



Jim Fetgatter leads the parade in his convertible.



Youngsters enjoy their wagon ride.

PHOTOS BY MIKE SALMON/THE GAZETTE

New Families in Marlan Forest Make the Parade

Mount Vernon community has its first Independence Day parade.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE GAZETTE

Neighborhood demographics were right this year, so the Marlan Forest neighborhood broke out the red, white and blue and put together its first annual Independence Day parade on the morning of July 4.

"All these young families moved in," said Hallie Hays, one of the parade organizers who

sent out flyers and posted a few sandwich boards around the community, which is right off Fort Hunt Road in Mount Vernon.

Leah Malone was there with her five children. "It's actually a close knight neighborhood," Malone said.

Peter Squire just moved in a week ago, and liked the sense of community here. "This is really nice," he said.

On Admiral Drive, tables were set out and covered with patriotic tablecloths and food,

and everyone paused for the Pledge of Allegiance before a couple of decorated cars led the pack of bicycles, parents pulling wagons and youngsters on scooters. Jack Santillo, 9, was dressed like the Statue of Liberty. "My mom suggested it, so I agreed," he said of his costume.

Colette Von Schaumburg got her brothers together and some friends, and decorated bikes in her garage. "We used everything we had," she said.

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Rory Von Schaumburg, 4, pauses for the Pledge of Allegiance.



Jack Santillo, 9, is the Statue of Liberty.



Hallie Hays with patriotic pinwheels.



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The parade up the Mount Vernon Bowling Green.

Commemorating Independence Day at Mount Vernon Estate

As a tradition that spans over 50 years, the George Washington Chapter of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR), organized an Independence Day Commemoration at George Washington's Mount Vernon estate, with over 40 members of the SAR participating.

The parade up the bowling green in front of the mansion was led by the Frederick Town Fife and Drum Corps 1745-1817 and the VASSAR Color Guard.

Chapter Vice President David Thomas served as Master of Ceremonies, Chapter President Ernest Coggins delivered an address, and VASSAR Rumbaugh Orations Contest winner, Gabby Lucchetti, a student from Bishop O'Connell High School, delivered her oration.

The event concluded with a wreath laying at General Washington's tomb by 1st VASSAR Vice President Pete Davenport and past George Washington Chapter President Paul Walden. Members of the SAR, Daughters of the American Revolution, and public were then invited to lay carnations at the entrance to his tomb.

Following the wreath laying, Chapter Vice President Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States at a naturalization ceremony for 101 new



The Sons of the American Revolution participants, Color Guard, and Fife and Drum Corps.

United States Citizens on the Mount Vernon grounds.

The Sons of the American Revolution was founded in 1889 which also marked the 100th anniversary of George Washington taking the oath of office of the President of the United States. The charter was estab-

lished by an Act of Congress and signed on June 9, 1906 by SAR Compatriot President Theodore Roosevelt. It consists of 50 societies with more than 500 local chapters, several international societies with over 33,000 members. Prominent members have included 16 U.S Presidents, Winston

Churchill, and King Juan Carlos I of Spain. All members have proven descent from either someone who provided military service during the Cause for Independence, or provided material or financial support to the cause. Patriot ancestors are both male and female. See www.gwsar.org



Chapter President Ernest Coggins delivers the address.



Wreath laying at General Washington's tomb by past George Washington Chapter President Paul Walden (left) and 1st VASSAR Vice President Pete Davenport.

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Local Land Use Proposals

MVCCA committees review applications.

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) was busy reviewing land use applications on Monday, July 9, at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center.

In one room, the Transportation Committee reviewed the potential impact on transportation of a proposal for a Tae Kwon Do education program in the Gum Springs community. The applicant, American Tukong Academy, presented a case seeking approval; members of the Gum Springs Citizens Association objected to the application.

The Transportation Committee and the Planning and Zoning voted not to support the application. The views and votes of the committees and of the applicant will be brought before the board of the MVCCA in an upcoming meeting prior to being sent to the county Planning Commission for its review.

