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1776 at the Carlyle House

Portraying a member of the 1st Virginia Regiment, Constantine Gojnycz works on a powder horn during the Revolutionary War Camp reenactment on Saturday afternoon, July 6, at the Carlyle House.

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Is Takeover Constitutional?

Alexandria officials consider legal challenge to Educational Opportunities Institution.

By Michael Lee Pope Gazette Packet

s Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell's effort to take over Jefferson-Houston School constitutional?

That's a question that could make its way to the courts soon as Alexandria leaders consider whether or not to bring a legal challenge to the Educational Opportunities Institution, the governor's landmark education reform effort to takeover troubled schools. The only school in Northern Virginia with test scores constantly low enough to qualify for a state takeover is Jefferson-Hous-

ton School, which has failed to meet accreditation standards 10 out of the last 11 years. Now, as the potential takeover date of fall 2014 approaches, City Council members and School Board members met this week behind closed doors in an executive session to discuss the possibilities.

"One of the justifications for a lawsuit could be slowing down the implementation for this thing so there can be some clarity to how all this is going to play out," said Del. Rob Krupicka (D-45), who was not involved in the joint executive session. "The legal issues

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Politics in the E.R.

McAullife launches healthcare platform at Inova Alexandria Hospital.

By Michael Lee Pope
The Connection

emocratic candidate for governor Terry McAuliffe found himself in the emergency room this week, but it wasn't because of a medical emergency. The former chairman of the Democratic National Committee was touring Alexandria Inova Hospital to launch his healthcare plat-

form in his race for governor against Republican Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli — who sued the federal government as a protest against Affordable Care Act.

"This is a win-win," McAuliffe said, "These types of commonsense policies, which have been supported by Republican and Democratic governors

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Week in Alexandria

Estranged and Injured

What happens when you mix raw emotions and firearms? Sometimes people get injured.

Such was the case this week on Holmes Run Parkway, where a 35-year-old man went to the house where he once lived to pick up personal items from his estranged wife. According to the Alexandria Police Department, he was shot shortly before 7 a.m. Wednesday morning. Police say he was flown to Inova Fairfax Hospital, where he was listed in critical condition after being shot at least once in the stomach.

"There were multiple shots fired," said Lt. **Mark Bergin**. "Not to be too grim about this, but he had blood all over him so we weren't about to determine exactly how many wounds he had."

The man was taken to Polk Elementary School, where a Medevac helicopter was waiting. From there, he was flown to Inova Fairfax Hospital, which has a Level 1 trauma center. Meanwhile a 23-year-old male who was visiting the home Wednesday morning was treated on the scene for a gunshot wound to the hand before being interviewed by detectives and eventually transported to Inova Alexandria Hospital for further medical treatment.

"We're still investigating to determine the cause," said Bergin.

Mixed Economic Picture

The hand that gives also takes away.

That's the story with Alexandria's economy in recent months, according to the city's most recent financial report. The number of new construction permits is 433 percent higher this year compared to last year, and their value is 69 percent more. Budget officials say this represents the first year-over-year increase in permit values of the year. The number of multi-family construction permits is 61 percent higher than last year, and their average value is 32 percent more. That represents the first year-over-year increase since September 2012.

That's the good news. The bad news is that city leaders are always waiting for the other shoe to drop.

"Staff recommends cautious optimism as the second quarter 2013 office vacancy data to be released in July could diminish the positive impact of these changes," wrote City Manager **Rashad Young**.

Mark Your Calendars

Summer is here, and it's a great time to learn about the history of Alexandria

First, there's the Community Open House at the Alexandria Black History Museum slated for July 20 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The event will feature a discussion of prominent African-Americans in Alexandria with Living Legends founder **Nina Tisara** as well as several Living Legends board members. It will also feature a book signing for "African Americans of Alexandria, Virginia: Beacons of Light in the Twentieth Century," a new book written by **Char McCargo Bah**, **Christa Watters**, **Audrey Davis**, **Gwendolyn Brown-Henderson** and **James Henson**. Proceeds from the sale of this book benefit the Alexandria Black History Museum.

Next, there's the celebration of **Harry Potter**'s birthday at the Alexandria Apothecary Museum on July 31 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Visitors will learn about uses for Dragon's Blood, Unicorn Root and Mandrake Root as they encounter real-world apothecary counterparts to the world of Harry Pottter. For 141 years, the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary offered a variety of potions that were mixed and sold as "cure-alls" in their time. Entrance fee is \$6 per person at the door.

Then there's Tavern Day, scheduled for Aug. 3 at Gadsby's Tavern. The free open house will invite guests into Alexandria's five-star hotel of the 18th century, a place where **George Washington** celebrated his birthday and **Thomas Jefferson** celebrated his inauguration. This year, Tavern Day will highlight 18th century science experiments by Project Enlightenment, McLean High School's reenactment society.

And don't forget about Friendship Firehouse Festival on Aug. 4. The annual festival, organized by the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association, features antique firefighting equipment, craft booths, displays by Alexandria merchants and live music. Children will receive free fire helmets and will be treated to a supervised visit inside a city's firetrucks.

— Michael Lee Pope

News



French high school students Pierre Salvi, Paul Lefevre, Lise **Mourtier and** Mathilde **Tremen** celebrate Independence Day with their Alexandrian hosts at Fort Mver in Arlington.

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Exchange of Independence

Sister city high school exchange focuses on culture,

national independence days.

By Montie Martin Gazette Packet

he U.S. and France have deep historic connections. The French provided assistance during the American War of Independence, and the Americans played a vital role in the liberation of occupied France during WWII. In an effort to deepen ties of friendship, Alexandria and her French sister city Caen have restarted a month-long high school exchange program with a focus on cultural understanding.

For two weeks, Alexandria families opened their homes to French friends, and exposed an American way of life unfamiliar to many Europeans. From basketball games at city recreation centers to chipmunks in backyards, French teenagers from Caen discov-

ered exotic aspects of America many people in Alexandria would find mundane.

"It was an eye opener for them, and an eye opener for us," said Paula Lader, an Alexandria resident who hosted two of the French teenagers during the two-week exchange. "We were worried they would be bored going to a baseball game, but they loved it, and the boys went wild over chipmunks."

The program included a busy itinerary highlighting Ameri-

can life, and included trips to shopping malls, a tour of the Mount Vernon Estate, jogs along the Potomac River, museum visits, and basketball games at recreation centers.

"We don't have recreation centers; I practiced more basketball here than in France," said Paul Lefevre, a



Shanley Kirk, Raymond Tunon and Alyona Brooker will represent Alexandria during a two-week high school exchange while abroad in the French sister city of Caen.

"I think Americans are more friendly than we say in Europe; they are open to different cultures. I didn't realize this before the trip."

— Paul Lefevre, a junior high school student from Caen

junior high school student from Caen. "I learned about the American way of life; it's a different lifestyle. I think Americans are more friendly than we say in Europe; they are open to different cultures. I didn't realize this before the trip."

The Alexandria sister city relationship with Caen was established in the 1970s when Mayor Charles Beatley visited the capital of Normandy as a pilot. Cultural exchange was viewed as a way to foster peace and build

connections, and remains at the center of the relationship.

Annual college level exchanges take place every July, in which the Alexandria and Caen city halls of

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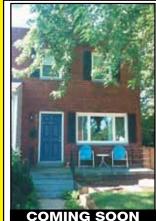
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Portraying camp followers, Allison and Sandra Sedgwick work on sewing tasks in the shade of a tent at the reenactment at the Carlyle House.

Lacey Villiva as Sarah **Carlyle Herbert welcomes** guests in the parlor of the

Carlyle House.

1776 at the Carlyle House

olonel John Carlyle and members of his family welcomed visitors to their home as troops from the 1st Virginia Regiment set up camp and performed drills on the front lawn on Saturday afternoon, July 6. The family was celebrating the recent news from Philadelphia that a declaration of independence had been signed.



Daniel Kippenham portrays John Carlyle's (Charles Aldrich) son George William Carlyle.

Nathan Sedgwick joins friends in the 1st Virginia Regiment camp during Saturday's reenactment at the Carlyle House.





Susan Hellman, the newly selected historic site administrator for the Carlyle House, greets visitors with Colonel John Carlyle (Charles Aldrich) outside the gates of the 18th century home.



Charles Aldrich appears as the "Old Colonel" John Carlyle.

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City To Host National Road Racing Championships

The course will include Del Ray, Old Town.

By Jeanne Theismann Gazette Packet

lite runners from around the world will take to the streets of Alexandria Nov. 17 when the city hosts the .US National Road Racing Championships, a 12-kilometer race that will serve as the finale to the USA Running Circuit series.

"We are very proud to host America's best runners in Alexandria, as well as celebrate the many members of our local community who run for sport, fitness and fun," said Mayor Bill Euille at a July 2 press conference in Market Square announcing the race. "Alexandria is home to outstanding running routes and trails and is a frequent setting for some of the region's favorite road races. We look forward to sharing our beautiful city with runners from across the country."

USA Track & Field's Jill Geer officially announced the selection of Alexandria as the location of the race nearly five months after the creation of the inaugural event. Only athletes who have finished in the top 10 at USARC events will be eligible for part of the \$100,000 prize purse, with \$20,000



Jim Rogers, Neustar vice president of marketing, announces details of the new USATF race to be held Nov. 17 in Alexandria at a press conference July 2 at Market Square. Looking on are Police Foundation chairman Willem Polak, Mayor Bill Euille and APD Deputy Chief Blaine Corle.

going to the top male and female finishers.

"When we were planning the launch of the road race, we had three key objectives," said Geer, who attended the press conference on behalf of USATF. "We wanted to provide a race that welcomed road racers, joggers and professional athletes alike, to host it in a location with a robust community and to have the location be a 'destination' and a showcase for this national championship. We look forward to November."

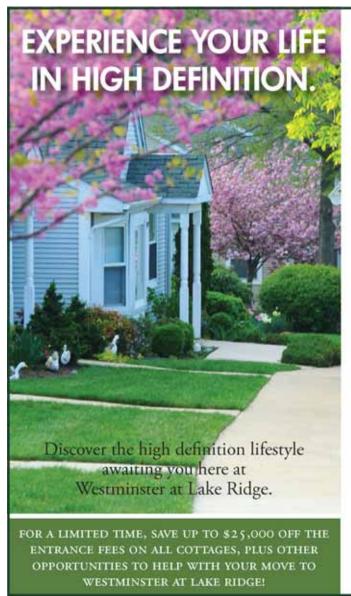
The race will be webcast on www.USATF.TV and include a 12-kilometer community division, 5km family run and children's fun run. The event will begin and end at Oronoco Bay Park and feature a course that will take runners through the streets of Old Town and Del Ray.

Partnering with USATF on the race is the Alexandria Police Foundation, which will serve as the community outreach liaison and volunteer recruiter, and Pacers Events, which is managing local planning, logistics and promotion. The Alexandria Police Foundation currently is raising funds to build a police memorial at police headquarters to honor officers who have given their lives to protect the community.

"We are thrilled to be part of this press conference and appreciate the plaudits from Mayor Euille on the foundation and the work that we do," said Willem Polak, chairman of the board of the Alexandria Police Foundation. "It's a real honor for us to be part of this national race."

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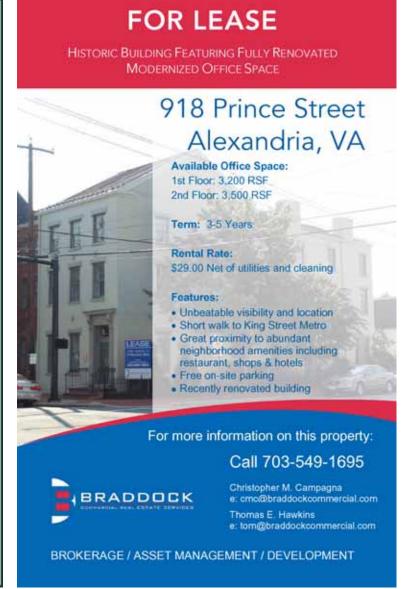
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Launching Healthcare Platform

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alike, are what the Commonwealth needs to grow our economy and create more opportunities for Virginians now and in future generations."

