law enforcement training, including emergency vehicle operation, firearms training, defensive tactics, jail and courthouse procedures, crash investigation, basic legal training and other important areas. Alexandria's deputy graduates are (from left) Jill Staub, Taneshia Dublin, Damaris Maravilla, Clarkton White and Kevin Truesdale.



Police Graduate

Eighteen Alexandria Police Department recruits graduated from the 126th session of the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy's Basic Law Enforcement School on June 27. The recruits will be state certified in basic law enforcement after completing a four-month field training program. The new officers are Alexander R. Askey, John Blake, Ruben Cardenas, Nicolette D. Clara, Samuel Wesley Clark, Robert Allen Cortez, Eric Davidson, Douglas Golden, Rebecca E. Goodman, Donnell L. Graves, Jonathan B. Griffin, Garrett Q. Haws, Samantha Katsaros, Brady Gerald Sanderson, Christopher Thomas Tuite, Ken Van Scoyoc, Joseph Webb and Jordan Lee Young.

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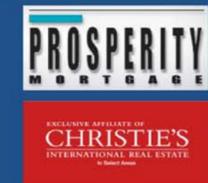
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Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Postal Code	Subdivision
312 QUEEN ST	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$2,900,000	Townhouse	0.10	22314	OLD TOWN	
801 DUKE ST	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$2,200,000	Detached	0.12	22314	HISTORIC OLD TOWN	
628 OAKLAND TER	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,695,000	Detached	0.65	22302	OAKLAND TERRACE	
304 VIRGINIA AVE	6	5	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,450,000	Detached	0.24	22302	JEFFERSON PARK	
723 LEE ST S	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,390,000	Detached	0.12	22314	HISTORIC OLD TOWN	
1103 WILKES ST	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,150,000	Townhouse	0.05	22314	OLD TOWN VILLAGE	
701 FORDS LANDING WAY	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,149,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	FORDS LANDING	
1402 COVENTRY LN	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,100,000	Detached	0.57	22304	MONTROSE	
7 FORREST ST	5	4	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,075,000	Detached	0.12	22305	MOUNT IDA	
600 SECOND ST #401	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,045,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.18	22314	LIBERTY ROW	
1404 KEY DR	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$970,000	Detached	0.47	22302	QUAKER LANE AREA	
1 DONELSON ST	5	5	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$965,900	Detached	0.19	22304	COOPERS GROVE	
209 COLUMBUS ST N	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$949,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN	
4913 JOHN TIGER DR	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$925,500	Detached	0.09	22304	CAMERON STATION	
2808 RIDGE ROAD DR	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$899,000	Detached	0.23	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS	
106 MAPLE ST E	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$896,100	Detached	0.10	22301	ROSEMONT PARK	
610 ROYAL ST S	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$872,000	Townhouse	0.07	22314	YATES GARDENS	
1707 PRINCE ST #8	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$860,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	0.18	22314	THE METROPOLITAN	
303 GLENDALE AVE W	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$815,000	Detached	0.18	22301	ROSEMONT	
3407 OLD DOMINION BLVD	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$815,000	Detached	0.25	22305	BEVERLY HILLS	
119 PRINCESS ST	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$815,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN BRANDT TOWNHSE	
606 MELROSE ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$789,000	Detached	0.28	22302	ALBERT V BRYAN	
1123 BAYLISS DR	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$785,000	Detached	0.19	22302	TUCKAHOE	
444 FERDINAND DAY DR	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$785,000	Townhouse	0.05	22304	CAMERON STATION	
519 BELLVUE PL	3	2	3	ALEXANDRIA	\$785,000	Townhouse	0.05	22314	PITT ST STATION	
16 MYRTLE ST W	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$779,000	Detached	0.10	22301	ROSEMONT	
813 COLUMBUS ST S	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$760,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	HUNTING CREEK	
5195 BRAUNER PL	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$753,000	Townhouse	0.04	22304	CAMERON STATION	
1182 PITT ST N	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$745,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	CANAL WAY	
1250 WASHINGTON ST S #410	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$730,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	0.18	22314	PORTO VECCHIO	
513 ROYAL ST S	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$730,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN	
212 WOODLAND TER	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$710,000	Detached	0.24	22302	JEFFERSON PARK	
119 PAYNE ST N	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$710,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN	
5270 POCOSIN LN	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$700,000	Townhouse	0.05	22304	CAMERON STATION	
3549 GODDARD WAY	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$700,000	Townhouse	0.04	22304	QUAKER RIDGE	
2512 DEWITT AVE	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$695,000	Detached	0.18	22301	ABINGDON	
104 SUMMERS DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$691,500	Detached	0.11	22301	MOUNT VERNON PARK	
266 MURTHA ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$685,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	CAMERON STATION	
2704 SYCAMORE ST	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$685,000	Detached	0.15	22305	DEL RAY	
417 UNDERHILL PL	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$685,000	Detached	0.18	22305	MONTECELLO PARK	
1642 HUNTING CREEK DR	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$685,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN GREENS	
514516 OVERLOOK DR N	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$680,000	Detached	0.25	22305	BEVERLY HILLS	
914 OVERLOOK DR	6	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$677,000	Detached	0.23	22305	BEVERLY FOREST	
401 CLIFFORD AVE	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$675,000	Detached	0.12	22305	DEL RAY	
400 GIBBON ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$675,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN	
17 CUSTIS AVE W	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$670,000	Detached	0.15	22301	DEL RAY	
506 ROBINSON CT	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$661,500	Detached	0.20	22302	MAPLE GROVE	
1110 HOWARD ST N	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$660,000	Detached	0.29	22304	FOREST KNOLL	
1226 DARTMOUTH RD	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$660,000	Townhouse	0.06	22314	QUAKER HILL	

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ENTERTAINMENT

Makara Selected as Torpedo Factory Artist of Year

See her solo exhibition, "Masks," at Torpedo Factory's Target Gallery.

BY MONTIE MARTIN
GAZETTE PACKET

Veteran Torpedo Factory artist Susan Makara was honored on Thursday, July 12, with an official award ceremony as the 2012 Artist of the Year.

Organizers of the Artist of the Year event estimated close to 150 people attended the grand reception of Makara's work. Makara's paintings are featured at the Target Gallery, where her solo exhibition, "Masks," includes the most complete collection of her work to date.

"To have this happen, after 18 years in the Factory, it's wonderful," said Makara. "It's like a dream come true."

Those in attendance included Debbie Davis, an 8th-grade classmate who has collected several pieces of Makara's work. "She's always been a fabulous artist," said Davis. "After 30 years her work has evolved, but it's always fabulous."

A total of nine applicants submitted work for the distinction, and assistant dean of fine arts at Northern Virginia Community College, William Schran, juried the event. Schran noted the mystery behind Makara's masked figures, and the emotional narrative they convey, as principal reasons for his selection. "The viewer knows there is a story, but is not sure who is looking at whom," said Schran.

One aspect of Makara's artistic style is to attach anecdotes with each of her pieces. Makara's personal favorite is "Capricorn Rising,"

"To have this happen, after 18 years in the Factory, it's wonderful."

— Susan Makara, 2012 Torpedo Factory Artist of the Year



Makara was heavily influenced by Japanese style triptychs, where panels stand together, or can be viewed individually. The price for this work runs at \$15,000.

ing," although this was not the original title. As she notes, a colleague asked why her work was named "Aries Rising," and without a proper answer the artist performed a Google search for other names. Makara discovered the Sanskrit translation of Capricorn is her last name, which proved to be the obvious title for her work.

For Makara, creating art is intensely personal, and her advice to established and aspiring artists alike is to embrace that fact. "Don't paint for others," said Makara. "You have to follow your heart and your passion."

The Masked Gallery

Work by Susan Makara, the 2012 Torpedo Factory Artist of the Year, can be viewed at the Target Gallery at the Torpedo Factory until July 29. The solo exhibition is the most complete collection of her work to date, and there is a story behind each of her masked paintings.