The Planning and Zoning Committee chair and

members also reviewed an application to develop a private school in the Lukens Lane/Woodlawn area. This was the first presentation for the application to establish a small private general education school from Kindergarten through the 3d grade for up to 24 students. The proposal would not require additional construction and would be operated within an existing single family home at 8728 Lukens Lane.

In addition, a presentation by county staff was made to describe urban design guidelines for revitalization of the Route 1 Corridor and adjacent properties. The proposed design guidelines are intended to stimulate ideas and concepts for streetscapes, public spaces, and offer visual images for use by citizens, developers, planners, and others.

The Hollin Hall Village/Lafayette Drive rezoning application has been extended for further discussion and revision.

Huntington Crossing, a stacked townhouse development of 62 units, was approved by the Planning and Zoning Committee.

The next Planning and Zoning Committee meeting is scheduled for Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Government Center. The MVCCA does not meet in August.

Assault on Officer Caught on Video

A 23-year-old man from Southeast, Washington, D.C., is facing several charges after assaulting an officer. Shortly after 3 p.m. July 6, an officer patrolling the 8200 block of Russell Road came across a man who smelled distinctly of marijuana.

The officer asked the man to stop, but he walked away. According to police, when the officer tried to detain him, the man began physically resisting and pushed the officer away. The assaultive actions were captured on a security camera. Surveillance footage shows the officer attempting to get the man's hands behind his back, but the man continued to resist, despite commands to stop. The officer is seen telling the man to put his hands behind his back while the officer maintained control of the suspect's wrist to prevent him from further assaulting the officer. During the struggle, our officer, who was alone and saw

several people close in on him, called a "Signal 1," over the radio which is a call for immediate assistance.

This code is utilized on the occasion when an officer is in trouble or is in fear for his or her safety. An officer nearby arrived on the scene to help. The two officers eventually gained control of the man and took him into custody to conduct a lawful arrest under the code of Virginia. No injuries were reported.

The man was charged with assault on a law enforcement officer and possession with intent to distribute marijuana. An outstanding warrant for failure to appear in court from Prince William County was also served. He is being held without bond.

As with all use of force incidents, an internal investigation is underway. To view the security camera footage, go to youtu.be/LOF_iby5J_A.

CRIME REPORT

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

ROBBERY: 8100 block of Richmond Highway, July 8, 4:39 p.m. The victim stated a man came out of the woods and pushed him to the ground, taking his money. A search of the area was conducted, but the suspect was not found.

SEXUAL ASSAULT: 6900 block of Westhampton Dr., July 7, 11 a.m. The victim described being inappropriately touched while receiving a massage at the listed location. The female victim described the suspect as a male employee.

MISSILE AT OCCUPIED VEHICLE: 2600 block of Sherwood Hall Lane, July 3, 8:40 pm. The victim was driving near the 2600 block of Sherwood Hall Lane when a black Hyundai cut him off, forcing him to swerve and come to a stop next to the Hyundai. The driver of that vehicle pointed a gun at the victim who drove away. As he did, a loud sound rang out, believed to be a gunshot. The driver was described as a Hispanic male in his 30s, with short hair, driving a black Hyundai.

No casing was located at the scene but a possible graze mark was located on the victim's car. No one was injured.

BURGLARY- 4600 block of Steadman Place, July 3, 4:45 a.m. The victim was asleep and woke to someone shutting her bedroom door. She shouted and her roommates came to help, cornering the subject until police arrived. No one was injured and a 27-year-old man from Maryland was arrested for burglary.

ASSAULT (Weapon): 3400 block of Buckman Road, July 1, 12:03 a.m. Two men were walking along Buckman Road when an older model sedan pulled alongside them. The front seat passenger asked the men a question. After hearing their answer, the front seat passenger pulled out a firearm, shot at the two victims, and drove away. The two victims sustained non-life threatening injuries. It is believed this is a gang-related event.

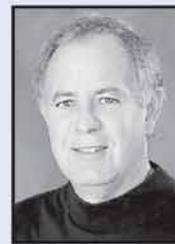
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OPINION

The Case for Labor

BY PAUL KRIZEK
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)



You may have heard about the recent Supreme Court case *Janus v. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)*. The case involved a challenge to the practice of public sector unions charging agency fees to workers who decline to join the union but still reap the benefits. These fees allow unions to avoid the free rider problem of non-members receiving the same benefits as members due to union negotiations. The Court sided with *Janus* ruling that since unions are political actors forcing members to pay dues can be

construed as coerced support for a political organization they may not agree with thus violating their 1st amendment rights. This ruling is a sad day for all proponents of workers rights as without these agency fees unions face a fight for their survival.