McAuliffe calls his platform "A Healthier, Stronger Virginia," a plan to expand Medicaid and improving community care through expanded mental health services,

veteran's health services and disability care. Outgoing Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell is opposed to Medicaid expansion, although he opened the door to the possibility as part of a vote-swapping operation with Senate Democrats to secure a landmark transportation package. Now a commission is investigating whether or not the commonwealth can afford expanding Medicaid to 400,000 uninsured Virginians, although the panel is not expected to make a recommendation until after the election. Meanwhile Republicans say expansion could bankrupt Virginia 10 or 20 years from now if the federal government fails to pay for 90 percent of the program.

"I think that's just fluff on the part of the Republicans," said Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille, who welcomed McAulifffe to the hospital Monday afternoon. "Four hundred thousand folks in Virginia are going to be added healthcare rolls and receive the benefits, and 33,000 jobs are going to be created."

THE POLITICS of healthcare have become one of the hottest issues in the campaign, and one of the starkest points of distinction between the candidates. Cuccinelli crafted a national reputation for himself by launching a lawsuit against the Affordable Care Act. Now he's ready to take the issue to the voters, gambling that opposition to President Barack Obama's healthcare reform will help secure a victory in November.

"When it comes to healthcare reform generally, Virginians are rightfully concerned about the fact that Terry McAuliffe not only supported Obamacare, he even favored the public option," said Anna Nix, press secretary for Cuccinelli. "A growing chorus of Virginia businesses are opposed to the law because of its job-crushing mandates, costs and regulations."

As it's currently written, the Affordable Care Act says the federal government will pay for 100 percent of the Medicaid expansion for the first three years. After that, Uncle Sam will pick up the tab for 90 percent of the program. Republicans say they fear what will happen down the line, per-



Terry McAuliffe greets patient care director of Inova Alexandria's Twig Surgical Center Valerie Murphy on a tour through the hospital with hospital CEO Christine Candio on Monday afternoon.

haps 10 or 20 years from now. If the federal government fails to pay for most of the program, opponents say, Virginia taxpayers could be stuck with a bill that could bankrupt the state.

"Let's say hypothetically down the road, the federal government totally reneges on their commitment," said McAuliffe. "That day, as governor if it happens under my term, I call the General Assembly back in and say we're ending our part of the program too because they didn't honor their deal."

EXPANSION OF MEDICAID was one of the key provisions of the Affordable Care Act when it was originally signed by Obama in 2009. But the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that each state would have to decide whether or not to expand the program, which offers health insurance to the poor and disabled. Earlier this year, a commission was appointed to determine whether or not Virginia meets a set of guidelines created by the General Assembly. That means the next governor will take office during a critical moment, a time when the expansion could move forward or grind to a halt.

"Medicaid is the fastest growing and most out-of-control part of the Virginia general fund budget, and it's filled with waste, fraud and abuse," said Nix. "It is not a good course to expand such a tenuous system, particularly when it would require tax increases under virtually all circumstances."

Democrats argue that expanding Medicaid would not only offer healthcare to the uninsured, but it would also be good for job growth and economic prosperity. One of the arguments they make in favor of expanding the program is that Virginia taxpayers will be paying into the system regardless of whether or not the state participates. McAuliffe says failure to participate would be money down the drain.

"Twenty-nine states have already agreed to accept it. Very conservative Republican governors in Florida and Arizona and Michigan and Ohio have agreed to accept it. Ken Cuccinelli is out of the mainstream of Virginia."

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Taking Notes

Former Democratic National Committee Chairman **Terry McAuliffe** is not the standard candidate for higher office. McAuliffe, who is running for governor, visited Inova Alexandria Hospital this week to launch his healthcare platform. It was basically a standard rolling photo-op, involving the candidate meeting several of the hospital's senior officials. What was not standard was the reporter's notebook the candidate carried around with him, taking detailed notes along the way

"He carries it with him everywhere he goes," said **Josh Schwerin**, press secretary for the Democratic candidate.

McAuliffe asks a lot of questions, and he takes a lot of notes. One of his favorite questions, which he posed to several people at the hospital, is what they would do if they were governor. Inova Alexandria CEO **Christine Candio** gave a pretty standard answer about expanding Medicaid and ensuring a "smooth transition" for the Affordable Care Act. But when McAuliffe posed the question to patient care director **Valerie Murphy**, he got a different kind of answer.

"I'd pay nurses more," she said without missing a beat.

McAullife jotted the answer down in his notebook, then moved on to the next stop on the tour.

On the Firing Line

When the General Assembly session began earlier this year, the nation was still reeling from the school shooting in Connecticut in which 20 children and six adults were gunned down at Sandy Hook Elementary School. A number of guncontrol efforts were introduced as legislators gathered in Richmond, most of which were unsuccessful.

One of the efforts that failed was House Bill 2263, which was introduced by Del. **Rob Krupicka** (D-45). The bill allowed law-enforcement officials to temporarily seize guns and ammunition of individuals who expressed an intent to inflict death or serious injury. The bill was promptly dispatched to a subcommittee, where it died an unceremonious death.

"My bill wasn't perfect," acknowledged Krupicka. "And I'm looking at some alternative approaches to bring forward in the future."

Now the effort has become a political issue on the campaign trail. Independent candidate **Jeffrey Engle** has criticized the effort as an unconstitutional threat to the right to bear arms in Virginia.

"Authorizing police to go and seize weapons of law-abiding citizens without them having committed a crime really pushes hard against the Bill of Rights," said Engle. "I have a lot of concerns about directly attaching a criminal liability to an individual for something that's not actually a crime."

Krupicka defended the bill as an effort to respond to a growing crisis.

"We require a background check for someone before they buy a gun to prove they don't have mental illness, but what happens if the mental illness happens after you buy the gun?" asked Krupicka. "If you can't buy a gun when you have a mental illness, why is it that you can continue to possess one if you get it later?"

Challenging the Record

Democrats feel pretty confident that they will be able to win the lieutenant governor's race against conservative black evangelist **E.W. Jackson**, who has compared Planned Parenthood to the Ku Klux Klan and called gays sexually twisted. But the other down-ballot race is more vexing.

Democrats have not been able to win an election for attorney general since Del. **Mary Sue Terry** (D-10) beat Republican candidate **W.R. O'Brien**, a former University of Richmond football star who represented Virginia Beach in the House of Delegates. This year the race for attorney general features state Sen. **Mark Obenshain** (R-26) versus state Sen. **Mark Herring** (D-33). Will Democrats be able to break the losing streak of the past six election cycles?

"Herring has been able to win in Loudoun County, which is a real swing area," said state Sen. **Adam Ebbin** (D-30). "And the voting record of his opponent is not something that's in the mainstream of Virginia."

As an example, Ebbin cited Obenshain's bill that would have required women to report miscarriages to authorities within 24 hours. He also said Democrats would challenge the Republican's opposition to funding for Planned Parenthood and opposition for Medicaid expansion.

"Mark Herring has also worked hard for rail to Dulles," said Ebbin. "That's pretty popular in Northern Virginia."

— Michael Lee Pope

PEOPLE



Contestants line up for the three-legged race at the annual Rosemont Fourth of July picnic.

Rosemont Celebrates 4th of July



Leah Valtin-Erwin and Elena Bischak clear the finish line first in the threelegged race laughing all the way.

ore than 50 years ago, Rosemont resident Owen Malone together with then president of the Rosemont Citizens Association and now retired Judge Daniel O'Flaherty began the tradition of a celebration of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness with a festival for the entire neighborhood with a pet show followed by a bike parade, a baby beauty judging contest, lunch from the grill, sack races, three-legged races, the egg spoon races and more.

On Thursday afternoon, more than 100 families joined in the fun and festivities to celebrate the Fourth of July.

Winners in the races included Alex Heckel in the sack race, children Alex and Matthew Heckel and adults Leah Valtin-Erwin and Elena Bischak in the three-legged race, Briget Baron came in first with the egg spoon race and Campbell Pilskner and Michael Powell won the water balloon toss. The Frisbee toss was a tie.

Harry Springer judged the animals in the pet parade and awards were: Pork Chop - Best name, Dexter Bobbie - Best Accessories, Josie - Most Experienced, Bolt - Most Energetic, Fannie - America's Sweetheart, Rudy - Best Dressed, Brooklyn - Most Patriotic, Topsail - Best Tail wag, Sammie - Best Trick and Lola - Lady Godiva.





Delaney Partridge and Fenton Heckel patiently wait for hotdogs to arrive at the annual neighborhood picnic



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Savannah Purdy charms the judge at the Baby Beauty contest.



Luke Wazorko and Jack Lynch work up the sand in the infield at the playground in the field at the Maury School.



Genevieve Claussen, is greeted by Kay O'Flaherty.



Sloane Davis introduces herself to Baby Beauty Judge Bill Shultze.

News

Exchange of Independence

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fer a month-long internship program. Although the sister city relationship with Caen operates at an official level headed by city officials, a committee of Alexandrian Francophiles also plays a role in fostering international ties.

The Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee operates as an independent organization, and in 2012 the committee was approached by their French counterparts with a proposal to re-establish exchanges at a high school level.

"The high school exchange first came from parent interest, but the scope is teens staying with other teens," said Jeannie Reading, chair of the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee. "It's an outlet for people to mingle, so we're starting it up again. We did it in the summer so the French could be here on July 4, and the Americans could be in France for Bastille Day on July 14. Being able to hit both those national holidays is pretty exciting."

Alexandrians Celebrate D-Day

In addition to youth exchange programs, the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee has made D-Day a flag ship event honoring the Allied liberation of France and the rest of Europe during WWII.

"The D-Day celebration is a community-wide event," said Jennie Reading, committee chair. The 69th anniversary of D-Day was held in Market Square on June 6, and organizers estimated a crowd of 100 turned out to see vintage military hardware and historic re-enactors.

For more information about the Alexandria-Caen sister city relationship visit: alexandriacaen.wordpress.com.

The level of American patriotism in Alexandria during the Independence Day celebrations was a surprise to Mathilde Tremen, a junior in high school in Caen. "I didn't know Americans were such patriots; everyone is attached to the flag," said Tremen. "We also have fireworks in France, it's a symbol of revolution and we celebrate the same way for Bastille Day."

Other memorable moments the French teenagers encountered during their stay included an array of new tastes and American cuisine. "Our guest tried a lot of things she had never tasted, like peanut butter," said Shanely Kirk, a student at Minnie Howard who will be departing for France on July 11. "She was excited about a lot of things we find normal."

Americans who took part in the previous high school exchange program maintain the experience was formative, and opened a world of possibilities for the future. Carlos Ferrufino, a recent T.C. Williams High School graduate, decided to take a gap year and study the French language and culture through total immersion at a boarding school in Caen following his experience.

"Ever since I learned about France I tried to think from their point of view. Before I took part in the program I thought people in France wore black and white striped shirts and smoked cigarettes, but really not so many do that. My host did eat a baguette every morning though," said Ferrufino. "The high school exchange program is an opportunity to live in another country, and experience another culture. Two weeks was not enough, I want to become fluent in French and I need at least a year. This program has really changed my life."



Americans students Carlos Ferrufino, Raymond Tunon, Alyona Brooker and Shanley Kirk say "au revoir" to their French peers Baptiste Pimont, Juliette Gauchard, Anne-Cecile Leconte, Pierre Berceron, Jean Blazec, Paul Lefevre, Pierre Salvi, Lise Mourtier and Mathilde Tremen at a farewell BBQ held Saturday, July 6. Kirk, Tunon and Brooker will travel to Normandy and the French sister city of Caen for a two-week stay beginning July 11.

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OPINION

More Than Disclosure Needed

Time for limits on campaign contributions as well.

t least until after November's election, most candidates in Virginia seem to think that there should be some reform to Virginia's campaign finance and disclosure rules. At least it seems likely that most will support expanding disclosure rules to require disclosure of gifts to immediate family members as well as candidates/officials.

