



An infantryman picks up a token signifying his acceptance of a promotion in the ranks of General Washington's army. The reenactors were first on a patriotic program at George Washington's Mount Vernon for the Fourth of July.



From left, Claude Bauer of Middletown, Md.; Solomon Robin of Catonsville, Md.; David Embrey of Savage Md.; and Daniel Wilson of Damascus, Md. provide the music for George Washington's troops during inspection on the Fourth of July.

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First Fourth

100 citizens naturalized at George Washington's Mount Vernon.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Journalists Alakbar Raufoglu and his wife Tamara Grigoryeva left their native Azerbaijan because the government was repressing them and their freedom of speech.

"We couldn't write what we wanted to write," about their home nation, said Raufoglu. "In media, speech, gathering—it's all about freedom."

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Jessica Lynn sings the national anthem in front of 100 men and women about to become American citizens on the Fourth of July at George Washington's Mount Vernon.



A contingent from the Sons of the American Revolution marches across the George Washington's Mount Vernon bowling green and down to the General's tomb for a ceremonial wreath-laying on the Fourth of July.



More than 100 people from 45 countries became American citizens at a naturalization ceremony held on the Fourth of July at George Washington's Mount Vernon.

United States Citizen and Immigration Services director León Rodríguez leads the oath of allegiance at the Fourth of July naturalization ceremony.



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The First Virginia Regiment of the Continental Army fired a volley of blanks in sync with fireworks over the Potomac River, looking out from George Washington's Mount Vernon.

New Citizens on Fourth of July

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The couple moved to the United States and were able to obtain green cards. Raufoglu now works for the Turan News Agency covering Azerbaijan and his wife is with Freedom House, an independent watchdog organization. Together they are activists “trying to protect our colleagues from here,” Raufoglu said, who are doing what is a “very high price to pay for more freedom to daily life. Not every citizen is able to taste it.”

After waiting for six years, the couple and their children, who were born in America, are getting to taste more of this country's freedom: They were among over 100 men and women from 45 different countries who took part in a naturalization ceremony at George Washington's Mount Vernon on the Fourth of July.

“Voting will be a very big moment for us,” Raufoglu said.

United States Citizen and Immigration Services director León Rodríguez led the group in an oath of allegiance and proclaimed them citizens.

“I'm honored to be the first to address you as ‘My fellow Americans.’” said Rodríguez. “This is the end of one journey but the beginning of another.”

John Brennan, director of the CIA, also addressed the new citizens. “Naturalization gives us extra special meaning,” he said. “You're Americans by choice. You know what it's like not to be an American.”

The men encouraged the naturalized men and women to not only enjoy the freedoms America has to offer, but also give back, volunteer and do good in their communities.

George Washington himself made an appearance and said, “Continue to be the beacon light of America that shines forth on a dark world. Celebrate the joy of independence and citizenship.”

Independence Day activities on the estate ran from 9:30 a.m. into the mid-afternoon and included Gen. George Washington inspecting a regiment of troops, Benjamin Franklin reading the Declaration of Independence, the Sons of the American Revolution laying a wreath at Washington's tomb, a concert by the National Concert Band of America and midday fireworks over the Potomac River.



Benjamin Franklin reads the Declaration of Independence as rain falls lightly on the bowling green at George Washington's Mount Vernon.



George Washington himself spoke to the 100-plus new citizens during their naturalization ceremony.

VIEWPOINTS

How does it feel to be among the newest citizens of the United States?



Jessica Hatchley (right) with her husband Capt. Robert and son Robert III, all of Fredericksburg.

“It feels great,” said Jessica, originally from Germany. “Finally I can get a job that's not retail — I want to be a police officer.”



Jonathan Montero of Fairfax is originally from Peru and served in the U.S. Marine Corps for six years.

“It's a good feeling. I'm going to go back to school and study business administration.”



Betty Cortez of Annandale is originally from Bolivia.

“I moved here in 2007 and this has been my one dream. I'm excited, now I'm going to travel, visit my parents in Bolivia.”



Olga Riley (right) of Leesburg is originally from Russia. She was joined at the ceremony by her sister Nancy Lenthall of Virginia Beach (left) and husband Matthew (not pictured).

“It was a good journey and it was worth it. This is such a special place. Next I'm going to register to vote, volunteer, and do other good.”



Alakbar Raufoglu (left) and his wife Tamara Grigoryeva (right) of Arlington are journalists from Azerbaijan who moved to the United States for freedom of the press. Their children Rauf and Nina were born in America.

“We couldn't write everything we wanted to write — it's all about freedom. Voting here will be a big moment for us.”

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The Rev. Keary Kincannon and parishioners at the Rising Hope Methodist Mission Church celebrated their 20th anniversary Fourth of July weekend annual picnic at Ft. Hunt Park with a barbeque and live music.



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Dale Turner, Willette Holland, and Mina Hubbard of Rising Hope Church enjoy the annual picnic.



Anita Lisanick of Parkfairfax poses by the American flag at the picnic.

SFDC Forum Discusses Networking

SE Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation hosted its Business Roundtable Speaker Series, July 2, on the topic of successful networking.

Speaker Juli Monroe, a 10-year veteran business coach, helps businesses grow through effective networking. In her presentation she suggested techniques to build successful business relationships. This included building on common interests, using newsletters and social media, and attending various business events to build and fine tune ones' messages and range of clients.

Speaker Chris Cooks, an information technology consultant, also spoke about his experiences in developing a network of clients to build his client base and use of media and event attendance to accomplish one's goals.

Both speakers answered questions from the audience of about 40 attendees.

This is the first of several Speaker Series events held by SFDC at the Holiday Inn Express on Richmond Highway the first Thursday of each month.

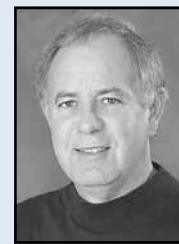
The next Business Roundtable Series will be held on Aug. 6 featuring veteran-, woman-, and minority-owned businesses. For more information on this and other SFDC activities, visit www.sfdc.org or call 703-360-5008.



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Speakers (from left) Chris Cooks, DigitaliBiz, and Juli Monroe, 1 to 1 Discovery, with Executive Director of SFDC, Edythe Frankel Kelleher

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NEWS

At Camp Invention

Michelle K. Lee (left), Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), and Kristina Johnson (center), inventor of Polarization-Control Technology and a 2015 Inductee of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, recently attended Camp Invention at Fort Hunt Elementary. At Camp Invention, a summer enrichment day camp for grades one through six, children are encouraged to explore creative problem solving by incorporating avant-garde skill building and educational tactics, such as webbing out, the "maker" approach, upcycling, coding and the importance of divergent and convergent thinking.



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SCHOOL NOTES

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

Charlotte Eaton earned a bachelor's degree from Florida Institute of Technology (Melbourne, Fla.).

Genevieve Francis was named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at Scranton University (Scranton, Pa.).

Janelle Canty earned a degree in business, technology or health profes-

sions from Davenport University (Grand Rapids, Mich.).

Yewlsow Ferede was named to the president's list for the spring 2015 semester at Husson University (Bangor, Maine).

Hasamone Nimjareansuk was named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at Niagara University (Lewiston, N.Y.).

Christin Yi was named to the honor's list for the spring 2015 semester at Husson University (Bangor,

Maine).

Andrea Schimmoeller was named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at Columbus State Community College (Columbus, Ohio).

Michael LaGrande was named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at Emory and Henry College (Emory, Va.).

Samuel Walters earned a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics from Lafayette

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PEOPLE

Chamber Awards Scholarships to Local Students

The Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce honored the recipients of its 2015 Education Partnership Scholarships on June 2 at a reception hosted by The Hilton in Springfield.

Nine graduating high school seniors from local schools were recognized and awarded Education Partnership Scholarships. The scholarship recipients are Mohammed Ali, Mount Vernon High School; Amy Holm, West Potomac High School; Sophie Horville, Edison High School; Samuel James, West Potomac High School; Katelyn Anne Sparks, South County Secondary School; Cameron Villar, Hayfield Secondary School; and Amna Wassem, Mount Vernon High School.

Receiving Jeff Todd Memorial Scholarships were Christian Ceron, West Potomac High School and Florence Marquez, Robert E. Lee High School. Todd was a former chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and owner of the Roy Roger Restaurants in the area. He had a great love for the schools and students and the scholarship was established after his death.

"Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce feels very strongly that these scholarships are an investment in education that improves individual lives, our workforce, and our community," said Sean O'Connell, Chamber chairman. "Providing these scholarships helps prepare future business owners and leaders for our community" O'Connell said. Since 1997, the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce has awarded more than \$155,000 in scholarships to local students.

"The commitment the chamber makes to ensure scholarships each year is extraordinary," said Holly Dougherty, executive director, Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce. "Our youth are the future, and these scholarships are an investment in the future of our community."