Throughout our history unions have been at the forefront of advancing workers rights. For example, we have sick leave, vacation, and the 40-hour standard work week because of labor unions. Additionally, unions have been a driving force in raising wages. Union workers get paid 22 percent more than non-unionized workers and non-unionized workers still benefit from unions raising the overall bar for higher wages.

Higher wages allow people to keep up with the increasing cost of living.

I am a huge believer in organized labor. During my time as a delegate, I have made every effort to use union shops for everything we

use. Using a labor union for all your needs avoids the problem of “lowest bid, lowest quality.” Union shops guarantee expert personnel and durable, high-quality materials, saving money on replacement costs down the road. The money spent on union labor goes back into the economy, providing economic stimulus and less need to cut goods and services.

It is no coincidence we have seen stagnant wages in the 21st century as unions have declined in membership. As Joe Biden said, “We build labor, we build America. We build labor, we build the middle class.” I couldn’t agree more with the former vice president and have fought for unions every day as your delegate. Stronger unions create a stronger economy and a stronger Virginia.

To help support unions in this difficult time, please consider buying union-made items when possible. For a complete list, I use unionlabel.org.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Child’s Pain Of Separation

To the Editor:

The separation of families is painful. As a Korean-American adoptee, I know that even when the separation is legal, this legality will not lessen this pain. It is worse for these children who are lost without people to help them. Do not forget who these children are — the children of families, the

hope of a world, the seeds of a future not yet realized. Yet, perhaps most importantly, these children are human.

Their humanity can be questioned and mocked to be locked inside of the safe of our collective conscience, but it will continue, it will resist, it will grow. May we not do these children wrong before they can even grow.

Kevin Omans
Alexandria

Vote to End Gerrymandering

To the Editor:

The Virginia General Assembly we elect in 2019 will determine which party gets to gerrymander us in 2021.

Although the Supreme Court has little to say about this issue, to achieve real democracy we need fair, non-partisan districting. To get that, we need an independent

commission. To get an independent commission, we can do two things. We can vote for candidates who favor such a commission, and we (like over 750,000 Virginians) can sign the petition (at OneVirginia2021.org) demanding a constitutional amendment to create the commission.

It’s past time for gerrymandering to slither away.

Dianne Thomas
Fairfax

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The Endowment Committee of Aldersgate Church awarded 12 scholarships of \$1,000 each for the upcoming academic year. The recipients are current college and graduate school students from the church. Recipients and donors included (from left) Carl McNair, Haleigh Hopper, Claire Woods Penelope Norton, Amber Skinner-Richardson, Laura Derby, Sarah Atkinson, and Sam Schrage. Also receiving scholarships for the 2018-2019 academic year were Margarita Aleixo, Liam Armstrong, Caroline Austin, Emma Ekman, David King, Lily Vita, and Kate Woods. In addition, two \$1,500 scholarships were provided to Wesley Theological Seminary.

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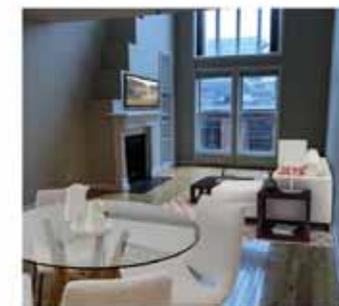
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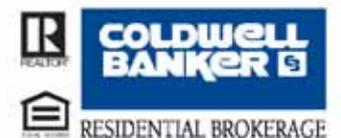


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Chamber Partnership Cites Legislative Successes

The Northern Virginia Chamber Partnership — a chamber-led business advocacy partnership — focused its efforts in the 2018 General Assembly session on promoting initiatives that led to gains in the areas of economic development, workforce and transportation infrastructure.