Up until recent news reports about gifts to family members of Gov. Bob McDonnell, almost all elected officials would defend Virginia's notoriously unregulated system of allowing candidates and elected officials to take unlimited amounts of money and unlimited gifts from anyone or any company at all. Because Virginia has such strict disclosure requirements, elected officials seem to think that it's OK to be awash in all that money.

A Reputation

In Michael Pope's recent article,

"Bike to the Future," there was a

comment about "younger and less

confident bicyclists, who wanted

to avoid getting run over by a

For Safety

To the Editor:

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DASH bus."

Voters can look up who is giving money and draw their own conclusions. How could it hurt if the details are all out in the open?

Discovering that the system is entirely selfregulated with no independent auditor, no ethics commission and no penalties for failing to report gifts or contributions should give voters some pause.

Consider that only four states, including Virginia, have no limits on contributions. Most states have limits; for

example, in Maryland, individuals can give \$4,000 to any one candidate and \$10,000 total in a four-year election cycle.

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To the Editor:

Regarding your report on Commonwealth Attorney Randy Sengel's findings into the shooting of Taft Sellers [Alexandria Gazette Packet, July 41: It seems to be straightforward enough, but it causes me to question whether one local law enforcement official (the commonwealth attorney) should be investigating the fatal shooting of a citizen by other local law enforcement officials (Alexandria police officers).

This seems to me like too much inside baseball.

Could not the city create a

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Leadership Challenge

Twenty Army JROTC cadets from T.C. Williams High School attended this year's Army JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge at Fort A.P. Hill, Va. TC cadets train with approximately 500 other cadets from 47 high schools from Virginia and North Carolina. Highlights of the six-day training period included a confidence course, rappelling, map reading, drill and sporting activities. The following TC cadets participated: Kimberly Alvarez, William Berry, Emily Dickerson, Taj Etherly, Francisco Flores, Gaby Flores, Anthony Fowlkes, Antonio Garcia, Callum Jaffe, Garvin Kiggundu, Alex Lazo, Joseph McKenna, Jennifer Medina, Marcus Pitt, Devin Shanahan, Lena Strm, Alexander Thorpe, Brian Vaughn, Jasmine Walker, and Alexander Whidden. Cadets receiving recognition in the top 10 percent performance included: Alvarez, G. Flores, F. Flores, Fowlkes, Jaffe, Medina and Strom. Cadets who received special recognition included: G. Flores - 1st Place Knock Out **Drills, and Fowlkes - 3rd Place Knock Out Drills.**

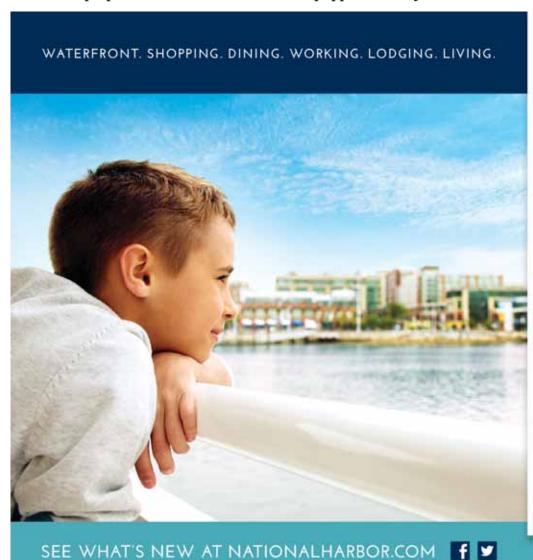
News



Church Awards Grants to Five Nonprofits

Westminster Presbyterian Church, a North Ridge landmark church founded in 1940 with a commitment to local mission work, awarded \$23,037 in new grants to five Alexandria charitable organizations: Carpenter's Shelter — \$4,275 for three commercial washers. Carpenter's Shelter has done an energy study and found that they can significantly reduce water and electric costs by replacing their old machines; Casa Chirilagua — \$4,784 for a STEM education program in LEGO robotics for Hispanic middle-schoolers in their after-school programs; Lazarus Ministry at St. Paul's - \$4,978 for upgrading their database to improve their emergency assistance to the poor in Alexandria and to help connect them to other programs that may help them; Senior Services — \$4,000 for purchase of computers to effectively administer their programs, including Meals on Wheels, Friendly Visitor and the Resource Center; and Together We Bake, a program at Guest House — \$5,000 to purchase educational materials for students to become certified in food preparation and therefore better equipped to find jobs.





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For more information on the .US National Road Racing Championships, visit nationalroadracingchampionships.us.

For information on the Alexandria Police Foundation, visit alexandriapolicefoundation.org.





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OPINION

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Lynnwood G.
Campbell, CPA,
member of SSA's
board of directors,
and Donna Walker
James, SSA's development director, holding a copy of the
city's proclamation.



Four Local Charities Honored

By Mary Lee Anderson

Director of the Resource Center for Senior Services of Alexandria

he Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington recently announced the charities selected to be featured in the 2013-14 Catalogue. More than 200 applications were evaluated by a panel of more than 100 expert reviewers from area foundations, corporate giving programs, and peer non-profits. Senior Services of Alexandria and four other Alexandria-based

Senior Services of Alexandria non-profits are included in the list of the 73 outstanding nonprofits to be featured in print this year.

"Senior Services of Alexandria is honored to be

included in the 2013/2014 Catalogue for its work on behalf of Alexandria's senior population, said Gregory Murphy, president of SSA's board of directors. We will continue to work diligently to provide programs and services that will foster independence and self sufficiency, enabling seniors within the city of Alexandria to age with dignity."

The other Alexandria non-profits selected are: Carpenters Shelter, which provides a safe haven for individuals and families needing a temporary home; Computer C.O.R.E., a workforce development program that transforms lives by teaching technological education; and Emerging Scholars, which motivates underserved students to thrive throughout their educational journey

to become effective citizens and leaders.

On June 25, Mayor Bill Euille, on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, highlighted this honor for the city, and issued a formal proclamation which states that the Catalogue for Philanthropy, its founder Barbara Harman, and all of its supporters are appreciated by the citizens of Alexandria and the people who benefit from these small nonprofits.

The Catalogue for Philanthropy was created in 2003 to instill passion, awareness and respect for philanthropy. It serves as a vehicle to promote charitable giving by the public and private sector. Its focus is on small charities — those that typically have important missions with meaningful results for their clients.

From traditional, direct mail catalogues, to innovative online portals, to special events and social media, the Catalogue's goal is to build networks of engaged donors and great nonprofits that will make a difference in new ways, on their terms. It also provides charities with a stamp of approval that tells donors they can invest with confidence. Print copies of the Catalogue will be mailed this fall in November and will be available of their website at www.cfp-dc.org.

"Charities were selected for excellence, cost-effectiveness, and impact" said Barbara Harman, president and editor of the Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington. These are certainly among the best community-based nonprofits in the Washington region."





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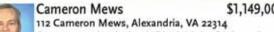
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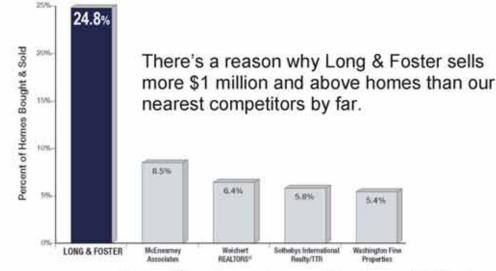
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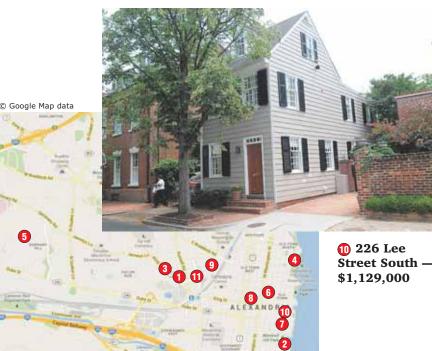
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HomeLifeStyle

Safeguarding Jewelry During Summer Vacations

Experts offer simple safety suggestions for protecting valuables.

By Marilyn Campbell
Gazette Packet

enzie Campbell left her home recently for a week-long trip to care for her ailing father. While she was away, her Northern Virginia home was burglarized, and in addition to a flat-screen television and an iMac computer, the thieves got away with all of her jewelry.

"I could care less about the television and the computer," she said. "But they took a Cartier ring that I bought during a family trip to Paris, my grandmother's wedding ring and almost all of the gemstone jewelry that my mother had given me, like a pair of denim sapphire earrings, which were my birthstone," she said. "It is heartbreaking, not because of the monetary value, but because of the sentimental value."

Summer is a time when many go on vacation and leave their homes unattended. In fact, according to the FBI, more burglaries occur during summer months than any other time of the year. The U.S. Department of Justice further reports that an American home is broken into about every 15 seconds. However, experts say there are simple precautions the average person can implement to safeguard valuable jewelry from potential burglaries.

"A jewelry box is the worst place to store valuable jewelry," said jeweler and gold-

A jewelry box that is kept in a bedroom is one of the least safe places for storing valuable jewelry.



smith George Kaufmann of Robert Bernard Jewelers in Potomac, Md. "A jewelry box is an invitation for a crook. Essentially, you're packaging all your valuables in one obvious place and making it easy for a crook to take."

In fact, the Jewelers' Security Alliance, a nonprofit trade association that provides crime prevention information, advises homeowners not to store their most precious jewelry in a bedroom or jewelry box. Statistically, it's the first place a burglar will look.

Campbell says that was her experience. "The burglars never went into my bathroom," she said. "They took all of the jewelry from drawers in my bedroom."

Diversion safes are clever options for hiding valuables. "There are a lot of items out there like books that are not really books but spaces for valuables or picture frames that are really security for jewelry," said Robin Wagner, an associate professor of interior design at Marymount University in

Arlington. There are even safes disguised as household food containers complete with barcoded wrappers, as well as decorative, wax candles that are made with interior metal storage compartments.

Kauffman says certain pieces of furniture also work well for hiding jewelry. "I had a client who has a piece of furniture that was an antique and it had a secret drawer that rotated," he said. "It was something that nobody would ever find."

He also recalls a clever hiding place from his childhood home. "When I was a kid, my mother wanted a vanity, so she took shelves out of the linen closet and made a little dressing table. It was deeper than what she needed, so she hid valuables in the shelves that were hidden. Every home has some kind of nook and cranny where you can hide valuable jewelry. Unless a crook has time to spend hours combing through your home, these usually work."

It's also a good idea to consider adding covert jewelry storage spaces, such as those

suggested by Kauffman, during a home remodeling project. Unfortunately, Bob Gallagher of Sun Design Remodeling in Burke said, "It is not something that people are thinking of when they go into a remodeling project. Clients don't bring it up often. People want to remain hopeful that they aren't going to be a victim."

However, says Gallagher, jewelry storage is not a complicated process during a construction project. "You build a safe into the actual construction project, inside the framing of the house. Sometimes people ask for safes to be recessed into a closet so people can't walk away with it, and you could hang a picture over the safe to cover it."

Fairfax resident Susan Hergenrather, an assistant professor of interior design at Marymount University agrees, offering a caveat about traditional safes. "You can buy a safe, but if it is one that can be picked up and taken out, it is not much good."

Knowing the value of your jewelry is another component of safeguarding it. "You have to have it tested to determine whether the stones are real and [to] determine their quality," said Kauffman. "Sometimes a ring might be stamped 14k gold, but that doesn't guarantee that it is real. Have jewelry appraised and that will tell exactly what you have."

Valuable pieces of jewelry should be insured through one's homeowner's insurance policy, say experts. "If something is really valuable and irreplaceable, keep it in a safe deposit box at the bank," said Hergenrather. "Keep a photo and written inventory of your valuables and put that in the safe deposit box. That way if something is stolen, you have an accurate record."

Building a Classic Jewelry Wardrobe

Local style experts suggest investing in classic pieces.

By Marilyn Campbell
Gazette Packet

rom monogrammed pendants to leather wrap bracelets, a dizzying array of jewelry is on the market. Determining how to spend money wisely and still look stylish can be tricky, but fortunately local experts are here to help.