The 2015 Education Partnership recipients have a diverse range of activities and interests.

❖ Florence Marquez is graduating from Robert E. Lee High School where she is a member of the National Honor Society, the Math Honor Society, the English Honor Society, the Science Honor Society, the National Technical Honor Society, and has volunteered with many charitable causes. She plans to study at Virginia Commonwealth



Scholarship recipients are congratulated by Chamber leadership. Back row: George Ksenics, Chamber president; Jane Gandee, Chamber vice president; Christian Ceron, West Potomac High School; Cameron Villar, Hayfield Secondary School; Sophie Horville, Edison High School; Mohammed Ali, Mount Vernon High School; front row: Amy Holm, West Potomac High School; Samuel James, West Potomac High School; Katelyn Anne Sparks, South County High School; Amna Wassem, Mount Vernon High School; Florence Marquez, Lee High School; and Sean O'Connell, Chamber chairman.

A. Edison High School where she will receive a full IB diploma and is a member of the National Honor Society. She has participated in Future Business Leaders of America and other school clubs and activities. Sophie will be attending University of Mary Washington to study business administration.

❖ Samuel Edward James, West Potomac High School, is a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society, and captain of the track team where he received all-state honors. He was selected to attend the Governor's School for Math, Science and Technology. Samuel will attend Duke University, study biomedical engineering and plans for a certificate in Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

❖ Katelyn Anne Sparks, South County Secondary School, is an honor student specializing in the Theatre Department.

She has acted in more than ten productions and led the critic's team for the CAPPIS award in the national capital area. She is a Congressional Award Gold Medal Recipient for more than 400 hours of community service and physical fitness.

She was selected to attend the Virginia Governor's School for Performing Arts and has been active with the Girl Scouts of America. Katelyn will attend Pace University where she will study the entertainment business.

❖ Cameron Christopher Villar, Hayfield Secondary School, has received academic excellence awards and been part of the National Honor Society, History Honor Society, and the Math Honor Society while finding time to play in the orchestra and participate in school clubs and activities. Cameron will attend George Mason University seeking a degree in Applied Information Technology to combine his interest in business and technology.

❖ Amna Wassem, Mount Vernon High School, has served as state vice president and regional president for the Future Business Leaders of America.

Amna has managed the Apple Federal Credit Union school branch and coordinated student volunteers at the school store "Major Buck Depot."

She is a member of the National Honor Society and honor societies for English, History, Math, Spanish, and Business. Amna will study international business and finance at George Mason University.

University.

❖ Christian Ceron is captain of the winning men's soccer team at West Potomac High School where he has also been involved with the DECA Club and volunteered with community organizations. He plans to study at George Mason University and eventually start his own business.

❖ Mohammed Ali, Mount Vernon High School, is the ServiceMaster Restore Scholar for 2015. Mohammed has served as the Virginia state president with Future Business Leaders of America. He was also president of the Technology Student Association, a member of the National Honor Society, and volunteers with many school events and clubs including being captain of the debate team. Mohammed will be attending Virginia Tech to study business information technology.

❖ Amy Holm, West Potomac High School,



Greg and Jane Gandee congratulate Mohammed Ali, Mount Vernon High School, the ServiceMaster Restore Scholar for 2015.

actively worked on the yearbook throughout her time at West Potomac. She is a student athlete who has excelled in academics. Amy plans to attend University of California at Berkeley and study business technology.

❖ Sophie Horville has attended Thomas

SCHOOL NOTES

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College (Easton, Pa.).

Reese Paul Fredricks and **Daniel Arthur Wasserman** were named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at Washington University in St. Louis (St. Louis, Mo.).

Amna Sheikh was named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester
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at Clarion University (Clarion, Pa.).

Anna Patricia Manalo was named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at Binghamton University (Binghamton, N.Y.).

David M. Souliotis, Edward L. Wilkinson Jr., Patrick W. Doolin and **Patrick K. Piedad** were named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semes-

ter at Virginia Military Institute (Lexington, Va.).

Mallory Gerndt was named to the South Atlantic Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll at Newberry College (Newberry, S.C.).

Andrew Lucero earned the "Gold Standard" for the National German Exam at Randolph-Macon Academy

(Front Royal, Va.).

Lauren Ayers was named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at Georgia Southern University (Statesboro, Ga.).

Claire Szabo graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Arts degree (Delaware, Ohio).

Madelyn Zeigler is a recipient of a \$2,000 college scholarship from The Scholarships for Military Children Program. Madelyn is enrolled at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill, N.C.).

Taylor Neuhart has been named to the provost list at Lipscomb University (Nashville, Tenn.) for the spring 2015 semester.



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An honor guard representing multiple police and firefighting forces lifts the packaged casket of Brazilian Investigator Carlos Silva, who died in a bicycle accident during the World Police and Fire Games.

Firefighting personnel from multiple jurisdictions salute Investigator Carlos Silva while his casket is loaded on a hearse bound for Dulles International Airport.

Sending Carlos Silva Home to Brazil

Investigator Carlos Silva is going home to his sister and daughter in Brazil. He died Thursday, July 2 in an accident during a bicycling event at the World Police and Fire Games. Two other athletes were injured in the crash.

Around 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8, Silva's body left Metropolitan Funeral Ser-

vice in Alexandria with an escort directly to Dulles International Airport. The detail included officers from the Fairfax County Police Department, City of Alexandria, Arlington County, the City of Fairfax, Prince William County and the Virginia State Police.

"We know they would do the same for

us," said police representative Don Gotthardt. "It was tragic, it's still surreal. This is our sign of respect — our main focus is to get Carlos home to his family so he can rest in peace."

Silva's cousin Alex Manente of Reston was among several family members and Brazilian diplomatic officials being escorted with

the investigator's body.

"He was a funny character who would always make you laugh with jokes, lots of jokes," Manente said. "We're so happy he's going home today."

— TIM PETERSON

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Yes to Nonpartisan Redistricting

Politicians shouldn't be choosing voters.

Virginia's Congressional map is unconstitutional because African American voters are packed into District 3, according to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. The problem will have to be remedied by drawing new boundaries.

The issue could be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In statewide elections, Virginia voters have chosen Democrats in the last two presidential elections, for U.S. Senate, for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General. Every single official elected statewide is a Democrat.

Democrats won by a comfortable margin in most cases, but elections were close. In one case the margin was razor thin. (Attorney General Mark Herring beat Republican Mark Obenshain by 165 votes out of more than 2.2 million cast, and that was an election that had serious and immediate consequences, if you ever need an argument for the importance of your vote.)

It's reasonable to assume that a state so clearly leaning blue, but close to evenly divided would be about evenly divided in political representation.

But in fact, the Virginia House of Delegates consists of 67 Republicans and 33 Democrats.

Virginia's delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives consists of eight Republicans and three Democrats.

Virginia's 11 Congressional districts should be split about evenly. You could understand a split five Dems and six Republicans; or five Republicans and six Democrats. A four and

seven split would smack of some unusual circumstance. But three and eight?

The problem is gerrymandering.

The solution, which the Supreme Court just OK'd, is allowing the lines to be drawn by a non-partisan commission.

Both political parties have been guilty of this when in power, although new technology and better data have made the process more egregious, the effects more damaging.

Political parties should not control the drawing of political districts. Gerrymandering thwarts the will of the electorate. It is especially damaging in a Dillon rule state, like Virginia, where localities have only the power explicitly granted to them by the General Assembly.

This is particularly unfair to localities like

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Pet Photos for the Pet Gazette

The Pet Gazette, a twice-yearly special edition, will publish on July 22, and photos and stories of your pets with you and your family should be submitted by July 15.

We invite you to send us stories about your pets, photos of you and/or your family with your cats, dogs, llamas, alpacas, hamsters, snakes, lizards, frogs, rabbits, or whatever other creatures share your home or yard with you.

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Fairfax County, Arlington and Alexandria, whose electorate and local officials have views that differ greatly from those of the majority of Virginia's General Assembly.

The reason Virginia's Congressional map has been ruled unconstitutional is about race; packing all the African American voters in one district and conceding that district to Democrats in order to reduce the power of African American voters in the adjacent districts. A similar challenge is in the works concerning districts in Virginia's House of Delegates.

It's long past time to take these decisions out of the hands of the officials who use the redistricting process to choose their own voters and effectively grant themselves lifetime appointments.

— MARY KIMM

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Building Bridges

To the Editor:

The citizens of Fairfax County are most fortunate to have Colonel Edwin C. Roessler, Jr. as the Chief of Police.