This year also marked the partnership's own expansion, with the Tysons Regional and Greater McLean chambers joining the Dulles Regional, Greater Reston, Loudoun County and Mount Vernon Lee chambers. The partnership now represents more than 3,500 businesses and 120,000 jobs. The following are among the partnership's successes on behalf of the northern Virginia business community in 2018:

- ❖ **Increased investment in GO Virginia.** Among the partnership's top priorities for the 2018 session was increased investment in the business-led GO Virginia economic development initiative. With partnership support, this initiative received \$15 million in additional funding over the next two years, taking the total funding to \$64 million. This additional funding will enable the business community, local governments and other economic development stakeholders to continue to work together to create more, higher paying jobs that will fuel economic growth in the Commonwealth.

- ❖ **Investment in marketing Virginia for business and preparation of business-ready sites.** The partnership also worked to secure funding to better market Virginia to businesses considering where to grow and locate their businesses. The partnership also worked to secure funding to improve Virginia's business-ready sites program. According to Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP), the lack of development-ready sites and buildings cost Virginia at least 47 projects and \$6.5 billion in investment over the past five years. The final budget included \$5.5 million for these programs.



Visiting the General Assembly from the Mount Vernon Lee Chamber were Stanley Koussis, Andrews Federal Credit Union; Mark Murray, Fort Belvoir Swim Team; Daniel F. Rinzel, Redmon, Peyton & Braswell; Senator Adam Ebbin and Holly Dougherty, executive director, Mount Vernon Lee Chamber.

- ❖ **Funding to launch a northern Virginia-based, world-class cyber initiative.** The partnership expressed support for development of a world-class cybersecurity initiative intended to be an engine for research, innovation and commercialization of cybersecurity technologies and to help address the Commonwealth's need for more advanced and professional degrees within the cyber workforce.

The final budget included \$20 million to lay the groundwork for this initiative, including development of a plan to ensure this new program can enable Virginia to be an internationally recognized leader in the cybersecurity space.

- ❖ **Addition of workforce development/talent initiative to Virginia's economic development portfolio.** The partnership was among the most vocal early supporters of a new initiative proposed by VEDP to develop

a world-class, turn-key customized training and recruitment program. With workforce among the top factors that influence business location and expansion decisions, this program, which will receive \$7.5 million over the next two years, could attract businesses considering Virginia.

- ❖ **Expanded support for alignment of credentials with workforce needs.** Expansion of the Virginia Community College System's New Economy Workforce Credential Grant Program also received support among policymakers and business leaders in 2018. The partnership was among the early supporters of this pay-for-performance program that targets resources toward workforce needs in high-demand fields. Since being launched in 2016, more than 4,500 credentials have been earned and typically qualify Virginians for careers with starting wages that increase their take-home pay by 50

percent or more. The final budget included an additional \$4 million for this valuable program, taking the total investment to \$9.5 million per year through FY20.

- ❖ **Enactment of policy to better prepare youths for the workforce and help to combat Virginia's critical teacher shortage.** The partnership supported legislation that will increase awareness of work-based learning opportunities for students and parents, expand performance-based testing at the K-12 level that assesses content knowledge as well as a student's ability to apply and interpret that knowledge, streamline the teacher licensing process, and ensure quality, consistency and equity in dual enrollment courses across the state. Coupled with increased K-12 in the budget, these policy improvements will help strengthen Virginia's education system and workforce.

- ❖ **Reform and identification of funding for Metro.** The partnership believes that a well-maintained, safe, reliable and fiscally sustainable Metro system is essential to Northern Virginia's and the Commonwealth's economic competitiveness. For that reason, support for new, sustainable Metro funding, tied to implementation of appropriate operational and funding and governance reforms, was a central priority for the partnership this session. As the legislature completed its work, the final package that passed provided Virginia share of funding for Metro, \$154 million/year.

However, more than \$100 million of the funding mix will come at the expense of other longstanding Northern Virginia transportation needs. This is a significant concern that the partnership will address. Looking toward the 2019 session, the partnership will work with policymakers to identify alternative revenue sources so that funding can be restored to other long neglected transportation needs in the region, while maintaining adequate support for Metro.

