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We adopted them when they were babies and they are now 8 years old. Jax the tabby is a Daddy's boy while Scooby, the black bombay is a Mama's boy. Both are very well loved and spoiled.

— JIMMY DEATON

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A Mother's Grief

An arrest in Saquan Hall homicide brings cycle of revenge to a close, but no satisfaction.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

In the days after Saquan Hall's murder, his mother, Patrice Hall, learned details about the shooting. She learned how he was shot once, stumbled, fell, and how the man who killed her son came up and shot him again in the head. The details, Patrice Hall says, that no mother should ever have to learn about her son.

"No mother should have to experience this," Patrice Hall said, standing over the flowers and notes left by the street sign where her son was gunned down.

Saquan Hall was murdered on July 2 on the 1000 block of First Street. At the time, Saquan Hall had been a person of interest in the murder of Pierre Clark a month earlier, though he was never charged, convicted, or found guilty of any crime. On Thursday, July 21, police arrested Dijuan Clark, Pierre Clark's brother, and charged him with the murder of Saquan Hall.

Saquan Hall grew up in Old Town in a neighborhood called The Burg where his parents were actively involved in the local church and community. Patrice Hall said former Mayor William Euille had been close with Saquan's father and that he had frequently assisted her with her community work.



Saquan Hall.

"I remember [Saquan] when he was a toddler," said Euille. "Off and on, as the kids got older, they would come by and help campaign for me."

But Patrice Hall said her son had a difficult time with the family's move further into Alexandria's west end.

"Saquan was an old soul," said Patrice Hall. "He didn't want to move, he loved his friends. He loved the street life."

Patrice Hall said her son Saquan was very protective of his sister and his friends, which was often the source of trouble.

Patrice Hall remembered several instances where a friend of his would start trouble or get into a fight, and it was Saquan Hall who would step in and ultimately take the hits or wind up in jail.

"I told my children 'the streets can be mean and treacherous,'" SEE A MOTHER'S GRIEF, PAGE 3

"I didn't feel anything, it didn't change anything. It couldn't bring my son back."

— Patrice Hall,
mother of Saquan Hall

New Heights for Alexandria

Impending 355 foot residential tower is just the start for Carlyle's upward growth.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

While arguments rage in Old Town over three- and four-story buildings, at the western end of Eisenhower Avenue the city is moving forward with plans for some of the tallest buildings in Northern Virginia.

The newest addition to the neighborhood is the Parc Meridian adjacent to Eisenhower Metro Station, across the street from the under-construction National Science Foundation. The 505 unit apartment tower stands at 281 feet. But current plans for nearby apartment towers will dwarf Parc Meridian.

Further up Eisenhower Avenue near the Alexandria Renew Enterprises, a residential tower at Carlyle Plaza Two will stand at 355 feet. The design special use permit that was approved for the Carlyle Plaza Two plan in June 2012 included a master plan amendment that increased the building height maximum to 375 feet.

At a meeting of the Carlyle Review Board at AlexRenew on July 21, the first of the four Carlyle residential buildings was approved. If all buildings are approved, Carlyle Plaza Two will move into final site plan review, which includes meetings with Plan-



Designs for Carlyle Plaza Two.

ning and Zoning as well as review by the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services.

Emily Oakford, a member of the City staff, said the primary benefit the City received was in open space.

"By allowing taller buildings and setting maximum

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Resurrecting Fort Ward

Committee pieces together controversial history of historic Alexandria site.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria's Fort Ward has a long history, but resources to commemorate that history are limited. Its most famous as one of the best preserved Civil War fort from the defense of Washington, but locally the fort's use in the years after the Civil War as an enclave for freed blacks left a huge mark on the city. Before European settlement, there's also archeological evidence of native american activity in the region. It's a long and complicated story, and it's up to the Fort Ward Interpretive Planning Committee to figure out how to tell it.

On Jan. 24, 2015, the City Council approved the Fort Ward Management Plan to provide strategic guidance for the management of the park's resources. The committee has three main tasks: to identify the themes and stories of the park, assist in selecting an appropriate consultant that will enhance public knowledge of the park, and a plan for educational techniques taught at the site.

Chuck Ziegler is one of the group's Civil War buffs.

"It's a complicated issue," Ziegler said. "There's several layers of Fort Ward history,

even going back to a few native american remains... We have to be cautious and parsimonious with our resources. We need to provide good background, but we're not telling the full story of the Civil War."

Fort Ward saw no major combat during the war, but Ziegler says this doesn't diminish its role in history.

"Fort Ward didn't see action as such, but it's the best preserved of all the remaining Washington defences," said Ziegler. "It was important. Look at the Cold War, I remember looking at the Titan 2 missile silo. It's scary, these things were ready to be used. They weren't, but the point is they were ready to be used. That's a part of history... it's what didn't happen that's just as important."

For Ziegler, and many in the group, the main focus of the project should be on the Fort's Civil War history and the history of the black community that helped build it and settle there afterwards until they were forcibly ejected from the land during the Civil War centennial to establish the park. But when the black community living in Fort Ward was pushed out, the graves of their families were left untended and unmarked by city authorities. A contentious piece of the Fort Ward plan has centered around efforts to find and mark those bodies before



Kevin Moriarty guides tour at Alexandria's Fort Ward.

PHOTO BY
VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

the area becomes even more of a tourist destination.

Adrienne Terrell Washington and Carol Johnson, members of the Fort Ward and Seminary African-American Descendants Society, also serve on the Committee to represent the interests of black Alexandrians whose families remain unmarked beneath Fort Ward.

"We formed the Descendants Society because we weren't being heard," said Washington. "We consider ourselves stakeholders, because that was land that belonged to our ancestors."

Washington says the Descendants Society has asked for three things: to find as

many missing graves as possible, to abate the stormwater runoff that's been eroding the graves, and have their history included in the park in visible ways.

"When people go to that park, they think it's all about the Civil War, but it's not just that," said Washington. "A community came out of that, preserved that land, and were buried in that land. We want to see something in the museums that speaks to that community."

For Washington, options for inclusion into park history could range from a walking trail to the inclusion of artifacts from the black community included in exhibits.

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A Mother's Grief: Arrest in Hall Homicide

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said Patrice Hall. "You don't know who your friends really are."

That habit of stepping into a conflict may have been the source of the recent murders. Over a year ago, Saquan was shot in the hip. Patrice Hall said she was told at the time that Saquan had stepped into the middle of a dispute between two other parties. She said her son had refused to tell police who had shot him, though it became clear over time it had been Pierre Clark.

Saquan Hall and Pierre Clark had a history of violence, though in many ways the two men shared similarities. Both were young local men praised for their dedication to family and trying to turn themselves around after a stint in jail. Pierre Clark was recovering from his drug addictions and had just begun to work two new jobs.

While looking through her son's papers after his death, Patrice Hall discovered that Saquan had ambitions to go back to school and become an HVAC repairman, one day hoping to own his own small business.

Despite the rift between their sons, Patrice Hall said one of the only other women in the city who knows what her pain is like is Pierre Clark's mother, Gloria Clark.

"My heart bleeds for Ms. Clark," said Patrice Hall. "I don't have to put myself in her shoes. I know what she's going through."

WHAT HAPPENED on June 8, the day of Pierre Clark's death, is still unknown. Ac-



Patrice Hall (left) with local pastors and family and friends at the site where Saquan Hall was killed.

cording to police, the case is still open, and Saquan was being looked at as a person of interest in the investigation.

Since Pierre Clark's death, the questions about Saquan's involvement has haunted his mother. Patrice Hall could recall nearly every detail of the day of Pierre Clark's death. She'd called Saquan three times that day and said he didn't seem any different. She passed the crime scene on the way to work, but it wasn't until later that someone told her that the man who'd been shot was the same one who'd shot Saquan in the hip.

"As a mother, our children tend to do things, say things, that we have no knowledge of," said Patrice Hall. "I would hate to think Saquan would do such a horrible act."

In the days after Pierre Clark's murder, Patrice Hall said the police raided their home in the middle of the night. Patrice Hall



Prayer circle gathers near the site of Pierre Clark's murder.

said she heard two loud booms, like bombs being dropped on their building, and then men in fatigues, night vision goggles and rifles were in their living room and going through their home. Patrice Hall said she was told that there was a video of Saquan fleeing the scene of the crime and that police were looking for a grey shirt he was wearing in the video. When police left, Patrice Hall said they left the door busted down, with her unable to go to work for days while she waited for it to be repaired. She is seeking compensation from the city for the damages as well as tracking down the last of her son's personal belongings.

The night Saquan was killed, Patrice Hall said she got a phone call that he had been shot. She left the house in a hurry, not knowing what to expect. She thought back to the time he was shot in the hip, hoping it would be something minor. She rode with Saquan to the hospital where he died, but said she was still in a state of shock at that point. It

wasn't until she got home and that it began to sink in. "I can't be in here by myself, I have to do something," Patrice Hall said. "I have to keep myself exhausted so that I can fall into the bed at night. If I'm not exhausted, I close my eyes and I see the images." But Patrice Hall says the arrest of Dijuan Clark hasn't brought any closure. "I didn't feel anything, it didn't change anything," said Patrice Hall. "It couldn't bring my son back."