Recently, at the invitation of Colonel Roessler, I had the opportunity and privilege to meet with him. From this meeting, I concluded that he has the sincere desire to work with the citizens of Fairfax County and organizations as the Virginia Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability, Inc. (CCPA). Under his leadership role, Fairfax County has gained a stellar reputation nationally as the safest jurisdiction of our size among the top 50 major cities. He accomplished this through robust partnerships with all members of our uniquely diverse community. His department is comprised of police officers who possess the

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BB&T Bank of Fairfax coordinated a gift of Back Pack Friday food packs through Our Daily Bread of Fairfax. Fort Hunt Elementary School, and six other elementary schools received more than 200 organized Back PackFriday bags. School Counselor Erin Baker is on the right.

Care and Share Initiative Grows

This year Fort Hunt Elementary School started a Backpack Friday program as part of its new Care and Share initiative. The program provides food to 30 students who rely on school meals for nourishment. The Fort Hunt Elementary school community is collaborating to help students through Care and Share.

The program grew from serving 12 students in September to 30 by May largely through the investment of the Fort Hunt Parent Teacher Association (PTA). "Our Fort Hunt families and wider community have made this program sustainable," according to Allison Verch, Fort Hunt PTA president.

In addition to the Fort Hunt PTA's successful restaurant-night fundraisers, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, Waynewood Elementary school, the Boy and Girl Scouts of America and Our Daily Bread have provided critical partnerships.

"It's one of things that I am most proud of — the way so many people have come together to help. When students receive adequate nutrition they're more available for learning," said Thomas Fitzpatrick, principal of Fort Hunt Elementary School.

The food bags are coordinated and deliv-

ered each week by FHES parent and Care and Share Co-Chair Sarah Olson. Each pack contains two breakfast items, two snacks, two lunches and two dinners. FHES parent Stacie Leathem provides fresh produce each week.

Students receive extra food for long weekends such as Memorial Day and Columbus Day. When the forecast called for snow, the students received their bags on Thursdays. In the case of an unanticipated snowfall, Fitzpatrick and Fort Hunt Community Outreach Chair Kathy Lehner delivered door-to-door. In addition to the weekly bags, the Care and Share program provided support for the holiday breaks including Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring Break. A local Boy Scout troop, led by FHES parent Angela Perez provided clothing items and toys at Christmas. Through a "Coins for Cranberries" fundraiser led by FHES parents Carrie Sessine and Sara Olson, each family received the makings of a full Thanksgiving feast. Additionally, each family received bags of provisions for the long breaks.

The Care and Share program has also provided clothing to students including winter coats and hats and school supplies including backpacks, notebooks, and pencils.

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highest standards of ethics and integrity. This creates the foundation of its ability to deliver a variety of essential police services to protect and serve all members of their community. His police officers perform their very difficult jobs with respect for their community and in compliance with the law.

Unlike his predecessor, Colonel David M. Rohrer, Colonel Roessler will appoint a member of his department to work with the CCPA to afford us the opportunity to work together for the betterment of our community. Our letter to Colonel Rohrer dated May 3, 2010 requesting "that he assign a member of his department to work with us to protect and enrich the quality of life for the people of Fairfax County" was unanswered.

As a result of having Colonel Roessler serve as our Chief of Police, Fairfax County is a safe place to live, work, play, visit, and grow old.

Nicholas R. Beltrante, Esq.
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To the Editor:

I encourage everyone to donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Shriners Hospital for Children — two very

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Prompt Action Needed To Clean Potomac River

BY SCOTT A. SUROVELL
DELEGATE (D-44)

This past week, the senior member of Virginia's congressional delegation introduced legislation to remove the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) ability to hold Virginia accountable for failing to clean up the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay. People should be deeply disturbed. The Potomac provides drinking water to five million people.

A RICH HISTORY

The Potomac River was once a bountiful asset and source of employment. In 1604, Captain John Smith wrote of fish so plentiful he could spear them with his sword, oysters that "lay as thick as stones" and schools of fish so plentiful that his men attempted to catch them with frying pans.

One of Gen. George Washington's most profitable operations was his fishery. In 1772, he caught over one million herring and 10,000 shad. In 1886, one report estimated that 750 million shad were taken from the Potomac River during the eight-week season. At the turn of the century, a Northern Virginia fisherman used a net with over five miles of total sweep operated by 100 men and eight horses. Pre-World War II census tables reveal hundreds of Fairfax,

Prince William and Stafford County citizens employed in fishing and aquaculture.

THE RIVER'S DECLINE

Between 1950 and 1970, the picture changed. Potomac fish populations and employment plummeted because of degraded water quality. Poor water quality in the Chesapeake Bay caused similar population crashes in other species such as oysters and menhaden. Today, there is only one family on Mason Neck still licensed as commercial fishermen in Fairfax County.

Each year, Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality continues to list the Potomac estuaries as impaired for fish consumption and recreational uses due to PCB contamination and prevalence of e-coli bacteria and fecal coliform (largely from livestock and pet waste). Lake Montclair in Prince William County is impaired for mercury in fish tissue. Significant nitrogen loads frequently cause aquatic, life-killing algae blooms in the Chesapeake Bay.

Some causes begin with livestock practices in the Shenandoah Valley; however, some also lie here in Northern Virginia — pollution flowing into the river from our stormwater runoff. Most pre-1985 neighborhoods have zero stormwater controls.

Northern Virginia's streams continue to



suffer. Almost 70 percent of Fairfax County's streams are in fair to poor condition. In my lifetime, I found crawfish, turtles, eels and fish in the small streams in the Mount Vernon area. Today, decades of abuse

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from massive stormwater flows have left many of our local streams as biologically dead, over-eroded, litter-filled ditches fed by uncontrolled sewers.

ACTION NEEDED

The solution will require more than litter enforcement and voluntary trash cleanups. Because of Virginia's failure to take the major steps necessary to solve these problems, EPA is forcing action. U.S. Rep. Bob Goodlatte's effort to emasculate EPA's ability to hold Virginia accountable is a giant step backward.

Requiring farmers to keep their cows from defecating in Virginia streams should not be controversial. An upriver community should not be able to use their portion of the river in a way that destroys the river for those who live downstream.

Legacy sites such as Dominion Power's coal ash dumps at Possum Point in Prince William County should not be tolerated. Coal ash is clearly linked to water pollution, especially when coal ash holding

ponds are near water. Dominion's proposal to place only a dirt cap on the Possum Point pond is inadequate.

Northern Virginia also needs to act. The construction of high-quality transit on U.S. 1 should be prioritized. Not only will it bring carefully planned redevelopment, it can also modernize storm water infrastructure. Localities also must actually fund the plans they created a decade ago to restore our watersheds by building real storm water controls, those using low-impact approaches.

The EPA is the only agency which has the authority to force action across all state lines. Its authority must not be undermined so that Virginia is not the only state taking action.

We should work together to solve problems instead of fighting attempts at progress, weakening environmental protections or turning enforcement measures into partisan fights.

Clean water is not a partisan issue. The Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River are shared assets that bind the Commonwealth of Virginia together and clean water is fundamental to our survival.

It is an honor to serve as your state delegate. Please email me at scott@scotturovell.org if you have any feedback.

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Frank Medico
Mount Vernon

Legislation Combats Sex Trafficking

BY TIM HUGO
STATE DELEGATE (R-40)

On July 1, legislation that I sponsored, HB1964, went into effect. This new law is Virginia's first stand-alone human trafficking statute and creates stricter penalties for traffickers, greater protections for sex trafficking victims, and provides needed tools for prosecutors and law enforcement to stop human trafficking in Virginia.

At a recent forum on human trafficking at George Mason University, Det. Bill Woolf of the Fairfax County Police Department Human Trafficking Unit shared a bit of startling news. Woolf stated that without the passage of HB1964, only 11 of the 120 or so open cases dealing with human trafficking could be pursued. According to Woolf, because of this new law, almost all of these cases can now be pursued.

Until today, Virginia was the only state in the nation without a dedicated human trafficking law and was one of only two states that did not specifically criminalize sex traf-

ficking. The enactment of this law marks another goal reached for Virginia's many organizations and individuals engaged in stopping this abhorrent crime. Thanks to the efforts of many, the General Assembly has established laws to combat the scourge of sex trafficking in Virginia; as a result of these long-term efforts, Virginia finally has a strong sex trafficking law in place.

This new section of the Virginia Code establishes the new offense of sex trafficking, which provides substantial penalties, including a Class 3 felony when the victim is a minor — regardless of whether the child was forced, intimidated or coerced. This distinction reflects the disturbing reality of how traffickers prey on the vulnerability and trust of young victims and ensures greater protections for Virginia's children. The new law also closes a gap in Virginia law by criminalizing the recruitment of minors and adults for commercial sex. Further, the law provides for the use of multijurisdictional grand juries and includes sex trafficking as a predicate crime under Virginia's racketeering and criminal street

gang statutes — ensuring that prosecutors and law enforcement can use these laws to combat criminal enterprises that engage in sex trafficking across jurisdictional lines.