Local jewelers and style experts say one way to get the most for your money when buying jewelry is investing in classic pieces that stand the test of time.

"A classic is a piece that you can wear every day of your life and still look fashionable," said Janice G. Ellinwood, department chair of fashion design and merchandising at Marymount University in Arlington.

At the top of this list of must-have jewelry are a strand of pearls and a pair of pearl stud earrings. "Audrey Hepburn and the movie Breakfast at Tiffany's come to mind when I think of pearls," said Ellinwood.

"A strand of pearls is the type of piece that you can build on," said Lindy Kavanaugh, a graduate of the Gemological Institute of America and a former jewelry appraiser for Tiffany & Co. in New York. "You can add a triple strand of pearls, for example."

Diamond stud earrings are another adornment that tops the list of classics. "A pair of diamond studs is a staple because it is something than can go from generation to generation," said jeweler and goldsmith George Kaufmann, who, along with business partner Robert Rosin, owns Robert Bernard Jewelers in Potomac, Md.

Kavanaugh said, "Diamond stud earrings look good on everybody and they are accessible to everybody because they vary in size and quality, so they can be affordable for everybody."

In addition, Kathryn Martin, an Alexandria-based stylist and personal shopper, believes that no jewelry wardrobe is complete without a pair of diamond hoop earrings. "Diamond hoop earrings are a little more interesting than studs, but are not gaudy," she said. "I am a big fan of accessories — I use a lot of them."

She also adds a medium-weight, gold-link bracelet to her list of jewelry must-haves. "Certain types of bracelets like cuffs go in and out of style, but medium weight is most timeless."

Kavanaugh agrees that uncomplicated gold bracelets like bangles are jewelry classics. "They are simple and something you can add to later," she said.

A simple gold chain, say stylists, can be added to other necklaces to allow for a variety of looks. "One longer gold necklace, especially one that can be layered, is a classic piece to own," said Martin. "You don't have to worry about where it is hitting on your chest. It is an easier piece to work with."

One functional classic, say experts, is a well-made watch. "If you're going to buy a watch, I think that you're going to want to invest in a piece that will hold its value," said Martin. "Hermes is totally sophisticated, casual elegance. It can be edgy, sleek or whatever you need it to be. They are interesting in that way."

Signet rings are another classic. "This often depends on a person's stage in life and their willingness to reveal their identity due



Strands of pearls, pearl stud earrings, diamond stud earrings, signet rings and gold chains top the list of classic jewelry pieces.

to safety," Ellinwood said.

Ellinwood also considers cameos to be classic pieces. "Cameo pins don't really ever go out of style," she said. "They are often valued by people who value history."

Entertainment

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ONGOING

- Summer Classes. Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children ages 6-10 can participate. Register at www.artatthecenter.org or 703-201-1250.
- Art Classes. Through Saturday, July 13, Del Ray Artisans is offering an adult art camp with 22 workshops over 11 days, including Intro to Fashion Drawing, Intro to Visual Journaling, and Pop-Up Sewing. Workshop details and registration at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GUAC. All workshops will be at the Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave.
- Vernon Ave. **Art Exhibit.** Through Sunday, July 14, see "Hair Apparent" in the Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. It is a multimedia exhibit featuring sculpture, photography, performance and assemblage. Free.
- Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, July 21, see "Conscious Evolution" by Denise Philipbar at Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, located in the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. The exhibit blends nature with science and technology. Visitwww.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/ for more.
- Art Exhibit. Torpedo Factory Art
 Center, 105 N Union Street. Through
 Sunday, July 28, the Target Gallery
 presents "Optical Studies," a solo
 exhibition of work by Torpedo
 Factory artist Ruth Gowell, winner of
 the Friends of the Torpedo Factory
 Art Center's Artist of the Year award.
 A reception will be held July 11, 6-8
 p.m., with an artist talk and award
 ceremony at 7 p.m. Call 703-8384565 or visit
- www.torpedofactory.org/target. **Gallery.** Through Monday, July 29, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily, 12 p.m.-9 p.m. Thursdays. Multiple Exposures

 Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Art
 Center, 105 N Union Street. Multiple
 Exposures Gallery presents "Michael
 Borek: What Would Sudek Do?," a
 solo show inspired by a Czech
 photographer who sought beauty in
 places that others dismissed. Call
 703-838-4565 or visit
 www.torpedofactory.org
- www.torpedofactory.org.

 Art Exhibit. Open through Aug. 3,
 "Living Legends of Alexandria:
 African American Activists" is on
 display at the Alexandria Black
 History Museum, 601 Wythe St. Free.
 Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit
 www.alexblackhistory.org or 703746-4356.
- Art Exhibit. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery is opening a juried show called "Where in the World." In this show, artists derive inspiration from travel and adventure. Free. Through Sunday, Aug. 4. The Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery is located at 105 N. Union St. Call 703-548-0935.
- National Park and Recreation
 Month: Open Play Days and
 Nights. Through Aug. 18. Tuesday
 and Thursday 6-9 p.m. at Ben
 Brenman Park Field, 4800 Brenman
 Park Drive and at Four Mile Run
 Soccer Field, 3700 Commonwealth
 Ave. Saturdays from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
 and Sundays noon-5 p.m. at Ben
 Brenman Park, Four Mile Run Soccer
 Field and Witter Fields, 2700 Witter
 Drive. Call 703-746-5402 or e-mail
 mac.slover@alexandriava.gov.
- Art Class. Running through Saturday, Aug. 31, classes meet 9:15 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Bring toddlers or preschoolers for guided exploration of clay, paint, collage, drawing and building in a supported studio

- environment. Classes held at Art At The Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Register online at
- www.artatthecenter.com.

 Visiting Artists. Through Saturday,
 Aug. 31, the Visiting Artist Program
 is a professional development
 opportunity for emerging and
 experienced visual artists from all
 over the country and provides
 anopportunity for visitors to interact
 with a rotating group of visual artists.
 Torpedo Factory located at 105 N.
 Union St. Call 703-838-4565 or visit
 www.torpedofactory.org.
- www.torpedofactory.org. **Distillery Open.** George Washington's

 Distillery and Gristmill open through

 Oct. 1. \$17/adult, \$8/child, 5 and

 under are free.
- Occupied City: Life in Civil War Alexandria Exhibition. At The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, 201 South Washington Street. Open daily through September, this exhibit traces life in Alexandria following Virginia's decision to secede from the Union in May 1861. See how Robert E. Lee's hometown was transformed literally overnight from a prosperous commercial port into a supply, hospital, and transportation center for the Union Army, and find out why Alexandria became a destination for African Americans seeking freedom Explore the experiences of Alexandrians and others who lived here during this time, as well as period photographs and collections items. Open Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, from 1-5 p.m. Admission \$2. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org or call 703-746-4994.
- Life Drawing. Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions to hone figure drawing skills. Drop-in with your supplies to draw our live models. Fee: \$8-12. View the calendar at
- www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.
 The **West End Farmers Market** will run Sundays from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. through November. Located at Ben Brenman Park, browse food, crafts and more. Visit www.westendfarmersmarket.org.
- This **exhibit at Fort Ward**, located at 4301 W. Braddock Road, features objects from the museum collection, to tell this story of the event that launched the Civil War in Alexandria. Free. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Visit www.fortwaRoad.org or call 703-746-4848.
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 admission is \$2. Visit
 www.alexandriahistory.org or call
 703-746-4994.
- African American Activists
 Exhibition. Living Legends of
 Alexandria is an ongoing photodocumentary project created in 2006
 by artist-photographer Nina Tisara to
 identify, honor and chronicle people
 making current history in Alexandria.
 This free exhibit is at the Alexandria
 Black History Museum, 601 Wythe
 St. The museum is open Tuesday
 through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or
 call 703-746-4356.
- The Marshall House Incident
 Exhibition at Fort Ward Museum,
 4301 West Braddock Road . The
 museum is open Tuesday through
 Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and
 Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Visit
 www.fortwaRoad.org or call 703746-4848.

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-



Santa and Mrs. Claus will pose for photos at The Christmas Attic during the fourth annual Christmas in July events Saturday, July 20.

Christmas in July

The fourth annual Christmas in July celebration returns to Old Town, Saturday, July 20. Co-presented by The Christmas Attic and the businesses of Union Street, the event includes approximately 15 local retailers and community organizations that will be hosting activities either inside stores or on Union Street.

Events run all day and include a painting demo and designer trunk show at Coco Blanca, a designer sale and complimentary coffee and treats at Encore Consignment Boutique, story time at 3 p.m. and activities for children at the Firehook Bakery and Coffeehouse, 20 percent off gift items and complimentary gourmet tea tastings at Old Town Coffee, Tea & Spice, and a Canine Cruise with Santa hosted by the Potomac Riverboat Company from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Other events are pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus from noon-4 p.m., giveaways, and children's activities at the Christmas Attic, a trunk show at the Lucky Knot, open art studies and a 2 p.m. story time at the Torpedo Factory, sales at the Virginia shop and the Zoe Boutique, and cookie decorating and holiday themed cocktails at the Union Street Public House. There will also be a 1 p.m. story time and sweat treats at Architectural Ceramics and three scoops of ice cream for \$3 at Ben and Jerry's from, 4-7 p.m.

A portions of store sales will be donated to the local children's charity The Reading Connection. In addition, there will be musical entertainment on Union Street from 12- 4 p.m. The celebration will take place Union Street between Cameron and Duke streets in Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.christmasattic.com or call 703-548-2829 for more information.

noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union Street.
Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

Culinary Arts Month Sunday Film Fest. Every Sunday in July, Charles Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. All films start at 2 p.m. Free. Call 703-746-1702 or www.alexandria.lib.va.us for schedule and information.

Summer Youth Programs. Metro Fine Arts Center 6450 Landsdowne Centre Drive. Classes start July 8. Call 703-339-0444 or visit www.metrofinearts.com.

Gallery. July 5 through Aug. 5 at the Art League Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. "Fantasy of the Real," a solo show. A reception will be held on Thursday, July 11, 6:30-8 p.m. Call 703-683-1780 or visit www.thearleague.org.

Book a Librarian. At the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St, for help with research or to better understand the library's databases and resources. Make an

appointment by calling 703-746-1751.

Computer Tutoring. At the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Individual assistance from a librarian. Call 703-746-1751. Art Exhibit. Friday, Aug. 2 to Sunday,

Art Exhibit. Friday, Aug. 2 to Sunday, Sept. 1 at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue. The exhibit features seven Del Ray Artisans following their own theme and inspirations to create their own artwork. The gallery is free and open to the public. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org.

Mobile Market. Thursdays through October, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Landmark Mall parking lot on the Duke Street side. The Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture Mobile Market is a refurbished school bus offering produce, meat, eggs and more from small farmers and food artisans within 100 miles of the area. EBT cards and WIC and Senior FMNP vouchers accepted. Visit arcadiafood.org.

SUMMER CAMPS

Mt. Vernon Community Children's Theatre Summer Camp. Children

can participate in either a one-week all-day session July 22-26 or a two-week session, with the option of either morning, afternoon or all day from July 29-Aug. 9. Children will learn about all aspects of theatre through games, rehearsals and a final showcase. Visit www.mvcct.org/camps.php or 703-360-0686.

The American Backstage Company

The American Backstage Company is offering a variety of summer classes and workshops, many which are free. Located at 5380 Eisenhower Ave. Visit www.americanbackstage.com for a

www.americanbackstage.com for a full listing. **Art Camp 2013 for Kids** at Del Ray

Art camp 2013 for kids at Del Ray Artisans. Art exploration through art history, themes, influential artists. Ages 8-14 enjoy drawing, painting, sculpture, games, individual pursuits. Includes supplies, healthy lunches/snacks. Choose July 15-19 or 22-26. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtCamp or email ArtCamp@TheDelRayArtisans.org. Camp will be at the Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. The gallery is handicap accessible.

Clio's Kids: A History Mini-C.a.m.p. Tuesday, July 23-Thursday, July 25, 9 a.m.-noon for ages 5-7. \$105 includes snacks and souvenirs. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/historic/ lyceum/default.aspx?id=43632 for

Camp Carlyle. Monday-Friday, July 22-26 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Ages 9-12 can learn about 18th century games, clothing, schooling and more. Includes field trips to other museums in Old Town Alexandria, storytelling and more. \$300/in district child; \$350/out of district child. To register visit www.nvrpa.org or 703-549-2997.