ON SUNDAY, July 24, local pastors led a small group in prayers at the site of Pierre Clark's murder and a block away where Saquan Hall was killed.

"Blood has been split on our corners," said Pastor Rod Sampson from City of Hope Metro. "Blood has been spilt in our streets."

"We must continue a dialogue amongst one another," said Pastor Taft Quincey Heatley from Shiloh Baptist Church. "We want to continue to have a presence in this community."

But for residents and local activists, the city leaders needs to do more than pray. "You have to do outreach," said MacArthur Meyers. "We need to invest in the issues of concern."

Among the small group of pastors and local residents gathered was Euille. "It's tragic," said Euille. "As a community we need to work together to make sure we provide services and outreach to our youth and young adults so that they can be doing more positive things."

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MOVE-IN READY

News

Alexandria 'Fights the Bite'

By ANTONELLA NICHOLAS
 GAZETTE PACKET

The Alexandria Health Department held a community meeting about Zika and mosquitoes on Wednesday, July 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Alexandria Beatley Library.

Forty-three cases have been identified in Virginia, 24 of which are in Northern Virginia, and are all travel related. The current outbreak of the Zika virus is the largest outbreak that has ever occurred. One in five people who are infected will develop symptoms. The Zika virus is linked to birth defects, and currently there is no vaccine or medicine to treat it.

There are 300 species of mosquitoes in the United States, 50 of which are in Virginia. Zika virus is carried by Asian Tiger Mosquitoes.

Asian Tiger Mosquitoes lay eggs in containers that hold standing water, such as buckets, tarps and old jacuzzis. They can even lay eggs in water the size of a bottle cap. Asian Tiger Mosquito eggs take one week to mature into adults. For this reason, the Health Department advises residents to eliminate standing water around their home at least once a week. After it rains, tip over containers with water. Less standing water denies mosquitoes the opportunity to

breed. Daniel Sherwood, the city's Vector Biologist, examines public areas in Alexandria with standing water. There are 14 trap sites around the city where his team identifies the type of mosquito and tests them for viruses. If you see standing water on public property, give Sherwood a call, and he will treat the water so that mosquitoes cannot lay eggs there.

The Health Department has other tips to "fight the bite:" use bug spray, and always follow the directions on the label, use window screens, cover up when necessary, and wear light-colored clothing because dark colored clothing attracts mosquitoes.

Lisa Guli, the Alexandria Health Department Epidemiologist, said that "humans are the primary reservoir for the Zika virus." The virus can be passed from a pregnant woman to her unborn child, through blood transfusions, and it can be sexually transmitted.

At greatest risk are travelers, partners of travelers or of someone who has contracted the virus, and pregnant women and their fetuses. Currently, areas with active Zika transmission are Central and South America, and the Caribbean.

The Health Department is working to inform the community about the Zika virus through meetings on the third Wednesday of every month from June to October. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Health.

New Heights for Alexandria

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floor area we gained a huge amount of open space approved and public park area," said Oakford. "The recreation field built with AlexRenew will connect to the elevated pedestrian trail which is terraced down to Eisenhower Avenue. It's five acres of connected open space." While Carlyle Plaza Two will briefly be the tallest buildings in Alexandria, Oakford also noted that Carlyle Plaza Two isn't the only skyscraper in Eisenhower's future. Even before Carlyle Plaza Two was approved, the City Council approved Hoffman Block 11 and 12, residential towers that will reach 370 and 280 feet respectively. No timeline is available for the development of Hoffman Block 11 and 12.



The Carlyle Review Board meets to discuss the new Carlyle Plaza Two buildings.

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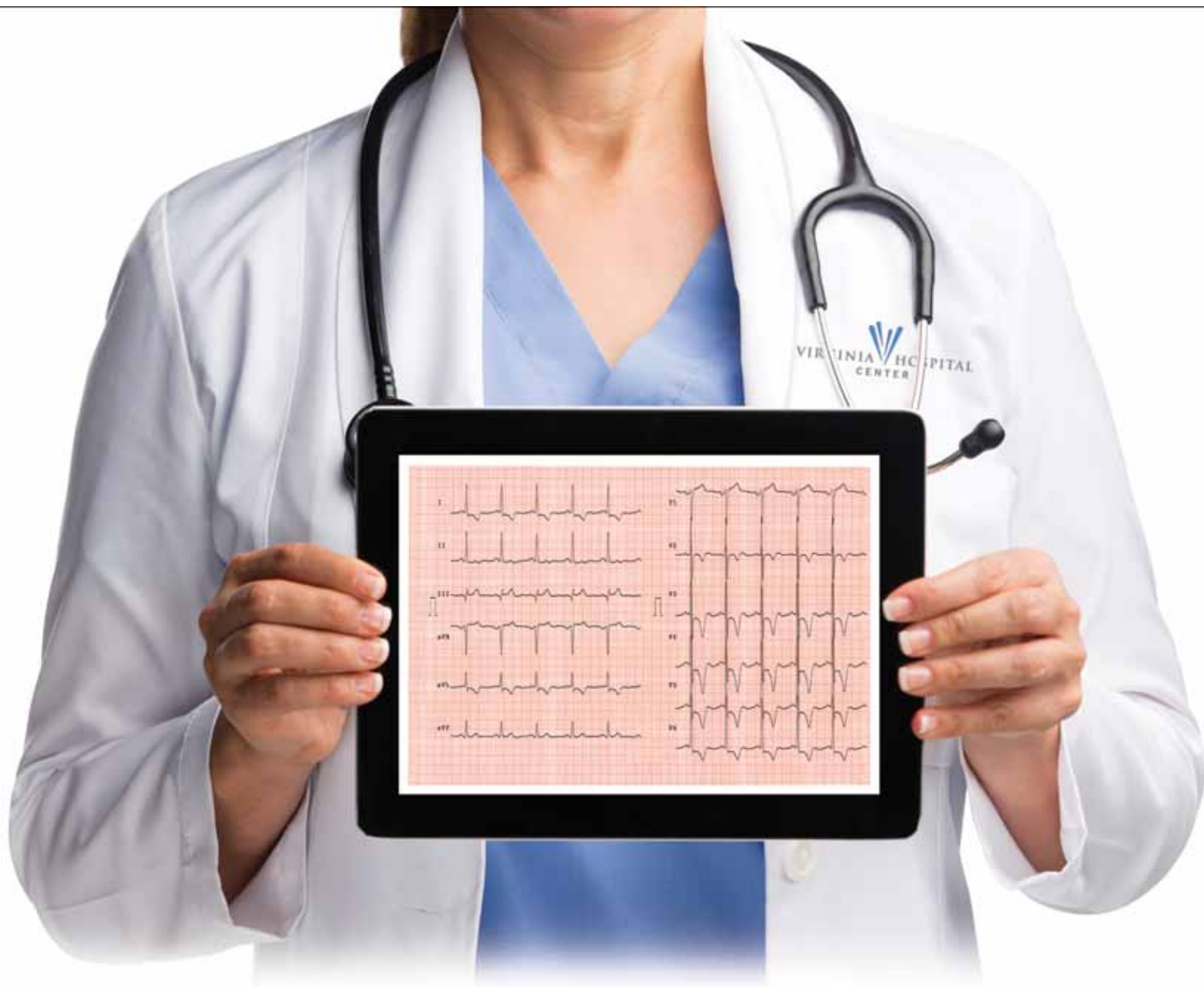
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PEOPLE

Act, Sing and Dance Your Way through Summer Camp

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

“Everyone ready to go on stage? Awesome!” The Counselors In Training at The Little Theatre of Alexandria Summer Camp have just rolled up the comic strip backdrop of villains and heroes created by the 3-5 grade group. The actors have been practicing giving each other a punch because, “We are super heroes for goodness sake. But we need to be focused so people don’t get hurt.”

Now it is stage time for the K-2 group at theatre summer camp. Michael Page, the Director of their Summer Camp program says the theme for the K-2 group this week is animals. The older 6-8 grade group is doing a theme based on the theatre’s upcoming West Side Story production using the Romeo and Juliet story.

PEOPLE AT WORK

Each group attends classes sometime during the 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. time period where they learn the basics of drama and get ready to produce a play for parents and friends on Friday afternoon. Page said, “We make up our shows and the kids watch each other so they have a practice audience.”

Page said they offer more than 40 different summer camps with different themes, some with music and others with dance. He said camp runs for 13 weeks and they have about 500 campers who attend one session or more. “I focus on musical theatre and also have some dance camps. I keep it easy for the youngest who have never performed before.”

Janette Moman says to eager faces, “Let’s go over some of our words. Make the words short, especially say the consonants so everyone can understand.” Faces concentrate and mouths open wide.