I would like to thank the many people, elected officials, and community groups that had a hand in crafting this legislation; particularly, the Kids Are Not For Sale in VA Coalition and the Richmond Justice Initiative.

The threat of sex trafficking is closer to home than many realize, and in the General Assembly we are committed to eradicating this crime against our young people. This stand alone statute will now send traffickers the message that they are not welcome here and that our kids are not for sale in Virginia. Not now, and not ever.

This will be the fourth piece of legislation in four years introduced by Hugo aimed at human trafficking. HB1898, introduced by Hugo in 2011, passed into law, making abduction for the purposes of child prostitution a felony. HB1606, which became law in 2013, increased the punishment for those soliciting minors for prostitution. Most recently in 2014, he passed HB485, which empowers law enforcement to better track down and arrest suspected traffickers.

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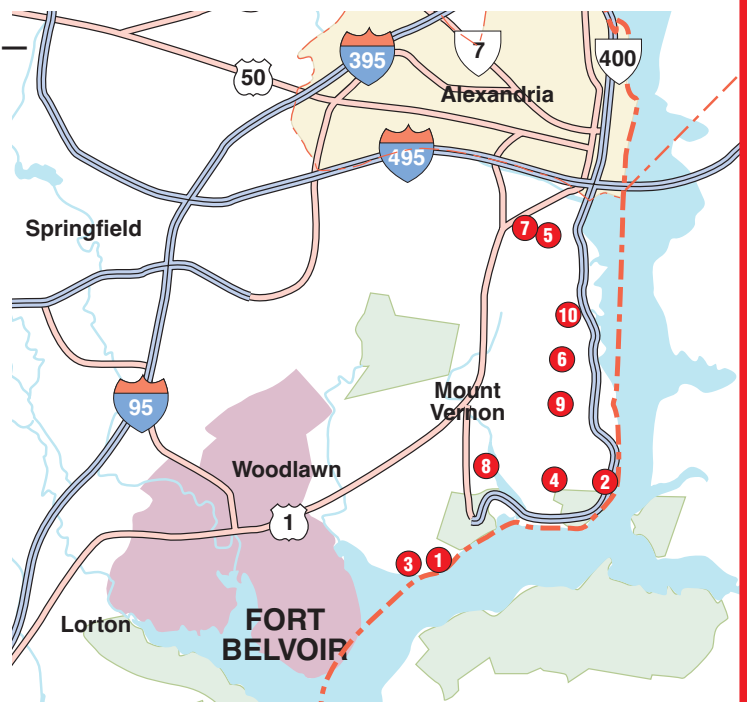
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Recognizing that inches count in a tight footprint that can't be expanded, Sarah Wolf at Foster Remodeling Solutions gained just two inches of floor space by removing a wall between the vanity and the tub (left); the half-wall and frameless glass space divider that now surrounds the newly installed walk-in shower (right) offers a new open look.



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Big Upgrade in Little Package

Pair of luxury baths add comfort and charm to 30-year-old Arlington condo.

BY JOHN BYRD

Approaching retirement, Kathleen David and her husband decided it was time to sell their multi-level townhouse and find a suitable one-level living option. The plan was a condominium that could be purchased at a favorable price and upgraded within a budget.

Accustomed to urban living, the couple mainly wanted freedom from stairs, available parking, and a spot for a favorite China cabinet.

"We were quite satisfied with our choice," David said of the 1,300-square-foot unit conveniently situated in an 11-story, 30-year-old Crystal City complex. "After we had been in residence for about a year, we started looking for contractors to help us upgrade the master bath, which was terribly dated."

What came as a surprise as interviews got under way, though, was how few contractors were willing, or able, to work in a condominium.

"There are lots of rules and restrictions," David said. "Eventually, we learned that remodeling a room in a condo can take 20-30 percent longer than it takes to a complete a comparable project in a single family home. Several well-known firms wouldn't even meet with us."

As such, Sarah Wolf at Foster Remodeling Solutions was a breath of fresh air.

"We hit it off right away," David said. "She understood condo remodeling challenges completely. She provided relevant, inspired ideas in the first meeting, and the collaboration only improved from there."

So much so, in fact, that the single full bathroom slated for improvement became two, and the interior design ideas grew progressively more sophisticated.

"Condos have always been interesting to me — partly because they require very precise space plans," Wolf said. "In a tight footprint, inches make all the difference and the design effects that add to that crucial sense of spaciousness must be expertly executed. Professionally, it's exhilarating to design out of the picture the apparent limitations in a room — so that only thing an owner is aware of is how attractive the space is, and how well it works."

BEGINNING WITH a "style preferences" photo slide show narrated by David (who had stockpiled ideas for close to a year), Wolf began by grappling

Details

Foster Remodeling Solutions periodically offers workshops on home remodeling topics. Call 703-550-1371 or visit www.fosterremodeling.com.

with an unyieldingly compact 220 square feet that could not be enlarged in any direction.

Removing a wall between the vanity and tub in the master bathroom, for instance, added just two inches of floor space, yet the half-wall and frameless glass space divider that now surrounds the newly installed walk-in shower offers an open look that previously didn't exist.

More to the point, Wolf's softly textured interior design scheme provides the eye with something to enjoy:

- ❖ Oversized (12-inch by 14-inch) porcelain tile in the shower glazed to resemble soft white marble;

- ❖ Parallel bands of small-scale glass mosaic embedded in the shower walls at eye- and waist- level. The color accentuates the gray tones in the floor tile;

- ❖ Accent tiles capping the low-wall around the tub visually unify the rear of the room with the front-facing vanity while concealing grout lines. The effect: narrow spaces now seem much wider;

- ❖ A black and white art deco-style ceramic basket-weave pattern for the shower also prevents slipping;

- ❖ A blue-grey-black Cambria quartz countertop color-coordinated with vanity cabinet facings lacquered in a black-brush-applied mushroom gray stain.

Polished chrome plumbing fixtures, likewise, combine with metal surfaces to form a bright, reflective surface which is, in turn, offset by a charcoal gray porcelain tile streaked with white veining.

To heighten the room's visual rhythm, Wolf and team installed the 12" x 24" tiles diagonally across the floor from front to back.

On the walls, soft blue-gray paint highlights reflected blue flecks in the countertops, a counterbalance to the bright white ceiling.

"Alternation and balance are important when you're working with small spaces," said Wolf. "In effect, you have a three dimensional canvas formed by walls, floors, ceiling — and each side is a critical part of the whole. When the design statement is well-made, the finished space feels peaceful, pleasant, a room you want to spend time in. Size becomes unimportant."

That said, Wolf applied considerable engineering skill in designing built-ins to satisfy precisely-measured storage requirements.

"There was nothing but an open cabinet under the vanity before," David said. "Sarah designed appropriately-sized drawers, shelves and recessed a storage spaces for everything we use in this space. The new sense of order in both bathrooms has been wonderful."

As an aging-in-place consideration, Wolf found room for an in-shower bench and grab bars. A hand-held shower head on a slide bar adjusts to the owners' different height requirements.

"Everything has been carefully tailored to our needs," said David. "We feel fortunate to have gotten such a winning result."



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Beer, Barbecue And Bilbo Baggins

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
THE GAZETTE

Ancho chili pepper, garlic and onion powder are poured into the large aluminum pot already simmering with ketchup, vinegar and leftover pork drippings. “We don’t waste anything here,” Allie Barfield, chef at Bilbo Baggins on Queen Street said. “This BBQ sauce is very complex. Now I’m adding the sweet chili sauce. We put in cinnamon sticks, Worcestershire sauce, tamarind paste, sweet red curry paste and fresh coffee.

IN THE KITCHEN

People taste it and say ‘what is in that.’” She explains the recipe is half from her husband Garrett’s family, his uncle Barfield’s pig pickin’ sauce sold in North Carolina grocery stores and half from her family’s restaurant recipe.

“My parents have had this restaurant for many years. My father left home in Long Island at 16 and went to Switzerland where he was classically trained. He worked as a

chef in star restaurants in eight countries over 10 years. He taught me what I know. Garrett and I lived in North Carolina and one day he said we should start a restaurant. I said ‘Are you crazy?’ My family has had a successful restaurant for 30 years and we would probably go broke in less than five years if we started our own,” she said.

So they moved back to Alexandria where they are gradually taking over Bilbo Baggins. “I started in the back of the house (the kitchen) in 2012.” Now her husband is the bar manager and in charge of the front of the house.

“I have been working here since I was a teenager, out in front hosting. I would always be in the kitchen peeling carrots on days off from school or rolling silverware in napkins. When my class took a field trip they would stop here and my dad would make them lunch.” She picks up a large bottle. “See I’m putting in the molasses to give the barbecue sauce some thickness and the dark color.” It will cook for 2-3 hours.