Susan Makara, the Torpedo Factory 2012 Artist of the Year, poses with her painting, "Capricorn Rising." When researching titles for her work, Makara discovered that the Sanskrit name for Capricorn is her last name.



PHOTOS BY MONTIE MARTIN/GAZETTE PACKET

CALENDAR

E-mail announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon.

JULY 19 THROUGH JULY 29

Musical. Encore Stage & Studio presents The Pirates of Penzance at Thomas Jefferson Community Theater. Visit www.encorestage.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 19

SummerQuest Bingo Night. Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Thursday, July 19 at 7 p.m. All ages. 703-746-1704.

SummerQuest Uno, Dos, Tres Con Andres. Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen Street. Thursday, July 19 at 11 a.m. Ages 2 and up. 703-746-1703.

Paws to Read. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke Street. 15-minute sessions starting at 5:30 p.m., for grades 1 - 6. Sign-up required: call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk.

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FRIDAY/JULY 20

Tommy Lepson Band (Blues/Soul) - Mt. Vernon Nights at Grist Mill Park at 7:30 p.m. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ or www.myspace.com/tommylepsonband.

Slam Alexandria. Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association presents the random slam of the Alexandria,

hosted by Shelly Bell. 7p.m. Free. Performance by FeelFree, a reggae and blues band that delivers fresh genre of roots music by integrating funk and rock into their feel-good, go-with-the-flow sound. Spoken words poetry begins at 8 p.m. Attendees are invited to sign up for the open mic to share original work, participate in the poetry slam for a first prize of \$50, or simply sit back and enjoy. The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. contact Twig Murray at nvfaa@nvfaa.org or call 703-683-5058

JULY 20 THROUGH AUG. 12

"The Wizard of Oz" presented by the Port Tobacco Players. Come see the family musical adapted for the stage from the classic movie version. The production runs from July 20 to August 12 on Fridays and Saturdays

at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$17 and tickets for students, seniors, and military are \$14.

FRIDAY/JULY 20

Spoken Word. The Northern Virginia Fine Arts Society (NVFAA) is pleased to announce the next four scheduled SLAM ALEXANDRIA spoken word poetry events at the Athenaeum in Old Town, Alexandria. Admission is free for all, but attendees interested in competing in the poetry slam can pay an entry fee of \$10 for a chance to win a \$100 cash prize. Featuring live music, scheduled artists, and an open mic, SLAM ALEXANDRIA is hosted by Shelly Bell and co-sponsored by the NVFAA and Shelly B. Arts. The event starts at 7 p.m. and is located at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street.

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SATURDAY/JULY 21

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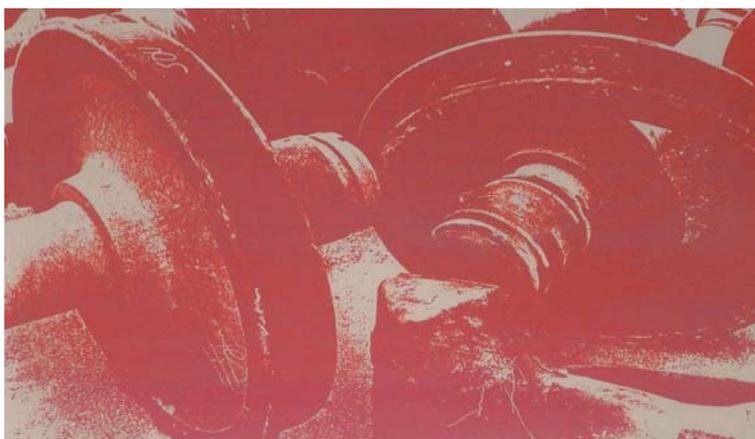
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"Train Wheels," Marian Van Landingham, silk screen



"No Comment," Pat Barron, lithograph

Art League Kicks Off 30-Something
Summer Series With Legacy x 3

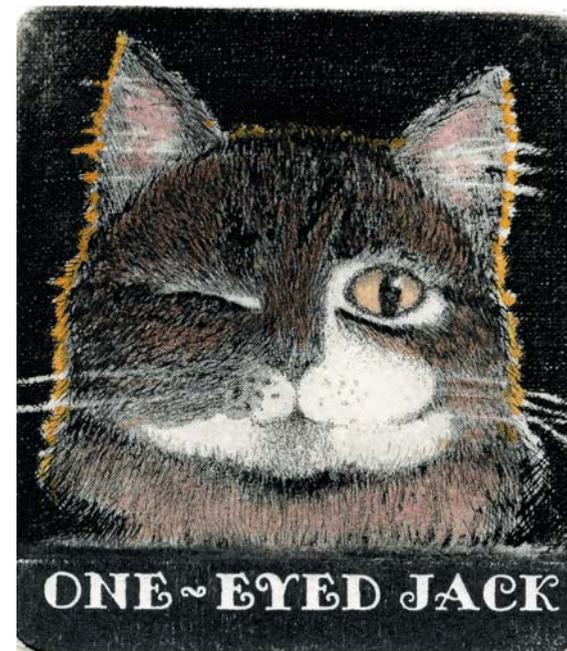
As kick-off event for the "30-Something" Summer Series, artwork by renowned artists Pat Barron, Nancy Reinke, and Marian Van Landingham will be for sale July 19-21 at The Art League Gallery, with proceeds going to the Madison Annex Build-Out Project. Works will be priced from \$30 and up.

These three artists provided a rich legacy for future generations of Art League artists, through their various artistic and non-artistic contributions to The Art League.

MARIAN VAN LANDINGHAM, then Art League president, in 1974 proposed a project that would renovate the City-owned, former U.S. Naval Torpedo Station into working studio spaces for artists. With the lease on its Cameron Street space expiring, The Art League was looking for a new home. After the renovation of the new art center, the League rented one-fifth of the space for its gallery and school. The success of the Torpedo Factory helped to launch Van Landingham's political career as representative to the Virginia House of Delegates. After a 25-year career in the Virginia House of Delegates, Van Landingham returned to her studio in the Torpedo Factory where she continues to work on her large-scale oils and enamels. The Art League was the recipient of her large body of silkscreen prints from early in her career.

NANCY REINKE, Art League member and Torpedo Factory artist from the very beginning, displayed her prints and paintings in studio 5 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, known for its homey and eclectic decor. The subject matter of her artwork included thoughtful portraits and unique etchings and woodblocks. She was famous for her complex woodblock prints of oriental carpets that required multiple intricately carved blocks of wood. Her great sense of humor was evident in many of her works.

Reinke exhibited extensively in many public buildings, including the Library of Congress and the State



"One Eyed Jack," Nancy Reinke, etching

of Virginia Legislative Building. Her work is represented in numerous corporate and private collections including the Hilton Corporation and the Marriott Corporation. Commissions include the American Institute of Architects and the Folger Shakespeare Library. The Art League was the recipient of her work after she passed away in 2009.

PAT BARRON, Art League instructor, long-term Torpedo Factory artist, and Membership Chair of The Colored Pencil Society of America Inc., is well-known for her colorful, engaging, and thought-provoking artwork.

Barron received her training at the University of Missouri, Hochschule für Bildende Kunst, Corcoran School of Art and American University. She is currently re-

tired and living in California. The Art League was the recipient of much of her work.

Details

Sale Dates and Hours
Thursday/July 19: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday/July 20: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday/July 21: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Opening Reception
Thursday/July 19: 6:30-8 p.m.

Location
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JULY 21 THROUGH 25

The AIDS Memorial Quilt on Display at the Torpedo Factory Art Center. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sneak-Peek Reception: July 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; \$15 Suggested Donation Closing Reception: July 25, 6-8 p.m.; Free. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/aidsquilt.

SUNDAY/JULY 22

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Victoria Ghost to open for Glen Campbell. Victoria Ghost is comprised of siblings Ashley & Shannon Campbell. 7:30 p.m. The Music Hall. Tickets are available at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Victoria-Ghost/>.