Page said, “They should be having fun but I’m pushing education, too.” When the youngsters aren’t practicing their play, they are learning basics of drama, movement and expression and doing improvisations “like the hitchhiker with four chairs set up like a car.”

The children begin singing from their seats, “Never smile at a crocodile. No, you can’t get friendly with a crocodile.” Page exclaims, “you guys, I could understand all of those words! OK all stand up from your seats, line up against the wall. Follow me. We’re going to go onstage.” Page tells the group they have to get focused. “Breathe. Stay quiet until it is your turn to speak.” The plot unfolds as one animal crawls followed by another hopping onto the darkened stage from behind large white screens. Then the crocodile suddenly appears stage left, and the animals put on



PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE/ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE

Michael Page, Director of The Little Theatre of Alexandria Summer Camp, sits relaxed on the stage between classes. He says this is the perfect job for him. It combines his expertise in musical theatre, dance, the performing arts and his love of teaching.

their best frightened faces. “If you’re in the jungle, you’re over here. If you’re in the savannah, you’re over here.” A line of bodies weave their arms and their hips as they dance the monkey led by counselor Caroline Austin demonstrating on the floor in front of the stage. The plot moves forward as the group looks for a way that animals can all live together in peace and decide it would be the zoo.

Page said, “Actually this job is perfect for me. I always wanted to be a teacher since my amazing second grade teacher.” Then, he says, in middle school, “I was introduced to theatre and I came out of my shell and learned to be comfortable, to step outside the box. Once I knew I could meld these, I knew what to do.” He says he always wanted to start his own program and it’s close here; “the theatre trusts me to make changes.” Page says he thinks it has been successful when he split the 3-8 grade group into 3rd-5th and 6th-8th. They seem to feel more comfortable. Another change he made is to be sure each age group is covered all day so the camps are consistent. For instance, if a session is offered in the morning, extended care is available for the remainder of the day. “This helps parents, like mine who both worked.”

What does he do when it’s not summer? Page says he also teaches music and movement at preschool as well as classes, including dance, at local recreation centers and music at Mount Vernon. He has been at Little Theatre of Alexandria for eight years with the last two as Director of Summer Camp.

Back to the rehearsal as Page directs from the rows in the empty theatre..... “Never tip your hat to a crocodile....” Tiny hands wave imaginary hats in the air.



The K-2 year old class at The Little Theatre of Alexandria Summer Camp practices the monkey during their rehearsal for their play based on animals. They have enthusiastically just finished singing, “Never smile at a crocodile; no you can’t get friendly with a crocodile.”



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For 18th Century Ship

Old Town Civic Association President Yvonne Wright Callahan (right) presents Alexandria City Archaeologist Dr. Fran Bromberg (center) a check for \$4,000 on July 20 to help conserve the 18th century ship remains excavated at 220 South Union Street. Laboratory conservation should commence this year and will take several years. At left is Eleanor Green of Alexandria Archaeology.

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 - ❖ Tuesday, Aug. 2, 3-6 p.m. at Ellen Coolidge Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road.
 - ❖ Friday, Aug. 5, 5-8 p.m. at Dr. Oswald Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St.
- Contact Anna Leider, General Registrar, at anna.leider@alexandriava.gov or 703-746-4050.

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Piecing Together History

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"We want to make sure [they aren't] destroying that history, and erasing all of the family life, who we were as a community," said Johnson. "We want that history preserved."

Johnson noted that it was originally black Americans who built the fort. Johnson and Washington are both descendants of black soldiers who fought in the Civil War and moved into the community after the war was over, while other family members had been at that location even before the war.

"Our community is a perfect model of what happened through reconstruction and into the early 19th century," said Washington. "Our community has been involved in every major part of the African-American experience in this country. It is an American story, it includes everyone. It doesn't exclude anyone and we don't want to be excluded."

Over his time working on the committee, Ziegler says the thing he's learned the most about has been the black history at the site.

"I've learned a lot, especially about the African-American community," said Ziegler. "If you went to Fort Ward five years ago, you wouldn't know anything about that. This was established as historic park with the Fort as centerpiece as part of Civil War bicentennial."

The challenge, however, will be finding the funding to pay for the park improvements.

"We're going to operate in constrained resource environment," said Ziegler. "The City Council is rightly concerned about infrastructure improvement and the backlog of ongoing maintenance issues. So

there are questions about how we allocate those limited resources appropriately."

But while Ziegler said limited resources will likely force the group to limit the history to the Civil War and the black community's history at the site, Johnson noted that there's still history at Fort Ward that precedes the Civil War.

"Another unspoken area in terms of history with the interpretive plan [is with] native Americans, who were very much a part of the northern Virginia area," said Johnson.

"There is evidence of arrowheads through archeological digs there. It is a wide story. We're proud of it and we want people to understand that this is part of Alexandria not just from a colonialism perspective."

For Washington and Johnson, the challenge of the process has been dealing with the City side of things.

"The City is going to do what it wants to do," said Washington. "You can't fight city hall."

"It's about understanding of the City process, whether Fort Ward or any part of the City," said Johnson. "It's a process and it's a commitment to see things through to the end. We're trying to help get this written into history books."

Ziegler shares Johnson and Washington's concerns, but remains optimistic about the end goals. "It always takes longer and is more expensive than you imagine. It's not without its controversies but I think we'll be alright."

The Fort Ward Interpretive Planning Committee will next meet Thursday, Sept. 29. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/FortWard.

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COMMENTARY

Students in Community Lodgings' summer learning program play "Uno" during a short break.



Youth Education — Keeping Kids Motivated

BY JANE HESS COLLINS
COMMUNITY LODGINGS COMMUNICATIONS/
VOLUNTEER MANAGER

Summer is often anything but a vacation for low-income students, according to the National Summer Learning Association (NSLA). For those students, summer is a struggle to find safety, a nutritious meal, and to combat summer learning loss — meaning the loss of knowledge acquired in the prior school year. Summer learning loss, the NSLA site continues, “is one of them most significant causes of the achievement gap between lower and higher income youth and one of the strongest contributors to the high school dropout rate [and] contributes to gaps in achievement, employment and college and career success.”

Summer learning loss is just not acceptable to us at Community Lodgings and we fight back with our youth summer enrichment program. Our learning curriculum complements our after school tutoring program that operates congruently with the Alexandria City Public Schools' academic year.

Melanie Ficke, Community Lodgings' Youth Education Program Director, emphasized that the summer program is specifically designed to “keep learning retention over the summer” in creative and outdoorsy ways.

For example, staff and volunteers help students reinforce math skills through having the students count home runs and strikeouts by the Washington Nationals and Boston Red Sox because donors have pledged dollar amounts for each. Students calculate the

donation totals and record the updates.

Staff member Cindy Lopez helped the students create “elephant toothpaste” where the students mixed water, hydrogen peroxide, dishwashing soap, yeast and food coloring into an empty plastic water bottle to create a colorful, overflowing foam.

In addition to helping learning retention, Community Lodgings' summer program provides a safe and positive place for students to go where they receive a nutritious lunch. We continue our school year partnership with the Capital Area Food Bank, which delivers a hot meal each day to the 70 children in our program held at three learning center sites in Arlandria and the city's West End. Ficke is pleased with the Capital Area Food Bank program and the partnerships that the staff has forged with other area organizations to provide the students with a holistic summer experience.

“Being able to partner with other agencies has enhanced the kids' experiences,” she said. Several weeks ago, 14 middle school students attended “camp” at the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria to learn more about responsible pet care.

Aside from academics, students take weekly field trips to places such as the White House, National Zoo, weekly trips to the pool, and regional and national parks, including Hemlock Overlook Regional Park for an afternoon of ziplining.

Jane Collins is the Community Lodgings communications/volunteer manager. You can reach her at jcollins@community-lodgings.org or 703-549-4407.

University (Macon, Ga.) for the fall 2015 semester. Chong, of Alexandria, is a sophomore studying in the Townsend School of Music.

Enrique Ramirez, of Alexandria, was recently initiated into the honor society Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest collegiate honor society for academic disciplines. Ramirez was initiated at Michigan State University.

Phoenix Wilson, of Alexandria, as part of the Executive Committee for SGA, was elected Judicial Board Chair at Mary Baldwin College (Staunton, Va.).

Caroline S. Caplen, a sophomore music major with a minor in equine studies, was awarded an Alumni Legacy Scholarship at Bridgewater College (Bridgewater, Va.). Caplen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Caplen of Alexandria.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Carolyn G. Lucas made the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at DeSales University (Center Valley, Pa.).

Michael Chong made dean's list at Mercer

Correction

In “Walking through City's History” [Gazette Packet, July 21], George Washington dined in Gadsby's Tavern not died.

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OPINION

Help Children Arrive at School Prepared

Many opportunities to contribute; tax-free back-to-school shopping is Aug. 5-7 across Virginia.

The first day of school each year is fraught with anticipation and anxiety. Many local students will be concerned about what they wear, who they will see, what it will be like. They've already had multiple shopping trips, online and otherwise, to be sure they have the supplies and extras they need.