Nine loaves of raisin bread are lined up on trays waiting to be sliced and delivered to lunch diners. “This is our famous raisin bread. I use seven different flours that I get from Pennsylvania. People come here just to get it.” On the rack below are homemade croutons for the white chocolate bread pudding. “We make everything from scratch here down to the mayo,” she said. A pot of onion soup sits on a back burner, steam filling the kitchen as she stirs the onions into the broth. Barfield has sliced the onions and sautéed them in canola oil until they are softened, added two casseroles of chicken stock as well as beef consommé. She will finish it off with fresh thyme. Today she had arrived at 8 a.m. to bake the bread and begin making the onion soup and lobster and shrimp bisque. Then on to the set up and prep work. The restaurant opens at 11:30 a.m. except Sunday when it opens at 10:30 for brunch.

Barfield has seen tastes change in the restaurant over time. “People don’t eat as much dessert because they are on a

diet. Also they look for small plates.”

She explains that a number of their dishes combine different ingredients than one would expect. “Years ago we made fried chicken wings but then people didn’t want to eat fried food.” But she says they reinvented the dragon wings marinated with spicy lime leaf sauce and finished with cilantro and crushed peanuts for texture. “These are popular in the bar.” She says her father added pizza a few years ago and thought they would sell a few. “But pizzas are very popular and we probably sell 500 a week. We get our pizza stones from Italy and they take a l-o-n-g time to get here, but they work really well. It only takes 2-3 minutes to cook this Shire pizza (shredded pulled pork, caramelized onions and that special BBQ sauce) in the 800-900 degree oven,” Barfield said. “We used to cook our pizza there, pointing to a large brick fireplace in the center of the dining room. “But then the fire marshal came”

Garrett interjects that one of his favorite dishes is the fettuccini with seafood, especially since they started adding the fresh clams and mussels.

Barfield said that 10 years ago when



Steam wafts over the stove as Allie Barfield, chef at Bilbo Baggins on Queen Street, stirs the simmering onion soup that she is making for lunch.

PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE/THE GAZETTE



Allie Barfield’s husband, Garrett, who handles the upfront duties and manages the bar, is loading up a plate with raisin bread made with seven different flours from Pennsylvania.



A final step in the preparation of the special BBQ sauce is the grating of lemon and orange peel. The sauce will simmer for 2-3 hours until it has thickened to desired consistency.

people asked her dad what he did and he said he was a chef, they shrugged their shoulders and said OK. Now with the advent of all of the food networks exploding, people think it is a glamorous job. But she reflected that most of the time it is not; it is hard work. A crab-asparagus quiche joins a Caesar salad on the top shelf ready to be delivered to the first lunch customers. Barfield double checks the pot, grates in fresh orange and lemon peel and stirs the barbecue sauce one more time.

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ONGOING

“**Saturate.**” Through July 19 during gallery hours at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Six artists use different mediums to convey moisture. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

“**Borders & Boundaries.**” During gallery hours through July at the Target Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Artists were inspired the “outsider’s perspective” for this exhibit. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

“**Magical, Mystical Animals.**” Through July 25, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily at The Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Studio 18. Artists will display art inspired by childhood stories and mythical creatures. Admission is free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

Mt. Vernon Recreation Center Art Class Exhibit. Through July 28, Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday 7 a.m.-6 p.m. at Saint Elmo’s Coffee Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave. View drawings and paintings done by the senior art class. Free. Visit www.stelmoscoffee.pub.com.

Hollin Meadows Summertime Writing Nights. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays through Aug. 17 at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Families and elementary students (grades kindergarten through third) can read,

write and talk with teachers. Free. Email Hollinmeadows.KeepInTouch@fcps.edu for more.

Paintings by Stanley Agbontaen. Through Aug. 28 at The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 4915 E. Campus Drive. The Maryland-based international artist’s depictions of scenes are painted on oil canvas. Free. Visit www.nvcc.edu/alexandria/schlesingercenter for more.

Cool Yoga. Wednesdays through Sept. 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 1900 Mt. Vernon Ave. Participate in group

yoga sessions taught by Prasada Yoga’s Maureen Clyne and enjoy refreshments provided by St. Elmo’s Coffee Pub and other local eateries. Suitable for all levels. Bring mat, towel and water. Free. Call 703-671-2000.

Special Family Museum Tours. Saturdays through Sept. 7, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N Royal St. Flexible tours and hands-on activities provide a deeper experience into the social and political life of Alexandria in the 18th and 19th centuries. Tickets are \$5 for adults (\$4 with AAA card), \$3

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children ages 5-12, and children ages 4 and under as well as Alexandria Public School and Blue Star families receive free admission. Coupons accepted. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org for more.

Baseball Boat to Nationals Park. Through Sept. 26 at various times. Leaves from the Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St. Baseball fans can avoid heavy traffic and cruise along the Potomac to Nationals Park. Tickets are \$20 one-way and \$25 round-trip. Visit www.potomacriverboatco.com/baseball-boat.php.

Doggy Happy Hour. Tuesdays through Oct. at 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20, 480 King St. Enjoy discounted drinks and treats with one's dog. Free. Visit www.jackson20.com/buzzevents_events.php.

Water Taxi to the National Mall. Through Nov. 1, at various times at Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St. Cruise from Old Town to D.C. on the *Miss Sophia*, while stopping view some of the area's most popular attractions. Tickets are \$28 roundtrip and \$14 one-way for adults. For children under 12, tickets are \$16 roundtrip and \$8 one-way. Visit www.potomacriverboatco.com/.

Journey to Be Free: Alexandria Freedmen's Cemetery. Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. A new exhibit tracing the 150-year history of the long-forgotten Freedmen's Cemetery, its rediscovery and how the new Contrabands and Freedmen's Cemetery Memorial was created at the site. Call 703-746-4356.

Their Fates Intertwined: The Lees of Alexandria in the War of 1812. Wednesday- Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Lee-Fendall House and Gardens, 614

Oronoco St. A new exhibit on the experiences of the Lee family in Alexandria during the War of 1812 examines the contributions of Alexandria's citizens during the conflict that led to the writing of our national anthem through the lives of this iconic Virginia family. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703.548.1789.

Alexandria Cars & Coffee invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Owners of 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.

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 for more.

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays noon-5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum 4301 West Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

Dinner for the Washingtons. Noon at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon

Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Second Thursday Music. Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 pm. Second Thursday of every month. Visit nvfaa.org to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

The Monday Morning Birdwalk takes place weekly, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free, requires no reservation and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park's entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to Park staff during normal business hours at 703-768-2525.

Art for Life. Third Thursday of every month. 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Hyatt Regency Crystal City has partnered with the National Kidney Foundation for a program highlighting a different artist each month for a year.

Civil War Sundays. 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., #327. Learn more about the Civil War as it occurred in Alexandria. Find dioramas, newspaper articles and more. Free. Visit www.alexandriarchaeology.org.

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Tiny Dancers 2015 Summer Camps. Each session includes daily instruction in ballet, a snack, fine motor exercise through a theme-
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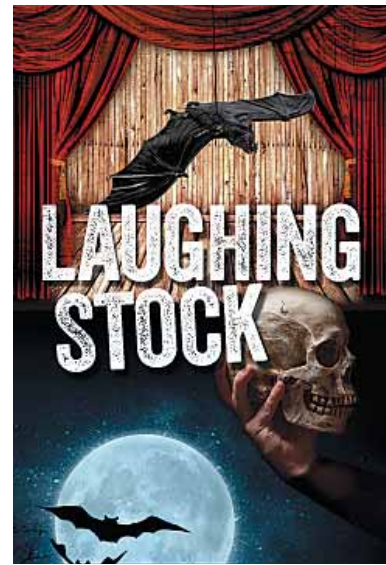
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Wine Cellar Needs a Little Help from Friends

Elizabeth and Rick Myllenbeck have a vision for 207 King St. They want to turn the historic 1810 Bartleman house in the heart of Old Town into the Sonoma Cellar, a wine-tasting room, bistro, and gift shop. Originally from Sonoma County, Calif., the newlyweds came to the area just short of four years ago on business; Rick Myllenbeck works with the U.S. Navy.

"We really missed the Northern California wine-tasting experience. So, when we came out here, we talked a lot about it and our friends said 'You know what? You should do that here,'" said Rick Myllenbeck. They plan to outfit the King Street location with 112 seats. Guests will find wine predominantly from Sonoma County and Virginia to be served in the upstairs dining room and in the outdoor "wine garden" alongside a full menu prepared by Chef Bernard Henry. Sonoma will be the first wine tasting room in Alexandria.

However, the couple must bring the build-



Elizabeth and Rick Myllenbeck in front of the future Sonoma Cellar.

ing up to code. "It's been left to ruin," Elizabeth Myllenbeck said. "The last upgrade to the building was 1989 ... Not only are we in the midst of trying to open a wine-tasting room, we are in the middle of historic preservation."