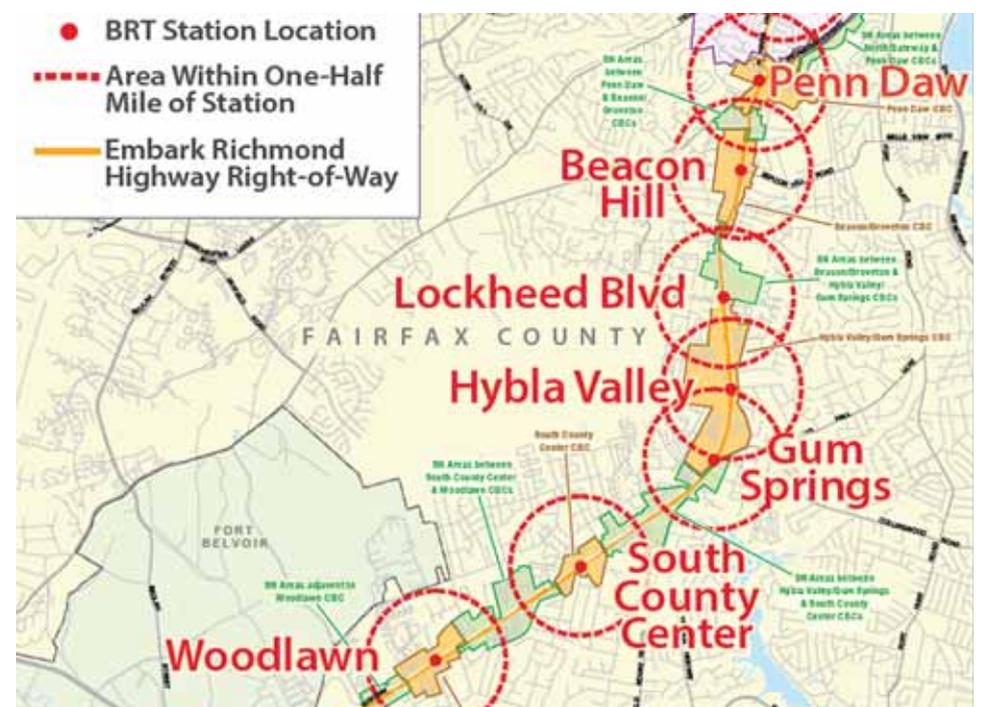
Forum To Examine Affordable Housing

In May, Fairfax County's Board of Supervisors approved a redevelopment plan along Route 1 in south county known as Embark Richmond Highway. This multi-year plan envisions multimodal improvements — roadway, bicycle/pedestrian and transit — from Huntington to Woodbridge, and the development of six community business centers with a mix of residential, office and retail uses as well as creative, public open spaces. However, this new plan could have unintended consequences for the low-income households who live in the older, market affordable developments abutting the Route 1 corridor. Without strategies to include these families in the prosperity of a revitalized corridor, they may be forced to move due to rising rents. Join the Northern Virginia

Affordable Housing Alliance's "Community Forum on Preservation Through a Lens of Equity and Inclusion" as it looks at preservation strategies for affordable housing along the Route 1 corridor. First, it will provide a briefing on the latest research "Northern Virginia's Preservation Challenge: Trends, Threats and Opportunities." The forum will be held on Wednesday, July 25, 1-3 p.m., at the Mt. Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parker Lane, Mt. Vernon.

A panel discussion will feature Nicholas Bracco, The Michaels Organization; Karla Bruce, Chief Equity Officer, Fairfax County; Nina Janopaul, Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing; and Shelley Murphy, Wesley Housing Development Corporation.

The alliance is co-hosting the event with the Coalition for Smarter Growth.



Map depicting potential areas for redevelopment along Route 1.



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Low flower arrangements, like these from Patina Polished Living, add elegance to a tablescape.



Top desserts with summer floral designs or fresh flowers.

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Designing a Midsummer Table

Using flowers and color to create a summer wonderland.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Along with sunshine and longer days, summer offers an array of design opportunities. From backyard barbecues to brunch in the garden, the right decor can add a touch of flair to a midsummer gathering.