We live in an area where many, if not most, families have the means and desire to do almost whatever it takes to give their children the best chances for success.

But for thousands of students, families lack the financial resources to equip them for success on the first day of school and beyond.

In our affluent area, there are many poor families, families who are barely making it, families who are not able to indulge their children in a shopping spree before school begins, families who are already having trouble making up for the meals their children would be getting at school.

In Fairfax County Public Schools, more than 27 percent of more than 184,000 students are poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals. That's more than 50,000 children in Fairfax County who are going through the summer

without their usual access to breakfast and lunch. For many of those children, having a fully equipped backpack on the first day of school is out of reach.

In the City of Alexandria, about 60 percent of the Alexandria Public Schools students are poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals. That's more than 8,000 of the city's 13,000-plus students.

Where to give in Alexandria

Alexandria City Public Schools holds an annual "Back to School Supply Drive" for students across Alexandria City. The goal is to provide supply-filled backpacks to 2,000 ACPS students who would not otherwise be able to start the first day of school with these essential items. For more information, contact Taneika Tukan at 703-619-8055 or taneika.tukan@acps.k12.va.us For a supply list and drop off locations, visit www.acps.k12.va.us/faccenters/supply-drive.pdf.

Alexandria Drop Off Locations include:

- ♦ **DEL RAY AREA:** Dept. of Community & Human Services, 2525 Mount Vernon Ave.; The Dairy Godmother, 2308 Mount Vernon Ave.; Discovery Time Learning Center, 1509 Leslie Ave.; Grace Episcopal Church, 3601 Russell Road; and St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mount Vernon Ave.
- ♦ **OLD TOWN AREA:** Alexandria Bar Association, 520 King St., Suite 202; Alexandria City Hall, 301

In Arlington, more than 32 percent of the county's 23,000-plus students are poor enough to receive subsidized meals; more than 7,000 students.

Help these students get started on the right foot by contributing to one of the many local backpack drives.

Virginia sales tax holiday for school supplies and clothing is Aug. 5-7, 2016. Purchases of most school supplies, clothing and footwear are exempt from the Virginia sales tax. Each eligible individual school supply item must be priced at \$20 or less, and each eligible article of clothing and footwear must be priced at \$100 or less. See www.tax.virginia.gov/content/sales-tax-holiday.

King St., Main Lobby & 2nd Floor; American Association of Physicists in Medicine, 1631 Prince St.; Crowne Plaza, 901 N Fairfax St.; Court Service Unit, 520 King St.; Delta Career Education Corporation, 99 Canal Center Plaza; Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 625 First St.; John Marshall Bank, 640 Franklin St.; MPR Associates, Inc., 320 King St.; McEneaney Associates, 109 S. Pitt St.; Volunteer Alexandria, 123 N. Alfred St.; and 1st Floor The Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Sq.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Council Needs Discipline

To the Editor:

Each time I pick up the newspaper I become more depressed. This city is poorly managed. Council is hugely committed to the affordable housing cause. Mayor

Silberberg yammers in support of; Vice Mayor Wilson repeatedly falls on his sword. Yet neither has proven her- or himself a leader.

As your July 21 article Market Affordable Homes in Freefall accurately states "an increase in property taxes is forcing" owners of market affordable housing to increase their rents. The result:

more money is available to pay for social services, less market affordable housing remains in inventory. Council's alternative: not rent control, but an increase in committed affordable housing. ARHA's forthcoming Ramsey Homes proposal is an example of the latter.

My family opposed last spring's 3-cent tax increase for no other

reason than it was outrageous. The City Manager proposed a penny tax increase. Silberberg championed a 2-cent increase and Wilson demanded a 3-cent increase.

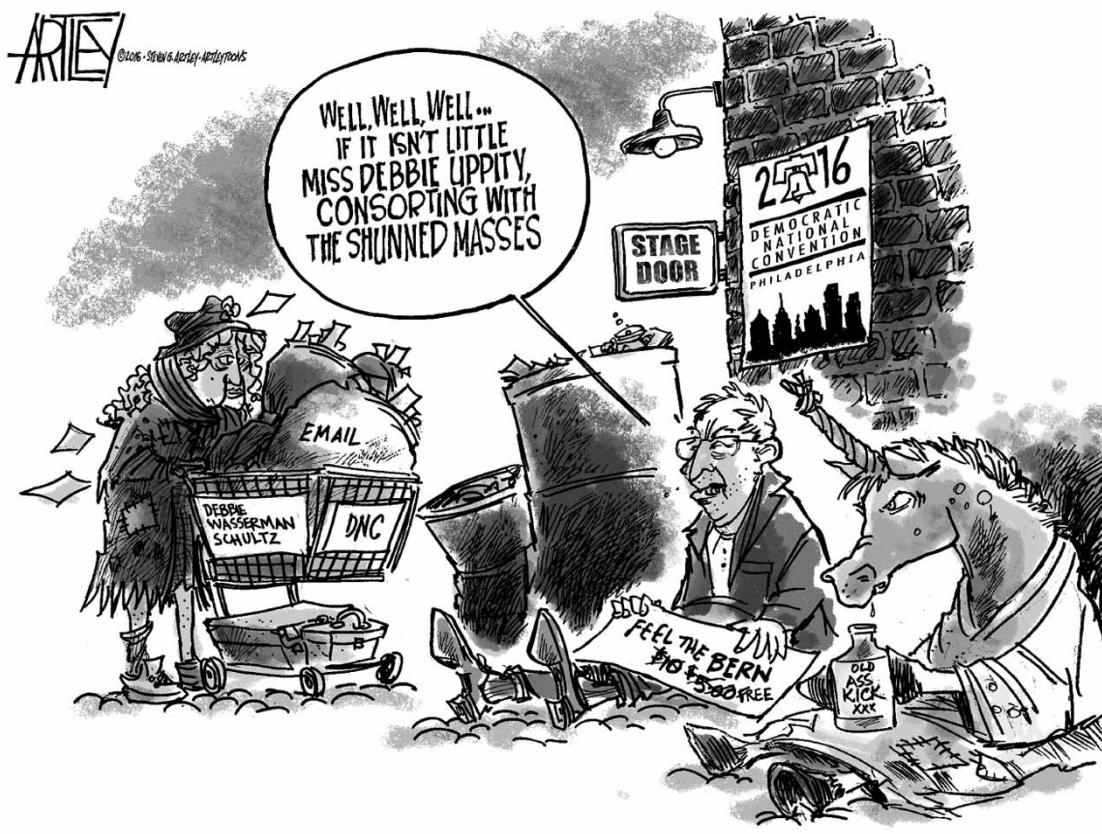
Good policy is a matter of choice. As members of Alexandria's middle class we struggle. When I first arrived in the Washington area I was one of four bachelors who shared a rental unit. Housing was not a subsidized entitlement.

When I consider Council's recent policy choices, I shudder. Public housing is problematic. Jefferson Houston School remains half empty. Neither meets stated expectations and both have ferocious carrying costs attached.

Add affordable housing to the mix and I am reminded of deceased City Manager Vola Lawson's most recent public statements. The city cannot afford committed affordable housing at the level it now seeks. My change pocket is worn inside out.

If City Council insists on more affordable housing, then it can at least demand the Manager cut the city budget and, in turn, next year's property taxes. He can save money by improving staff efficiencies; staff productivity, supervision, and output. Next he can tell ACPS to do likewise. Finally pub

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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 10

lic housing parents can learn to cook, Depression-style like my grandparents. Volunteers cannot be expected to bag and deliver lunches to public housing when schools are closed for snow.

City Council is undisciplined. Its tax increases, the resulting spending philosophy is without proper focus. Housing policy repeatedly cycles with no credible end in sight.

David Harrison
Alexandria

Unscrambling City Council

To the Editor:

Parker-Gray BAR Vice-chair Purvi Gandhi Irwin's plea to preserve one of the four Ramsey Homes buildings is a well-intentioned, but misplaced attempt to unscramble an egg, this huge, on-going imbroglio resulting from city hall's political mismanagement of important public policy. Mayor Allison Silberberg's last-minute compromise did the best she could to make sense of the hash her colleagues created out of a series of non sequiturs (the scrambled egg).

Last year, the Parker-Gray BAR did the right thing by voting 5-0 to deny ARHA's request to demolish Ramsey Homes. But, not only did ARHA appeal to city council, ARHA provided an entirely different justification than it had presented to the Parker-Gray BAR. Instead of making ARHA wait a year to present the new justification to the Parker-Gray BAR or removing that half-block from the Parker-Gray Historic District, city council approved demolishing Ramsey Homes without affording the Parker-Gray BAR an opportunity to consider ARHA's new justification. Did staff support ARHA's new justification, instead of backing BAR, because of guidance from the previous mayor in the mayor-manager meeting?