MONDAY/JULY 23

Lecture on The Perfect Medical-Legal Storm, The Myth of Baby



Occasionally Cake is celebrating its three-year anniversary and handing out one free cupcake per person to all of its patrons. They will also donate 25 percent of all their sales that day to the Dunbar Alexandria-Olympic Branch of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, as well as collect donations to be given to the organization. Occasionally Cake is located at 207 King St. in Old Town Alexandria and 8859 Richmond Highway in Mount Vernon. The free cupcakes will be offered from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call 703-780-CAKE or visit www.occasionallycake.com.

Syndrome. 3-4:30 p.m. Presenter is Dennis K. McBride, PHD, MPA. He will review the evidence for and against the Shaken Baby Syndrome. Dr. McBride is Associate Vice President for Research at George Mason University and is affiliated with the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies and with Georgetown

University School of Medicine. Call 703-228-2144.

SummerQuest Juggler Chris Fascione, James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Avenue. Monday, July 23 at 3:30 p.m., ages 6-12. 703-746-1705.

SummerQuest Classic Games, Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Monday, July 23 at 7 p.m., ages 6-17. 703-746-1704.

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TUESDAY/JULY 24

Paws to Read. James M. Duncan, Jr.

Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Avenue. 5:30 - 6:30p.m., for grades 1 to 6. Registration required. 703-746-1705.

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Baby Rhyme Time. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke Street. 11:30 a.m., for ages 0 to 11 months, with an adult. Sign-up required: call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk.

SummerQuest The Great Zucchini, Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Tuesday, July 24 at 11 a.m. All ages. 703-746-1704.

SummerQuest Dance Party, Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen Street. Tuesday, July 24 at 11 a.m. Ages 2 and up. 703-746-1703.

Mark Whiskey and the Sours. 9-11 p.m. at the Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle Street, Alexandria. \$10.

ALEXA CARTER to open for Aaron Lewis of Staind (Band). Visit www.Birchmere.com.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 25

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TACT Presents 'Marathon '33'

The American Century Theater will present June Havoc's "Marathon '33," July 27 – Aug. 25, at Gunston Theatre II in Arlington. TACT Artistic Director Jack Marshall is the show's director, and Tom Fuller is the musical director.

A large cast docudrama with music, vaudeville comedy and nearly continuous dance, "Marathon '33" recreates the forgotten phenomenon of the Depression-era dance marathons, which were brutal precursors of today's TV reality shows. It was written by Hollywood star June Havoc, "Baby June" of the musical "Gypsy" and the younger sister of Gypsy Rose Lee, and is closely based on real events and people described in her autobiography.

"Marathon '33" was first performed as an experimental production in 1963, and has seldom been attempted since because of its size and scope. Set during the autumn of 1933, the large-cast production places the audience in the roles

of the sadistic marathon spectators, who paid to see which young couple would be the last still moving after up to 4000 hours of nearly nonstop dancing. Like June Havoc, the desperate contestants literally danced for their lives, in the hope of winning a small cash prize.

American Century Theater is placing the marathon in Arlington, converting Gunston's Theater II into an authentic marathon arena. Thirty actors and dancers join an onstage six-piece band, which will play dance numbers from the period and accompany songs and comic routines by the contestants who often performed for the crowd in return for thrown coins.

TACT has partnered with community organizations to begin a dialogue about the Great Depression and the socioeconomic times we live in, bringing together drama students from Yorktown High School and older Arlingtonians from the Goodwin House and Culpepper Garden retirement communities. The American Century Theater received a



Frank Britton and Jamie Ogden remain standing after hours of dancing in "Marathon '33" at The American Century Theater, beginning July 27.

\$2,500 Community Enhancement Grant from the Arlington Community Foundation to help underwrite "Marathon '33" and its outreach programs, the largest such grant awarded by ACF to an arts group this year.

Producer Rebecca Christy is producing her first show with longtime collaborator Marshall since her production of The Andersonville Trial earned TACT a Helen Hayes nomination for Outstanding Local Production. Jack Marshall is the founding

Artistic Director of The American Century Theater. Among the many TACT productions he has directed are The Cradle Will Rock (Helen Hayes nomination for Best Direction), Lady in the Dark, the original production of Danny and Sylvia, and the acclaimed Moby Dick Rehearsed. Tom Fuller, the Musical Director, has been the musical director for American Century Theater productions such as Lady in the Dark, Danny & Sylvia, If Only In My Dreams, Hollywood Pinafore, Hellzapoppin' and One Night with Fanny Brice.

The cast of "Marathon '33" is led by TACT newcomer Jennifer Richter in the role of June Havoc and Helen Hayes-nominated Bruce Alan Rauscher as Patsy. Also featured are Bill Karukas, Craig Miller, Terrence Bennett, Mary Beth Luckenbaugh, Dan Corey, Deborah Critzer, Carrie Daniel, Ann DeMichel, Frank Britton, Arielle Goodman, Elizabeth Hallacy, Paul Hogan, John Klenk, Steve Lebens, Chanukah Jane Lilburne, Rachel Loose, Noah Mitchel, Jared Murray, Carolyn Myers, Jamie Ogden, Alex Perez, Jane Petkofsky, Aviva Pressman, Josh Rosenblum, Karin Rosnizeck and Alex Witherow.

Kathryn Fuller is the Assistant Director. Lindsey E. Moore is the Stage Manager. Sherry Chriss is the Choreographer. Michael P. deBlois is the Set Designer, Ed Moser is the Sound Designer and Dave Walden is the Lighting Designer. Rip Claassen is the Costume Designer and Eleanor Gomberg is the Props Designer. The musical arrangements are by Loren Platzman.

Details

"Marathon '33" opens Friday, July 27 and runs through Saturday, Aug. 25, with a pay-what-you-can preview on Thursday, July 26, and a pay-what-you-can performance on Wednesday, Aug. 1.

Show times are Thursday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. No matinee on Saturday, July 28. Order tickets online at americancentury.org or by calling 703-998-4555.

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A NEW ANTIQUES SHOW? WELL, WHY NOT

For more years than your faithful correspondent can remember, one of the wonderful tonics of early fall in Old Town included the delights of our town's annual antiques show.

With the best of intentions, I for years called the show and all of its trappings of this splendid fund-raiser the best party in town. The loyal and dedicated worker bees outdid themselves in making this show the major fund-raiser for its sponsor, the Historic Alexandria Foundation. Then, a few years ago, poof! No show. No annual thousands of dollars that the HAF via show profits reaped for historic preservation projects in the old port city.

Reasons were pretty obvious — a lousy economy; other local interests, competition from other worthy causes and more. Whatever, it appeared the show was becoming history. Not to mention the thousands it raised through the years for historic preservation and restoration projects in Alexandria.

Well, the really good news is that a dedicated and determined group of like-minded Alexandria residents decided a few years ago to take matters in their own hands. Maybe we can't (at least for now) raise the kinds of bucks the antiques show did, they reasoned, but let's look at other ways to experiment with other ways of raising money for many of the same projects the old show did.

Jump back, "Townners. This gang means business. And they're reaching out to you to lend a hand in supporting historic preservation not only where you live. You can also spend a fun evening with your friends and neighbors. Their worker bees are gearing up for their 4th annual "Toasting Our Town" fund-raiser — their version of the old antique show and with many of the trimmings so successful in the past.

"Toasting Our Town" will be held Saturday, Nov. 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Athenaeum and we'll tell you more about this frolic in future columns — wine, generous hors d'oeuvres and a fabulous silent auction. Last year's "Toast" affair turned out 175 supporters and raised more than \$8,500 for historic preservation projects around town. To stay posted via email on



On Friday afternoon, June 29, swim team representatives from the Northern Virginia Swim League busily prepared for Saturday morning swim meets, with no idea of the impact the coming storm would have over the next days. At Parklawn Pool, in the west end of the Alexandria part of Fairfax County, lack of power Saturday morning caused the cancellation of a swim meet with the Burke Station team. Emails flew back and forth as the meet was rescheduled and ultimately swum at the Burke Station pool after their power was restored on Monday. With the 4th of July holiday looming, the Parklawn Pool obtained a generator to get the pool running again. Generator installation services were donated by Rosendin Electric. As many pools in the area were without power, Parklawn Team Rep Stephanie Liller reached out to the NVSL team at Dowden Terrace with an offer of pool space for swim practice. Dowden Terrace, in the City of Alexandria, and Parklawn are within waving distance of each other, across Holmes Run. The Dowden Terrace Dolphins and the Parklawn Piranhas shared the pool for a morning workout on the 4th of July, kicking off the holiday in true neighborly style.

this year's show you are asked to forward your name and contact information to info@historicalalexandriafoundation.org If you have a silent auction item to donate contact Julianne Belevetz at jtb22314@gmail.com

More on this later, "Townners. But remember the date — Nov. 10 at the Athenaeum.