Shakespeare Summer Camp. July 29-Aug. 2, StagePlay will be serving up it's 12th year of Shakespeare this summer at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Children in grades 3-6 will be introduced to "A Midsummer Night's Dream" through scene work, improvisation activities, costume play and theatre games from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Email Heather Sanderson at bardsplay@gmail.com or visit www.stageplay.TV.

THURSDAY/JULY 11

Puppet Show. 7 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. The Goodlife Theater presents the Fabulous Five Senses/Dinosaur Show for children of all ages. Registration required. Call 703-971-0010. Improv and Comedy Workshop. 7

p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Letty Tomlinson leads a comedy improvisation and acting workshop for teens. No experience necessary. Registration required. Call 703-339-4610.

Movie Screening. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Refreshments provided. For ages 13 and up. Registration required. Call 703-768-6700 for film

SummerQuest: Oh Susannah.10:30 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library,
717 Queen St. Children ages 2 and
up can enjoy a sing-along concert.

Free. 703-746-1703.

Story Time. 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy

Little One-Ders. 11:15 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1702.

Storyteller. 3:30 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children in grades K-5 can join SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 21

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Entertainment

From Page 20 storyteller Diane Macklin for some tales.

Free. 703-745-1705. SummerQuest: Buddie Ford

Nature Center. 4 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 6-12 can learn about all of the creatures that dig into dirt. Free. 703-7461704.

Zombie Double Feature. 5:30 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Watch "Shaun of the Dead" and "Zombieland." Free. 703-746-

Performance. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street. Jean Bayou, a multi-instumentalist singer and songwriter, will be performing. All Tickets are \$10 and available online and at the door. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

FRIDAY/JULY 12

 $\textbf{Music Performance.} \ 8 \ p.m. \ and \ 11$ p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Pat Travers Band performs. Buy

www.oldtowntheater1914.com or 703-544-5313.

Movie Screening. 2-4 p.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Alfred Hitchcock movie marathon in the large meeting room. Call 703-746

July Art Explorers. 9:15 or 10:30 a.m. at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Bring toddlers or preschoolers for guided exploration of clay, paint, collage, drawing and building in a supported studio environment. Visit the www.artatthecenter.org to register.

SATURDAY/JULY 13

Book Debut. 3:30 p.m. at Hooray For

Books, 1555 King St. "Solstice" by P.J. Hoover. Visit www.hooray4books.com.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Larry Keel & Natural Bridge performs. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com or

Potomac River between Fairfax, Pendleton, and Madison Streets. Admission is free. Visit alexandriava.gov/ Recreation or call the Special Events Hotline at 703-746-5592.

The Uncle Devin

Show. 11-11:45 a.m. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Hear, see and play a variety of percussion instruments and dance along with Uncle Devin. All ages welcome. Call 703-746-1702. **Book Sale.** 10 a.m. at Kingstowne

Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. A variety of books for all ages for sale. Call 703-339-4610.

Los Quetzales. 10:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. All ages welcomed to experience Mexican culture through music and dance. Registration Required. Call 703-339-4610.

SUNDAY/JULY 14

Film Festival. 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Families can watch "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs." Free. 703-746-1702.

703-544-5313.

City of Alexandria Birthday Celebration. 7-10 p.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St., located at the

Book

Signing. 2 p.m. at The Grounded Coffee Shop, 6919 Telegraph Road Charlotte Brown will be signing her pictoral history book "Groveton." Visit www.groundedcoffeeshop.com.

Concert. 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street. The Edwin Trio: Schubert Piano Trio No. 2, Paul Schoenfeld's Café Music and more. Call 703-799-8229 or visit www.wmpamusic.org.

MONDAY/JULY 15

Duncan Poetry Society. 7-8:30 p.m. at the James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch

Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Read,

discuss poetry. Call 703-746-Little One-Ders. 10:30-11 a.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005

share and

Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more with an adult. Call 703-746-1702.

Baby Rhyme Time. 11:30noon at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 0-11 months can enjoy stories and more with adult. Call 703-746-1702.

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Classic Tales 'N' Tunes. 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Classic Tales'n'Tunes tells stories through music. Ages 0-5 years. Call 703-746-1705.

Interactive Performance. 3:30 p.m. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. An interactive performance from Chris Fascione that combines mime, juggling, and storytelling. Ages 6-12. Call 703-746-1705.

Baby Lap Sits. 1:15 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Literacy programs for parents and babies. Ages birth through 12 months. Registration required. Call 703-971-0010.

Los Quetzales. 2:30 p.m. at Martha

Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. All ages welcomed to experience Mexican culture through music and dance. Registration

required. Call 703-768-6700.

Social Networking Workshop. 6:30 p.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Adults can learn basic vocabulary and information on posting and account security on sites such as Facebook and Twitter Registration required. Call 703-765-

SummerQuest: Chris Fascione.

3:30 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children in grades K-5 can enjoy an interactive performance that combines mime, juggling and storytelling. Free. 703-745-1705.

Read, Sing & Play Baby. 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children up to 11 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703

SummerQuest: Chris Fascione. 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 6-12 can enjoy an interactive performance that combines mime, juggling and storytelling. Free. 703-746-1704.

TUESDAY/JULY 16

Concert. 7:30 p.m. Bill Kirchen will be performing at Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com.

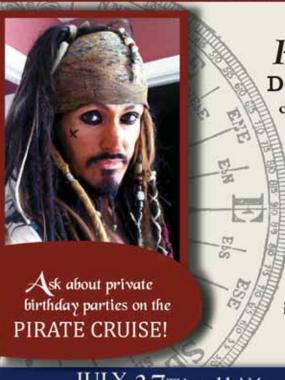
Barefoot Puppets. 3:30 p.m. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Joe Romano brings children's books to life through magic. Ages 6-12. Call 703-746-1705.

Time for 2's. 10:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays through July at the Charles E.

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> "Fastest Club Member" Competition. Club members participate in a number of long and short distance running events outside the Club building and receive medals for their efforts.



Summer Camp Comes to Alexandria

The Dunbar Alexandria-Olympic Boys & Girls Club is offering a summer day camp for children ages 5-14 (entering 1st grade). Staffed with trained counselors, the program includes a variety of activities for campers. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays are broken up into activities featuring five core areas: character and leadership development; education and career development; health and life skills; the arts; and sports, fitness and recreation.

"We run a program in partnership with Old Navy for our 12-14 year old campers where they are taught how to obtain and keep employment," said Alison John, the camp's program director. "They learn how to write a cover letter and a resume, they shadow employees at Old Navy, and they have the opportunity to sit down and have an interview with the store's

Thursdays are reserved for trips to the pool at the Durant

Field trips are scheduled each Tuesday, and are included in the in the tuition for most weeks. For the week of July 15 campers will go to Kings Dominion, an amusement park, with

an additional trip fee of \$25. The week of July 22 campers will have the option of either going to the movies or bowling, and the week of July 29, they will go to Rebounderz, an indoor trampoline arena. The week after that, Aug. 6, campers will go to Six Flags, with an additional field trip fee of \$25 required. The week of the Aug. 12, campers will go to the outdoor water park at Cameron Run. For the last week of camp, Aug. 23, there will be a cookout at Fort Hunt Park.

The camp is located at the Dunbar Alexandria Boys and Girls Club facility at 401 N. Payne St

Alexandria. Most field trips, breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack are included. Register for as many weeks as wanted, \$150 per week including lunch, \$135 with a reduced lunch and \$120 without lunch. In addition, there is a multi child discount of \$25 per child up to the third child.

Camp activities run 7 a.m.- 6 p.m., through Aug. 23. A registration form can be downloaded from www.bgcgw.org/ alexandria/summer-camp. For more information call 703-

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Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 24-36 months can enjoy stories and more with an adult. Call 703-746-1702.

New Class for Children. 10:30-11 a.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street. Register for one or several classes at www.nvfaa.org/eventsupcoming. Each class \$5 per child, adults free. Call 703-548-0035 or

Baby Rhyme Time. 11:30-noon at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 0-11 months can enjoy stories and more with adult. Call 703-746-1702.

Game Night. 7-8 p.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 8-12 can challenge themselves and friends through a variety of games. Call 703-

746-1702. Small Wonders. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Stories, songs and games for ages 12-23 months with an adult. Registration required. Call 703-765-

Animal Show. 2:30 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Local animals from the Blue Ridge Wildlife Center for ages 6-12 to meet. Registration required. Call 703-971-0010.

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Harambee readers discuss "The Twelve Tribes of Hattie" by Ayana Mathis, Registration required, Call

703-765-3645.

Stories to Grow On. 11 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children age 2 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-

SummerQuest Jr.: Bob Brown

Puppets. 11 a.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 1-5 can laugh at the antics of clown marionettes as they put on a circus show. Free. 703-746-

Writing Triage. 6:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Register to have your work reviewed by a professional editor and offer suggestions. Free. 703-746-1742.

Craft Night. 7 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. All skill levels can bring their own supplies and get help with their knitting, crochet or sewing project, or just come for the conversation. Free. 703-746-1703.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 17

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. See Jars of Clay perform. \$27.50. Visit www.jarsofclay.com.

eBook Training. 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Learn how to access Alexandria Library's eBook system on your devices. Call 703-746-

Book Discussion. 7-8:30 p.m. at the James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Discussion of "The Piano Tuner" by Daniel Mason. Call 703-746-1705.

Family Story and Craft Night. 7-7:30 p.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages and families welcome to embrace their creativity through stories and crafts. Call 703-746-1702.

Musical Exploration of Transportation and Movement. 10:30 a.m. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke Št. Ages 0-5 with an adult. Call 703-746

Magic Show. 4-4:45 p.m. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Mike Perrello's blend of magic and comedy. Ages 6-12. Call 703-746-1702.

Fun for 2's and 3's. 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Stories and activities for ages 2 and 3 with an adult. Registration required. Call 703-971-0010.

Puppet Show. 7 p.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. The Goodlife Theater presents the Fabulous Five Senses/Dinosaur Show for children of all ages. Registration required. Call 703-765-3645.

Mother Goose Time, 10:15 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy games, rhymes and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Let's Go! 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children up to age 5

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can embark on a musical exploration of transportation and movement with

Tracey Eldridge. Free. 703-746-1702. **Stories to Grow On.** 11 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children age 2 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-

SummerQuest. 3:30 p.m. at Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Magician Joe Romano will bring children's books to life through magic. For children in grades K-5. Free. 703-746-1705.

THURSDAY/JULY 18

Book Discussion, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Discuss "Nuns at Luncheon" by Aldous Huxley and 'Cowboys are My Weakness" by Pam Houston. Located in the small conference room. Call 703-746-1702.

Story Time. 10:30-11 a.m. or 3-3:30 p.m. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Ages 3-5 years. Call 703-746-1702.

Little One-Ders. 11:15-11:45 a.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more with an adult. Call 703-746-

Read to a Dog. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Pre-registration required. Call 703-746-1702 ext. 5 for a 15 minute slot or visit children's desk

Rocking and Reading. 7-7:45. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages welcome. Call 703-746-1702.

Animal Show. 2:30 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Local animals from the Blue Ridge Wildlife Center for ages 6-12 to meet. Registration required. Call 703-768-6700.

Children's Science Center, 2:30 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Hands-on science experiments for ages 6-12. Registration required. Call 703-339-

Poetry Discussion. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Discuss the poetry of Shel Silverstein. Call 703-768-6700.

Book Discussion. 7:15 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Call ahead for title at 703-971-

SummerQuest: Kaydee Puppets. 11 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 2 and up can watch "Three Billy Goats Gruff" and "Jack and the Beanstalk." Free. 703-746-1703.

Film Series. 6:30 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Watch "Beautiful Creatures" based on the novel by Kami Garcia. Free. 703-746-

Great Books Discussion Group. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Call for title. Free. 703-746-1702.