ARHA's new justification implied that under the Parker-Gray BAR's recent reforms, any post-1932 structure like Ramsey Homes was "less" historically significant than pre-1932 structures, so could be torn down, despite Ramsey Homes' wartime significance. Many entire Parker-Gray blocks contain only post-1932 structures, so city council implied, by accepting ARHA's new justification, that much of Parker-Gray was an historic district in name only. The next person who wants to tear down a 1940s structure in Parker-Gray will have city council's ill-conceived precedent upon which to rely, unless the Parker-Gray BAR moves quickly to "beef up" protections for post-1932 structures, without reverting to the overly burdensome former restrictions. City council could then adopt them, effectively mooted the precedent their Ramsey Homes decision leaves.

Absent a lawsuit, which Mayor Allison Silberberg's last-minute compromise may have averted, there are only two ways to save Ramsey Homes: (1) a letter-writing campaign to the Virginia and federal authorities who have to sign off on the dispo-

sition of these properties because they are in the public housing inventory or (2) physically relocating one or more of the buildings elsewhere. Ramsey Homes are structurally sound and could be relocated were there the will to provide the funding. Once relocated, they could be entered into the private housing stock as "workforce housing" in exchange for the city or some private charity bearing the cost of their relocation. This egg is too scrambled to do anything else.

Dino Drudi
Alexandria

Rename Jefferson Davis Highway

To the Editor:

Over the last several months of testimony given before the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street names, many chose "history" as their primary community value for the preservation of the memorials and street signs just as they are. The basic argument is that the memorials and signs convey only respect and regard for the Confederate soldiers and their leaders who fought bravely and died or returned from the war, and therefore they must not be "vilified," nor their history "sanitized."

For others, however, myself included, who give great weight to "diversity" and "inclusion" as primary values, and who believe it's impossible to honor the confederates without honoring the confederacy, those symbols convey a very different message. They are reminders of a very ugly period of racism, prejudice and division in our nation's (and city's) history. Many would certainly acknowledge that our city's ancestors did fight bravely for the Confederacy, however they would be quick to add that they were nonetheless fighting for a regime, led by Jefferson Davis, committed to white supremacy, racial purity and slavery.

And no matter how well a few revisionist historians have managed to cover the misdeeds and crimes of the Confederacy under a banner of the "Lost Cause," its true raison d'être was and remains the real enemy of those who champion greater racial and ethnic harmony and integration.

I confess, however, after sitting through the testimonials of more than 50 witnesses over several meetings, and scrolling through scores and scores of on-line statements provided to the Ad Hoc group, I began to see less "black and white" and more shades of "blue and gray" in the issues. I became less of an abolitionist as I came to more fully appreciate the complexities, legalities and confounding impracticalities associated with moving the Appomattox statute and renaming more than 200 streets.

The one issue, however, where I remain steadfast in my conviction that a change must be made relates to the Jefferson Davis Highway signs. We must not be distracted by those who argue that any change amounts to "rewriting or erasing history." The focus must not be on the past but rather on the culture and values we wish to honor

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From left: Bellabeana, Rusty and Wesley — Old Town buddies !!



While walking along the Community Gardens at Chinquapin, Michelle Loesch's golden retriever Lucky takes time to enjoy and smell the wild flowers.

GAZETTE FAMILIES PET GAZETTE



Cooper and Tessa Benson take a break during their nice long walk. Linda Benson owns a small dog exercise company Fun Dog Fitness and takes dogs of all levels out for 1.5 hour walks and hikes around Alexandria.



PHOTO BY TESSA READ

Che chilling out.



PHOTO BY TESSA READ

Ready for the river — that's Molly Brown with the hat.



PHOTO BY BOYD WALKER

Here is the other half of our crew: Tessa Read and Trick Tail



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"Are we there yet?" Boyd Walker and Maxine, who was found behind an abandoned movie theater last year in Fleischmanns, N.Y.



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Anne Kelly's Chance in his therapy dog role.



Teddy makes the best pillow for 8-year-old Dylan on his Old Town porch

— MOLLY KAIMAN



Our 15 year old cat Ziggy in April 2016. Unfortunately, two months after this photo, Ziggy's health took an unexpected turn and she was put to sleep in June of this year. We had her since she was an 8-week-old kitten and she will be greatly missed.

— BRIAN MARQUIS



Wilson

Wilson is a feral cat who was trapped, neutered and returned. We've been taking care of him for five years now. He lives in our yard and has two separate insulated shelters for winter protection. It took us three years just to touch him while eating and years to pet him. He now comes running when he sees us and is rubbing up against us for pets and scratches. He's a big old love bug and the five years it took to attain this well worth the wait.

— JIMMY DEATON



Our other cat, a 6-year-old "tuxedo" enjoys relaxing under a garden bench.

— BRIAN MARQUIS



Mary Anne Martins' 8-year-old English setter Marco is very social and enjoyed meeting the station's new mascot. The two appear almost as twins On Lookout.



June 2016, our 12-year-old Lab mix Guinness with son Collin and his grandfather Chalmers Marquis at the assisted living facility where Chalmers now lives. Guinness continues to act as an unofficial therapy dog and visits often, bringing joy to everyone.

— BRIAN MARQUIS

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Rex used to reside behind a dumpster. I began feeding a colony of cats behind said dumpster a few years ago, and almost immediately realized that Rex was special. He would place his paw on my toe as I doled out the food, and he would look at me straight in the eye with a pleading but not wimpy look...a straightforward look that I now realize meant TAKE ME HOME, YOU ARE MY PERSON. After approximately six months (I went from touching him briefly on the top of his head to actually picking him up) I heeded the call and took him home. Also, there was a person threatening to have all the cats, shelters, and feeding stations removed although the property was not hers. Long story short, the woman's business which rented some rooms left, and the actual owners were and are highly supportive of the group. The colony remains to be well cared for (they are all trapped, neutered, and have had a rabies shot; check out the clipped left ear = a sign that a cat has been TNRed...trapped, neutered, returned), and Rex resides with his people.

— DEVON CAIN



PHOTO BY LAURA MAE SUDDER
"Tina," Will and "Molly" Edwards visiting D.C.

GAZETTE FAMILIES PET GAZETTE



Pomeroy

PHOTO BY MIKE LANE

This photo of Pomeroy won a contest to be featured on a Hallmark card. After spending his first eight years caged with 200 other dogs in a puppy mill, the Pomeranian was rescued by Shari Simmans and Mike Lane and made Old Town his home. Recently featured on the cover of NovaDog Magazine, Pomeroy passed away July 20 at the age of 18.



Fred

Fred is a bright red male Betta fish and proud to be a 1-year resident of Del Ray. Fred creates great bubble nests, loves his water heater, and has a unique swim-dance when we come to feed him. He sure does love his fish pellets! He even leaps a bit out of the water when he is really on the hunt!

— MEGAN FOTHERINGHAM



PHOTO BY HAL HARDAWAY

Elvis belongs to Sherry Schiller of Alexandria. He's a refugee from a Louisiana hurricane as a puppy, and ended up at the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. The most laid-back guy alive.

— MONIKA JONES



Isla

Isla Mackay is a 7-month-old American bulldog. She is very energetic, curious, friendly and loved by her family. She belongs to Chris, Connie, Cooper and Moyer Mackay of Alexandria. Since the boys in her family, Cooper and Moyer, are involved in Alexandria Baseball, she sometimes gets to attend baseball games. She was able to go on vacation to Fenwick Island, Delaware recently where she was surprised by a horseshoe crab while wading in the Indian River inlet. A long look and a quick bark and then she was on to the next adventure.

— CONNIE MACKAY



Willa Carpenter belongs to Tom Carpenter of Alexandria. Willa was a 10-month-old puppy when adopted from a rescue organization about five years ago. Willa is so gentle and good natured, she will greet you with a calm wag and a sweet smile and make you feel happy. She's the best dog ever. Tom and Willa visited Fenwick Island, Delaware, where, one beautiful morning, Willa found a great scenic spot to rejoice in the smooth sand. What a way to begin a summer day.



Sterling Jones is shown with his grand dog Jet Jones. Jet, a yorkie poo, will be 4 years old this September. He's overjoyed to be shown here with his grandpa who was visiting from Chesterfield.



Betty Anne Spar's Gracie, 10, is imperious and in charge of the household — a talking cat with plenty to say.



Cinco is the 7-year-old furry 'son' of Alexandria residents Max Rotermund and Susan D. Dawson. As a gift, a dear friend Ray Glover painted a portrait of Cinco with our other cat Esne. Apparently Cinco liked the picture — he became obsessed with it and pawed it periodically until it got hung on the wall out of his reach.



Minion dressed for 4th of July.

AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

Minion is a 2-year-old, 60-pound lap dog, who would love to be your best friend. He is a big doof who is goofy and playful. Minion can be energetic but has a quiet side as well and enjoys a good nap from time to time. Minion would prefer a house without cats, as he feels that he already does a stellar job liberating the yard from squirrels. While he is good with kids, he doesn't know his own size, and he might accidentally knock someone tiny over with all of his kisses, so he would be best with older children. This Yanky Doodle Dandy is housetrained and knows several commands. Since he is food motivated, training is a snap, so if you want to do rally or agility, he might be a dog to meet. He would be a great running buddy/hiking companion. Minion has short hair so he is a snap to clean up if he gets dirty and is so patient he doesn't mind getting clean. Most of all Minion is desperate to please his people and is simply waiting for a home where he can prove himself. Visit dcpawsrescue.org/ for more about adopting Minion.