CATCHING UP

Our good friend Poul Hertel reminds us that, after a lengthy process, City Council just finished putting the idea of having a dedicated transit going through Old Town — called Corridor A — back to bed where it belongs. The decision followed the Planning Commission recommendation to not complete the Corridor A proposal south of Braddock Metro Station. Residents had universally rejected the idea of catering to commuters traveling through Alexandria, especially since the Metro and VRE line already serve that need. According to Hertel, the City Council asked that the city staff bring back

an amendment to the Master Plan so that it can be changed to reflect this in September.

— BOB FELDKAMP

Taylor Run

STUDENT WINS AWARD

Bisrat Mekkonen was born in Ethiopia and has been here only two or three years, but he so well acclimated himself to U.S. life that he received the 2012 Good Neighbor award at Douglas MacArthur School on June 18 by TRCA Executive Committee Member Chad Sarchio. Bisrat received a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond for his outstanding character. His fellow classmates said that he is a good friend because he demonstrates respect, trustworthiness, caring, fairness, responsibility, and overall good citizenship. In addition, they noted that he respects others and he treats people the way he would want to be treated, is a hard worker and never hurts the feelings of others.

His hobby is climbing, he plays the viola, and he wants to be an engineer when he grows up. Commended by his teachers for his constant helping of other students, Bisrat says, "I just like helping people. I help my mom in the kitchen and I help other kids in school with their homework."

AWARDS AT FORT WARD

John G. Bernard awards were given by President Bill Schreiner of Friends of Fort Ward this year to two supporters of the fort. Wanda Dowell, formerly the director, began working at Fort Ward in 1965 and retired in 2002. In her 37 years she began as a museum assistant and became director in 1979. Because of her leadership, Fort Ward became accredited by the American Association of Museums and won reaccreditation in 1997. The American Association of Museums gave the special award for outstanding preservation of the historic earthworks at the fort. Wanda has worked with the Civil War Trails project since the beginning and has served on the regional board. She helped guide the organization of the Friends of Fort Ward.

By the early 1980s, the northwest bastion had fallen into disrepair because of budget cuts and a focus on other priorities in the city. Gun carriages had been removed because they were deteriorated; gun platforms and revetments were warped and rotting. Over several years, through Wanda's persistent efforts, these conditions were repaired.

Another award went to Ed Hendrickson who has been a volunteer at Fort Ward since 2004. He has done a fine job welcoming visitors to the fort and orienting them to the layout.

Ed is intensely interested in the history of the defenses of Washington, has done much research and is very helpful to visitors. During the past five years he has done a special research project on the defenses of Washington during the Civil War. He has compiled and organized materials on all the troops stationed in the defense system. He has assembled reference notebooks, personal correspondence, material from other reference collections, and established an index for all this material on the museum's main floor computer, so if someone comes in and wants to find out where someone was stationed and when, he or she can now consult Ed's index to the collections.

Councilman Frank Fannon spoke briefly commending the contribution made by the staff of the museum. At least 50 members of the supporting group showed up at the summer party at which the awards were presented.

KIT REACHES 80

Friends and admirers of Kit Leider joined together to celebrate her birthday at a festive luncheon with muffins and mimosas. Hostesses were Anna Leider, Lois Walker and Carol Bringham. State Sen. Adam Ebbin came, as did Pam and Kerry St. Clair, Amoret Bunn, Harlene Clayton and Kit's sister Marilyn Stoldtadt. Marilyn and Kit had just returned from a visit to the Baltic Sea.

— LOIS KELSO HUNT



At Kool Akademy

The Allen Etiquette Institute conducted the second annual Kool Akademy, a youth leadership camp on July 11 at Central Michigan University's Alexandria campus to provide life, leadership and career skills. The students were recruited via the Momentum Leadership Program, run by the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority and funded by the City of Alexandria. By participating in the Kool Akademy, students took another step towards graduating from the Momentum Leadership Program in August. The day started with the students being welcomed by Douglas Owens, deputy executive director of ARHA; Fred Kaiser, Central Michigan University, and Fannie Allen, director of The Allen Etiquette Institute. Councilwoman Del Pepper spoke about leadership and the importance of doing something when they want something to change. To learn more, visit www.allenetiquette.com.

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Bookies and Bettors — and the Rising of Casinos

BY HARRY COVERT



I was never any good at pitching pennies. I've never had any success at the few times I deigned to play the lottery. Chances to hit the right numbers for the big money are slim to none. It's a nice thought that an overwhelming amount of money will just drop into our hands and we can simply lollygag around the rest of our lives.

COVERT MATTERS

In my early newspapers days, Thursdays was the day the composing room representative came through the news and sports departments passing out the weekend college and professional football cards and collecting the dollars or maybe a five-spot. Players would pick the winners. Few would be collecting payoffs on Monday when the bookie's agent was supposed to come around.

Somehow one Monday I had picked seven winners and anticipated the payoff. Naturally I was excited and my older and wiser colleagues wanted to share in the winnings with beers at the local hangout. Soon, the money man arrived and announced the money had been confiscated in a police raid. It was a bit disheartening and a quietness took over in what was usually a loud and active newsroom.

The crafty police reporter heard the story, slipped out and went to the police department. He discovered promptly no such raid occurred and the cops weren't even aware that such gambling took place in the newspaper plant.

Before noon, the reporter went to the back shop, confronted the bookie and suggested he payoff immediately or he would be busted.

How nice it was for this 17-year-old to collect the \$40 payoff. In those days the pay

was only a dollar and hour, honest, and that was more than I earned in a week. When you were in "heaven" and lived at home, the salary didn't really matter, at least for a while.

Since those days, playing the numbers or the slots have never meant much. I can't

even play cards, just not smart or crafty enough, unless it's blackjack or "twenty-one."

I'm not picking on anyone who plays the lottery or who enjoys the excitement of craps, poker or any other game of chance. Most people though simply can't afford it. Frankly, the odds are overwhelmingly against bettors, even at the horse- and dog-racing tracks.

Most of the states now are all involved in lotteries and the excuses are the revenue goes to education, supposedly public schools. In Maryland, there is some frequent talk that National Harbor in Prince Georges County and in Frederick city and county should have casinos. The National Harbor gambling center would have a major effect on Alexandria and all of northern Virginia. What's startling is the fact there has been

little or no public outcry to such proposals.

Business is important of course but why infiltrate the family-oriented cities and towns of Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia with legalized gambling? I'm not suggesting a crusade in opposition but I am wondering where is the silent majority? Where is the common sense? No drugs and no smoking are allowed in or around schools or other public places but why let the vice — and gambling is a vice — creep into lifestyles of families, churches, schools. It's time to hear from the courts, the sheriff's office and police departments.

What's a little vice between friends? Maybe this corner is a bit stuffy but there are good reasons crime increases sharply. Will there be enough money from the casino incomes to build new schools, hire more law enforcement personnel and construct larger jails? I doubt it but more cops and larger jails will be needed.

Casinos are not a good idea. People work hard and don't need to be waylaid by luck or chance.

Maybe if I had been a better marble shooter, palm reader and quick thinking poker player my thoughts on casinos would be different.

I like what H. L. Mencken said, "The taste for gambling ... is a kind of feeble-mindedness."

