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Nine Cappies for WPHS

West Potomac High School earned a Cappie award on Sunday, June 8, for Best Song for "You Won't Succeed on Broadway." More photos, page 6.

Eat. Drink. Pay?

Fairfax County task force debates voters' appetite for another meals tax referendum.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE GAZETTE

It has been 22 years since Fairfax County asked voters to approve a tax on restaurant meals, an issue that ignited protests, caused deep divisions among community leaders and threatened to melt down several political careers.

The reverberations of that epic failure — what many consider the third rail of county politics — continue to echo in the ears of county politicians.

But after another punishing year of budget battles, and continuing shortfalls in revenue resulting from the recession, county leaders are once again eyeing the meals tax as a way to raise revenue for schools and other county services.

On April 22, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-large) convened a task force to consider the pros and cons of putting another meals tax referendum on the ballot — possibly as early as this November.

Bulova said a four-percent tax on meals and beverages at the county's nearly 3,000 restaurants



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Kate Hanley, former Democratic chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, co-chairs the Meals Tax Referendum Task Force with Tom Davis, a former Republican congressman who also chaired the Fairfax County Board during the 1992 meals tax battle.

would generate approximately \$90 million in new revenue for schools, public safety, parks, libraries and human services.

She cited the fact that all of the

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Beyer Wins in 8th District Primary

Fundraising and connections help former lieutenant governor emerge victorious.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

When asked about animals' rights, former Lt. Gov. Don Beyer quotes author Peter Singer. He describes his wife as the "sine qua non" of his life.

During his victory speech in the hotly contested Democratic primary to replace longtime U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), he quoted St. Augustine and Winston Churchill. He reads widely and has five policy proposals for every issue before Congress.

"I've loved this campaign — the volunteers, the staff, all the thoughtful and challenging voters," Beyer told a throng of cheering supporters at the Alexandria Seaport Foundation Tuesday night. "But what I've liked best has been the opportunity to talk with great optimism about the way forward."

Beyer raised more than a million dollars since announcing his campaign in January, far more than any of his competitors in a crowded field of candidates. At one point, 13 people were seeking the nomination. By the time the ballots were printed, the list of candidates had whittled down to 10. On election day, seven candidates were vying for the nomination. In the end, Beyer's real competition was progressive Arlington Del. Patrick Hope (D-44), who



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/THE GAZETTE

Retiring U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) congratulates former Lt. Gov. Don Beyer on his victory in the Democratic primary.

won 18 percent of the vote.

"Patrick is the heir apparent," said Ben Tribbett, campaign manager for the Hope campaign. "No one knows how long Don is going to be in Congress, and so the real fight among the candidates was for the candidate to set themselves up to the next generation of leadership in the district."

THE DISTRICT is overwhelmingly Democratic. Back in 2012, for example, 68 percent of voters in the 8th Congressional District voted for incumbent Democratic President Barack Obama. That means Beyer is likely to be the candidate to emerge victorious in November. Moran stayed out of the race, repeatedly declining to endorse a candidate. But he made an appearance at the Beyer victory party and

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Boy Dies in Shooting

Police officers from the Mount Vernon District responded to a shooting in the 4300 block of Pembroke Village Drive at 7:55 p.m., Monday, June 9, and found two victims, ages 14 and 16.

Both were transported to local hospitals. The 14-year-old boy is in stable condition. The 16-year-old, Kevin Johnson,

died at the hospital.

According to police, there were several people in the home all known to each other.

An 18-year-old discharged a weapon which struck the victims.

The weapon has been recovered, and detectives said there is no public safety threat. The investigation is on-going.

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Task Force Carves into Meals Tax Referendum

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cities and towns “around and within Fairfax County” have adopted a meals tax, and that there has been “a growing sentiment during recent years for our board to once again allow the voters to decide whether or not they wish to avail themselves of this additional source of revenue.”

In Northern Virginia, similar meals taxes have been implemented in Alexandria, Arlington County, the City of Fairfax and other smaller municipalities.

However, Loudoun and Prince William county officials recently rejected the idea of a meals tax after restaurant groups successfully argued the tax would unfairly target an industry that is facing pressure to increase the minimum wage while still struggling to recover from the 2008 recession.

While much has changed in Fairfax County since 1992, the mere mention of a meals tax still stirs up vehement reactions.

“This is a charged issue,” said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) “The task force was set up deliberately to have a third-party group come to us with recommendations. We will have the benefit of public input from a fairly politically-balanced group. I think it’s brilliant that Sharon got both sides that would not necessarily talk to each other together in the same room ... That’s the Fairfax County way.”

“Keep an open mind. And, listen to each other,” Bulova urged the 40 members of the super committee during the first meeting on May 15.

Chaired by Kate Hanley, a former Democratic chairman of the board and Tom Davis, a former Republican congressman who chaired the Board of Supervisors during the 1992 meals tax battle, the task force was charged with answering three questions before delivering its final recommendation to the board on June 17:

- ❖ Whether or not to recommend the board put a meals tax referendum on the ballot

- ❖ If recommending going to referendum, when should that referendum take place; and

- ❖ If recommending going to referendum,

Meals Taxes in Surrounding Areas

Local Jurisdiction	Year Enacted	Requirements for Levying the Meals Tax	Current Rate	Collector's Commission/Discount	Designated for Specific Purpose
Arlington	1991	Exempted from referendum requirement. Adopted by unanimous vote.	4.0%	None	No
Alexandria	1975	Has authority to levy without referendum	4.0%	None	No
Fairfax City	1985	Has authority to levy without referendum	4.0%	3.0%	No
Falls Church	1977	Has authority to levy referendum	4.0%	2.0%	No
Herndon	2003	Has authority to levy referendum	2.5%	6.0%	
Manassas City	1988	as authority to levy Without referendum	4.0%	3.0%	No
Manassas Park	at least since 1995	Has authority to levy without referendum	4.0%	2.0%	No
Vienna	1989	Has authority to levy without referendum	3.0%	3.0%	Debt Service
Fairfax County	Not levied	Referendum required. Referendum failed in 1992			Would have been used for school construction
Loudoun	Not levied	Referendum required. Referendum failed in 2008			
Prince William	Not levied	Referendum required. No referendum attempted			

An overview of meals taxes in surrounding areas.

should any revenues from a meals tax be dedicated to specific issues?

But the first meeting had barely begun before members began taking swipes at each other, arguing over marginal details and data, and delivering doomsday proclamations if their side did not prevail.

The Fairfax County Federation of Teachers launched a series of newspaper ads asking readers to “Save Our Starving Schools,” by supporting the meals tax. Steven Greenburg, president of the teachers union and a member of the task force, argued that the county’s school system — which recently approved a \$2.5 billion budget for FY 2015 — will be forced to lay off workers if the county does not transfer more money to the schools.

After the second meeting, Jim Corcoran, president of The Fairfax Chamber, issued a statement declaring the chamber’s opposition to the tax.

“We have been down this road before in Fairfax, and in almost every case, voters continue to oppose such measures,” Corcoran said. “This is not a time for re-

hashing failed policies of the past. County leaders, the business community, and citizens all need to work together to grow and diversify the economy in Fairfax County, not tax our way to a solution.”

Hanley and Davis moderated the next meeting on May 29 with humor, easing some of the tension in the room.

“Kate and I come at this issue from different angles,” Davis joked during the meeting.

“Is that why I voted for it the first time,” Hanley said, pausing. “And you did too?”

“Hey, it passed in my precinct,” Davis shot back.

Rex Simmons, who represents the Fairfax County Democratic Committee, drew applause when he thanked Hanley and Davis for “doing an excellent job summarizing the views of the task force ...” in the draft report.

But the warm feelings dissipated when a heated discussion began over the image of the restaurant industry, and the perception that restaurants don’t support schools because the industry does not support a meals

tax.

“It’s an overall fairness issue,” said Jim Wordsworth, owner of one of the county’s first steakhouses — JR Stockyards Inn steakhouse in Tysons Corner. He argued that meals tax would drive customers away and could keep large restaurants from relocating to Tysons.

“When you have a meals tax, you know what else happens? New restaurants are less likely to come to Fairfax County,” said Mark Tate, public affairs director for Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington.

“I don’t want to present the image that only restaurants are opposing this tax. In 1992, there was a lot of animosity among teachers and PTO organizations to restaurants over this issue,” Tate continued. “But if you look beyond this framework, local restaurants are incredibly generous to PTO groups and other county non-profits; they sponsor non-profit events and benefits; they care deeply about the community they live and work in.”

Davis agreed that the restaurant industry is not the “bad guy” for opposing the meals tax. “I can’t go to a school fair, a 5K race, or any other school event where local restaurants don’t contribute in some way ...”

“Can we say ‘restaurants are good corporate citizens?’” Tate asked, requesting a change in the task force document.

Greenburg and others who support the meals tax quickly took issue with Tate’s statement.

“I don’t feel like restaurants have supported us ...,” Greenburg said. “And we’re not here to write a polemic for the restaurant industry...”

“How about we try it this way,” Hanley said, offering to rewrite a statement in the draft report: “Resistance to a referendum may create a false assumption that food services don’t support government services.’ What do you think?”

After the group signaled approval, Hanley encouraged them to “hang on.