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His name is Jack, and he's a Cairn Terrier. His mother is Yvonne Callahan. He's a connoisseur of MilkBones. I call him Wolfman Jack, because his face looks like Lon Chaney, Jr. in the 1939 movie "The Wolfman."



Rosalyn with William Todd Viar and resident cat Gandalf.

AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

Lovable Rosalyn (white and gray cat) engaged in her favorite hobby: napping with her humans and foster siblings. Rosalyn, who is 1 year old, 5 pounds, and sports an adorable bobtail, gave birth to a litter of kittens shortly after being rescued from a high-kill shelter. She and three of her kittens are still searching for a forever home through DC PAWS Rescue. Visit dcpawrescue.org/ for more about adopting Rosalyn or her kittens.

— KATHERINE VIAR



PHOTO BY LAURA MAE SUDDER

New puppies are fun — Anya Traub and Yoshi.



Carol Siegel's Molly, 2, sits in hopes of a treat at The Old Town School for dogs at an annual fund raiser for the Alexandria Dog Shelter.



Then: at 4 weeks old.

Two years ago workmen at the government center where my husband works in Fairfax County heard tiny noises from a dumpster. They found four crying newborn kittens in a tied bag. An email was sent to my husband's office and fortunately a colleague of his took them home and cared for them until they were 4 weeks old. She took pictures of them (3 brothers and a sister) and all were lovingly adopted — we chose the precious little calico girl. Her adorable face with its special markings and sweet expression touched my soul. We named her Tilly Triumph for her triumphing over her terrible beginnings. All her brothers are doing beautifully as well. She is the joy of our life and never leaves my side. Wherever I am in the house — there she is. I can't imagine my life without her and thank God every day for those workmen.

— LUCY LYONS WILLIS



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3 Cool Menus for Hot Days

Here are three restaurants to refresh you as the mercury soars.

BY HOPE NELSON
GAZETTE PACKET

There's no denying it: The dog days of summer have arrived in full force. Local thermometers have flirted with the triple-digit mark all week long, and normally bustling King Street has found its sidewalks nearly empty as residents take shelter from the heat. When you're looking for some cooler fare, try these restaurants on for size.

Zento, 693 N. Washington St.

Sushi is always a welcome sight when the outdoor temperatures soar. Cool rice, fresh fish (or vegetables), and crisp edamame conspire to make a filling meal that won't leave you overstuffed or overheated. And when it comes to area sushi bars, you could do worse than Zento in North Old Town.

The sushi menu offers a plethora of options, but for something a little out of the

ordinary, be sure to give the chirashi bowl a try. This rice-based bowl, which is available with fish or in a vegetarian version, is teeming with fresh sashimi and garnishes — or with fresh vegetables and tofu in the vegetarian option. The sushi rice is seasoned beautifully and brings with it just a hint of vinegar and sugar, ensuring the dish has balance with each bite. Equal parts light and hearty, it makes for a complete meal in one tidy package.

The Pita House, 719 King St.

Mediterranean food has a way of transporting diners to the Greek islands, subbing out hot and humid days for more arid climes in one's imagination. Step into the Pita House and you'll be taken straight there nonstop. From sandwiches to salads to entrees, this Old Town mainstay has you covered on a hot summer day.

For the ultimate in refreshment, start your meal with an appetizer of hummus bel fool, hummus topped with fava beans and served

with pita bread. For your main course, the Pita House's Greek salad is one of the best in town and is certainly worthy of your attention; if you're looking for something a little heartier, the chicken shawarma offers up a nice balance of hot-and-cold, roast chicken with cool veggies.

Dairy Godmother, 2310 Mount Vernon Ave.

Double dare you to mosey down Mount Vernon Avenue at night (or midday) and pass by the Dairy Godmother without stopping in! The smells of custard and cones wafts through the front door and onto the sidewalk, beckoning to passers-by. And don't be put off by the sometimes-lengthy line; it progresses quickly and before you know it, you'll have a custard of your very own in your hot little hands.

The flavors change with the day (if you're looking to plan ahead, the shop has a "Fla-



Zento offers up cool sushi on hot days.

vor Forecast" at its website at www.thedairygodmother.com), but vanilla and chocolate remain on the menu nearly all the time. Upcoming treats for the days ahead include Mexican chocolate, banana pudding, and Mozambique — all perfectly great ways to cool down no matter the time of day.

Hope Nelson owns Kitchen Recessionista, www.kitchenrecessionista.com. Email her any time at hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.

CALENDAR

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

ONGOING

Exhibit: "A Retrospective Exhibit of Florals and Still Life." Gallery hours at Goodwin House Alexandria Art Center, 4800 Fillmore Ave. Artist Concetta C. Scott presents her work. Call 703-578-1000 for more.

Caribbean-American Jubilee Arts Exhibition. Through July, gallery hours at The Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. The Second Art Impact USA Caribbean Jubilee Arts Exhibition is in honor of National Caribbean-American Heritage Month. Free. Visit www.artimpactusa.org for more.

"Violent Grace: A Retrospective." Through July 30, gallery hours at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. This exhibit is a survey of five decades of paintings by Edwards Knippers. Free. Visit www.ourconvergence.org for more.

Art Exhibit: "At Water's Edge." Through July 31, gallery hours at Multiple Exposures Gallery – Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. A photographic exhibit by Maureen Minehan. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Art Exhibit: "Generations." Through July 31, gallery hours at Torpedo Factory Art Center – Studio 306, 105 N. Union St. Realist artists James Dean and Kara Hammond bring together their space related works to celebrate the early days of space travel and exploration. Free. Visit www.karahammond.wordpress.com for more.

Summerquest. Various times at various libraries in Alexandria. SummerQuest is divided into three groups: SummerQuest, Jr. (ages 0-5), SummerQuest (ages 6-12) and Teen Summer Reading (ages 12-18). This year's theme is "Read for the Win!"

Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.
"The Beauty of Inflection." Through July 31, gallery hours at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Julia Bloom and Susan Hostetler have created complementary bodies of work, in both two and three dimensions, inspired by nature; murmurings and birdsongs, and organic grids of color and light. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

"Urinetown the Musical." Through Aug. 1, various times at Ainslie Arts Center – Episcopal High School, 3900 W. Braddock Road. Winner of three Tony Awards, including Best Book, "Urinetown" is a tale of greed, corruption, love, and revolution in a time when water is worth its weight in gold. Tickets are \$30. Visit www.monumentaltheatre.org.

"Not a Box." Through Aug. 7, gallery hours at The Art League, 105 N. Union St. Art League artists use a dedicated space in the gallery to create an installation. Juror Alex Paik, an installation artist, selected 12 works. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

Exhibit: "Decathect: a verb." Through Aug. 14, gallery hours at The Associates' Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The theme of the show is derived from a series of personal studies illustrating Richard Greenway's progression from when he began painting with oils in 2010. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Art Exhibit: "Streets Meets Glass." Through Aug. 15, business hours at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 4101 Eisenhower Ave. The exhibit features the work of two Del Ray Artisans artists, Joshua Oliveira and Betsy Mead. Free. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW.

Fort Hunt Concerts. Through Aug. 28, Sundays 7-8 p.m. at Fort Hunt Park, 8999 Fort Hunt Road. A different band performs each week. Free. Visit www.nps.gov/gwmp for more.

Collage and Ceramics – Kathryn Horn Coneway. Through Aug. 28, gallery hours at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Free. Visit

www.kathrynconeway.com for more.
"Dotted Space." Through Aug. 28, gallery hours at The Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. The exhibit will feature site-specific installations and a series of artist pop-up books that use dotted lines to demarcate rectilinear spaces. When viewed from a particular angle, the dotted lines seem like three-dimensional shapes, some of which appear to penetrate

and continue through the gallery walls. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.
Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery:
"Explorations Part I." Through Aug. 28, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 105 N. Union St. Artists' take inspirations from the early explorers: Vikings, Phoenicians, Marco Polo, tall ships, discovery of the New World and more. Free. Visit

www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com for more.

Cool Yoga. Wednesdays through Aug. 31, 7:30 p.m. at Just ASK Publications and Professional Development parking lot, 1900 Mount Vernon Ave. Cool Yoga is a community event taught by Maureen Clyne, presented by @home | real estate lounge and design center and sponsored by Senzu Juicery. Each Cool Yoga class ends with a Senzu Juicery "After Party" with complimentary fresh, cold pressed juices. Free. Visit www.prasadayoag.com for more.

Women of Civil War Alexandria Tour. Through Sept. 3, 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Learn more about women's roles during the Civil War in Alexandria. Presented by the National Women's History Museum (NWHM). Tickets are \$15, \$12 for NWHM members. Visit www.nwhm.com/get-involved/event/walking-tours.