K-9 Champion



The Alexandria Sheriff's Office K-9 team took second place overall in explosives detection at a national competition in May. Deputy John O'Hara and his partner Sherman, a six-year-old Labrador retriever, competed at the United States Police Canine Association's National Detector Dog Field Trial held in Lakeland, Fla. They were among 80 K-9 teams from across the country that competed in explosives or narcotics searches.

cise. Current zoning cannot support the certificate as submitted. However, the site pictures are well crafted in that they obscure how the total mass of the building when set against an 18th century backdrop, is out of character — a major objection of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

But there is good news. The Board of Zoning Appeals not only honored its charter but also was one of the best examples of good governance to be found anywhere. From start to finish the BZA process, discussion, and measured and considered recommendations could serve as a case study for any well-respected school of government. However, it is also an example of what happens if a board or commission fully complies with its charter and honorably and responsibly represents citizens but offers a recommendation that seriously questions city staff and council judgment. In this case the board's recommendations were not only rejected but also assaulted.

It is difficult to believe after reading the city charters for these groups that they were intended as anything but legitimate ways to make superior public decisions, especially those of great consequence. As with the super majority vote, they were established to add legal consequence and weight to what a part-time city council can do. Any city that has grown as rapidly and relentlessly as the City of Alexandria must use all available resources — for their substantive contributions, not their power enhancing and public relations potential.

Cleaning up now would be a good idea. An annual review of boards and commissions is required of the city manager, and Mr. Young's distinctive and relevant experience combining city management and a business degree means his first annual report and recommended changes could be the beginning of much needed structural change.

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OBITUARY

Marian E. Nowland (Age 81) passed into the arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on July 5, 2012. She is survived by her loving family and friends. A lifetime member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alexandria, VA. Marian was an active member until her last day. She was also a 30 year member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, with her

highest serving position as Virginia State Court Regent. A prayer service will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 310 South Royal Street, Alexandria, on Monday, July 23, 2012 at 7:30PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at 10:30AM. Reception will follow immediately after Mass at St. Mary's Lyceum. Interment at Mount Comfort Cemetery, Alexandria, VA. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Funeral arrangements are in the care of Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, Alexandria, VA.

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OBITUARY



WILLIAM MONCURE BOOTHE, a retired director of development at the Episcopal High School in Alexandria died Monday, July 16 at Goodwin House in Alexandria. Mr. Boothe was born in Alexandria, attended Episcopal High School and the University of Virginia. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force from 1943 - 1945 and was honorably discharged as a corporal. After a brief career with the First National Bank of Alexandria, Mr. Boothe assumed the position of secretary treasurer of the Episcopal High School Alumni Association in 1951. He served in that role, as well as director of development until his retirement in 1985. A graveside service will be held on Friday, July 20, 1:30 p.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery, Alexandria, VA. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Episcopal High School Scholarship Fund.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Environmental Policy Commission was told to be silent for fear their information could be used as "Trojan horses." That EPC complied is in violation of their charter. Brownfields, stormwater runoff and climate induced flooding (the mayor of Norfolk has acknowledged this risk) should have been reflected in this plan, as potential costs are high for both developers and the city. Not a pretty pony, just fact of the matter.

Now, in its drive to keep the waterfront plan alive, the Board of Architectural Review was asked to hold a "preliminary" review session on July 25 so that an incomplete application for a Certificate of Appropriateness can be used to present the architectural and site drawings for the proposed hotel of Carr Properties whose Purchase Agreement is due to expire on Dec. 31. Short of hearing opinions on the aesthetics of the drawings, this is a meaningless exer-

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Pedaling with Pals

Potomac Pedalers provides group rides for area cyclists.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE PACKET

Nancy Avitabile joined the Potomac Pedalers roughly 15 years ago to ride with others who shared her love for cycling. While the friends and knowledge she gained from joining the Pedalers brought personal satisfaction, her physical improvement in the sport helped bring Avitabile national recognition.

Avitabile, a 64-year-old Bethesda resident, has competed in more than 25 triathlons since participating in her first in 1996. She won the 2010 USA Triathlon amateur national championship for her age group. In 2011, her accomplishments involved winning her age group at the Nation's Triathlon and the Miami Half-Ironman Triathlon. This year, Avitabile finished first in her age group at the Eagleman Half-Ironman triathlon in Cambridge, Md., on June 10, earning her a slot in the Hawaii Ironman World Championship in October. On July 8, she won her age group at the New York City Triathlon. She's also a member of Team USA and will represent the country at this year's world championships in New Zealand.

Avitabile credits the Potomac Pedalers for some of her triathlon success.

"I became a better cyclist," she said.

THE POTOMAC PEDALERS TOURING CLUB is a cycling club for residents of Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia. Founded in 1966, the club offers group rides for cyclists of all ages and ability levels. It's one of the largest cycling clubs in the nation, with 3,500 members in 2010, according to raceacrossamerica.org.

Cyclists are categorized by "ride class" to assure groups contain members of similar ability levels. A cyclist's ride class is determined by his or her average riding speed and endurance.

The club encourages beginners to start in the "D" class. According to the club's ride class table, a D rider averages 10-12 mph on flat ground and typically travels routes of 10-25 miles. In comparison, a "B" rider averages 16-18 mph on flat ground and travels a route length of 40-60 miles. An "AA" rider, the highest class, averages 22-24 mph on flat ground and travels routes of 60-100 miles.

Some members look to improve their speed and stamina and move into a different class, while others enjoy the slower, more social rides.

"You get out of it what you want to get out of it," said Bob Bernstein, the 2012 chairman of the Pedalers' executive committee.

"It's exercise, but it's also a stress reliever."
— Deb Reynolds of Alexandria resident

Avitabile, who is the committee's treasurer, started below B level when she joined the club in the mid 1990s, but rode with B groups as a way to push herself to improve. She is now a group leader for BB rides.

"The club members were great," she said. "They were really helpful with giving me pointers with how to ride faster and how to ride better."

Avitabile said triathletes view running, swimming and cycling as part of one event, rather than three individual sports. However, she said cycling is her favorite of the trio.

"I love cycling," Avitabile said. "I love getting out there and going fast. There's just something about cycling — a real sense of freedom."

Bernstein said the Pedalers offer cyclists many benefits.

"One is just the social aspect: being able to share the sport with others who enjoy it," he said. "The learning aspect: if somebody has a bike and they're out there riding alone, they don't necessarily learn some of the hints or some of the things an experienced cyclist knows. By joining the club, you can stay out of trouble [and learn] how to keep from getting hit [by a car]."



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Alexandria resident Deb Reynolds is a member of the Potomac Pedalers cycling club.

Bernstein, a 57-year-old Ellicott City, Md., resident, has been a Pedalers member since 2003, but has been a cyclist in some form since his teens.

"Right now I would say [cycling is] a passion," he said. "It started out as transportation — I didn't have car. It evolved from transportation to sport, to passion and exercise."

Weight loss is one of the ways 62-year-old Arlington resident and Potomac Pedalers member Ed Hazelwood has benefitted from cycling. Hazelwood said he's logged more miles on his bike as the weather has grown warmer, helping him lose 10 pounds since May.

"I think I [ride] mostly because I enjoy it," he said, "but I really, really like the health benefits."

AFTER LIVING IN ITALY for five years, 53-year-old Springfield resident Chris White has been back with the Pedalers for three years and is a member of the executive committee. Along with trips to the gym and

changes to his diet, White said cycling has helped him lose 20-25 pounds in recent years. "I wasn't all that active for about five years [in Italy]," he said. "... I stopped [drinking] wine and [eating] pasta."

Deb Reynolds, a 45-year-old Alexandria resident and Pedalers member since 2003, said cycling is also a way to gather one's thoughts.

"It's exercise, but it's also a stress reliever," said Reynolds, who is also a member of the club's executive committee. "When you're out there riding — we do wear helmets — but you have a feeling of the wind in your hair. It really does relieve a lot of stress and you're able to think things over. ... On days that I can actually ride to work, I'm able to think things through and I get to work and the day goes better."

Bethesda resident and Pedalers member Carol Linden called cycling a form of "mental therapy."