“We’re doing well folks, only 3 more pages to go”

For more information on the meals tax referendum task force, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mealstax/>

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CRIME

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

ROBBERY, 7700 block of Richmond Highway, June 10, 9:01 a.m. A woman had just withdrawn money from an automatic teller machine when she was approached by a suspect. The suspect displayed a handgun and demanded money. After taking cash, the suspect fled. There were no injuries. The suspect was described as a black male, 39-40, about 6 feet tall with a medium build.

BURGLARY, 8600 block of Richmond Highway, June 10. An employee reported someone entered the business and took property.

BURGLARY, 4200 block of Field

Street, June 9. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

BURGLARY, 5800 block of Cameron Run Terrace, June 8. A resident reported someone entered the apartment and took property.

BURGLARY, 3800 block of Manzanita, June 8. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

BURGLARY, 4500 block of Arendale Square, June 5, 1:58 p.m. A resident reported someone attempted to break into the residence while she was inside. Responding police officers located three suspects and took them into custody. A

15-year-old juvenile male and two 14-

year-old juvenile males were all charged with burglary.

BURGLARY, 8100 block of Martha Street, June 3, 1:40 p.m. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property. Responding police officers located the suspect and took into custody. A 22-year-old man from Alexandria was charged with burglary.

ROBBERY, 1900 block of Elkin Street, May 29, 3:06 a.m. Two suspects entered a convenience store and one suspect displayed a handgun to an employee. Both suspects took cash and property and then fled. There were no injuries.

BURGLARY, 8300 block of Pondsides Terrace, May 29. A resident reported

someone entered the residence and took property.

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8700 block of Richmond Highway, money from business

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1600 block of Belle View Boulevard, merchandise from business

5900 block of Richmond Highway, purse and backpack from vehicle

7700 block of Richmond Highway, wallet from business

8600 block of Richmond Highway, beer from business

5900 block of Richmond Highway, phone from location

5900 block of North Kings Highway, electronic equipment from location

6600 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business

6300 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business

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Empire Strikes Back

Establishment beats Tea Party at Republican convention in Roanoke.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

When conservative preacher E.W. Jackson took the stage at the Roanoke Civic Center to introduce Tea Party favorite Shak Hill at the Republican convention last weekend, hundreds of conservatives from across Virginia took to their feet. They waved placards. They applauded. They voiced approval. It was a moment former Alexandria Vice Mayor Bill Cleveland, who served as Jackson's Northern Virginia coordinator, later said was a surprise to him.

"Fantastic," said Cleveland. "I had no idea that was going to happen."

In the end, though, it was not enough for Hill, a former Air Force pilot who is currently an insurance agent in Burke. Even before all of the congressional districts announced their results, it became clear that Ed Gillespie had secured a decisive victory. So Hill took the stage to concede the election and ask the convention to nominate Gillespie by acclamation. Gillespie, a former chairman of the Republican National Committee, has decades of experience working as a consultant and fundraiser in Republican politics. When asked by reporters about his ties to the super PAC known as American Crossroads, Gillespie said he wanted "to be clear" about his history with the group.

"I was never on the board, never an employee, never a consultant," Gillespie told reporters in a brief press conference after securing the nomination. "My view is I've got to run my campaign, and I've got to raise the resources for me to get the message to the voters of Virginia and get the information to the voters of Virginia on my own."

GILLESPIE ENTERS the race for U.S. Senate at a competitive disadvantage to incumbent U.S. Sen. Mark Warner of Old Town. Back in March, Quinnipiac University issued a poll that had Warner with 46 percent of the vote and Gillespie at 31 percent. The polls had a sample size of 1,300 voters and a margin of error of plus or minus 2.7 percent. Gillespie supporters say he was the only candidate who could raise the kind of money that would be needed to defeat



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Former Republican National Committee Chairman Ed Gillespie addresses delegates at the Roanoke Civic Center.

an incumbent Democrat such as Warner, who accumulated a vast personal fortune as an early investor of a telecommunications company known as Nextel that later merged with Sprint. Gillespie has already raised more than \$3 million, and he had the best fundraising quarter for any non-incumbent Republican Senate candidate.

"He can raise the money," said Alexandria delegate Sharon Annear, who voted for Gillespie. "That's key in this day and age for any campaign, but particularly when you are running against a millionaire."

Democrats are eager to turn Gillespie's background against him, staging an event outside the convention hall to brand him "Pocket Ed," a reference to his background as a Washington consultant with ties to money and power. Moments after Gillespie secured the nomination, Democrats issued a press release laying out the campaign they hope to wage against him. Warner likes to call himself a "radical moderate," a position that his supporters hope to use to position the incumbent Democrat against his Republican challenger.

"Ed Gillespie calls himself a 'partisan warrior,' and has spent his life whipping up gridlock or lobbying for special interests willing to pay the right price," said Democratic party chairman Dwight Jones. "Virginians want a problem solver not a partisan warrior."

THE CONVENTION highlighted a division within the Republican Party that has become more pronounced in recent years, a split between the chamber of commerce wing and the Tea Party set. That's a division that will be at the center of a struggle for dominance of the party in 2016, when control of the chairmanship and executive committee will be at

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Conservative preacher E.W. Jackson offers a surprise introduction for Tea Party favorite Shak Hill.



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WPHS Wins Nine Cappies

School received 19 nominations, most in the region.

The 15th Annual Cappies Awards Gala for high school theater was held Sunday, June 8 at The Kennedy Center. Nine Cappies went to West Potomac High School for “Spamalot,” including the Best Musical award. The Best Play award went to Langley High School for “The Children’s Hour.” The Cappies’ show season extended from October 2013 to May 2014, and Cappies shows were attended, on average, by 45 student critics.

This year’s event included 58 public and private high schools from Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Montgomery and Prince William counties,

the cities of Falls Church, Alexandria and Manassas, and Washington, D.C. The event was hosted by Judy Bowns, Janie Strauss and Ed Monk.

“Spamalot” at West Potomac High School was the most nominated show in Cappies’ history with 18 nominations. The Critics Team at West Potomac was also nominated along with McLean, TJ, Langley and West Springfield. The Critics Team nominee brought West Potomac’s nominations to 19, the most nominated school in the region this year.

— STEVE HIBBARD



The award for Best Song went to “You Won’t Succeed on Broadway” for “Spamalot” at West Potomac High School. From left: Anjum Choudhury, Eliza Lore, David Jarzen and Kaila Anderson.



The award for Best Orchestra went to West Potomac Rice and Beans for “Spamalot” at West Potomac High School in Alexandria. From left: Collin Guieb, Pamela Molnar and Allie Woodbury.



The award for Best Musical went to the team of “Spamalot” from West Potomac High School. From left: Hunter Harlow, Peter Serle, Director Peele Clark, Austin Harlow and Eddie Perez.



The award for Best Costumes went to Lesya Melnychenko and Becky Lehner for “Spamalot.”



The award for Best Featured Actress went to Nikki Amico for “Spamalot” at West Potomac High School.



The award for Best Sets went to the WPHS Set Crew of Natalie Jurkowski, Ella Moore, Lauren Airey and Lydia Perez for “Spamalot” at West Potomac High School.



The award for Best Choreography went to Kaila Anderson for “Spamalot” at West Potomac High School.

The award for Marketing and Publicity went to Gracie Denton, Jordon McCray, Ben Roberts (not pictured) and Peter Serle for “Spamalot” at West Potomac High School.



The award for Supporting Actor in a Musical went to Eddie Perez for “Spamalot” at West Potomac High School.

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The Arts

- ◆ Won Silver Medals and Honorable Mentions in the national Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.
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- ◆ Artwork took three of the top twelve awards at the annual VA Congressional District 8 competition.
- ◆ Received a rating of excellent in wind ensemble and orchestra at the Virginia District X Festival.
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- ◆ Participated in District X Band and Chorus.
- ◆ Received a superior rating on a solo at the District X Solo and Ensemble Festival.
- ◆ Invited to sing Evensong at the National Cathedral.
- ◆ Performed in all drama and musical productions, Evening of the Arts, and Multicultural Night. Directed the One-Act Plays and performed all four years in the pit orchestra for the musical theater productions.

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- ◆ Led the girls lacrosse team to ISL season and tournament championships.
- ◆ Won the IAC title in boys swimming 200M freestyle and the ISL title in girls track 1600M.
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OBITUARY

Vibeke Gregers-Hansen

On May 8, 2014, Vibeke Gregers-Hansen, born Anne-Vibeke Kragh Petersen, 1935 in Copenhagen, Denmark, died at her home on Maid Marian Court in Alexandria at the side of her husband for 55 years, Vilhelm. She had fought a long and hard battle against the cruel disease of Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP). Vibeke and Vilhelm met and became high-school sweethearts in 1953 in Roskilde, Denmark, where they both attended the Cathedral School of Roskilde. They were married in 1959 in the Church of Høje Taastrup at the time when Vilhelm served in the Royal Danish Navy. In 1960 they moved to Holland where Vilhelm started a new job within the SHAPE organization. After their return to Denmark, they lived in Hillerød, Denmark, from 1966 to 1969. In 1969 Vilhelm was offered a position at Raytheon Company, Massachusetts, and after much agonizing they decided to take the plunge. The move to the U.S. was difficult for Vibeke, leaving behind her mother, father, family, and friends. With time she settled down in Framingham, Mass., and made many friends there. In 1995 it became time for another move, this time to the Washington area, where

Vilhelm had found a new job with the U.S. Navy after retiring from Raytheon. Again the move was a challenge for Vibeke, but she persevered and found many new friends in the Alexandria area. She was a member of the Mt. Vernon House and Garden Club and enjoyed her weekly exercise classes at the Fairfax Recreation Center, with her many friends there. Vibeke owned a small home in her beloved Denmark, and for 25 years she always looked forward to the one month in summer she spent in Hundested together with her husband, walking the beaches, taking daytrips to the countryside, eating fresh Danish fish, and visiting old friends and relatives.