After some funding queries, the Myllenbecks launched an Indiegogo campaign to help with the costs of a \$88,000 HVAC system and industrial-strength



The interior of the future home of the Sonoma Cellar Tasting Room. Sonoma Cellar is located at 207 King St. and the owners, Rick and Elizabeth Myllenbeck, plan to open in late July or early Aug.

PHOTOS BY CONNOR ORTMAN/THE GAZETTE

kitchen hood. "We're doing everything we can to help make it right and not cut corners," said Rick Myllenbeck.

As of late June, the building is unfurnished and unfabricated, but with promising details. Industrial-style pendant lamps hang from soaring ceilings in the dining room, and the tasting room is equipped with a 20-foot-long tasting table built by local

craftsman KC Cromwell from a tree harvested in Mount Vernon.

"We're optimistic people," said Elizabeth Myllenbeck. The Myllenbecks plan to open by late July or early August. To contribute, visit www.indiegogo.com/projects/sonoma-cellar-historic-preservation-wine.

-SARAI JOHNSON

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related craft and a story with dress-up dance interpretation. The session culminates with a recital and reception. Tiny Dancers is designed for ages 2-12, featuring a performance based ballet, tap, jazz and musical theater curriculum. The studio is located at 621 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Call 703-739-0900 or visit www.tinydancers.com for more.

Art League Summer Camps.

Registration for Summer Art Camp 2015 is now open. Art Camps run Monday to Friday, June 22-Aug. 21. Camps are available for ages 5 and older, with morning, afternoon, or all day options. Subjects include: drawing, cartooning, painting, photography, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, fiber arts, clay animation, and Basic Art Camp (a new medium each day). \$155-\$345. Visit www.theartleague.org/content/art_camp for more.

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Summer of Smiles.

The Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' Summer Fun Guide, is now available.

Summer camps and activities are available for youth ages 2-17 and include sports, dance, creative arts, computer, chess, enrichment, nature, adventure, Out of School Time (residents only) and classic camps. The guide has an index listing camps by week offered and age group. Register online or in-person at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. The Summer Fun Guide is available for download at www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation. Free printed brochures will be available at City Hall, recreation centers, and public libraries. Call the Registration and Reservation Office at 703-746-5414.

Photography Workshop.

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. 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.

Community Dance.

7:30-9:30 p.m. every third Friday at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Live music. Tickets are \$4. Call 703-765-4573.

Life Drawing.

Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Drop-in for the session and bring 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.

Community Yoga.

Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Sundays 7:30-8:45 p.m. at 532YOGA, 532 N. Washington St. Suite 100. No experience required to participate in weekly community class. Suggested \$10 donation. Visit www.532yoga.com.

Tween Yoga. Thursdays, May 28-July 16, 4-5 p.m. at 532YOGA, 532 N. Washington St. Suite 100. 532Yoga uses yoga to help tweens develop greater self-confidence. The workshop fee is \$125 or \$20 for drop-in classes. Visit www.532Yoga.com.

Drawing and Painting Lab for Teens.

Wednesdays, June 24-July 15, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Teens ages 13-17 may explore techniques including concepts of shape, line, texture and color blending. The fee is \$77 for four 2-hour lessons. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

MONDAY/JULY 6-AUG. 24

Yoga for Gardeners. Mondays through Aug. 24, 9:45-10:45 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. This class is a gentle introduction to the Vinyasa method which helps participants increase the strength, flexibility and endurance necessary for gardening. The class is held indoors. The class is \$86 per person. Register on-line at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

FRIDAY/JULY 10

Jason D. Williams and Dale Watson & The Lonestars. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Combining both country and rock, Jason D. Williams performs along with Dale Watson. Tickets start at \$25. Visit www.birchmere.com/calendar/ for tickets.

Tom Principato Band. 8 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. Tom Principato performs his trademark guitar riffs live. Tickets

start at \$25. There is a \$25 minimum food and beverage purchase required per guest, except for general admission tickets. Visit www.thecarlyleclub.com.

Four Mile Summer Movie Festival.

Movies start at dusk and are shown at the Four Mile Conservatory Building, 4109 Mt. Vernon Ave. National Community Church's inaugural summer movie festival is co-sponsored by the City of Alexandria. Film schedule is as follows: Friday, July 10, "The Lego Movie;" Friday, Aug. 7, "McFarland USA;" Friday, Sept. 11, "Cool Runnings." Bring a blanket or chair. Free. Visit www.theaterchurch.com for more.

JULY 10-19

Alexandria Live Music Week.

Various times at venues throughout the city. Find music from almost every genre. Admission varies by venue. Visit www.livemusicweek.com for a full schedule.

SATURDAY/JULY 11

Alexandria's Historic Breweries

Guided Tour and Tasting. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Old Town. Learn about the history of local breweries on a walking tour. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/things-to-do/summer-in-alexandria/.

Gardening Exposition.

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. The Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia provide a program on container gardening and composting with focuses ranging from selecting and potting plants to building a compost pile. Free. Enroll at mgnv.org.

Canine Cruise. 11 a.m. at Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St. The family dog is welcome to join in on

an hour-long cruise through the Alexandria Seaport. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$10 for children. Dogs ride free. Visit www.potomacriverboatco.com/canine-cruise.php.

Old Fashioned Cookout and Talent Showcase

11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Fort Hunt Park, 8999 Fort Hunt Road. Fun family event with lots of food, music, door prizes, games, face painting for children, a photo booth, and a talent show. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$8 for ages 6-12, free for children 6 and under. For tickets, contact smiles0406@hotmail.com or lderamous@hotmail.com.

Music Performance.

6:30-9 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. As part of Alexandria Live Music Week, Nomadic Jazz will be hosting saxophonist and composer Elijah Jamal Balbed. Admission is \$22. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/event/nomadic-jazz/.

Alexandria/USA Birthday

Celebration. 7-10 p.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St. Watch fireworks and live entertainment. Free. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/alexandria-birthday-celebration/.

Old Time Banjo Festival.

7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. 9th Annual Mike Seeger commemorative festival, featuring Cathy Fink, Marcy Marxer, Jayme Stone, David Reed, and Adam Hurt. Tickets start at \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com/calendar for tickets.

MONDAY/JULY 13

Gardening Program. 7-8:30 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. The Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia present "Rebooting Your Summer Herb Garden," a session focused on maintenance and helpful

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tips. Free. Register at mgvnv.org.

SUNDAY/JULY 12

Southside Johnny & The Asbury Jukes. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Closely associated with Bruce Springsteen, Southside Johnny and his band performs live. Tickets start at \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com.

TUESDAY/JULY 14

Bastille Day Wine Dinner. 7 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N Royal St. Eat an 18th century-inspired five-course dinner paired with fine French wines. Tickets are \$100. RSVP by calling 703-747-4242 or by visiting shop.alexandriava.gov.

Toad the Wet Sprocket. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. American alternative rock band perform with guest Derik Hultquist. Tickets start at \$45. Visit www.birchmere.com/calendar for tickets.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 15

Toad the Wet Sprocket. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. American alternative rock band perform with guest Derik Hultquist. Tickets start at \$45. Visit www.birchmere.com/calendar for tickets.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 16-18

The Bacon Brothers. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall 3701, Mount Vernon Ave. The Bacon Brothers is the American musical duo of Michael Bacon and Kevin Bacon. Although they have played music

together since they were boys, the brothers have only been a working band since 1995. Tickets are \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

FRIDAY/JULY 17

Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra. 8 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. Tony Sands celebrates 100 years of Sinatra's music. Tickets start at \$28. There is a \$25 minimum food and beverage purchase required per guest, except for general admission tickets. Visit www.thecarlyleclub.com.

SATURDAY/JULY 18

Folk Night Friday. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Featured artist ilyAIMY plays acoustic rock with mixed genre inspirations. \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents in advance, \$15 for residents and \$20 for non-residents at the door. Visit www.alexandriava.gov.

Tom Teasley: Sonic Saturation Performance and Sound Installation.

7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. This one-time installation, inspired and created with water, will include pre-recorded ambient sound combined with live performance on unusual instruments. \$15 admission. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Marine Chamber Orchestra

Concert Series. 7:30 p.m. at The Schlesinger Center, 4915 East Campus Drive. The United States Marine Chamber Orchestra continues its summer concert series. Free. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter.

Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500

Shenandoah Road. The dance is open to the public and features the Mount Vernon Swing Band. \$4 at the door. Call 703-765-4573.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JULY 17-18

Comcast Outdoor Film Festival. 5:30 p.m. at Waterfront Park. Watch films on a 40-foot inflatable movie screen. Films are as follows: Friday, July 17 – "How to Train Your Dragon 2" (PG); Saturday, July 18 – "X-Men: Days of Future Past" (PG-13). Bring blankets and chairs. Free. Visit www.AlexandriaFilmFest.com, www.AlexandriaVA.gov or call 703-746-5592.