The Pedalers offer group rides throughout the week and on weekends in parts of Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia. The Pedalers' ride schedule can be found on its Website, potomacpedalers.org.

A one-year individual membership costs \$30. A one-year family membership is \$37, and the annual student rate is \$25. An individual lifetime membership is available for \$350. The Potomac Pedalers Touring Club is a non-profit corporation.

Bernstein said while not every cyclist has a positive first ride with the Pedalers, he encouraged those who experience difficulties to communicate with club leaders to solve the problem.

"The club is constantly evolving," Bernstein said. "If somebody tries the club and there is some specific thing that happened that they don't like, they should contact me or another ride leader and discuss it. We're trying to make the club as open as possible and give people a positive riding experience."

White said the club offers an opportunity for all cyclists to have a good time. "If you're new to the area, it's a good way to meet people if you're into cycling because there are so many different levels of cycling."

Rowers Begin 4th Week of Summer Crew

The 2012 Alexandria Summer Crew Program entered its fourth week of classes and training sessions this past Monday with nearly 130 rowers taking to the water at the Dee Campbell Boathouse in Old Town.

Classes and sessions begin each morning just after sunrise and are between 90 minutes to two hours in length. Rowers are learning basic technique and building on the skills they have acquired in past seasons.

According to Lexye Hearing, the director of the summer crew program, they are also having fun.

"That's really the whole point of it," she said. "We clearly want to make sure our rowers become familiar with the sport if they've never done it before and improve their skills if they have a season or two un-

der their belt. But we also want to make sure our rowers are enjoying themselves. After all, it's summer. We want them to learn. But we also want them to have a good time."

Hearing noted that both youth rowers and adults are taking part in the summer crew program. She added that registration in the program is up almost 50 percent from last year — reflecting, she said, not just the growing popularity of the sport, but the fact that rowing on the Potomac is a great way to get some exercise and start the day.

The program concludes on Friday, Aug. 3, with the Blue Plains Sprints, an annual regatta that pits the summer rowers against each other in a series of races and marks the official end of the summer rowing season.

The program is sponsored by the Alexandria Crew Boosters. For more information on rowing in Alexandria, visit www.tcwcrew.org or www.rowalexandria.org.



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Rowers hoist their racing shell above their heads

Carr Hospitality Moves Forward with Waterfront Plans

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ing problems that could be created by a large-scale redevelopment. At issue is a proposal from Washington-based Carr Hospitality to build a hotel at the density that is currently being challenged in court.

"It's not the way I would prefer to see things," said Mindy Lyle, a member of the waterfront work group. "But because there's such a fight over the zoning I can understand their not waiting."

BACK IN OCTOBER, Carr Hospitality appeared before the work session and outlined plans to open a Hotel Indigo, one of the company's key brands. Now the company has taken the next step by submitting a concept plan to the Old Town Board of Zoning Appeals. Although the item was originally placed on the docket for a vote, City Attorney James Banks says the matter has now been moved to a special work session where members of the public can voice any concerns they have with the proposal.

"One of the criticisms we heard from the community is that people don't feel they had an opportunity to kick the tires," said Banks. "So we're not going to process the application right now. We're going to listen."

Some have expressed concern over the Hotel Indigo brand. Others have criticized city leaders for considering a hotel at all, considering that the current zoning does not allow one. Waterfront work group member Bert Ely says he would like to see the application put on hold until the legal challenges to the waterfront plan have been resolved.

"What they are proposing and what people have an issue with, is the physical structure," said Ely. "Whether it's called an Indigo or Madame Bouvier's whorehouse, it doesn't make any difference."



One version of a potential redevelopment at the Cummings property, which is located at the northwest corner of Duke and the Strand.

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Former Sheriff Dunning Dies in South Carolina

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investigation." For many friends and associates, the death of the longtime sheriff is a disturbing reminder of the many unanswered questions in the death of his wife. After her death, Dunning was rarely seen in public during the final years of his term.

"Toward the end, he was sheriff in absentia," said Mayor Bill Euille. "But I think it's important to remember his legacy of trying to do something about the recidivism rate, which he fought hard to reduce."

DUNNING WAS ELECTED in 1985 after a campaign in which he accused incumbent Republican Sheriff Michael Norris of providing insufficient security at the jail. The first few months of his tenure proved to be difficult for the 35-year-old sheriff. A prisoner wearing leg irons managed to slip out of a holding cell at the courthouse. Then a Maryland woman accused of a misdemeanor spent a weekend in a holding cell because a deputy sheriff forgot to release her. "When I took this job, the Sheriff's Office was in disarray," Dunning said in a 2005

interview toward the end of his term. "Turn-over among the sworn professional ranks exceeded 20 percent annually. I immediately endeavored to work with the city and the City Council to address this quiet crisis." In 1989, he beat Republican challenger

J o h n Kochensparger — winning every precinct. That landslide victory was an indication of his popularity and ability to build coalitions. Much of that success was because of the partnership with his wife,

who was viewed by many as the "mayor of Del Ray." But Jim Dunning also had a droll sense of humor and an ability to charm. During a City Council meeting in 1987, Dunning said he was reluctant to announce the date the city's new jail would open because the inmates "are great fans" of the

televised council meetings

"Hi, guys," he said, grinning at the camera.

During his years in office, Sheriff Dunning worked hard to achieve pay parity for sheriff's deputies — raising their salaries to be closer to police officers. He also advocated for diversion programs to keep people out of the jails, sometimes clashing with judges when they had a difference of opinion about how the criminal justice system should work. Political supporters

"He was fierce in his desire to maintain the constitutional authority of his office. He did not want to be treated as another department head."

— Lonnie Rich

say that the longtime sheriff could be strong advocate when he needed to be.

"He was fierce in his desire to maintain the constitutional authority of his office," said former Councilman Lonnie Rich, who managed Dunning's first campaign in 1985. "He did not want to be treated as another

department head."

OVER THE YEARS, Dunning became increasingly reclusive. He allowed his undersheriffs and chief deputies to handle much of the responsibility of the office, and the sheriff was hardly ever seen in public. In one rare and memorable appearance during his last few months in office, Dunning endorsed Republican candidate Bill Cleveland — a shock to many Democrats who were supporting Dana Lawhorne. When asked why he wasn't supporting Lawhorne, Dunning declined to elaborate.

"I'm not comparing the candidates," he said. "I'll let the people do that."

Voters chose Lawhorne, who became an active public face in the community. Meanwhile, the cloud of Nancy Dunning's murder continued to linger over the former sheriff. Over the years, police officials have indicated that she was targeted. But no arrests were ever made in the case, which has now grown cold.

"The tragedy is that he lived with this hanging over his head, which is why he moved to South Carolina," said Rich.

Childhood Hobbies: Finding the Right Fit

Experts offer suggestions for choosing extracurricular activities for the fall.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

While many are still basking in the lazy days of summer, Anna Faust is planning her 5-year-old son's after-school activity schedule for the fall. On his agenda: baseball, soccer, gymnastics and tennis lessons.

"My plan is to expose him to as many activities as possible and hope that he chooses one and excels," said Faust. "Sometimes, though I can't tell if he's going along happily because all of his friends are doing it or because he really likes it."

Child development experts say deciding which and how many extracurricular activities are best for children is a dilemma many parents face. Factors such as expense and time can make the process a delicate balancing act.

If a child wants to join a traveling hockey team, how does a parent know if his or her desire to play matches the necessary investment of pricey equipment? Should a parent coax a reluctant child into taking piano lessons hoping to transform an unwilling tot into a musical prodigy? And how much is too much when it comes to hobbies? Local child development experts say the answers vary on a case-by-case basis.

"The key to balancing one's schedule between school work, extracurricular interests, family and friends is reached not so much by seeing these goods as necessarily in competition, but rather in seeing all of the time that we have been given as a great treasure that we have to use in the best



PHOTO COURTESY OF ST. STEPHEN'S & ST. AGNES SCHOOL

Students at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School participate in an after-school "Kids in Motion" class. Experts say extracurricular activities offer social interactions, which are important to a child's development.

possible way," said Michael Moynihan, Upper School Head of The Heights School in Potomac.