Vibeke and Vilhelm had two sons, Perry and Thomas. Perry was born in Roskilde, Denmark in 1959, and Thomas in The Hague, Netherlands in 1962. Sadly, Perry died in 2002 from natural causes. Thomas lives in Bellingham, Mass., with his wife Donna.

In remembrance of Vibeke, all of her friends are invited to a gathering at our home on 7709 Maid Marian Court in Alexandria at noon on Sunday, June 29, 2014. Please RSVP and come to celebrate her life, have a drink, and enjoy a Danish lunch.

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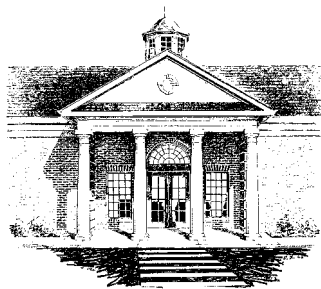
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OPINION

Clearing the Air on New Carbon Standards

BY U.S. REP. GERRY
CONNOLLY (VA-11)
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(NY-20)
CO-CHAIRS, SUSTAINABLE ENERGY
AND ENVIRONMENT COALITION

The EPA's new proposal to safeguard the air we breathe and contain a primary driver of climate change by reducing carbon emissions from existing power plants is the lynchpin to reducing our carbon footprint. As co-chairs of the House Sustainable Energy and Environmental Coalition, we welcome action on carbon pollution and look forward to working with all stakeholders in a responsible manner to advance a 21st century energy economy for America.

Power plants are responsible for 40 percent of U.S. carbon pollution. Without addressing this source of pollution our efforts fade in significance. Similar safeguards already exist for other hazardous

pollutants such as lead, arsenic, and mercury. And they have worked. Why shouldn't the same apply for carbon? By targeting this source of pollution, we protect public health, the economy, and national security.

Unfortunately, there are those who would have us believe that these and other EPA safeguards threaten our shared national priorities. Just as they did when Congress, in a bipartisan fashion, adopted the Clean Air and Clean

Water acts a generation ago, these critics offer the same hackneyed arguments they always make: they contend the public does not want these protections, they will kill jobs, bankrupt the economy, and cause electricity rates to double. This is the same crowd that waged deceitful campaigns warning of death panels, a government-run takeover of healthcare, and socialized medicine in the hopes of distracting us from the urgent need for the Affordable Care Act.

Such false and misleading claims were shameful then, and if repeated, will jeopardize the tremendous strides we've made in protecting public health. Unfortunately, some took to attacking the EPA's latest proposal even before it was released. Last week, Speaker Boehner said the EPA is "hurting our economy" with such proposals, though he did note he was no expert on climate change and had not yet seen the proposed regulation. Let's move beyond such rhetoric and look at the facts.

Take the first claim that carbon pollution restrictions will kill jobs and devastate the economy. Evidence tells us that we can have both a clean environment and a strong economy. In a recent op-ed, Christine Todd Whitman, a Republican, who is the former Governor of New Jersey and was EPA Administrator under President George W. Bush, highlighted that "... between 1970 and 2006, U.S. GDP grew by 195 percent, yet thanks to regulatory changes an-

nual emissions of carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, and lead all decreased significantly." In other words, economic growth and regulation can and do intertwine successfully.

Investing in new energy standards actually has helped fuel that economic growth. For example, since the Clean Air Act was passed in 1970, every dollar spent on compliance standards has yielded \$4-\$8 in economic return on that investment. The fact is that these standards have been a catalyst for a new generation of clean energy, new investment in plants and equipment, and the creation of thousands of domestic jobs. Employment in the American solar industry, for example, grew 10 times faster than the national employment average rate last year.

Another tired but predictable claim opponents will make is that electricity rates will increase. The Washington Post's fact checker,

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Cost of Deliberation

To the Editor:

Frank Medico in the Mt. Vernon Gazette (June 5-11) shifts the subject away from the imminent importance of Medicaid expansion to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) itself, aka Obamacare. The ACA authorizes Medicaid expansion. Let's clarify some of Mr. Medico's more important misconceptions.

The ACA along with Medicaid expansion follow a long line of successful safety net programs like Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. Over time, despite initial problems, these programs have saved thousands of lives and enriched the quality of life for all Americans.

Under the ACA, companies selling insurance on the exchanges must meet certain standards set by the government. They cannot sell substandard plans which don't include basic health care benefits, or charge higher premiums to women, or deny people with pre-existing conditions.

The plans must also provide a wide range of free preventive care services. These more comprehensive plans cost more, and may have different physicians in their networks. The benefits of the plans will be available to those who have paid their first premiums, about 80

per cent of all enrollees. One woman on TV said she was paying only around \$50 per month for health insurance ... turns out it didn't cover hospitalization.

Many waivers questioned by Mr. Medico are for the states for Medicaid expansion. The ACA allows each state to develop the expansion in their own way providing they include the standards set by the program. States' rights advocates should applaud the decentralized focus of the ACA.

Also, the subsidies and tax credits being criticized are very important to ensure adequate care for the most needy and marginal citizens. Beginning in 2014, many individuals and families will be eligible to receive subsidies to help pay for their private health insurance, if they are not eligible for Medicare, Medicaid or CHIP (a special program for children) and do not have affordable coverage

through their employer. Small businesses may be eligible for tax credits to help provide their employees with health insurance.

Also, new taxes fall mainly on the wealthy and large businesses. Those individuals who elect not to participate in the program, pay a penalty. There are no additional ACA taxes on commonly purchased items like eyeglasses, contact lenses, hearing aids and wheelchairs.

Also, Mr. Medico wonders why members of Congress, their staffs and the executive branch is exempt from the ACA. In fact, lawmakers and most of their staffs are required to purchase insurance through the exchanges. Executive branch staff continues to be insured under its traditional government plan.

Mr. Medico also asserts that unions are given preferential treatment. In fact, the government has

denied the unions' request for a waiver of ACA fees on their health plans as well as federal subsidies. No favoritism there.

Mr. Medico calls for continued deliberation regarding the Medicaid expansion program of the ACA. We've had enough deliberation. Deliberation has cost us over \$800 million in federal aid since Jan. 1. Is that not enough time and money lost to decide whether Virginians are going to get sick, live, or die?

We are the seventh richest state in per capita income and we can't find the resources, despite potentially millions in federal aid, to care for our veterans, our children, and our struggling families?

Shame on the House of Delegates for continuing the legacy of disregard for the health and well-being of thousands of Virginians.

John S. Glaser
Alexandria

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ME & MY DAD

Photos submitted for Father's Day.



This is daddy John Knapp with sons Ben (6 years) and Tyler (3 years) of Hollin Hall Village at the Spring 2014 Cherry Blossom Festival.

Three Lessons Learned at My Father's Knee

My father died in 1989. At the first wedding I photographed afterwards, my son Steven who was assisting me, nudged me aside during the Father-Daughter dance. He noticed that I was weeping and that I couldn't see to focus because of the tears in my eyes. I still miss my father.

My father was a quiet man, a gentle man. I never heard him raise his voice. He worked two full time jobs when I was growing up and I didn't see him very much but somehow he managed to teach me lessons I still haven't forgotten.

Lesson 1. I was walking in the street with him and I found something. All these years later, I can't remember whether it was a doll or a dollar, but I wanted to keep it. He said, "Let it stay where it is. The owner may come looking for it." I protested, "The next person who comes by will pick it up." "That's their decision," he said, "You are not responsible for that. You will leave where it is."

Lesson 2. I was worried about something. Again, all these years later, I can't remember what I was worried about. "Perspective changes with time," he said. "It's like riding on a train. The closer you are to the station, the bigger it looks. Once it's past, it gets smaller and finally disappears."

Lesson 3. My father taught me to ride a bike. This was in Brooklyn, N.Y. In August. Pre air-conditioning. We lived in a large apartment house and the neighbors sat outside on wooden folding chairs in the evenings to escape the heat inside. The women knitted, crocheted, and gossiped. For this bike riding lesson my father wore slacks but only an undershirt on top. I was 10 or 11 years old and I was embarrassed by his "under-dressing." "What will the neighbors think?" I asked. "That's false pride," he said. "Be concerned about what you do. It is much more important than what you wear." All these years later, I remember this lesson. And I remember too, the assurance of his hand on the seat of my bike, steadying me. I can still feel it.

— NINA TISARA



Nina Tisara, circa 1944, peeking over her dad's shoulder. Prospect Park, N.Y. artist-photographer Tisara says, "Now the gospel I preach is to get those photos off your cameras and phones. Label them with who, what, when and where and identify the photographer!"

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School Calendar Likely to Change

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE GAZETTE

Changes could be coming soon to school schedules in Fairfax County, under a new plan announced by Superintendent Karen Garza at a work session on May 28.

The recommendations would get rid of half-day Mondays for elementary school students, while also giving elementary school teachers more dedicated time for planning, Garza said, spreading the planning time throughout the week instead of having it on Mondays.