SATURDAY/JULY 18

"Sing for your Life" Free Vocal Workshop. 1–5 p.m. at Convergence Arts Initiative (Main Building), 1801 N Quaker Lane. The Alexandria Singers are offering a new program to anyone interested in developing his or her singing talents in a stress-free choral environment. The program will include one-on-one instruction from a trained teacher, group practice with experienced singers, and a chance to perform in front of friends and family. Open to all ages 12 and up (minors must be accompanied by an adult, who need not participate in the singing). Free. Email director@alexandriasingers.com.

"Solo Baroque." 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Listen to Baroque violinist Michael de Sapio. Free. Donations accepted. Contact michaelmartind@gmail.com or call 703-409-5859.

JULY 18-24

"Jon Meadows – A Soldier's Voice." Opening reception is on July 18, at 6 p.m. Gallery hours Monday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m.–9 p.m., and Sunday, 12-6 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St, Studio 12. Veteran Army Staff Sgt. Jon Meadows tells his story—the narrative of his war experience—through visual art. Admission is free. Visit www.theartleague.com or call 703-683-1780.

SUNDAY/JULY 19

Nasar Abadey Jazz Performance. 4-6 p.m. at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N Alfred Street. Free with suggested donation of \$15. Call 703-549-1334 or visit www.meadechurch.org for more.

Ambrosia. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. An American rock band from California performs live. Tickets start at \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com.

MONDAY/JULY 20

Jonny Lang. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Jonny Lang brings modern blues to the Birchmere. Tickets start at \$69.50. Visit www.birchmere.com/calendar.

MONDAY-THURSDAY/JULY 20-JULY 24

Summer Camp. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N Union St. Kids aged 12-15 are invited to apply to an archaeology camp hosted by Alexandria Archaeology where campers can participate in a real archaeological

dig with professional archaeologists. The camp costs \$400 per session with full scholarships available. Visit www.torpedofactory.com.

TUESDAY/JULY 21

Genealogical Clues in Records. 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Learn how to find clues about your ancestors in legal documents in Chuck Mason's talk: "Understanding the Hidden Clues in Records." Free. Visit www.mvgenalogy.org or call 703-768-4101.

Steeleye Span Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. British folk rock group Steeleye Span performs. Tickets start at \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com to buy tickets.

JULY 23-SEPT. 6

"Fields." Gallery hours at The Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. Abstract Artists David Carlson and Pat Goslee make art based on their interests in spiritual exploration and energy fields. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/JULY 23-25

Summer Theatre Program Presents: "Bye Bye Birdie." Thursday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. at Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road. See a production of the musical theatre classic, "Bye Bye Birdie," put on by the Summer Theatre Program and directed by Andrew Curtin. Tickets are \$8 for seniors and students, \$10 for adults. Contact Katie Murray at katiemurray@gmail.com.



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SPORTS

Two Local Athletes Play in Cal Ripken League

Using the summer to further develop their skills.

BY JOSH BELANGER
THE GAZETTE

Previous to 2012, the West Potomac baseball program had nine players recruited to play college baseball. Since then eight players have been recruited and have played collegiately, while another student, yet to graduate has signed his letter of intent.

Two of those players are Dan Jarrell and Billy Lescher and both are playing this summer for the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League. Jarrell pitches for the D.C. Grays, while Lescher pitches for the Alexandria Aces. Both are enjoying the luxury of living at home, instead of with a host family, as most of their teammates are.

"It's pretty awesome to be living at home and playing baseball this summer," said Lescher. "It's a lot better than working."

"Living with a host family is great and it's a good experience," said Jarrell. "But it's much better to be at home and sleep in your own bed and just focus on baseball."

Jarrell, a graduate in 2012, was recruited from West Potomac to play at Randolph-Macon. After his first season, he transferred to Washington College, where he has established himself as the ace of the Shoremen staff. This season he posted a 4-3 record with a 3.22 earned run average in 50 innings pitched. He led his team in wins, complete games, innings pitched and only surrendered eight walks all year.

Lescher, who graduated in 2014, was recruited by Penn after racking up 105 strikeouts his senior year, fifth most in Wolverine history in a single season. In his fresh-



Billy Lescher

man year he appeared just twice, throwing an inning and a third.

Besides both being pitchers from West Potomac who occasionally played first base, these two arms couldn't be more different. Jarrell is a crafty lefty who relies on his location and off-speed pitches to get players out. Lescher, on the other hand, is a hard-throwing righty with a fastball that touches 90 mph.

As of Tuesday, June 30, Jarrell and Lescher both have made multiple appearances in the Cal League. Jarrell is currently 1-1 in two starts, with three other appearances out of the bullpen. In 11.1 innings he has five strikeouts allowing just six earned runs.

Lescher has had one start and appeared three times in relief. In 8.1 innings, he has nine strikeouts and has only allowed two earned runs.

"In this league there's more talent so it forces me to make adjustments and find



Dan Jarrell

new ways to attack hitters," said Jarrell.

The only other player from West Potomac who has played in the Cal League is Jayme Murray. Murray played in 25 games for the Herndon Braves last summer. Murray graduated in 2013 and currently plays for George Mason University.

Not only has West Potomac had more players go on to the next level, they have had more success on the field. Since 2011, Coach Jim Sullivan and the Wolverines have not had a season with less than 12 wins, with 15 wins in 2014 being the highest win total for Sullivan in 10 years. Next year, Sullivan expects to pick up his 100th win, currently at 94.

Hank Russo, a local coach that works with the Wolverines in the off-season, believes that West Potomac is developing a culture of success.

"The younger kids see that there is path way beyond high school and that becomes the culture of the program and it creates a

winning attitude," said Russo.

Sullivan took over the reins in 2006 with a single assistant and two junior varsity coaches. He now is working with four assistant coaches and three junior varsity coaches.

"Our coaching staff now has a lot of experience with guys who played college sports," said Sullivan. "These coaches motivate guys to play in college and they know what it takes. If they tell them to hit the weight room, they do it."

Sullivan attributes the success to a combination of a much better coaching staff and more talented kids who are better-prepared and willing to work hard. He referenced the Mt. Vernon Mavericks travel baseball club as a major factor in the community.

"Fort Hunt Little League is great for kids, but it doesn't play the competition that travel teams play or the amount of games they play," said Sullivan. "The Mavericks began developing talented players and guys saw they could play with kids from all over and now they want to dedicate their time to get better."

Jarrell, who grew up in Vienna, didn't play travel baseball, but Lescher played on the Mavericks for a number of years. It wasn't until high school when they both realized their potential to play at the next level. A key factor for both Jarrell and Lescher was playing for teams that traveled to college campuses to play in front of college coaches, known as showcase teams.

"Playing on that team definitely gained my interest on playing college baseball but it also gave me confidence that I knew I could play at the next level," said Jarrell.

Since the league is wood bat, both Jarrell and Lescher enjoy being able to attack hitters more aggressively without fear of letting up a homerun.

"I feel more confident to work the inner and outer half of the plate knowing that if I leave the ball over the plate it won't be a homerun," said Lescher.

"Unless you really square the ball up, its not going to fly like it would with a metal bat, so my approach has been to pound the zone and make them earn their way on," said Jarrell.

Now that they both are at the next level, the focus turns to improving and developing as pitchers. The Cal League enables them to work on their game and not have to worry about school or work. It also gives them an opportunity to have fun and meet new people.

"It's pretty awesome to be playing with guys from different schools and from all over the country," said Lescher. "We just got a guy that came from Omaha who played for UVA, which is really cool."

"It's a great opportunity to go and work 24/7 and develop more as a player this summer and gain more confidence for next season," said Jarrell.

After the summer Jarrell will be heading into his senior year as the ace at Washington College, while Lescher looks to establish himself into the Penn pitching rotation as a sophomore.

MVHS Grad Balde To Play Lacrosse at Arcadia

Mouctar Balde spent four seasons as a member of the Mount Vernon varsity boys' lacrosse team. As a senior, Balde was named Defensive Player of the Year in Conference 13, and earned first-team all-state honors in 5A. He helped the Majors finish 10-5 and reach the conference championship game.

Balde, who will continue his lacrosse career at Arcadia University, recently participated in a Q&A via email with The Gazette.

Q: You'll be playing lacrosse at Arcadia University next season. What made Arcadia the right choice for you?

Balde: Arcadia was a school that showed a lot of interest in me since my junior year and I feel I will be entering a program that will nurture me.

Q: What position(s) will you play?

Balde: I will be playing defense and possibly long stick midfield.

Q: What are you most looking forward to about going to college?

Balde: I'm looking forward to the competition

level and intensity of college ball.

Q: At what age did you start playing lacrosse?

Balde: I started playing lacrosse when I was 13.

Q: When did you realize playing college lacrosse was an option for you?

Balde: The summer of my sophomore year is when I realized that college ball was an option.