FRIDAY/JULY 19

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Billy Price Band CD Release Show. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-

Comedy Performance. 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Mark Klein performs. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com or 703-544-5313.

Movie Screening. 2-4 p.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Alfred Hitchcock movie marathon in the large meeting room. Call 703-746-

July Art Explorers. 9:15 or 10:30 a.m. at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Bring toddlers or preschoolers for guided exploration of clay, paint, collage, drawing and building in a supported studio environment. Visit the www.artatthecenter.org to register.

Film Festival. 8:30 p.m. at the Waterfront Park. 1A Prince Street. The movie "Skyfall" will be shown. Visit www.alexandriafilmfest.com.

SATURDAY/JULY 20

Writing Workshop. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at The Alexandria Black History . Museum, 902 Wythe St. Join Instructor Sushmita Mazumdar for chai tea, relaxing storytelling and a chance to express your creativity with a handmade book. Free.

Open House. 2-4 p.m. at The Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Join the Living Legends past and present, organization founder Nina Tisara and Living Legends Board Members to enjoy light refreshments, see the exhibition and learn more about how to nominate a Legend.

Christmas in July Celebration. All day, Union Street between Cameron and Duke streets. Call 703-548-2829 or visit www.christmasattic.com.

Comedy Performance. 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Mark Klein performs. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com or 703-544-5313.

Saturday Stories. 11-11:30 a.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages welcome to enjoy stories and songs on Saturday morning. Call 703-746-

Wag a Tale. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Children ages 5-12 can read to therapy dogs, Fire and Bella. Registration required. Call 703-339-4610.

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Film Festival, 8:30 p.m. at the Waterfront Park, 1A Prince Street. The movie "Rise of the Guardians" will be shown. Visit www.alexandriafilmfest.com

SUNDAY/JULY 21

Little Kids, Little Songs. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Listen as The Green Golly Project uses little songs to tell little tales. Ages 0-5, with an adult. Call 703-746-1702

Volunteer Fair. 4 p.m. at Sixteenth Tabernacle, 634 N. Patrick St. Come learn about programs in Alexandria where your time, talent and gifts are in high demand. Event is sponsored by the Old Town Community Development Corporation. Call 212-412-2692 or email SisTheory@hotmail.com.

Annual Chamber Music Series. 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street. Features folk and art bands such as: William Grant Still, Vaughn Williams, Bartok, Gordon Jacob and more. Presented by Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association. Call 703-799-8229 or visit wmpamusic.org.

Dog Wash. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 3121 Colvin St. Dogtopia will host its 9th Annual Charity Dog Wash to raise money for Veterans Moving Forward. The event will feature give-aways, food, photo booths, fun and games for the whole family. A \$15 per dog wash donation is requested. Visit www.dogdaycare.com or call 703-751-7387

Movie Screening. 2-4 p.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. The Friends of Beatley Central Library present a culinary arts family film festival. Call 703-746-1702.

MONDAY/JULY 22

The Green Golly Project. 3:30 p.m. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Green Golly and Her Golden Flute is a comic retelling of the Rapunzel fairy tale with lots of surprises. Call 703-746-1705.

Baby Rhyme Time. 11:30-noon at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 0-11 months can enjoy stories and more with adult. Call 703-746-1702.

Children's Science Center. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Hands-on science experiments for ages 6-12. Registration Required. Call 703-765-

Baby Lap Sits. 1:15 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Literacy programs for parents and babies. Ages birth through 12 months. Registration required. Call 703-971-0010.

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He graduated from Vermont Academy and Dartmouth Col lege and served as an infantry officer in the United States Marine Corps for five years. Mr. Keleher lived in Alexandria for over fifty years, was active in many local clubs, and had a 43 year career at the Frank Parsons Paper Company

A private reception will be held at the Belle Haven club on July 13 to honor the memory of Mr. Keleher. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Alexandria, Virginia, 228 South Pitt Street, 22314, (703) 549-3312. http://www.stpaulsepis.com/index.html

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Participant: 601 NF Associates LLC 4800 Hampden Lane, Suite 300 Bethesda, MD 20814

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citizen's review board to look into such shootings, with its report forwarded to the commonwealth attorney for any action he or she might want to take? I think this citizen involvement would bolster Alexandria's confidence in its police force, yet keep the commonwealth's attorney in the investigation.

Robert Trautman

Unjustified Comparison

To the Editor:

There is a strong temptation to suspect that today's NSA leaker Edward Snowden and yesteryear's Alexandria Gazette editor Edgar Snowden, who took his paper underground rather than cooperate with the U.S. military's occupation, might be blood relations. If so, notwithstanding the Constitution's idealistic prohibition of "corruption of blood," disloyalty to the United States might be hereditary.

Nevertheless, there is wide disagreement as to whether NSA leaker Edward Snowden is a traitor, criminal, whistleblower, or patriot. But for Harry Covert ["Alexandria's Welcome Mat for Mr. Snowden," Alexandria Gazette Packet, June 27] to seemingly put him in the same category as James Hanssen, an FBI agent who spied for the Soviets, or Zacharias Moussawi, a 9/11 conspirator, is unjustifiable. Even if the information Snowden revealed might be of interest to America's enemies, it is primarily of great public interest. That makes Snowden more like leaker Bradley Manning than like Hanssen or Moussawi.

The feds need be more mindful of the ineluctable expectations they create by holding our country out to its citizens and the world as a great bastion of liberty. What Snowden revealed led to so severe a reaction from cognitive dissonance because NSA spying on our own citizens seems to violate the expectations our government and our country's principles seem to hold forth, even if not our laws. And the feds, with a seemingly imperial disdain, only reinforce this cognitive dissonance by forcing down the Bolivian president's airplane in the mistaken belief Snowden is on board.

Dealing with Snowden calls for a light, rather than a heavy, touch: In whatever country grants him refuge, whether Cuba, Ecuador, or Iceland, we have the means to send surveillance drones to pay him unscheduled visits from time to time, follow him down the street, at the café, even ones small enough to fly around his bedroom while he's asleep.

Dino Drudi Alexandria

Challenging Bicyclists

To the Editor:

The Alexandria City Council recently adopted a new bicycle ordinance allowing

bicycles on the sidewalks. Let us compare this to a city considered to be the Mecca of bicycling, Copenhagen, Denmark. Safety and security are vital for pedestrians in urban centers, since they contribute to city life — both on the streets and squares. They are enmeshed in the urban fabric, since they support retailers, eat in restaurants, and participate in cultural events, etc. When pedestrians walk, it should be without risk of being run down. They are the most vulnerable and should be afforded the greatest protection.

Bicycle-friendly governments such as Denmark recognize the significance of pedestrians and cyclists, but also understand their inherent incompatibility. When cycling on the sidewalks is allowed, it creates conflicts and disagreements with pedestrians, because cyclists do not always cycle in a manner that acknowledges or respects the pedestrians. For this reason, Denmark does not allow bicycles on sidewalks as a matter of law. Furthermore, the Danish bicycle union emphasizes the law on its web site. Although there are bicycle lanes in Copenhagen, many streets do not have these lanes, so bicycles share the street with vehicles

Coincidently, Copenhagen recently announced a street project showing a different priority. One of the major streets has no bicycle lanes or trails. Yet, Copenhagen proposes to take away part of the traffic lanes to create a wider, nicer sidewalk. Copenhagen also emphasizes that they are not creating any bike trails, and that bikes will continue to share car lanes with cars. The street is called Istedgade, a very busy street indeed that connects some of the boroughs in Copenhagen. The Mayor of Copenhagen gave the following explanation to Politiken, a major Danish newspaper. The mayor says "it is no secret that the renovation of Istedgade becomes a bit of this, and a little of the other. It is art of the possible. And we have decided that there must be room for life, " said the mayor. "Therefore the broad sidewalks beat the bike path and wide car lanes."

I have experienced two recent events in the City of Alexandria which are quite troubling. The first was having to perform an emergency stop to avoid a bicyclist who blew past a stop sign on Wayne Street right in front of me while I was driving on Adams Street. Everything not bolted down in the car became airborne.

The second was witnessing five Alexandria police officers on bicycles blowing through a stop sign in Old Town. I called out, telling them it was illegal. Then one turned back asking in a belligerent tone what my problem was. I again told him that what they just did was illegal and they were setting a bad example. He replied that the law merely required them to yield. To which I responded, they did not yield, only avoided hitting the car that was in the intersection at the time.

There are numerous bike web sites for Demark, all which emphasize that if there are no trails, bikes cannot ride on the sidewalks. These sites also point out that if you do, expect to receive sizable fines levied on scofflaws. The fines also apply to those cyclists who run red lights, fail to signal, or

who do not ride on the right in the inner right lane.

Poul Hertel Alexandria

Taxes and Fees Keep Rising

To the Editor:

Last Saturday as I was leaving the parking lot under City Hall, I noticed a sign outlining the new parking fee structure for that lot. Over the years I have recommended to a number of potential "Old Town" visitors that this lot was the most economical and convenient parking venue in "Old Town." Well, that's changed. The hourly parking rate has increased from \$2 to \$2.50, and the maximum rate for hourly parkers entering after 5 p.m. increased from \$2 to \$4. In addition, the employee monthly parking rate increased from \$25 to \$30 at the Pitt-Oronoco surface lot and \$75 to \$90 at all other city parking facilities.

As if that wasn't enough, I decided to look at the city's 2014 budget to see what other tax surprises our over-paid city manager and defunct City Council have enacted. So here are most of them extracted directly out of the city's 2014 Budget Document:

- ❖ The real estate tax rate increased 4.0 cents to \$1.038 per \$100 of assessed value. The average calendar year 2013 residential real estate tax bill, including the rate change and average increased assessed value, will be \$314 greater than 2012.
- ❖ The vehicle personal property tax increased .25 percent or \$5 per \$100 of assessed value.
- The consumer utility tax is levied on all residential and commercial users of water, natural gas, and electricity. In FY 2014, the monthly cap on residential electric and natural gas taxes is increased from \$2.40 to \$3 with no change in the tax rate for a maximum increase of \$7.20 per year.
- ❖ The tax on tobacco products is increased from 80 cents to \$1 per pack.
- ❖ The fee for residents to temporarily reserve street parking spaces is increased by \$10, from the current rates of \$30 to \$40 for metered spaces and \$20 to \$30 for nonmetered spaces.

The budget includes a variety of fee increases for marina usage, recreational services, and out-of-school time programs. This also includes an increase in outdoor pool fees to support the continued operation of Warwick Pool for FY 2014.

- ❖ The fee for commercial properties receiving refuse collection services is increased from the current rate of \$217 per unit of service to \$328 per unit of service to be equivalent with the residential fee.
- The impound lot one-time service fee is increased from \$80 to \$90 per vehicle, and the storage fee is increased from \$40 to \$50 per day for each day the vehicle is stored at the impound lot.
- ❖ The permit fee for reviewing construction plans involving excavation is increased by \$50, from \$200 to \$250 per city block excavated.
- ❖ The Farmers' Market vendor fee is increased to fully recover the cost of staffing,

materials and marketing. The Department of General Services will work with the existing vendors to determine the specifics

♦ The fee for residents to have mulch delivered to their homes is increased by \$10, from \$40 to \$50 per load.

There are two other taxes that haven't increased but affect us daily. The Alexandria's restaurant meals tax rate is 4 percent. It was last increased from 3 percent in FY 2009. The tax is in addition to a 6 percent sales tax (4.3 percent state sales tax, 0.7 percent regional transportation tax, and 1 percent local option). The other tax is the Admissions Tax which is 10 percent of the admissions fee up to 50 cents, this tax is levied on the sale of movie and live theatre tickets. It was implemented by the city during FY 2006.

The city must be desperate for cash by raising all of the aforementioned tax increases. With a debt service at about \$60 million per year, our financial status is tenuous at best and could be worse especially if the city decides to build a metro stop in Potomac Yards. That will skyrocket our debt service up to \$80-85 million. That why it is important that the Environmental Impact Statement recommends a "no build" for the metro stop. There have been 33 municipal bankruptcies since 2010 and we certainly don't want to be number 34.