"I do believe this is the solution to the issue of time," Garza said at the work session.

Getting rid of half-day Mondays would bring 2.5 more hours of educational time for students. Ten extra minutes would also be added to the school day for recess.

"I do believe we have to take on and change our elementary school schedules," Garza said.

THE PLAN will cost money to implement. Dan Parris, interim deputy superintendent, estimates that it will cost between four to \$7.6 million to support changes including "staffing positions at the elementary level to meet expectations for collaborative and teacher-directed planning time,"

according to the presentation.

"If you want to do this, there is an investment," Parris said.

Garza said whether this happens in September or next year, it needs to be done.

Parris led a working group that came to the recommendations, looking to find efficiencies and increase effectiveness in schedules.

"When you look at our working conditions feedback and data we received, elementary folks tend to rate their working conditions higher on seven of the eight constructs. The one that they don't is around time," Parris said. "In order to do something with the elementary day, you have to address the equity issue around the teacher directive planning time."

School Board members varied on whether they believe the changes should occur this year or next.

"This solves a lot of problems for families. I've had teachers tell me that their families would save hundreds of dollars a month not having to cover day care expenses on Mondays," said Elizabeth Schultz, School Board member for the Springfield district.

Tamara Derenak Kaufax, School Board member for the Lee District, said she had some concerns for the plan's implementation in 2014, especially for smaller schools and newer principals.

"I'm concerned about the costs," Kaufax

said.

ALSO PART of the proposal at the May 28 work session was a change to the entire school system's calendar from the state required 180 days to 990 hours, another state-approved option. This would allow for 13 snow days to take place without requiring any make-up days. This year, the school year is extended three days because of 11 snow days this winter.

Parris examined the number of snow days Fairfax County has had from 1989 to 2014. He said more snow days have been used over the past 10 years.

"We have used an average of 3.9 snow days per year in that equation," Parris said.

Loudoun County has a similar system now in place.

"This finally, once and for all, resolves us having this unknown out there of how late we could possibly go," Schultz said.

But whether the changes will occur this year or next is unclear.

"What we would be suggesting if we did this is we would no longer be going by the 180 calendar. So that means we have enough hours beyond the 990 hours required the equivalent of 13 days. So let's say we had another Snowmageddon and we miss 14 days of school, after the 13th day, we would no longer meet the 990 hour requirement," Garza said.

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WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

Fairfax County Extra School Day. The Fairfax County School Board has voted to add a day to the 2013-14 school calendar. This is the last day.

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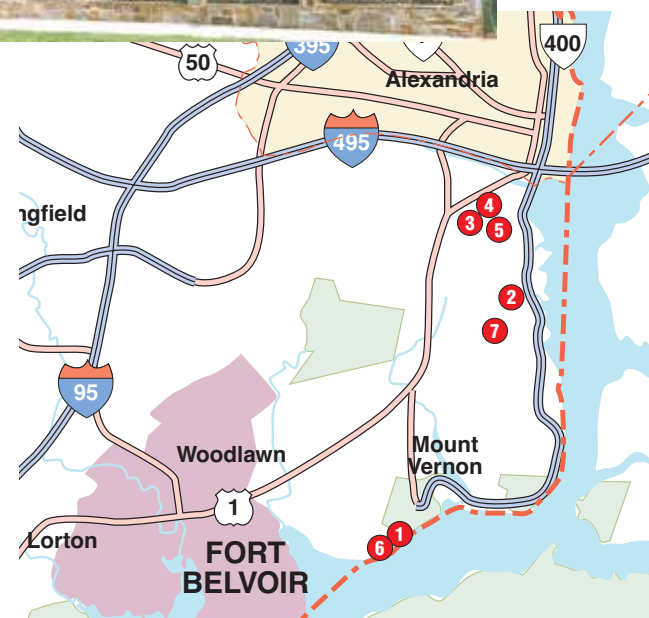
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When coordinated well, pillows can create an inviting bedroom. Too many pillows however, can be cumbersome.

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Creating Private, Restful Retreat

Designers offer suggestions for decorating the perfect bedroom.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

While most people crave a good night's sleep, it remains a dream for many. A bedroom that is both chic and comfortable can help the overworked find that restful slumber.

"A bedroom should be a retreat from the hectic lives so many of us live," said Sharon Kleinman of Transitions by Sharon Kleinman in Potomac, Md.

Local interior designers like Kleinman say accessories and tweaks can turn a bedroom into a luxurious retreat. These changes, tastemakers say, don't require major overhauls, just a few design ideas.

Seating in the bedroom offers a place to relax other than the bed. "Everything depends on the size of the room," said Julie Sproules, an interior design faculty member at The Art Institute of Washington in Arlington. "A nice option is have a reading nook with comfortable seats, good lighting and perhaps a small table."

Kleinman said, "If you have the room, it's always nice to have a seating area — even if it's just one comfortable chair and ottoman," she said. "Create yourself a place to kick back and read or relax without having to be in bed."

Accessorize the bedroom seating with a cozy throw. "They add a splash of color to a chair or chaise," said Victoria Sanchez of Victoria Sanchez Interiors and Victoria at Home in Old Town Alexandria. "You can use a throw to take the chill off."

A place to get dressed is also ideal. "A bedroom with a dressing area and good lighting is very convenient," said Sproules. "I have a closet in my bedroom with two doors that open, so when I open my doors I have my clothes, jewelry and mirror in a place where I can see them. I can get dressed in the morning without disturbing my boyfriend."

If there is enough space in the bedroom, Sproules also recommends a vanity with a mirror, proper lighting and a stool without arms so it's easy to turn from

one side to the other when getting ready.

A dish or bowl for storing personal items is also helpful on a nightstand or dresser. "I have a bowl for my earrings when I forget to take them off before going to bed," said Sanchez. "For men, it could be a place to drop keys instead of dropping them on the dresser and possibly damaging the wood."

When it comes to lighting, Sanchez recommends keeping it soft. "A beautiful lamp next to the bed with a nice shade that will filter light is the first thing I would recommend," she said.

To create a restful retreat, Kleinman often forgoes patterns, "but maximizes lots of different textures like linen, silk, mohair, velvet and chenille."

Preferred color palettes are warm but not too bright or glaring. "I like soft bronze with powdery blues, silvery grey and creams or varying shades of brown and beige punctuated by accents of light teal," she said.

WHEN IT COMES TO ACCESSORIZING a bed, Kleinman says less is more. "Don't overdo it on the pillows. I layer the bed with no more than three rows of pillows. You want the bed to look inviting. Too many pillows just become a hassle and the bed loses its elegance."

Kleinman's ideal bed includes a row of bolsters or extra-large king shams followed by three Euro shams and then one long rectangular accent pillow or two smaller square accent pillows. "Either store the sleeping pillows or make them the first row up against the headboard," she said. "Rows of sleeping pillows plus all the decorative pillows are just too much."

The decorative accent pillows help create a polished look. "It could be lumbar, a bolster, to unify the whole look," said Sanchez. "It could be monogrammed or beaded.

It could be the one fancy pillow that you splurge on, but also a decorative pillow that will never have a head on it."

When it's time to turn down the bed at night, Kleinman suggests storing the decorative pillows in an upholstered storage bench near the bed.

Finally, control the amount of light that filters through the windows. "I prefer floor-length draperies that are lined with 'bump,' which is a heavy felt-like lining, or blackout lining," said Kleinman. "Most of my clients prefer blackout lining. Keep the drapes simple and not too fussy. Heavy cornices or valances are distracting and they dilute that feeling of calm."

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Children's Theater. Arts on the Horizon presents "Sunny and Licorice" at The Lab at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Show is 30 minutes and best for ages 2-5. Performances are 10:30 a.m. June 11-13; and 10 and 11:30 a.m. June 14. \$8 tickets, purchase online or at the door. At each show the group will collect non-perishable food and canned good for Community Lodgings. Visit www.artsonthehorizon.org/sunny-and-licorice or call 703-967-0437.

Art Exhibit. Through Friday, June 20, see Alexandria artist Joan Ulrich's ceramics are on display in "Process as Inspiration: New Work" at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Galleries and studios are open Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sundays noon-5 p.m. Meet the artist Sunday, June 8, 3-5 p.m. Visit www.joanulrich.com.

Art Exhibit. Through June 22, "Words and Letters" in the Athenaeum gallery, 201 Prince St. This multimedia show from regional artists uses text as a component of visual art. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

Photography Exhibit. "Threesomes," photography by Maureen Minehan in sets of three standalone images. On display in the Multiple Exposures Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Alexandria, May 13-June 22. Open daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m. except Thursday, 2-8 p.m. Opening reception Sunday, June 1, 2-4 p.m.

Art Exhibit. "Women Legends of Alexandria: 2007-2013" art exhibit will be on display at Prudential PenFed Realty, 300 N. Washington St., suite 100. The exhibit will showcase portraits from the Living Legends of Alexandria project with selected works from the Del Ray Artisans. Show runs through June 27. Hours are Mondays-Fridays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org.

Art Exhibit. "Printed Painted Potted," Avis Fleming's show of etchings, lithographs, monotypes, paintings and ceramics features landscapes and birds, people and dogs. Through June 30 at Printmakers Inc., Studio #325 in Alexandria's Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Open daily 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Call 703-683-1342.

Beyond the Battlefield Exhibition. Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday 1-4 p.m. through June 30. Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. Part of the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the House features a new exhibit on Civil War medical care with a hospital room setup. \$3. Visit www.lee-fendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789 for more.