Summer Chamber Series. Sundays, through Sept. 11, 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association presents the 26th annual chamber music series. Free. Visit wmpamusic.org for more.

Mercy in Alexandria Walking Tour. Sundays at 1:30 p.m. at Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St. Experience an inside access tour of 19th century Alexandria. Inspired by the PBS mini-series "Mercy Street," accompany a trained military historian through Civil War-era Alexandria and learn the actual history behind the TV show. Short tours are \$15, private tours for five are \$149. Visit www.dcmilitarytour.com for more.

The Lyceum: 175 Years of Local History. Ongoing, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. On view in the museum's Coldsmith Gallery, the historical objects and images featured represent The Lyceum, the community at work, and



Alexandria Celebrates Harry Potter's Birthday

Celebrate Harry Potter's birthday weekend and the release of the newest addition to the Harry Potter franchise — "The Cursed Child" July 30-31. Find a scavenger hunt, family tour, and tours for adults. Visit www.apothecarymuseum.org for a full schedule.

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commemorations and celebrations.

Throughout the exhibition, visitors are invited to “be the curator” and think about why the various artifacts are in the museum’s collection, and about how tangible representatives of the past help tell the story of Alexandria’s history. Free. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org for more.

Medical Care for the Civil War Soldier Exhibit. Ongoing at the Fort Ward museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. ongoing exhibit which features original medical instruments and equipment from the Civil War period and information on Union Army hospital sites in Alexandria. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/fortward for more.

Alexandria’s Nurses & Hospitals During the Civil War. Ongoing at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. An exhibit on the life of Clarissa Jones, a nurse at The Lyceum hospital during the Civil War. The true story of a nurse in Alexandria during the war, drawing parallels with characters portrayed in the PBS drama “Mercy Street,” with references to the experiences of other nurses, such as Anne Reading, who worked in the Mansion House hospital, and Jane Woolsey, who served at the Fairfax Seminary hospital. Admission is \$2. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/lyceum for more.

“Ancient Art of Movement.” 1 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Carmen Shippy, retired professional dancer, teaches a series designed for ages 50 and above. Movements are designed to strengthen core muscles and increase flexibility. Adjustments will be made for those with physical limitations. First lesson in the series is free for

non-center members. To continue lessons, a yearly membership to all Senior Center programs is \$48. Call 703-765-4573 to sign up.

Flamenco Show. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at La Tasca, 607 King St. Watch dancers and guitarists perform traditional flamenco. Free to attend. Call 703-299-9810 or visit www.latascausa.com.

French Movie Night. Every Thursday, 7 p.m. in the back room of Fontaine Caffé & Creperie, 119 S. Royal St. View a French film. Free, no reservation necessary. Call 703-535-8151 or visit www.fontainecaffe.com/reviews.html.

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 and 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.

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays 12-5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward

collection. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

National Inventors Hall of Fame Exhibit. Through November at The National Inventors Hall of Fame—USPTO campus, 600 Dulany St. The exhibit features the stories of Inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame who served their country during World War II and returned home to help build the nation with their innovations. Free. Visit www.inventnow.org.

Dinner for the Washingtons. 12 p.m. 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.



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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.alexandriaarchaeology.org.

Doggy Happy Hour. Starting April 5, Tuesdays through October 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Doggy Happy Hour at Jackson 20 and the Hotel Monaco Alexandria offers specials on cocktails and beers plus treats and water for canine companions. Free, but drinks sold separately. Visit www.monaco-alexandria.com for more.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Olympic Champions Camp. July 25-Aug. 26, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. at Boys & Girls Club, 401 N. Payne St. The Olympic Champions Camp incorporates "Triple Play" to engage mind, body, and soul. Campers participate in reading, STEM, sports, meditation and more. Prices vary. Visit www.bgcgw.org for more.

Theatre Camp. Through Sept. 2, various times at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Offering a variety of camps for age 3 through 8th grade, covering creative play, acting, singing, dancing, musical theatre and improv. Sessions also include comedy, scene study, Shakespeare and drama. Tuition prices vary. Visit www.thelittletheatre.com for more.

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. Photographers 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 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.

THURSDAY/JULY 28

Jane Austen Dance Class. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. In preparation for the Jane Austen Ball on Aug. 13, learn 18th-century English country dancing. Tickets are \$12 each or \$30 for the series. Call 703-746-4242.

FRIDAY/JULY 29

Film Screening: "Back to the Future." Movie starts at dusk, activities start at 6 p.m. at Four Mile Conservatory Center, 4109 Mount Vernon Ave. Free. Visit www.fourmilemovieseries.com.

Movies Under the Stars: "Mrs. Doubtfire." 8:30 p.m. at John Carlyle Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Attend an outdoor movie shown on a three-story high movie screen. Free. Call 703-746-5592 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation.

SATURDAY/JULY 30

Children's Art Workshop: "The Beauty of Inflection." 2 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Julia Bloom and Susan Hostetler have created complementary bodies of work, in both two and three dimensions, inspired by nature. The artists will conduct a workshop for children ages 8-12, to explore various media including making stencils and create work reflecting the nature of the show. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Harry Potter Countdown to Midnight Party. 8 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Potomac Yard, 3651 Jefferson Davis Highway. Harry Potter fans are invited to Countdown to midnight and the release of "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child," a special rehearsal edition script book, which goes on sale July 31 at midnight. Free. Call 703-299-9124 for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 30-31

Harry Potter Birthday Weekend. At Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. Saturday features adult-only tours of the museum from 7-10 p.m. that includes an adult beverage, make-and-take activity, photo opportunities and time to explore items familiar from the Harry Potter series and their real-world uses. Event ends in time to join the midnight release of "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child – Parts I & II" at Hooray for Books. On Sunday, celebrate Harry Potter's birthday with family-friendly tours of the apothecary from 1:30-6 p.m. Hooray for Books will sell Harry Potter merchandise and leading Harry Potter trivia. Tickets are \$15 for Saturday, \$6 for Sunday. Visit



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Gadsby's Tavern Open House on Aug. 6

Explore Gadsby's Tavern Museum at a free open house on Aug. 6, 1-5 p.m. Learn to dance like George Washington; meet early 19th century cookbook author Mary Randolph; and enjoy tours featuring 18th century tavern foodways. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org or call 703-746-4242.



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SUNDAY/JULY 31

Dueling Designers. 1-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Two designers simultaneously create original floral arrangements using identical materials. Discover how different creative styles, techniques and approaches to design and materials are revealed. Tickets are \$22, \$45 for the program followed by a traditional English tea. Call Historic Green Spring at 703-941-7987 to register.

AUG. 1-31

Family Golf Days. All day at Pinecrest Golf Course, 6600 Little River Turnpike. Parents pay for their 9-hole round of golf and their son or daughter (ages 8-17) will receive

their round and a pull cart rental for free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/pinecrestgc for more.

Latin Expressions Exhibit. Gallery hours at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Two dozen artists have contributed to an exhibit titled "Magic and Color." Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

TUESDAY/AUG. 2

"West Side Story." 7 p.m. at 600 Wolfe St. See a performance of Little Theatre of Alexandria preceded by a reception. Tickets are \$35. Visit www.gadsbystavernmuseum.us/events/westsidestory for more.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 3

Babes in the Woods. 9:30-11 a.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Explore the parks of

Northern Virginia with your babies in backpack carriers. Tickets are \$5. Call 703-228-6535 for more.

Summer Reading Puppet Show. 10:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Young story lovers are entertained by a puppet show presented by Blue Sky Puppet Theatre. Tickets are \$4 for Fairfax County residents, \$6 for non-residents plus a supply fee. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/manor.htm.

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY/AUG. 3-4

War. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. War is currently on a national tour where they are performing both their classic hits and new music from the "Evolutionary." Tickets are \$55. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

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THURSDAY/AUG. 4

Let's Grow Garden Club: "Sunny Days." 1-2:30 p.m. at Green Springs Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Kids will learn why the sun is important to photosynthesis and cook garden-fresh pizzas in a solar oven. Tickets are \$15 per child. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/.

Jane Austen Dance Class. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. In preparation for the Jane Austen Ball on Aug. 13, learn 18th-century English country dancing. Tickets are \$12 each or \$30 for the series. Call 703-746-4242.

AUG. 4-SEPT. 18

Exhibit: Kit Keung Kan. Gallery hours at The Athenaeum, 201 S. Prince St. Kit Keung Kan is a Hong Kong-American artist and physicist who interprets traditional Chinese landscape paintings with his passion for the art form as well as his experience in scientific study and research such as relational concepts and objective abstraction. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

FRIDAY/AUG. 5

Reception: "FUN-derful." 7-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Celebrate a new exhibit featuring humorous art created by local artists. Free. Visit www.delrayartisans.org for more.

AUG. 5-27

Exhibit: "The Silent World." 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays at Gallery @Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. "The Silent World" explores the intricacies of creativity and the effect of society, education, and age on the creative process. Students are asked to respond to the prompt: "95% of the ocean is still unexplored. Make something that's never been seen before that you think lives in the deep ocean." Their responses will

make up the Silent World Exhibit and lead to conversations about the way our creative nature changes over time. Free. Visit www.ourconvergence.org for more.