Q: Mount Vernon went 10-5 in 2015 and finished Conference 13 runner-up. What are your thoughts on the season went?

Balde: It was a fun season. Losing in the conference championship was disappointing, but doesn't change the great memories our team made.

Q: What is your favorite memory of playing lacrosse at Mount Vernon?

Balde: My favorite memory playing Mount Vernon lacrosse was from my freshman year, listening to Coach Dale Nalls' pregame speeches.

Q: Do you have a specific game day routine?

Balde: I had to get some Moe's every game day but that's about it.

Q: What do you like to do when you're not playing a sport?

Balde: When I'm not playing a sport I enjoy working out and talking with friends.



PHOTO BY TORI HESTER

Mount Vernon graduate Mouctar Balde, left, will play lacrosse at Arcadia University.

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ABC License
GT Fort Belvoir, LLC trading as The Greene Turtle Sports Bar and Grille a/k/a The Greene Turtle, 7879 Heneska Loop, Alexandria, VA 22315. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine and Beer On and Off; Mixed Beverage (seating capacity 151 seats or more) license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Larry L. LeDoyen, Jr., Member
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Yates Restaurant Group, LLC trading as Lena's Wood-Fired Pizza & Tap, 401 E. Braddock Rd, Alexandria, VA 22301. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine and Beer On Premises/Mixed Beverage license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Jason A. Yates, Sole Member
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**ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION NUMBER 15-06-06**

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking to gather information from qualified Vendors to provide a web based vendor self-service solution that manages vendor registration, solicitation notification to vendors and final contract management.

Sealed Responses with the notation RFI# 15-06-06 Vendor Self Service / Contract Management Systems will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, August 6, 2015. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Responses appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFI documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8181, or by downloading the RFI from the ACPS website at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financialservices/purchasing/bids.php>

ACPS reserves the right to cancel this RFI.

Chris Guy
Procurement Manager

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**ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 15-06-03**

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking proposals for Custodial Services.

Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 15-06-03 - Custodial Services, will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, August 21, 2015. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Proposals appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8343, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPS website at www.acps.k12.va.us, Administration, Financial Services, Procurement and General Services -Current Bids and Request for Proposals.

All questions should be submitted before 3:00 p.m., August 11, 2015. If necessary, an addendum will be issued and posted to the ACPS web site. All responses to this RFP shall be subject to the City of Alexandria's Living Wage requirement.

There is a non-mandatory pre-proposal conference for this RFP on Tuesday, July 28, 2015, at 10:00 AM, at the Alexandria City Public Schools Central Office, located at 1340 Braddock Place, in conference room 610, in Alexandria, VA 22314. All Offerors interested in providing the services in the RFP are encouraged to attend. The Conference will include a site visit to several school locations.

No RFP may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the opening of proposals except as may be set forth in the RFP.

ACPS reserves the right to cancel this RFP and/or reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities in any proposal.

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Sealed bids for the City of Alexandria per specifications will be received in the office of the Purchasing Division until the date and time designated as follows:

ITB No. 00000431, Integrated Transportation System Construction Project-Phase II

Bid Opening Date and Time: August 5, 2015, 3 p.m., prevailing local time

Non-mandatory Pre-bid Conference: July 15, 2015 at Purchasing Division, 100 N. Pitt Street, Suite 301, Alexandria, VA 22314.

For general inquiries contact Darryl K. Jackson, CPPB, Contract Specialist II at 703.746.4298.

The City of Alexandria reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, cancel this solicitation, and to waive any informalities or irregularities in procedure. THE CITY REQUIRES ITS CONTRACTORS TO BE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYERS.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the provision of section 4-1-16 of the code of the City of Alexandria, the Alexandria Police Department located at 3600 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 is now in possession of unclaimed bicycles, mopeds, lawn equipment, money, scooters, and other items. All persons having valid claim to the property should file a claim to the property with reasonable proof of ownership or the items will be sold, destroyed, converted or donated. For a complete listing go to <http://alexandriava.gov/police/> and contact the Police Property Section at (703) 746-6709.

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NANCY AITCHESON TAYLOR

Nancy Taylor, 90, died peacefully at her home on July 5 after a short illness. She was an accomplished artist and singer, avid gardener and lover of nature, and a warm and generous friend to all who knew her. She was active in the life of St. James Episcopal Church from its founding in the 1950s, and sang in the church choir, a strong clear voice in the soprano section until just months before her passing.

With her husband Bill, Nancy enjoyed seeing new places. Over the years they traveled to 47 states, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, St. Croix, Barbados, England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Luxemburg, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and Spain. Many of these she commemorated in her art. Born February 19, 1925 in Alexandria, Virginia, to Virginia Dare and John Kenneth Aitcheson, Nancy had an older brother, John Kenneth Jr. She attended Alexandria public schools, graduating high school in three years due to hard work and an accelerated schedule at the start of World War II. In high school, she played varsity basketball. She graduated from Mary Washington College (now University of Mary Washington) in May 1945 with a bachelor's degree in Art. She and Bill married that June.

She worked in the art department of the Hecht Co. and as an art teacher in Alexandria public schools. She was an active artist all her life, exploring all subjects in media ranging from charcoal and oil painting to pastels and watercolor. She illustrated several books of poetry authored by Roberta Newton Taylor, her mother-in-law.

Nancy raised five children, imbuing them with a love of beauty, strength of purpose, and caring. In the fall of 1953 Bill contracted polio, and in many ways she assumed the duties of head of household. For a year that Bill spent in an "iron lung" at Walter Reed Hospital, she visited him daily, driving through Washington, DC and back to their home near Mt. Vernon to care for three small children. When Bill came home from the hospital and pursued a demanding recovery regime of physical therapy, Nancy supported him fully. He said later that his adjustment to life after that "would never have been possible without the daily support and love of my wife, Nance."

She is survived by five children and their spouses (William B. Taylor, Jr. and Deborah Furlan Taylor, Anne Taylor Cregger Patterson and George Patterson, Paul Kenneth Taylor and Robin Lee Taylor, Katharine Clarke Taylor, and David Aitcheson Taylor and Elizabeth L. Smith). She also leaves ten grandchildren and their spouses: Daniel (and Meg Hopkins) Cregger, Zachary, Jacob and Samuel Cregger; Christopher and Mary Morgan Taylor; Maxwell (and Amanda Sue) Taylor and Dana Taylor; and Mathias and Ian Nace; along with two great-grandchildren. Her family is grateful to the devoted care and friendship of many, especially Joshua Elliott.

A memorial service to celebrate Nancy's life will be held on Saturday, July 11 at 2 pm at St. James Episcopal Church, Old Mill Road, Alexandria. Interment with her husband at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in her memory to the church.

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Bottom row, from left, are Suzanne Dalch, member of the Aldersgate Permanent Endowment Committee and presenter of the awards; Isabelle Norton; Natalie Hurd; and Andrew Hurd. Back row, from left, are Lillian Chong, Charlotte Hayes and Caroline Austin. Not pictured: Hannah Lau and Laura-Paige Mertins.

Church Awards College Scholarships

The Aldersgate Permanent Endowment Committee has awarded 10 scholarships for the 2015-16 school year, eight for college students and two \$1,500 gifts for qualified Wesley Theological Seminary students.

College scholarships for \$1,000 each were awarded to: Caroline Austin, Lillian Chong, Charlotte Hayes, Andrew Hurd, Natalie Hurd, Hannah Lau, Laura-Paige Mertins, and Isabelle Norton. Eligible applicants were required to be members or regular attendees of Aldersgate Church. The criteria used for selection, in order of priority,

were financial need, participation in Aldersgate Church activities, academic achievement/leadership development, and participation in community activities. In addition, the Endowment Committee conducted in-person interviews with each candidate.

These scholarships were made possible by contributions from Aldersgate members, and from previously established endowment funds, to provide financial assistance for Aldersgate students pursuing college or seminary degrees.



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Supporting Employment Services

United Community Ministries (UCM) has received a \$15,000 grant award to enhance job seeker services at the UCM Work Center. At the check presentation are (from left) Richard Dobber, UCM Social Services director; Terri Seighman, Bank of America vice president and project manager, Enterprise Business and Community Engagement; Cristina Schoendorf, UCM Work and Literacy; Tamara Gifford, Bank of America vice president, community relations manager; and Harriet Jackson, UCM finance manager. The UCM Work Center is located at Mount Zephyr Business Center at 8305 Richmond Highway in Alexandria. Phone 703-360-9088.

BUSINESS NOTES

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

The Fairfax County Park Authority will construct a new turf field at Grist Mill. The project involves converting the park's field from natural

grass to synthetic turf. The new field will cost \$1.1 million and will be funded by the voter approved 2012 Park Bond program and donated funds. FieldTurfUSA, Inc. has been contracted to build the field, and estimates set its completion for early September. Grist Mill Park is located at 4701 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway.

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