Photography Exhibit. Daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursdays 2-9 p.m. June 24-Aug. 3. Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center #312, 105 N. Union St. "Frozen Music," a photography exhibit featuring new works by Alan Sisen. Call 703-838-4565 for more.

Historical Exhibit. Through August at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. "Sit Down and Take a Stand" commemorates the 1939 library sit-in of five African American men and its mastermind, Samuel Tucker. One of the earliest occasions of individuals using the sit-in as an act of civil disobedience in the modern civil rights movement. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 703-746-4356.

Blue Star Museums. More than 2,000 museums across America offer free admission to military personnel and their families this summer through Sept. 1. A complete list of museums is available at <http://arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums>. The museums in Alexandria participating in the program are Gadsby's Tavern Museum, the Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden and Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum.

Doggy Happy Hours. 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Thursdays during the summer. Free, drinks sold separately. Treats and water for dogs, with pet boutique and service vendors. Portions of proceeds benefit People. Animals. Love. Visit www.Monaco-Alexandria.com/alexandria-hotel/doggy-happy-hour.html.

New Exhibit. Mount Vernon invites visitors to explore George Washington's design for the grounds of his estate, through a new exhibition, "Gardens & Groves: George Washington's Landscape" at Mount Vernon through Jan. 12, 2016. Gardens & Groves is the first museum exhibition to focus specifically on Washington's landmark achievements as a landscape designer combining rarely-seen original documents, artwork, and books with period garden tools, landscape photography, and a scale model of the Mount Vernon estate. Included in admission \$18/adult; \$17/senior citizen; \$9/child age 6-11; children under 5 are free. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

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

Songwriter's Showcase. Every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Features a different Songwriter's Association of Washington artist each week. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com for tickets.

George Washington's Mount Vernon has joined Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and James Madison's Montpelier to expand the "Presidents Passport," Virginia's premier presidential trail. As an added bonus to this year's program, visitors to the Alexandria Visitors Center at 221 King St. showing or purchasing a ticket to any of the three presidential estates will, upon request, receive for free Alexandria's "Key to the City" pass, which grants access into nine historic sites and museums in Alexandria - a \$26 added value. Visit www.PresPassport.Monticello.org.

Singing. 7:30-10 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Clifton. The Fairfax Jubil-Aires rehearse every Wednesday which includes training by an award-winning director. Visit www.fairfaxjubilaires.org for more.

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Pre-School Studio. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood



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LTA Stages 'Plaza Suite'

Slapstick comedy by Neil Simon about love and marriage is sure to please.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE GAZETTE

The Little Theatre of Alexandria is staging the Neil Simon slapstick comedy, "Plaza Suite," June 14-July 5. The play about love and marriage is composed of three acts starring different couples and set in Suite 719 of the Plaza Hotel in New York City. It was made into a 1971 film starring Walter Matthau, Maureen Stapleton, Barbara Harris and Lee Grant. Mike Nichols won the Tony award in 1968 for best direction of a play that featured George C. Scott and Stapleton on Broadway.

"Plaza Suite" Director Shawn g. Byers's first goal was to bring the words on the page to life. "One of the things that Neil Simon is so wonderful at is showing the comedy in our human foibles," he said.

He added, "I have learned while working on this play to look at my own foibles and stressful situations and see the humor that lies within. So maybe, just maybe one or two audience members will see themselves in Karen, Roy, or Muriel — and take just a moment to laugh the next time they are faced with adversity."

Jack Stein plays the role of Sam Nash, who can't accept the inevitability of growing older. "He seeks ways to remain young at the risk of losing the very person [his wife] who knows him better than he knows himself," he said.

His biggest challenge has been figuring out how to show the inner softness of Sam's somewhat gruff exterior. "To do so, I tapped into some of my own personal experiences and those of people I know," said Stein, who performed in another version of the

play many years ago in a different role.

Amy Solo is playing the role of Karen Nash, a woman married to the love of her life who finds herself in danger of losing everything she holds most dear. "Feeling the ground beneath her shake a bit, she engineers an opportunity to rekindle the romance of her marriage," she said. But things do not go as planned, and Karen is not going to go down without a fight.

She said her relationship with Sam has an interesting love language that on its face could be read as bickering, but there is a lot of affection there. "On its face, this scene could be read as a fight but it really is a dance," Solo said.

"For the chapter on the Nashes from Mamaroneck, the reminder that love is a choice, a daily choice, in every long-term relationship, is what I hope everyone walks away with," she said.

Shelagh Roberts plays Muriel Tate, a "typical" suburban housewife in an unhappy marriage in 1968, who seems prim and proper at first, but as vodka stingers are consumed and the layers are peeled off, more emerges.

"Lucky for us, Neil Simon has ensured that Muriel and [her husband] Jesse challenge each other, and he gives us many shifts in the relationship throughout the scene, as well as transition points where the characters reveal some of who they really are," she said.

With co-star Richard Isaacs, they're locked in an intense game of cat and mouse for half an hour. "It's up to us to keep it moving and vary the levels so there is movement and energy in the scene," she said. "It's like one long acting-class scene every

time we go up there. We have a lot of fun keeping the other one guessing."

She added, "All of these characters are very relevant and relatable today. People like to think we have evolved to some master modern sensibility

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— Richard Isaacs

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ENTERTAINMENT

ArtsFest Joins Old Town Arts & Crafts Fair Saturday at Market Square

Alexandria arts organizations will launch the yearlong celebration of their many "Extraordinary Anniversaries" Saturday, June 12, 3-8 p.m., in conjunction with the 34th Annual Old Town Arts and Crafts Fair sponsored by Volunteer Alexandria. From the 100th birthday of the (recently renovated) Old Town Theater, to the 80 years of the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 70 years of the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, 60 years of the Art League, 30 years of MetroStage and the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, to five years of Ambassador Theater, Alexandria has a lot to celebrate.

On Saturday, more than 80 artists will be on display, accompanied by live entertainment on both the stage at Market Square and at the Torpedo Factory. Performances and interactive arts activities will include a chamber group from the Alexandria Symphony, scenes and a Bulgarian dance group from the Ambassador Theater, dance concerts from the Choreographers Collaboration Project and the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association, the Alexandria Citizens Band and more. Performances begin at 2 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory and 3 p.m. with the Arts and Crafts Festival.

Other arts anniversaries include 50 years of the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association, 40 years of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 25 years of the Washington Balalaika Society, 20 years of First Night Alexandria and Ten Thousand Villages, 15 years of the Choreographers Collaboration Project, 10 years of the Durant Art Center and five years for Del Ray's Arts on the Avenue and the Youth Arts Festival.

Visual artists, fiber artists, photographers, print, paper and graphics artists in collaboration with the performing artists in the area will make for an "extraordinary" Saturday afternoon in Old Town Alexandria. Visit <http://handsonconnect.volunteerallexandria.org> for more.

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Hall Lane. June 9-19, Mondays-Thursdays children ages 4-6 attend for explorations of clay, collage, drawing and painting as well as creativity, problem solving, collaboration and fun. Call 703-201-1250 or visit www.artatthecenter.org.

History Camp. The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, is now registering for a camp for children ages 5-7. The camp runs Tuesday, July 29-Thursdays, July 31, 9 a.m.-noon at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Clio's Kids Mini-Camp engages children in American history and life in historic Alexandria through artifacts, storytelling, singing, crafts, old-fashioned games and visits to nearby historic places. Cost is \$105, which includes snacks and souvenirs. Advance registration is required. Call 703-746-4994 or visit www.alexandriahistory.org.

Youth Summer Classes. Beginning Monday, July 7, Metropolitan School of the Arts offers pre-professional summer dance, music theater and acting camps, as well as a wide variety of youth summer camps where students can explore and learn many facets of the performing and visual arts. Visit www.metropolitanarts.org.

Metro Club After-School Program. Through June, the Metropolitan School of Arts presents an after-school program for grades 1-6. The program is located at both the Lorton studio at Workhouse Arts Center, 9517 Workhouse Way and in Alexandria at 5775 Barclay Drive. Programs will focus on the arts, including music, dance, theatre, yoga and academics, as well as designated homework time. The program will run Mondays, 1-6 p.m., and Tuesday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. Tuition runs from \$130-150. Call 703-339-0444 or visit www.metropolitanarts.org.

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

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. 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.

Theater Camp. Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre will hold sessions starting June 30 to Aug. 22. There are two-week sessions with morning, afternoon or all day sessions, and one-week sessions that go all day. Visit www.mvccct.org to register.

Stop Motion Animation and Cartooning. Aug. 18-21. 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. for ages 8-12. Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. \$140 for cartooning and \$150 for stop-motion animation taught by Christine Stoddard. Visit www.artatthecenter.org/classsummer14.htm for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 12

Live Music. 6-8 p.m. at Magnolia Terrace at the Carlyle House, 121 N Fairfax St. A part of the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration. The Ship's Company Chanteymen will perform sailor songs from the 18th and 19th centuries. Free. Call 703-549-2997 or email carlyle@nvrpa.org for more.

Second Thursday Art Night. 6 p.m. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. The event will feature a mural unveiling and remarks by Alexandria mayor William D. Euille. A new exhibit commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Torpedo Factory will host a public reception in the Target Gallery at 7 p.m. Birthday cake will follow. Call 703-838-4565 or visit torpedofactory.org for more.