Extracurricular activities are an important part of a child's development, and finding the right fit is worth the effort. "They expose children to a variety of experiences and peers. For older children, they are a venue for healthy social interaction as opposed to participating in undesirable behavior," said Rich Leichtweis, PhD, senior director of the Inova Kellar Center in Fairfax, "If kids are on the computer or watching television

from the time they get home from school until dinner and then back on again until they go to bed, they are missing critical social opportunities that extra curricular activities can provide."

Assessing a true attraction to an activity versus a passing fancy can be tricky. "Parents should first ask their children what they might be interested in before signing them up, and they should be careful in monitoring how their children continue to feel about participating in these activities," wrote Chantilly resident Maria Londono, a mental health therapist for Fairfax Community Health Care Network in Reston, Falls Church and Alexandria, in an email.

While older children are able to express an opinion about activities, younger children might need more guidance. "If a child has a strength or interest we can build on that," said Leichtweis. "If parents notice that a child has a gift for piano or soccer, they should encourage it."

One pitfall, say experts, is following the pack. "Parents get pulled into activities because they think everybody else is doing it. Before you know it, those activities pile up and can be stressful," said McLean resident Michele Garofalo, EdD, assistant chair, Department of Counseling and associate professor of psychology at Marymount University in Arlington.

How does a parent know if a child is overscheduled? "Some kids are OK with a lot of activities," said Leichtweis. "If a child is involved in a lot and they're doing well in school, getting adequate rest and there are no significant disruptions, then it's probably OK. But if there is a change in behavior, their grades slip, they're not getting

enough rest and they're in eight different activities, then it is time to make a change."

Experts say there are warning signs that a parent might be pushing a child too hard. "When a child says 'I don't want to go to this activity' or 'I don't like the kids there' or if they are pouting or agitated when it's time to go, those are signals that they need a change," said Garofalo. "If extracurricular activities are fun and kids enjoy them, they can build a child's self-esteem and give them a place to shine, and children need a place to shine."

Parents should also consider the family's overall schedule. "Look at your calendar and think about the benefit versus the cost, time and energy involved in the activity. How much stress will it put on the family?" said Garofalo.

"Parents can set limits and help kids prioritize. We can listen to the kids, but it's our responsibility to set limits. A well-balanced child is a healthy child," said Leichtweis.

Make sure to set aside time for rest. "Children need downtime and a break from organized activity," noted Susan DeLaurentis, director of counseling, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria. "I think that is important to recognize that if children have been in school all day they've put in a lot."

Finally, experts say encourage activities that children can continue into adulthood like swimming, hiking or running. "With extracurricular activities, what we're doing is setting a foundation for life. It is part of developing well-rounded and balanced community members. We want a child who knows how to work and play," said Leichtweis.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ST. STEPHEN'S & ST. AGNES SCHOOL

Instructor Matthew Gehlhoff leads students at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in an after-school fencing class. "If a parent notices that a child has a gift for piano or soccer, they should encourage it," said Rich Leichtweis, PhD, senior director of the Inova Kellar Center.

SPORTS

Manager, 7 Players Represent Aces On All-Star Roster

The Alexandria Aces had seven players named to the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League all-star game, which was held July 11 at Shirley Povich Field in Bethesda. The Aces played for the American League All-Stars, who were led by Aces manager Corey Haines.

The American All-Stars jumped out to a 2-0 lead and led 3-2 after 3 1/2 innings, but the National All-Stars came back to win, 9-3.

Aces all-star pitchers were: Ronnie Glenn (Pennsylvania), Nicholas Marics (Wilmington), Chris McKenna (Monmouth) and Colin Milon (Bishop O'Connell, George Washington). Position players were: Alex Buccilli (Coastal Carolina), Anthony Papio (Maryland) and Chris Sweeney

(King College).

"It was great," Haines said of his opportunity to manage the American All-Stars. "The guys come out here tonight [and] it's an honor to be here.

They come out here just to have fun; it's not all about winning tonight, just having fun [and] getting to meet other guys from other teams. ...

"We have a good season going right now and [the Aces who made the all-star game] helped us get where we were, so I was glad to see those guys go out there and perform and have fun, so it was a good experience all around for the Aces."

Entering July 18 action, Alexandria was 16-16 and seven games behind the first-place Baltimore Redbirds.



Alexandria Aces manager Corey Haines managed the American League all-stars during the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League all-star game July 11 in Bethesda.



Alexandria Aces outfielder Alex Buccilli played for the American League all-stars during the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League July 11 in Bethesda.

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SCHOOL NOTES

Send announcements to the Alexandria Gazette Packet, by e-mail to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos are encouraged.

The following area students graduated from the University of Mary Washington on May 12.

❖ **Calvin V. Clessas**, a resident of Alexandria, graduated with a B.A. degree in geography and classical civilization. Clessas received the Barbara Leigh Gregg Prize in Greek.

❖ **Andrew C. Cole**, a resident of Alexandria, graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. degree in biological sciences and music. Cole received the Anne and Sidney Hamer Music Award.

❖ **Elizabeth H. Crowe**, a resident of Alexandria, graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. degree in historic preservation. Crowe received the Grace Wadsworth Award in Historic Preservation.

❖ **Brian A. Roinestad**, a resident of Alexandria, graduated with a MBA degree in master of business administration. Roinestad received the Outstanding Master of Business Administration Student Award.

Abiodun A. Orevba of Alexandria graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration on May 19 at McDaniel College.

Mary Ferrill of Alexandria made the Dean's List at DePaul University for the winter quarter of 2012.

Starling Carter of Alexandria recently graduated summa cum laude from Bard College at Simon's Rock with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Studies: Politics, Ethics, and Aesthetics.

Jacqueline McCabe, a sophomore majoring in biology and French, from Alexandria, made the Dean's List at Bridgewater College for the Spring semester.

T.C. Williams High School has won the Avery Law Firm-sponsored pledge contest encouraging students to refrain from texting while driving. As a result, the school has earned \$2,000 for having the highest percentage of its student enrollment make the pledge to never text and drive.

Caitlin Butler, a nursing degree recipient at Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va., was recognized as a member of the 2011 graduating class. Butler is the daughter of Gregory and Belinda Butler of Alexandria.

Katherine Janice Morrow of Alexandria graduated from the University of Iowa this spring with a Master of Arts in Film Studies.

The following local residents are on the Dean's List in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Villanova University for the 2011 spring semester:

❖ **Ariana Meltzer-Bruhn**, Alexandria; sophomore,

❖ **Inez Catherine Cooney**, Alexandria; freshman.

Anne Khademian of Alexandria has been named director of School of International and Public Affairs in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies. Khademian most recently served as program director for the Center for Public Administration and Policy and has been at Virginia Tech since 2004.

Nawaf Alessa, a political science major at Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, WV, was named to the Spring 2011 Dean's List. Alessa is from Alexandria.

Laura Reynolds, a freshman majoring in psychology, from Alexandria, was named to the Dean's List at Bridgewater College for the fall semester.

Freshman **Mark Mattis** of Alexandria has been named to the 2011 fall semester Dean's List at West Virginia Wesleyan.

The University of Mary Washington has announced its Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2011-12 academic year. The following Alexandria residents students are among the 796 students who have been named to the Dean's List:

Ahmed Abdelaziz Ahmed, a junior

Jessica C. Bittner, a freshman
Josephine Chagweruka, a senior
Andrew C. Cole, a senior
Zachary S. Feinstein, a senior
Isabel M. Ibrahim, a junior
Gabrielle R. Kuhn, a junior
Joann P. Liu, a senior
Marie-Claire L. Mandolia, a junior

Rachel L. Martin, a junior
Natalie M. Motley, a freshman
Jonathan C. Polson, a freshman
Kristen E. Powell, a freshman
Emma K. Stotz, a junior
Sarah R. Watson, a senior

The University of Mary Washington has announced its President's List for the spring semester of the 2011-12 academic year. The President's List recognizes outstanding academic achievement at the university by full-time students who attain a perfect 4.0 grade-point average. The following Alexandria resident students are among the 106 students who have been named to the President's List:

Catherine A. Chase, a junior
Elizabeth D. Green, a sophomore
James L. Updike, a junior

Finn Named New Director Of ACPS Educational Facilities

Retired Navy Capt. William E. Finn has been appointed as the new educational facilities director for Alexandria City Public Schools effective July 1. As a U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps officer, Finn has more than 20 years of increasing responsibility in facilities engineering and services, public works, real estate, construction and environmental management of U.S. Naval bases up to 3,500 acres, supporting communities of more than 20,000 personnel.