Townsend A. "Van" Van Fleet

Memories from Landmark Mall

To the Editor:

I enjoyed reading Michael Lee Pope's article on the situation at Landmark Mall ("Winds of Change at Landmark, Once Thriving Mall Braces for Development," Alexandria Gazette Packet, June 27). It was good that he provided some historical background on the grand opening of Landmark in 1965 and its heyday as an outdoor mall in the '60s, '70s and '80s.

As a 52-year-old lifelong Alexandrian, let me share my memories of the old Landmark. As a young man I patronized many establishments at Landmark such as Irving's Sporting Goods, Alexandria Arts and Crafts Hobby Store (which had relocated from 809 Cameron St. around 1973) and Variety Music in the underground mall.

It was a different Alexandria back then. The demographics of the West End have changed dramatically. But I have always continued to shop and dine at Landmark. I'm an old-school Alexandrian and I enjoy the convenience and tradition of going there.

Gregory G. PaspatisAlexandria

A Poem for the 4th of July

Independence Day music
And the beauty of its celebration
Stars and Stripes of Old Glory
The red, white and blue
Throughout our cites and nation
Our country United States of America
Where there's freedom, there's liberty
A star spangled celebration
Happy birthday, America

— Geri Baldwin, Alexandria

News

Is Takeover Constitutional?

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— Del. Rob Krupicka

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are there and need to be addressed at the appropriate time, but I just want to make sure that our priority is turning Jefferson-Houston around."

Supporters of the takeover effort considered an amendment to the constitution that would have added a subsection authorizing a statewide division that was not bounded by geography. But the effort to move forward with a constitutional amendment was abandoned in favor of passing a law instead. Now opponents of the takeover effort say the failure to secure an amendment is a legal flaw that can be exploited in the courts.

"They didn't gain constitutional authority for that bill," said state Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30). "The constitution would need to be amended in order for that bill to be implemented properly."

WHEN THE BILL was debated during the General Assembly session, opponents of the Educational Opportunities Institution violates Article Eight Section Five of the Virginia Constitution, which directs the Virginia Board of Education to divide the commonwealth into "school divisions of such geographical area." Because the newly created school division would be statewide, opponents say, it violates this language.

"I don't think this is how the voters envisioned our education

system being run when the constitution was adopted have been so low for such a long that Jefferson-Housin 1903," said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44). "I think it was always intended to be local control."

Supporters of the takeover effort point to a different part of the article in question, pointing out that the section directing the Board of Education to divide the commonwealth into school divisions of geographical area has an important qualifier — that the separation happen "subject to such criteria and conditions as the General Assembly may prescribe." Now that legislators have approved the bill and the gov-

ernor has signed it, supporters say, the constitutional threshold has already been met.

"The General Assembly set criteria that says they can take over a school if it's failing," said Del. Dave Albo (R-42). "I think they would automatically lose the case before it starts,"

JEFFERSON-HOUSTON has been in tailspin since 1999, when the Alexandria School Board adopted a redistricting plan that created a racial imbalance at the school. In one year, the school went from having 50 percent of its students eligible for free and reduced lunch to 77 percent. Since that time, the school's enrollment had plummeted from 486 in 2000 to 361 students today — and that's after adding sixth, seventh and eighth grade classes to the school.

"I think they need to let the takeover happen," said

Bea Porter, who will have two grandchildren attending the school this fall. "There's no need to stall because they have done so poorly for so long that it's time for somebody else to come in and take over."

Since Morton Sherman was appointed superintendent in 2008, test scores at Jefferson-Houston have fallen even lower. In the last three years, English performance for students with disabilities has slipped from 60 percent to 46 percent. In that same period, math performance for black students has plummeted from 77 percent to 29 percent. Test scores

ton is the only school in Northern Virginia that qualifies for state takeover under McDonnell's Educational Opportunity Initiative.

"I would say that Thomas Jefferson himself would be opposed to that," said Alexandria School Board Chairwoman Karen Graf in February. "That's bold, but he wrote a lot about education and he felt that place where education should be decided was at the local level."

DURING THE GOVERNOR'S annual State of the Commonwealth Address in January, McDonnell asked legislators to establish an Opportunity Educational Institution — making it a top priority during his last year in office, a time when governors typically try to fashion some sort of legacy for themselves. He described the effort as a "bold initiative" to provide "a high-quality education alternative for students attending chronically underperforming" schools.

"If a school is consistently failing, the Opportunity Educational Institution will step in to manage it," said McDonnell. "If the school has failed for two years, the Institution can take it over and provide a brand new approach to a broken system.'

The bill became law on July 1, although critics say little has been done to set up a new statewide school division. Considering that the timeline calls for the newly created institution to take control of several troubled schools across the state a year from now, opponents of the Educational Opportunities Institution say the lack of progress is troubling.

They don't have policies in place, and hey don't have procedures in place," said Krupicka. "Their board has never met. They have no idea how they are going to interface with local school divisions, how they are going to take property and manage property but they want to take over schools in 12 months?"







Neighborhoods -

Taylor Run

LEAGUE MEETING

The League of Women Voters of Alexandria held its annual meeting at the home of Pat Sullivan on Walnut Street. The group decided to change the style of future annual meetings to be headed by a management committee rather than by the usual setup of elected officers. Olga Hernandez, from the State LWV Board, came to the meeting to explain the use of this management committee.

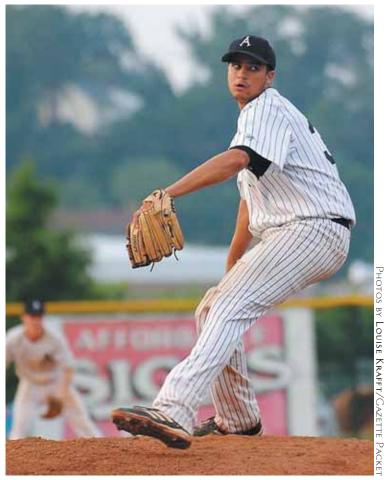
The first meeting in September will take up the Voting Rights Act and its impact on our lo-

The meeting decided that in Alexandria we should contemplate the problem of our antique sewer system and what can be done about it. Among those attending the meeting were Judy Miller, Sue Worden, Lynn Humphries, Kay Youngflesh, Rita Foisie, Francine Gemmil and Katy Cannady.

- Lois Kelso Hunt



The Alexandria Aces are looking for their first winning record in six seasons of exist-



Blake Ream earned the win against Southern Maryland on Tuesday, allowing two hits in six shutout innings.

Aces Looking for First Winning Season

Alexandria improves to 14-8 with shutout of Southern Maryland.

By Jon Roetman Gazette Packet

he Alexandria Aces last season produced the best record in club history, finishing 20-21 in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League.

This year, the Aces have their sights set on earning their first winning record in six seasons of existence.

Alexandria blanked the Southern Maryland Nationals 10-0 on Tuesday night at Frank Mann Field, improving its record to 14-8 with fewer than half its games remaining. Entering Wednesday's contests, the

Aces had won seven of their last eight games and owned the second-best winning percentage in the league behind the perennial power Bethesda Big Train.

"We've been a clutch team," third-year Aces pitcher Colin Milon said. "We didn't start off too hot, but I think we've really come together; we're starting to really figure things out. As a pitching staff, the starters have done a good job just keeping us in the game and the bullpen has been lights out all year. I think we probably have

the best bullpen in the league. They've been phenomenal."

On Tuesday, four Aces pitchers combined to throw a two-hit shutout against the Nationals. Blake Ream (Longwood) earned the victory, allowing two hits while walking three and striking out six in six innings. Ben

Kennedy (Eastern Illinois), Tyler Brown (Wingate) and Tyler Fries (Wilmington) each tossed a hitless inning of relief, dropping Alexandria's team ERA to 3.29, good

"We were 20-21 last year, so we obviously want to finish over .500, but I think everybody on the staff and the club have higher expectations than that."

— Alexandria Aces head coach David DeSilva

for sixth out of 12 teams.

First-year Aces head coach David DeSilva, who was an assistant with the club last season, said pitching was one of Alexandria's main focal points in a new approach to re-

"We centered our recruiting around pitch-

ing, defense and speed," DeSilva said. "Last year we went for the three-run home run, which worked out OK, but [this year] we put a lot of pressure on the defense with a

lot of team speed."

Milon was tied for the league lead with four victories entering Wednesday's contests. The McLean native, who attended Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington and pitches for George Washington University, won each of his first four starts, posting an ERA of 2.46 with 19 strikeouts and 15 hits allowed

in 22 innings.

"He's absolutely a leader — that would be a word I'd use to describe Colin," DeSilva said. "He's the leader of the pitching staff on and off the field — he obviously proves it with a 4-0 record. He comes in the

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—Sports Briefs -

Titans Youth Tackle Football Registration

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Centers, Playgrounds and Youth Sports Division is accepting registrations for the Alexandria Titans Youth Tackle Football program. Teams are formed in the following weight divisions and participate in the Fairfax County Youth Football League: anklebiters, 80 pounds, 90 pounds, 100 pounds, 115 pounds, 130 pounds and 150 pounds. Participants will be weighed and assigned to teams according to their weight and age. This program is for participants ages 7-16.

Registration fee is \$40. Online registration is available. All participants must have a Division of Motor Vehicles Identification Card upon registration. The sportsmanship and equipment days will be held from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, July 20 (Anklebiters and 80 pounds), Saturday, July 27 (90 and 100) and Saturday, Aug. 3 (115, 130 and 150). The Alexandria Titans football camps (free for Titan players only) will be held July 29-Aug. 1 from 6-8 p.m. at George Washington Middle School.

The Alexandria Titans Youth Football Booster Club is looking for sponsorships for the 2013 season. For more information or to register online, call the Sports Office at 703.746.5402 or go on the Recreation Department's www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

Youth Volunteer Coaches Needed

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is seeking volunteers to coach youth tackle and flag football, girls volleyball and cheerleading. Criminal history background checks are required. Interested persons should call the sports office at 703-746email or mac.slover@alexandriava.gov Tamika.coleman@alexandriava.gov.

Community Open Play Days and Nights

July is National Park and Recreation Month in Alexandria and throughout the U.S. The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is celebrating "Rock Your Park" by offering

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bullpen, he gets his work in, he gets his long-toss in and he sets the example."

Milon said experience in the CRCBL has helped. "A couple years here, you start to get a little bit more comfortable," the left-hander said. "You get a feel for what you need to do to be successful out there"

Aces hurler Brian O'Neill (Washington & Jefferson) was named league Pitcher of the Week for the week of July 1-7. He won both his starts, allowing no runs on six hits in 13 1/3 innings. On July 2, O'Neill allowed four hits while walking one and striking out three in 6 1/3 innings during a 12-1 win against the Herndon Braves. On July 7, he threw a seven-inning two-hit shutout against Youse's Orioles.

Ream leads the team with a 0.96 ERA.

At the plate, Nick Collins (Georgetown) was fifth in the league with a .354 batting average after Tuesday's game. The 6-foot-2, 241-pound designated

hitter/catcher bats third in the Aces' lineup and leads the team with 17 RBIs.

"He's been fantastic," DeSilva said. "He commands the respect of pitchers from the other staff. Everybody knows him. They pitch him a little bit different way — they're not giving him fastballs down the middle in hitter's counts, so he's really having to make adjustments throughout the season."

Ryan Mincher (Pennsylvania) was hitting .319 for the Aces. Blaine Bower (.368), Reid Clary (.308), Colton Konvicka (.306) and Dylan Swetman (.304) were hitting better than .300 in fewer than 50 atbats for Alexandria.

The Aces will look to continue their winning ways when they travel to face the Herndon Braves at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 11.

"We were 20-21 last year," DeSilva said, "so we obviously want to finish over .500, but I think everybody on the staff and the club have higher expectations than that."



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free Community Open Play Days and Nights throughout the summer at Ben Brenman Soccer & Softball Field, Four Mile Soccer Field and weekends only at Witter Recreation Park.

Through Aug. 18, the department will be providing the opportunities for families, friends and neighbors of all ages to come visit its fields to exercise, play soccer, lacrosse, touch football, rugby, Frisbee and more.