Art Reception & Meet the Artist. 6:30-8 p.m. Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 21, 105 N. Union St. "Figural Fine Lines" is Susan O'Neill's art inspired by human form. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

Live Music. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Jeff Smith performs country, blues and rock. \$10. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Wine Dinner. 7-10 p.m. Union Street Public House, 121 South Union St. The Winery at La Grange brings you a five-course dinner including five wines, including La Grange Viogner, which has not been released to the public yet. \$70. Contact Dina Ramsted at info@unionstreetpublichouse.com or 703-548-1785 and visit <https://usph.webconnex.com/0612WineDinner> to purchase tickets.

FRIDAY/JUNE 13

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Scott Kurt performs, opens for Southside Johnny & The Asbury Jukes. Visit <http://scottkurtmusic.blogspot.com/> for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 13-SUNDAY/JULY 20

Art Gallery. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. from June 13-July 20. An exhibition of Marcelo Novo's paintings on maps and stamps titled, "Here, There, Somewhere." The mixed media gallery will be on display in the Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, 3001 North Beauregard St. Call 703-845-6156 for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

Alexandria Art Market. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Colasanto Park, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Local artists will perform. Browse artwork by local artists and more. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket for more.

Healthy Parks, Healthy People. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Belle Haven Park, 6401 George Washington Memorial Parkway. The event will celebrate National Get Outdoors Day and will feature an



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Internationally renowned QuinTango, with special guest Bandoneonist Emmanuel Trifilio, will bring the sizzling sound of Tango to Alexandria, June 12 as part of the city's Music at Twilight concert series. The free concert will conclude with a performance by StringTango, QuinTango's education program incorporating 16 students, ages 6-12, from Alexandria Public Schools. The concert, presented at John Carlyle Park, 300 John Carlyle St., will begin at 7:30 p.m. Rain date is Friday, June 13, 7 p.m. at Minnie Howard Auditorium, 3801 W. Braddock Road. Performance provided with support from the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

CALENDAR

obstacle course, solar cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts and more. Visit www.nps.gov/gwmp or call 703-289-2500.

Rainforest Reptiles Alive. 11:30 a.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Meet animals from each layer of the rainforest and hear stories of survival in the endangered environment. Animals may include an iguana and boa constrictor. \$10. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com for more.

Gum Springs Community Day. 1-5 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr., Community Park, 8115 Fordson Road. The free family event features music, food, demonstrations, children's activities and information booths. The Gum Springs Historical museum will be open. Visit www.newgumspingscivicassociation.com for more.

Volunteer Alexandria Arts and Craft Festival. 3 p.m.-8 p.m. Market Square, 301 King Street, Alexandria. Featuring live music, children's activities, and more than 70 vendors, including glass artists, paintings, sculptures, and more. Presented by Volunteer Alexandria in collaboration with ArtsFEST. Free. Call 703-836-2176 or visit <http://volunteerallexandria.org> for more.

Live Music. 7 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria. John and Sarah Flynn perform. \$18 general, \$15 in advance. Visit www.focusmusic.org for more.

War of 1812 Boat Tour. 7-10 p.m. Leaves from the Potomac Riverboat Company's dock near 205 The Strand. Enjoy a river cruise of the Potomac that highlights significant sights along the way. Tickets include a dinner buffet and open bar. \$75. Visit shop.alexandria.gov or call 703-746-4242 for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 15

Father's Day Barbecue. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mount Vernon Inn, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. "General Washington" poses for photographs and talks about his role as husband and father of the country. Learn about 18th Century distilleries, watch the 16 foot water wheel in action and

enjoy a barbecue. \$9-\$30. Contact 703-780-0011 for more or to make barbecue reservations.

Father's Day Open House. 1-4 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Tour the firehouse for free. A photographer will take portraits of families next to historic equipment. Children will receive a fire hat. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse or 703-746-4994 for more.

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The United States Army String Trio performs Bach and Goldberg. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

MONDAY/JUNE 16

Herbal Medicine Workshops. 7-8 p.m. at the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 South Fairfax St. A series of workshops, "Herbal Medicine and Stress: Past and Present." Professional therapeutic herbalist Lin Porter teaches how herbs were and still are used to relieve stress-related symptoms while exploring practical options for controlling stress in modern life. \$8 per person, reservations required. Visit <http://shop.alexandriava.gov> or call 703-746-3852.

Old Town Days: Celebrity Impersonators Showcase. 7:30 p.m. The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. A 90 minute review of the world's top female legends with a Las Vegas/Atlantic City feel featuring impersonations of Tina Turner, Beyonce and more. \$20-\$30. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com.

TUESDAY/JUNE 17

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Joe Ely performs. \$29.50. Visit www.ely.com, www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 18

Tour and Beer Tasting. 6-8 p.m. Port City Brewing Company, 3950

Wheeler Ave. The friends of United Community Ministries invite you to enjoy a tour of the brewery, visit the tasting room and taste beer fresh from the taps. Light refreshments will be served. \$20. Proceeds benefit UCM's Basic Needs programs. Visit www.ucmagency.org/ for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Secret Sisters perform. \$20. Visit www.secretersistersband.com or www.birchmere.com

THURSDAY/JUNE 19

Live Music. 6-8 p.m. at Magnolia Terrace at the Carlyle House, 121 N Fairfax St. A part of the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration. Scales and Crosstones will perform traditional Celtic music and sea shanties. Free. Call 703-549-2997 or email carlyle@nvrpa.org for more.

Fundraiser Gala. 7 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St. "A Night Among the Stars" at the Fostering the Future Gala. \$75+, buffet and drinks included. All proceeds benefit The Fund for Alexandria's Child. Visit www.stargala.eventbrite.com or www.alexandriava.gov/thefundforalexchild for tickets. Contact 703-746-5663 or email thefundforalexchild@alexandriava.gov. Attire is Hollywood glamorous, black tie optional.

FRIDAY/JUNE 20

Live Music. 8 p.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Lauren Mitchell and her band perform a combination of blues and soul. \$12-\$20. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com for more.

Comedy Improv. 8 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Retrosessionists improv group will take suggestions and turn them into scenes and games. Cash bar opens at 7:30 p.m. \$10. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 20-21

Alexandria Singers Spring Concert. 7:30 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m.

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and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King St. The Alexandria Singers perform their spring concert, "Road Trip." Tickets \$15-\$25, children under 6 \$5. Visit alexandriasingers.com for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 21

3rd Annual Alexandria's Food & Wine Festival. Noon-5 p.m. Old Town Alexandria's Carlyle District. Promotes local businesses and the benefits of living, working, and playing in the Carlyle district. Free to attend, tickets need for food and wine tastings. <http://alexandriafoodandwine.com> for more.

Night of the Templar. 6 p.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Premiere screening of an indie film weaving together murder, mystery, horror, drama, suspense and more. Features Norman Reedus of "The Walking Dead" and other stars. \$75. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com for more.

Live music. 7 p.m. St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Focus Music in Mount Vernon presents the folk/Celtic/jazz duo Acoustic Eidolon, with special guest Nicole Belanus. Tickets \$15-\$18. Discounts available for Focus members. Visit www.focusmusic.org, or contact Herb Cooper-Levy at 703-380-3151 or herb@focusmusic.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 21-23

Live Music. 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Cindy Alexander performs, opens for The Bacon Brothers. Visit www.cindyalexander.com or www.birchmere.com for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 22

Presidential Salon. 3-4:30 p.m. Main Dining Room, Gadsby's Tavern Restaurant, 134 North Royal St. President James Madison discusses unfolding events in the context of his own time, 1814. \$10-\$15. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org or call 703.746.4242 for more information or to purchase tickets.

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Ballroom Dancing. 7-9 p.m. The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Learn the foxtrot, waltz, tango, swing, salsa, merengue, rumba, cha-cha and samba. Come with or without a partner. \$15. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

TUESDAY/JUNE 24

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Joe Henry. \$25. Visit www.joehenrylovesyoumadly.com, www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

Author Discussion. 7:30 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Alexandria Historical Society will host authors Char McCargo Bah, Christa Watters, Audrey P. Davis, Gwendolyn Brown-Henderson and James E. Henson Sr. who will discuss their book "African Americans of Alexandria, Virginia: Beacons of Light in the Twentieth Century." Visit www.alexandriahistorical.org.

THURSDAY/JUNE 26

Live Music. 6-8 p.m. at Magnolia Terrace at the Carlyle House, 121 N Fairfax St. A part of the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration. The Ship's Company Chanteymen will perform sailor songs from the 18th and 19th centuries. Free. Contact 703-549-2997 or carlyle@nvrpa.org.

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where there is perfect equality or respect in relationships, and I just don't think it's true."

Isaacs plays the role of Jesse Kiplinger, a famous Hollywood producer reuniting with his high school sweetheart after 17 years. "He's a little full of himself and is sure he can seduce her with his constant declaration that she is the only decent, un-phony, uncorrupt woman left in the world," he said.

"'Plaza Suite' is one of those plays where audiences can really just sit back, relax, and enjoy more than a few good laughs," he said. "When the audience leaves this show, I really think they'll be walking away with a smile that just won't stop."

Anne Paine West plays the role of Norma Hubley, a frustrated and insecure wife and mother. "Norma struggles to present her imperfect family as perfect," she said. "Act III emphasizes the importance of a loving marriage for a family, and Norma and Roy's foibles and absurdities make for painful but wonderful comedy."