Since 2010, Finn has served as chief operating officer of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. In this capacity, he directed planning, real estate, design, construction, environmental and operational services for the public works/physical plant, utilities and special facilities for Navy and Marine Corps bases throughout the Pacific and Indian Oceans, delivering more than \$1 billion of facilities management, construction and services annually. Previously, Finn served as chief executive officer at Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti, Africa; director of facilities management and engineering



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for Navy Forces Korea in Seoul, Korea; chief operating officer for the Naval Construction Battalion

Center in Gulfport, Miss.; chief executive officer of the Naval Construction Training Center in Gulfport, Miss.; and chief operating officer in charge of construction in Marianas, Guam. Finn has a master of arts degree in national security and strategic studies from the U.S. Naval War College, a master of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Florida and a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy. He also participated in the Advanced Management Program at the Duke University Fuqua School of Business.

Finn is licensed as a professional engineer in Florida and is a Certified Federal Acquisition Professional with unlimited contracting authority.



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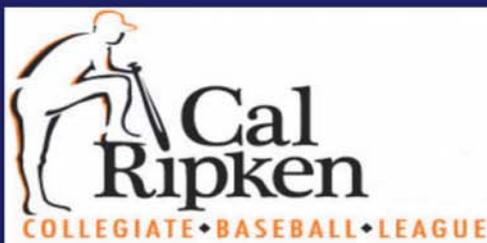
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Monday, July 23 vs. Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts - 7 PM

Tuesday, July 24 vs. DC Grays - 7 PM



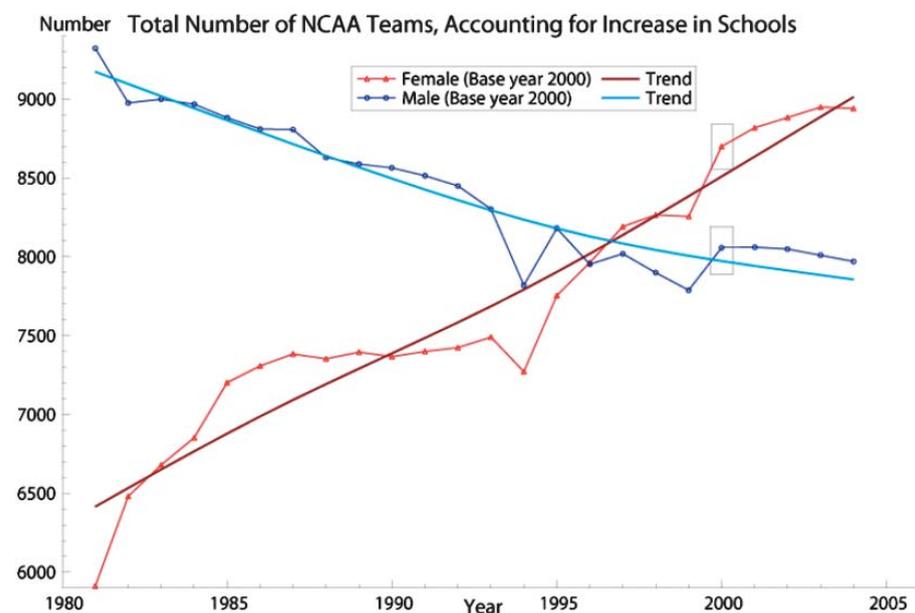
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NEWS

Local coaches reflect on law's impact and societal changes.



Source: College Sports Council

Title IX Marks 40 Years

BY ROSS SYLVESTRI
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Forty years ago on June 23, President Richard Nixon signed into law a series of amendments known as Title IX that banned discrimination on the basis in "any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." However, the law is mainly known for its impact on high school and college sports.

"Title IX is one of the most important statutes ever passed by Congress," according to W. Burlette Carter, a professor of law at George Washington University Law School. "It transformed access to educational opportunity for women in the U.S. Many people don't realize that Title IX applies not merely to sports but to access to all educational opportunities generally, when financed in whole or in part by federal dollars. Before it, women were blocked by gender stereotypes and Old Boy networks from a whole host of programs at high schools and colleges and universities."

Kathy Jenkins, the girls' lacrosse coach at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria, said that women have made "tremendous" progress in terms of opportunities in sports. She said that when started coaching at St. Agnes School in 1971, the girls there had very few teams to play on and played very few games.

"I loved sports and I wanted to play every sport I could when I was growing up," Jenkins said. However, there weren't many opportunities for her to play sports when she was younger.

IN THE YEARS after Title IX, more and more women were playing sports in high school and college. This included women like Beth Ann Wilson, head coach of the women's volleyball team at Marymount University, who didn't really "recognize the disadvantages that women had in athletics" when she was growing up in the '70s.

"By the time I was in high school and college, it was the early '80s, and I think a lot of the positive effects of Title IX had already taken effect," Wilson said. "So I always felt like I had a lot of opportunity, but I think I was at the very front end of that wave of women."

However, critics of the law believe that while women have made much progress in athletics and education as a whole, Title IX has meant many men's college sports were cut due to schools being unable to comply with a three-pronged test set up by the

Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights to show that they are compliant with Title IX.

The three tests are: Showing that participation in sports programs for men and women are "provided in numbers substantially proportionate to their respective enrollments," "showing a history and continuing practice of program expansion in response to the interest and abilities of the 'underrepresented' sex," or "demonstrating that the interests and abilities of members of the 'underrepresented' sex have been fully and effectively accommodated by the school's program."

ACCORDING TO Vicki Alger, Ph.D, a senior fellow at the Independent Women's Forum, a non-partisan educational and research organization, the reason many men's collegiate athletics teams have been affected is because women make up the majority of students at most colleges, and the proportionality test is most commonly used to show compliance with Title IX, thus men's sports programs end up being cut.

"A lot of schools default [to proportionality] for security purposes," Alger said. "The practical effect of the vague language, however, means institutions attempt to comply in the clearest way possible to avoid lawsuits for non-compliance. This means schools do cut back on the number of teams or players to meet proportionality guidelines."

However, Neena Chaudry, senior counsel for education and employment at the National Women's Law Center, a legal advocacy group, says that the blame for Title IX is "misplaced."

She points to a fact sheet compiled by the NWLC that states that Title IX doesn't require schools to cut men's sports, saying that "Some schools have chosen to eliminate certain men's sports, like gymnastics and wrestling, and even some women's sports." It also cites a 2001 study from the federal Government Accountability office that found that 72 percent of schools that added teams from 1992 to 2000 did so without discontinuing any teams.

However, Alger points to data that shows from 1981 to 2005, the number of women's teams in the NCAA increased while the number of men's decreased.

Alger believes that the ambiguity of the law could be solved if the proportionality test were replaced with an interest survey given out by schools that would determine how many students at that school would be interested in playing sports.

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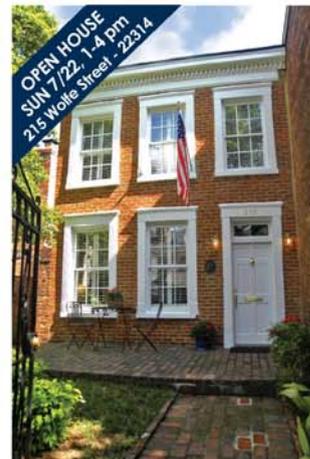


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