The dates and times for each location are: Ben Brenman Field (4800 Ben Brenman Drive), Tuesday and Thursday from 6-9 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to

5 p.m.; Four Mile Soccer Field (3700 Commonwealth Avenue), Tuesday and Thursday from 6-9 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.; and Witter Recreational Fields (2700 Witter Drive), Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from noon-5 p.m.

Contact 703-746-5402 with any questions or e-mail Mac Slover at mac.slover@alexandriava.gov.

Hershey Track And Field State Champions

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities Hershey Track and Field team sent 25 participants to the Virginia State Hershey Track and Field Meet on Saturday, June 22 at West Albemarle High School in Crozet, Va.

Alexandria won eight state championships and had three state

runners up.

John Colucci, who won the state championship in the 1600 meter run, has qualified for the National Hershey Championship in August in Hershey, Pa. Colucci's winning time of 4:59.72 was the secondfastest time in the Hershey Track and Field Games' Region 8. Region 8 participants are from Virginia, Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, West Virginia, South Carolina and Florida. Five other participants throughout Virginia also qualified for the National Hershey Championship.

State champions: boys' 9-10 4x100 relay team (Joshua Hairston, Si'Les Modisett, William Opoku, John Agwaze); boys' 11-12 100- and 200-meter dash (Ibrahim Bangura); boys' 1600meter run (Colucci); girls; 9-10 50-meter dash (Solange Naranyo); girls; 9-10 4x100 relay team (Aniya Sterling, Solange Naranyo, Jamia Jefferies, Branae Modisett); girls' 9-10 long jump standing (Mariah Matthews); girls' 11-12 long jump standing (Leslie Carr) and girls' 11-12 softball throw (Courtney Holford).

Runners up: boys' 800-meter run (Colucci); boys' 4x100 meter relay (Delonte Eason, Donovan Eason, Akiti Taylor, Khalil Williams); and girls' 9-10 100-meter dash (Naranyo).

Third place: boys' 13-14 softball throw (Eason); girls' 11-12 800-meter run (Erika Van Dyke); and girls' 11-12 4x100 relay team (Halle Walker, Alexa Broggan, Ciera Brown, Leslie Carr).

Fourth place: boys' 13-14 100-meter dash (Akiti Taylor); and girls' 11-12 4x100 relay team (Courtney Holford, Breyana Smith, Shakayia Framer, Shanay Evans)

Lil' Titans Youth Flag Football

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Sports Section is now accepting registrations for the Lil' Titans Youth Flag Football program. This developmental program is for participants ages 5-6. League age is determined by the age of the participant as of Oct. 1, 2013. Teams are formed by recreation districts. Registration fee is \$60. Online registration is available.

All participants must be resident of the City of Alexandria. Games will be held on Saturday afternoons in September and October. For more information, call the sports office at 703-746-5402 or go on the recreation department's Web site at www.alexandriava.gov/recreation for the registration forms or to register online.





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Friday, July 12 vs. Bethesda
Big Train - 7 p.m.
Sunday, July 14 vs. Herndon
Braves (DH) - 1:30 p.m.
Monday, July 15 vs. Rockville
Express (DH) - 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 16 vs. D.C.
Grays - 7 p.m.
Thursday, July 18 vs. Gaithersburg
Giants - 7 p.m.



Aces home games are played at Frank
Mann Field at Four Mile Run Park, located
at 3700 Commonwealth Avenue in
Alexandria, behind Cora Kelly School.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6-12, and free for children under 6

Eat dinner at the ballpark! Stop by the Union Street Public House Concession Area at each game for all of your concessions needs.

PEOPLE



From left: Deputy Chief David Huchler; Chief Deputy Clark Stearns; Liz Wixson, director of Clinical and Emergency Services, Department of Community and Human Services; Assistant Fire Chief Andrew Snead; Cherelle Carmichael, Probation and Parole; Cherye Echane, Sheriff's Office; Andrea Hancock, Sheriff's Office; Deputy Joseph Runquist; Officer Rickey Williamson; Deputy Ricky Traynham; Officer Jonetta Hamilton; Deputy Quentin Wade; Officer Nicolette Clara; Officer Micah Pasquarell; Sergeant Courtney Ballantine; Fiona Apple, Alexandria Fire and EMS; Officer Eric Mouyal; Charlie Curia, Alexandria Fire and EMS; Beverly Randall; Officer Jill Lingle, and Jonathan Teumer, Mental Health Emergency Services.

Crisis Intervention Team Adds 15 New Members

Alexandria's Crisis Intervention Team added 15 new members in June when six police officers, six sheriff deputies, two fire department personnel and one probation and parole officer graduated from the 13th CIT training.

The classes are part of the ongoing effort to instruct all city first responders and Detention Center personnel in techniques to improve staff interactions and outcomes with persons with mental illness and substance use disorders. The training was developed in collaboration with the Department of Community and Human Services, the Alexandria Police Department and the Alexandria Sheriff's Office. Graduates received their certificates and congratulations from Deputy Chief David Huchler, Chief Deputy Clark Stearns and Assistant Fire Chief Andrew Snead.

Unlike many CIT programs across the country, which are comprised solely of police officers, Alexandria's program includes staff from all first responding agencies to ensure that a comprehensive, city-wide approach is in place to assist residents with mental illness. Through their 40 hours of training, these first responders learn skills

such as suicide intervention, verbal de-escalation techniques, the role of the family in the care of a person with mental illness, and legal training in mental health and substance abuse issues. In addition to classroom instruction, officers participate in role playing exercises based on real-life scenarios and spend a day visiting mental health and substance abuse inpatient and outpatient treatment facilities where they have the opportunity to engage in one-onone dialogue with mental health consumers. To date, more than 200 first responders have graduated from this training.

People Notes

 $Email\ announcements\ to\ gazette@connection$ newspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos welcome.

The 2013 Foster Parents of the Year for metropolitan Washington were honored for their commitment to their foster sons and daughters as well as to the children's birth families.

City of Alexandria Foster Family of the Year: Matt and Carole Keane are foster parents that embody the concept of "Bridging the Gap." The Keanes work with the team to help find solutions that are child-focused and respectful to birth families. Recently the Keanes fostered a 3 year old; the child was able to make a successful and smooth transition to a relative's care. This was largely due to the Keanes' work in building a relationship with these relatives. They included the relatives in family activities such as the child's soccer games and gymnastics lessons. They also often had the relatives over to their home for dinner. As a result of this "Bridging the Gap" work, the child was able to make a smooth transition to his relative's care all the while being able to continue having ties with the Keanes.

The Parent Leadership Training Institute appointed Adrienne Fikes to executive director. Fikes served as a board member for more than eight years and helped build the organization and mission the institute represents today. The Parent Leadership Training Institute works to equip parents with civics and advocacy skills to improve parental involvement in their child's health, safety and learning.

School Notes

Email announcements to gazette@connection newspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

Eric Costantino has been accepted as a violist into the Credo Chamber Festival, to be held at Oberlin Conservatory this summer.

Sally Anne Braeuer graduated from Villanova University School of Law

Samuel Frazier was named to the Curry College dean's list for the Spring 2013 term.

Andrea T. Brendalen received a bachelor of science degree in environmental sciences from the University of Vermont.

Bulletin Board

Email announcements to gazette@ connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday by noon. Photos welcome.

THROUGH JULY 30 English as a Second Language

class. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke Street, 22304. All levels workshop July 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, and 30 from 10 a.m.-noon. Intermediate workshop July 16, 23,

and 30 from 3-5 p.m. All classes free. Call the Information Desk, 703-746-1702 ext. 3.

SATURDAY/JULY 13

CYFCC - Youth Master Plan Design Team 10:00 AM. Human Services

Building, 2525 Mt. Vernon Ave. For more information, contact Ron Frazier, 703-746-5967.

TUESDAY/JULY 16

Meeting. 1 p.m. Mount Vernon Genealogical Society will meet in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center at 1500 Shenandoah Road. Free and open to the public. Visit www.mvgenealogy.org. **Tech Zoo Tuesdays**. 3-5 p.m. at

Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Learn about the latest electronic reading devices or bring equipment for hands-on help. Call 703-746-1702.

Waterfront Commission 7:30 AM. City Hall, Room 2000, 301 King St. For more information, contact Jack Browand. jack.browand@alexandriava.gov,

WEDNESDAY/JULY 17

HUD National capital area office Northern Virginia small business event at the Durant

Memorial Center. Procurement opportunities, federal state and local contract spending data, teaming and other topics will be discussed. Located at 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria. From 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Registration and Networking will take place from 9:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. Presenters include the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Small Business Administration, City of Alexandria, Prince William County. Register online at www.hud.gov. Contact Belinda Fadlelmola at Belinda.J.Fadlelmola@hud.gov or at 202-275-6280 with questions or for assistance with registration.

THURSDAY/ JULY 18 Joint Meeting of Park and **Recreation Commission &**

Youth Sports Advisory Board. 7 p.m. Located at City Hall, Council Work Room, 301 King St. The unsolicited proposal the city received to build a private sports and entertainment complex on the current site of Henslev Park will be discussed. Contact William Chesley, william.chesley@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-5426.

TUESDAY/JULY 23

Tech Zoo Tuesdays. 3-5 p.m. at Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Learn about the latest electronic reading devices or bring equipment for hands-on help. Call 703-746-1702.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 24

Meeting. 7-9 p.m. at the James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Friends of Duncan Library business meeting. Call 703-746-1705.

SATURDAY/JULY 27

Colonial Republican Women Discussion. 6:30-9 p.m. at the

Virginia Hills Administrations Center, 6520 Diana Lane. A foreign policy panel and the CRW discuss the facts surrounding the Benghazi news story. Call 703-624-3252 or email colonialrepublicanwomen@gmail.com

TUESDAY/JULY 30

Tech Zoo Tuesdays. 3-5 p.m. at Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Learn about the latest electronic reading devices or bring equipment for hands-on help. Call 703-746-1702.

MONDAY-THURSDAY/AUG. 5-8

Registration Open. The Alexandria Sheriff's Office is now accepting

applications for its 2013 Youth Academy, a four-day program in August for ages 11 to 17. Participants will learn about the Sheriff's Office by meeting deputies, observing tactical and K-9 demonstrations, touring the Detention Center and Courthouse, and other related activities. The Youth Academy runs 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Sheriff's Office, 2003 Mill Road. Registration is free and lunch will be provided. In some cases, transportation may be available. Space is limited and registration is on a first come, first served basis. Call Deputy Valarie Wright at 703-746-5017 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/sheriff.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 12-15

Annual Rug Event. Ten Thousand Villages, 915 King Street. More than 300 rugs will be on display and available for purchase from Bunyaad, a company that works with artisans in Pakistan. Call 703-684-1435 or visit rugs.tenthousandvillages.com.

THROUGH SEPT. 20

Collection Starts Earlier. To avoid the heat of spring and summer, refuse and recycling collection shifts to 'warm weather hours' and pickup operations will begin an hour earlier. All refuse and recycling materials should be placed for collection prior to 6 a.m. Visit alexandriava.gov/ SolidWaste.

FRIDAY/DEC. 20

Deadline. The 2014 Kluge Young Composers Competition provides an opportunity for young composers in Virginia to develop their talents. The winning composition, selected by Maestro Kluge himself, will premiere at an ASO performance. The 2014 Kluge Young Composers Competition is open to any composer 18 or younger who resides in Virginia. Compositions should be five to seven minutes in length and should use standard orchestra instrumentation and normal doublings. Submissions must be received by Dec. 20. For details on how to enter, visit www.alexsym.org/kluge-youngcomposers-competition.

ONGOING

Foreclosure Prevention Clinics.

Noon at the Office of Housing, 421 King Street, Suite 200. The clinics will be held weekly starting July 16, and will offer both group and individual counseling sessions to assist homeowners who are experiencing financial difficulties. Call 202-667-7006.

Digital Magazines. Patrons of Alexandria Library will have unlimited access to read digital magazines, which can be viewed on most Internet-enabled devices inside or outside of the library. Accesible through www.rbdigital.com/ alexandriava/zinio.





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