She said, "Everyone can easily identify with and feel compassion for the Hubley family."

She hopes audiences will take away what Neil Simon wrote: "How sad and funny life is. This is a tradition of Jewish humor ... seeing humor as a

healing, life-giving force."

Bernie Engel plays Roy Hubley, a brash and assertive man who's really a pussycat on the inside. "He threatens to kill his daughter, but in reality wouldn't harm a hair on her head," he said.

He added, "With all the yelling Roy does, it was a challenge not to lose my voice."

Producer Jennifer Lyman said, "I chose to produce this show because I have worked with Shawn G. Byers a couple of times — with us in different roles — and when I learned that he was directing 'Plaza Suite,' I jumped at the chance to produce for him."

She also said, "I hope the audience has a good time laughing at all the wonderful humor that Neil

Simon has infused into 'Plaza Suite,' and that on their way home they say, 'What a great evening!'"

Co-producer Jamie Blake said, "All three acts are different and fun in their own way. The key is choosing the right actors, and our director has done that."

"Plaza Suite" runs June 14-July 5 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Showtimes are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinee at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$17 to \$20 (plus service fees). Call the box office at 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

"I hope the audience has a good time laughing..."

— Jennifer Lyman

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 26-28

Chamber Dance Project. 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday. The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, 2700 F Street NW, Washington, D.C. Mount Vernon resident Diane Coburn Bruning, Arts Council of Fairfax County and Arts Commission of Virginia award-winning choreographer, and her Chamber Dance Project will be performing "Contemporary Ballet with an Edge." Tickets \$40-\$50. Visit kennedy-center.org or call 202-467-4600.

FRIDAY/JUNE 27

Live Music. 8 p.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Blues guitar player and singer Bob Margolin performs original music. \$14-\$20. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

Alexandria Archaeology's Family Dig Days. 1:30-3 p.m. Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St., #327. Help archaeologists screen excavated soil from a real dig on the grounds of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Space is limited and reservations are required. All necessary equipment will be provided. \$5 per person. Contact archaeology@alexandriava.gov to register, or call 703-746-4399.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

Photography Reception. 2-4 p.m. Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center #312, 105 N. Union St. The opening reception for "Frozen Music," a photography exhibit featuring new works by Alan Sislen. Call 703-838-4565 for more.

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series.

3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Violinist and pianist perform Beethoven. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

Art Reception. 4-6 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Mixed media artist Francie Hester opens her gallery featuring pieces that draw from the ordering principles of mathematics and science. Exhibition continues through Aug. 3. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

MONDAY/JUNE 30

History Lecture. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Learn how to distinguish between "the good, the bad and the ugly" of historical films and TV shows from "Gladiator" to "Cleopatra." Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Andrew Ripp and Brendan James will open for Andy Grammer. \$20. Visit www.andrewripp.com, www.brendanjames.com, or www.Birchmere.com for more.

THURSDAY/JULY 3

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 7:30 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Kalorama trio performs. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

Live Music. 6-9 p.m. Mount Vernon Inn restaurant, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. The Kevin Kline Band performs covers of many familiar Billy Joel, Elton John and Bruce Hornsby tunes. Free. Visit www.mountvernon.org/Inn for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave.

Delbert McClinton performs. Rescheduled from April 25; tickets honored and refunds available at place of purchase. \$45. Visit www.delbert.com, www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

FRIDAY/JULY 4

Independence Day Event. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Event features fireworks, naturalization ceremony for 100 new citizens, military reenactments, wreathlaying ceremony, and birthday cake (while supplies last.) Events included in Mount Vernon ticket price. Tickets \$8-\$17. Visit mountvernon.org for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 5

Burlesque-a-pades Star Spangled Revue. 7:30 p.m. The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. The Pontani Sisters perform a patriotic burlesque and variety revue. \$29.50. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com for more.

SUNDAY/JULY 6

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Rusticway Chamber Ensemble performs. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

MONDAY/JULY 7

Ballroom Dancing. 7-9 p.m. The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Learn the foxtrot, waltz, tango, swing, salsa, merengue, rumba, cha-cha and samba. Come with or without a partner. \$15. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

FARMERS MARKETS

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon, Wednesdays, May 7-Dec. 17. Fresh local food, artisan crafts. Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mtvernonmkt.htm for more.

Kingstowne Farmers Market. 4-7 p.m., Fridays, May 2-Oct. 31. Giant parking lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center, Alexandria. Products include fresh organic honey, pies and rolls. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm for more.

Old Town Farmers Market. 7 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Local farmers and artists have been selling products there since 1753. Located at Market Square, 301 King St. Call 703-746-3200 or email oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov.

Del Ray Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Features fresh vegetables and fruits in season, meats, eggs, fresh pasta and sauces, Amish cheese, yogurt, bakery goods and more. Located at the corner of East Oxford and Mount Vernon avenues. Contact pmiller1806@comcast.net for more.

Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sundays through November. Brings fresh nutritious foods to people of all income levels. Located at the entrance to Four Mile Run Park at 4109 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.4mrmarket.org/ for more.

West End Farmers Market. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Sundays from May-November. Fresh, locally grown, in-season vegetables as well as sweet juicy berries, apples, pears, and seasonal peaches. Vendors also sell fresh-squeezed orange juice, fresh-baked pastries, gourmet cheeses and more. Located at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive, Alexandria. Visit www.westendfarmersmarket.org/#FarmersMarket for more.



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Former Lieutenant Governor Emerges Victorious

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congratulated the former lieutenant governor on his victory.

"He's the leader Northern Virginia needs in Congress," said Moran, who

"I've loved this campaign — the volunteers, the staff, all the thoughtful and challenging voters. But what I've liked best has been the opportunity to talk with great optimism about the way forward."

— Don Beyer

won the seat in 1990 by ousting incumbent Republican Stan Parris. "I'll be proud to be his constituent."

Beyer was widely expected to win the primary based on his deep experience in Virginia politics and his fundraising ability. He made a name for himself in Northern Virginia as a Volvo dealer before entering politics in the late 1980s.

He served as lieutenant governor from 1990 to 1998, and he ran an unsuccessful gubernatorial campaign in 1997 against Republican Jim



Gov. Terry McAuliffe congratulates former Lt. Gov. Don Beyer on his victory in the Democratic primary.

Gilmore. He later served as chairman of the American International Automobile Dealers Association and the ambassador to Switzerland and Liechtenstein. For many people, the real anticipation in the race was whether or not Beyer would be able to win with more than 50 percent of the vote — a feat that he narrowly missed.

"He put together what I thought was a flawless campaign," said former Alexandria Mayor Kerry Donley, who also served as chairman of the Democratic Party of Vir-

ginia. "He was able to get his message out through the mail, through radio, through television and he was able to get the kind of endorsements that are needed to be successful in not just a primary but in a general election campaign."

THE RACE featured some of the biggest names in Northern Virginia politics, including state Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30), who won six precincts, Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille, who won two precincts and former Urban

Results

- ❖ Don Beyer: 45.76 percent
- ❖ Patrick Hope: 18.25 percent
- ❖ Adam Ebbin: 18.25 percent
- ❖ Bill Euille: 8.37 percent
- ❖ Mark Levine: 6.73 percent
- ❖ Lavern Chatman: 5.45 percent
- ❖ Derek Hyra: 1.23 percent

League of Northern Virginia president Lavern Chatman, who won three precincts. Beyer's ties to money and power ended up discouraging several candidates who dropped out of the race after determining they couldn't win.

"My polling showed that it was a very narrow path to victory," said Del. Charniele Herring (D-46). "And I think that tonight's election results basically reflect what my polling was showing as far as how strong a candidate Don Beyer is."

Beyer's campaign featured solid Democratic issues, including support for gun safety measures and a progressive carbon tax.

On the campaign trail, he talked about working against income inequality and fighting for government workers who live in the region.

Now he heads into the fall campaign with a set of issues to wage a campaign against Republican Micah Edmond, Libertarian Jeffrey Carson and independent Gwendolyn Beck.

"He campaigned hard," said Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay, who initially endorsed Del. Mark Sickles (D-43) then stayed out of the race. "He had the credentials to win, and I think he'll end up being a great congressman."

Gillespie To Challenge Warner for U.S. Senate Seat

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stake. Potential candidates and their supporter were already working the convention floor in an effort to secure support last weekend, an indication that direction of the party may be at stake as the internal struggle intensifies.

"It's going to be a bloodbath," said convention parliamentarian Chris Marston, chairman of the Alexandria Republican City Committee.

The central point of discussion between the factions is expected to

be the wisdom of having conventions to select candidates. While Democrats always use primaries, Republicans have used primaries only eight times in the last 100 years to select statewide candidates. Last year's convention in Richmond ended in a surprise victory for Jackson, who secured the nomination to run for lieutenant governor after more than 12 hours of intense politics. Democrats pounced on Jackson's record of comparing Planned Parenthood to the Ku

Klux Klan and calling gays "sexually twisted" to brand the party as intolerant, and all three statewide candidates went down to defeat.

"As we saw last year in Richmond, sometimes things get out of hand," said Chris Brown, a Republican delegate from Herndon. "I think the more rank-and-file people would probably prefer a primary. It certainly less commitment on their part, allows them to spend more time with their families and allows them to get more of their neighbors energized and allow them to partici-

pate."