AUG. 5-28

Exhibit: "FUN-derful." Gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans invites you to a curated exhibit humorous art. Free. Visit www.delrayartisans.org for more.

SATURDAY/AUG. 6

Friendship Firehouse Festival. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. This year marks the 150th Anniversary of the City of Alexandria Fire Department. Held at the historic Friendship Firehouse, the festival celebrates the role firefighters have played throughout history, especially those of Friendship. The event will feature a collection of antique fire equipment and, courtesy of the Alexandria Fire Department, a display of modern fire trucks and apparatus. The Alexandria Red Cross and the Community Emergency Response Team will also be on hand. Other attractions include craft booths, food vendors and free birthday cake. Free. Visit www.friendshipfire.net.

Cold Press Soap Making. 9:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how to make cold process soap using all natural, botanical ingredients. This demonstration shows how to safely handle and store lye, how to add fragrance, exfoliants and colorants, and covers molding, curing, and packaging ideas. Take home two bars of soap and soap recipes. Tickets are \$65 for Fairfax County residents, \$80 for non-residents plus a supply fee. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/manor.htm.

Floral Design Workshop. 10 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Large leaves and bold flowers accent the arrangement that you make with the help of florist, Chuck Mason. Reuse the container

and design ideas to make a tropical arrangement at home. Tickets are \$38 for Fairfax County residents, \$40 for residents plus a supply fee. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/manor.htm.

Lecture: "A Fine Beginning." 12-4 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. In August 1753, John Carlyle and his wife, Sarah Fairfax Carlyle, moved into their new home in Alexandria. That night, Sarah gave birth to a son, William. Visit the museum and learn about 18th century colonial family life. Children can also play 18th century games on the front lawn. Free, \$1 suggested donation. Call 703-549-2997 for more.

Youth Arts Festival. 1-5 p.m. at Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. This festival will showcase the talents of youth around the city and serve as a forum of expression for both visual and performing arts. Free. Call 703-549-7115 ext. 370.

Tavern Day Open House. 1-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. and Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. Experience Alexandria's five-star hotel of the 18th century, made famous by John Gadsby, whose guests included George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. Explore the museum with costumed guides, learn more about 18th century foodways and enjoy period music and dancing in the historic ballroom. Free. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/summer.

Country-Western Dance. 6:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles welcome. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Visit www.nvcwda.org.

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God has called one of his angels home to be with him. Mary Jacqueline Winborne departed this life on July 23rd, 2016 at 7:15 a.m.

Home going service will be held Saturday, July 30th, 2016 @ Harvest Assembly Baptist Church, 8008 Fordson Rd., Alexandria, VA 22306.

View will begin at 11 o'clock and home going service will begin at 12 o'clock. Be Blessed, Thank you! – The Winborne Family

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-Werner Heisenberg



Lyndall Coffey McCloud, passed on July 13, 2016 at the age of 103 in Charlottesville, VA. Lyndall was born May 6, 1913 in Woodson, VA; she was the daughter of the late Charles Franklin Coffey and Georgia Campbell Coffey.

She was raised in the Rosemont area of Alexandria, VA and completed high school at the old Alexandria High School. Lyndall was predeceased by her husband Walter D. McCloud to whom she was married for over 50 years. She is survived by her brother, Carlton Coffey (wife Elizabeth) of Charlottesville. She was the loving aunt to many adoring nieces and nephews and a special niece, Beverly Beeton, also of Charlottesville.

Lyndall graduated from George Washington University and received a graduate degree from Columbia University in New York. She then worked at the Federal Reserve in Washington, D.C. as an Economist.

Until her retirement in the early 1970s, Lyndall and Walter lived in Vienna and Aldie, VA. They then lived in Marysville, Ohio and Homestead, Florida. Prior to returning to Virginia, Lyndall lived in Alexandria, Louisiana for about ten years. In 2008, she moved to Charlottesville to be near her family.

A Memorial service was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 23, 2016 in the Hill and Wood Funeral Chapel in Charlottesville. Burial will be held in Milford Center, Ohio.

Memorials may be made to the National Organization of Women (NOW.org), or to Legacy Hospice, 500 Faulconer Dr., Charlottesville, VA 22903 or to the charity of your choice.

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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 16-07-08

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking proposals for Strategic Planning/Facilitation Services for the Alexandria City School Board of Alexandria, Virginia. Emailed Proposals with the notation RFP# 16-07-08 Strategic Planning/Facilitation Services for the Alexandria City School Board of Alexandria, Virginia will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, August 4, 2016. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the email. 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 <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financial-services/purchasing/>

All questions answered will be posted as an addendum to the ACPS web site.

No submitted proposal 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.

Sharon T Lewis
Director of Procurement

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Executive Officer is hereby directed to have published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Alexandria, for two consecutive weeks, notice of the proposed change in the schedule of rates, fees and charges and the day and time of the public hearing.

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The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking proposals for Coaching & Support of the International Academy Strategic Planning Process at ACPS Schools.

Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 16-07-07 Coaching & Support of the International Academy Strategic Planning Process will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, August 4, 2016. 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 703-619-8162, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPS website at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financial-services/purchasing/>

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today and for the future. I am not saying that any one who opposes changes is bigoted or prejudiced. But I am singling out Davis's bigotry, beliefs and actions as toxic and abhorrent to our city's values and therefore unworthy of continued honor.

"Every generation" David Brooks wrote, "has a duty to root out the stubborn weed of prejudice from the culture." To those who wish to "root out" a "weed of prejudice," let's begin by replacing every street sign that bears the name of the president of the Confederacy with the name of an individual whose life has been the embodiment of inclusion and diversity – Bill Euille, the first African American mayor of Alexandria.

Richard E. Merritt
Alexandria

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To the Editor:

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These ideals were further refined by the Macmillan Commission, which envisioned that: "these drives had certain definitions: Parkways or ways through or between parks; distinguished from highways or ordinary streets by the dominant purpose of recreation rather than movement; restricted to pleasure vehicles and arranged with regard for scenery, topography and similar features rather than for directness."

The GW Parkway provides a contemplative, scenic vista as you drive to Mount Vernon, and, in the words of the enabling legislation "a striking and suitable tribute to the Father of our Nation, and one in which the people of America will take just pride and enjoyment."

While causing irrevocable damage to that intended homage, Alexandria's preferred alternative to the Potomac Yard Metro Station seeks only to compensate the National Park Service, not preserve the character of the parkway. Conveniently, the arrangement came out only after the draft Environmental Impact Statement, undermining the entire process with a preordained solution.

This view is reinforced by the demeaning and misleading manner in which the NPS has chosen to present the Parkway on its web site. There is no mention of the history of the parkway or its intent and purpose. It focuses instead on places accessible by the parkway. Moreover, as if to emphasize the perception of the parkway being a mere thoroughfare, the main picture on the web

site is an off ramp leading away from the parkway.

The local planning process was deficient in following proper procedures for designing the Metro Station. The Alexandria ordinance requires that adjacent properties to the parkway adhere to the zoning ordinance commonly referred to as the "Washington Street Standards." From its inception, the city insisted that the preferred alternative for the Metro Station was not encumbered by that ordinance (because there was a property in between), but that happened only after the design was approved.

Only after the approval of the Metro Station did Alexandria relinquish a parcel of property that fronted the parkway to WMATA. In accordance with the agreement, the city then gave the remaining parcel to the NPS, which places the Metro Station fronting the parkway and under the auspices of the Washington Street Standards. However, the NPS rejected that offer, negating the ordinance enacted to protect the memorial character of the parkway because the land being offered is polluted. The Metro Station should have been under the zoning ordinance requirement to meet the Washington Street Standards. The current design is not in accord with those standards or in keeping with the memorial character of the parkway as prescribed in the 1929 agreement between the city and the federal government.

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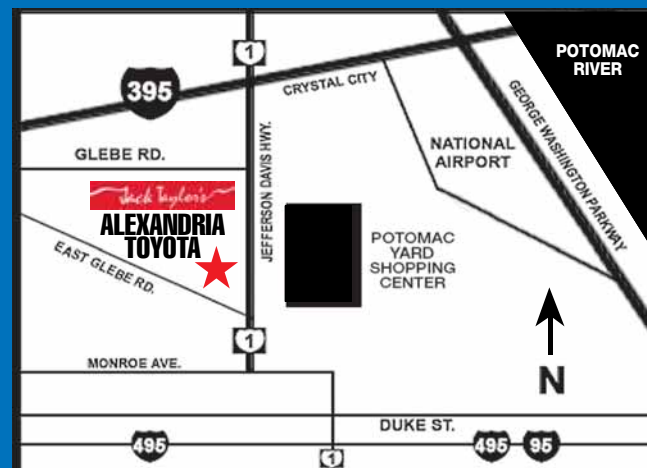
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