THE DEBATE about whether to select candidates using a convention rather than a primary may have been the most divisive issue at the convention this year, perhaps even more divisive than the selection of a candidate to run against Warner. Every delegate seemed to have an opinion about the issue, and opinions were all over the map. Some looked at the recent history as an in-

direction that the party needed to change direction. Others said conventions offered a way for candidates to save fundraising dollars for a general election rather than spending the campaign war chest going after other Republicans.

"It's not always Republicans that are voting for a candidate," said James Glenn, a delegate from Mount Vernon. "In addition to independents you could have Democrats crossing over. So you're not truly getting a Republican conservative candidate."

For some, the issue of convention versus primary came down to one simple question: Which strategy would defeat Democrats?

"Maybe it will drum up a little support and get people interested in what's happening because we've got too many people who are uninformed and not interested in the political process," said George Graham, a delegate from Arlington. "If we are going to run an American country, we need people who are informed and interested."

REPUBLICANS BELIEVE Warner is a flawed candidate, and they are hoping to seize on his support of the Affordable Care Act during the coming campaign. Over and over, delegates to the convention accused

voters of voting for President Barack Obama 97 percent of the time. That's a record that was not pleasing to Republicans, many of whom purchased toilet paper featuring the image of the Democratic president at a booth off the convention floor. Each roll of toilet paper, made in China, sold for \$7.

"It's funny, and it's a great gag," said businessman Stephen Tyler, who was selling the product. "It's a great way to be able to surprise somebody who might be of the other party who you might want to poke some fun at concerning the mockery that's become this administration."

On the convention floor, though, delegates were taking a much more serious approach to the campaign. In the coming months, they hope to portray Warner as a big-spending liberal who supports expanding health insurance for those who live in poverty or are disabled.

"He has voted for big tax increases. He has voted for big spending," said Jay McConville, former chairman of the Fairfax County Republican Committee. "He is an Obamacare supporter, and that is not what the people of Virginia need and that's why we are going to replace him with Ed Gillespie."

SPORTS



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West Potomac senior Rebecca Gehring will row for West Virginia University. From left: Mrs. Gehring (mother), Rebecca Gehring, Mr. Gehring (father), Coach Alan Weatherley, DSA Aaron Helmick and Coach Leslie Shiners.

WP's Gehring To Row for WVU

West Potomac student athlete Rebecca Gehring received an athletic scholarship to row Division 1 at West Virginia University this fall.

A four-year rower at West Potomac, Gehring recently led her varsity women's

four boat to victory at the Charlie Butt Regatta and a berth at nationals. She also participated in the fall rowing program with Old Dominion Boat Club, having gone undefeated in Virginia this past fall while rowing on the select 8 boat.



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West Potomac senior Alimamy Kargbo will compete for the St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa, next year. From left: (first row) Coach Bob Woods, Alimamy Kargbo, Coach Jana DeCoster, (second row) Coach Jason Hescocock, DSA Aaron Helmick, Coach Jeremiah Davis and Coach Faircloth.

WP's Kargbo To Compete for St. Ambrose

West Potomac track and field athlete Alimamy Kargbo signed a letter of intent to attend St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa, in the fall. During the 2014 winter track season, Kargbo qualified for the state meet in the 55-meter hurdles and was

ranked fifth in the 6A North region in the 110-meter hurdles. Kargbo was also a starting defensive end for the Wolverine football team. He had a career high six tackles, one forced fumble and a fumble recovery this season.

Bob Beatty Award Recipient

Cole Dillaplain was recently presented with the 2014 Fort Hunt Sportsmen's Association Bob Beatty Award at Belle Haven Country Club. Dillaplain, a sixth-grader at Waynewood Elementary School, impressed the Fort Hunt Sportsmen with his athletic accomplishments, school work and contributions to the community. Pictured is the Dillaplain family, along with coach Bob Pasquerella, who nominated Cole for the award.



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Randy Johanning, master's in electrical engineering earned initiation into Phi Kappa Phi honor society at Kansas State University.

West Potomac High School English teacher **Colin O'Grady** has been selected as the 2014 Words in Action award winner by the American Shakespeare Center. Teachers are nominated by students; this year O'Grady received the most nominations as well as the "most compelling and delightful" according to American Shakespeare Center director of education Sarah Enloe. Students praised O'Grady for transferring his affection for Shakespeare to them, making learning a "joyous and fun occasion" and introducing Shakespeare in compelling ways.

As the Words in Action winner, O'Grady receives a full scholarship to attend the American Shakespeare Center's No Kid-ding Shakespeare Camp for adults and West Potomac will receive a plaque to display in his honor.

David A. Newborn is graduating with a Ph.D. in civil engineering from Oregon State University.

Parisa Sadeghi, 20, Alexandria, received the Harrison Undergraduate Research Award from the University of Virginia. Sadeghi, a second-year intended politics and economics double major, is exploring French restrictions on racist speech and Holocaust denial as outlined in 1972 and 1990 amendments to an 1881 law on the freedom of the press, to understand what considerations and assumptions inform French opinions of these limitations on freedom of expression.

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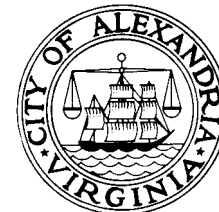
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the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 430 and 450 South Pickett Street from CSL/Commercial Services Low to CDD #17a/Coordinated Development District 17a Cameron Park in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2013-0005.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Rezoning No. 2013-0005 to rezone the property at 430 and 450 South Pickett Street from CSL/Commercial Services Low to CDD#17a/Coordinated Development District 17a Cameron Park.

Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, June 14, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Title 13 (MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES), Chapter 1 (GENERAL OFFENSES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, by amending Section 13-1-37 regarding conduct on public transit and within dedicated transitways and related infrastructure.

The proposed ordinance amends the existing code section to address the creation of transitways and related stations and changes in infrastructure, and to ensure that standards of conduct are enforceable therein.

AN ORDINANCE making supplemental appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for fiscal year 2014.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the adoption of supplemental appropriations for the operation of the city government in fiscal year 2014.

AN ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the sale of property owned by the City of Alexandria located at 1505 Powhatan Street in the City of Alexandria to Pulte Home Corporation. The proposed ordinance authorizes the sale of the referenced real property and authorizes the City Manager to enter into all appropriate agreements to complete the sale.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Title 10 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), Chapter 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance makes changes to the streets designated as truck routes in the City of Alexandria by removing the 2000 through 3900 blocks of King Street as a designated a truck route.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 5-02 (Coordinated Development Districts created, consistency with master plan, required approvals) of Section 5-600 (CDD/Coordinated Development District) of Title V (Mixed Use Zones) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2014-0003.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2014-0003 to add CDD #17a to the CDD table to allow the Cameron Park Development.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sheet No. 058.03 of

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Clearing The Air

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who does not take a position on EPA rules, debunked this allegation noting that “this [claim] does not pass the laugh test.” The Clean Air Act amendments of 1990 also were assailed by similar attacks. So what happened to electricity rates? They decreased. Between 1990 and 2006, electricity rates fell by 47 percent in Arkansas, 64 percent in Illinois, 28 percent in Indiana, 35 percent in Michigan, 30 percent in North Carolina, 18 percent in Ohio, 36 percent in Pennsylvania, 40 percent in Utah, and 36 percent in Virginia. Even the power companies agree. The CEO of American Electric Power, one of our nation’s largest utilities, said that with enough time to prepare, the transition to a cleaner energy future can occur “without a major impact to customers or the economy.”

Finally, these perennial alarmists will argue that the American public does not want the “boot of government regulation on their neck.” To the contrary, when it comes to basic health protections, the American public overwhelmingly has said it doesn’t want the threat of pollution on its neck. A 2012 American Lung Association report found that Americans support the Clean Air Act by a 2-to-1 margin. The same report found nearly three out of four respondents believe we shouldn’t have to choose between health and safety standards and promoting the economy. They understand that the opponents are presenting them with a false choice and that we can and must do both. And when it comes to setting limits on carbon pollution from power plants, a February 2014 poll found seven out of 10 Americans support these safeguards. Seventy percent!

But you won’t hear the House majority reminding the public of these inconvenient truths. They prefer reckless rhetorical arguments and irresponsible inaction. Reducing carbon emissions poses a significant challenge, and we look forward to working with industry, the environmental community, and stakeholders at the local, state, and federal levels to address this challenge. But first we must be willing to move beyond these campaigns of fear and deception.

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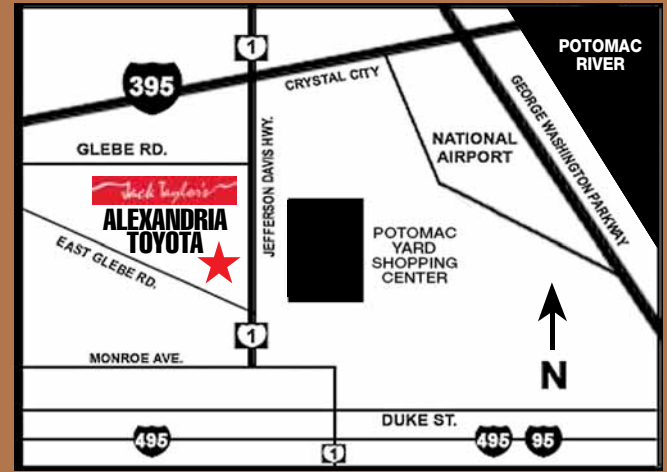
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