Designing a table with the vibrant colors of summer fruit creates an air of liveliness, says interior Bridget Francis of Colors by Bridget. “Watermelon, blueberries and strawberries are plentiful now, so if you’re serving them you can use those colors as a base for your tablescape,” she said. “Think zinnias and red roses with white serveware.”

Limiting a tablescape to two or three colors lends simplicity to a design, advises Francis. “For example, I use light blue and white dishes with white table linens,” she said. “I add floral arrangements with white and pale pink roses and blue hydrangeas, some white votives, and voila, a crisp, clean summer table.”

When creating those dinner party arrangements, make sure the height of the flowers is low so that guests can see and talk to each other, advises Amanda Mertins of Patina Polished Living. “Flower arrangements are supposed to be a lovely addition to the table, not an irritant because they’re blocking your view,” she said. “I just love a beautiful arrangement that you can look down and see, and that everyone at the table can enjoy. Right now hydrangeas and roses are big. When we make arrangements we’re adding rosemary and lavender for a touch of green.”

“Etched glass hurricanes are a beautiful addition to a table setting,” said Todd Martz, owner of Home on Cameron. “They create a lovely ambiance for an outdoor setting and let you stay outside longer to enjoy the stars and fireflies.”

Be it a frosty margarita or a glass of tart lemonade, infusing summer drinks with summer foliage adds warm weather appeal to a gathering. “Think of a few rose petals floating in a pitcher of sangria or sprigs of lavender in a pitcher of lemonade,” said Francis. “It not only looks and smells great, but the flowers can infuse the drink with a subtle hint of flavor.”

In fact, Francis says that summer blooms can be

incorporated into meal prep. “I think that a cake with simple white icing, decorated with pink roses and blue hydrangeas is the epitome of summer elegance,” she said. “I also use a pastry squeeze pen to make flower designs for cupcakes. You can use the pen to squeeze whipped cream to make flower toppings for ice cream. It’s especially pretty when they are the same flowers that are in your centerpiece.”

“For additional table accents, add a decorative shell or accessory to hold down napkins,” said Martz. “Try placing a tray in the center of the table to keep all the dining essentials in one place, making it easier to bring them out and take them in.”



A few scented candles, grouped in the center of the table, creates a festive look, says Todd Martz of Home on Cameron.

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Limiting a table design to one or two colors of summer can create an elegant tablescape.

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Jackson Casey Memorial Scholarships Presented

The Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association announced the winners of the 2018 Jackson Casey Memorial Scholarships. The scholarships are in memory of Jackson Casey, a FHYAA athlete who died in 2011. Jackson participated in lacrosse, basketball and football and was a good teammate and friend to many.

The winners are:
 ❖ **Caleigh McDonough**, a Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School graduate, will attend University of Virginia in the fall. Caleigh participated in a number of Fort Hunt sports including Lacrosse, Basketball (County team and House), and Volleyball. She has served as Head Coach/Assistant Coach in Volleyball and Head Coach in Basketball.

She has also served as both Referee and Referee Supervisor for Volleyball.

❖ **Seth Lewis**, a West Potomac High School graduate, will attend University of Virginia in the fall.

Seth participated in Football, Lacrosse, and Basketball. Seth also committed his time as Head Coach in Basketball for Junior High kids.

“Not only are these special young adults, but it was a joy reading about how sports and competition shaped their lives,” said Sean Casey, the father of Jackson Casey.

The two winners were selected from a pool of applicants, all of whom were asked to describe in 750-1,200 words the life lessons they learned through their participation in Fort Hunt youth athletics. Applicants were required to have participated in an FHYAA sport at some point in their career. Applicants came from six area high schools and represent 13 colleges from coast to coast.



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Gathering at Sandburg Middle School on June 18, are, from left, Sean Casey, father of Jackson Casey; Seth Lewis from West Potomac High School; Caleigh McDonough from Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School; and John Stamos, president of Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association.

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THURSDAY/JULY 12

Story Time: Perspective Taking.
 10-11 a.m. at The Parent Resource Center Library, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 105, Dunn Loring. This Story Time will highlight books and activities to support perspective taking in young children. Perspective taking is an evidence-based executive functioning skill that forms the basis for children's understanding of their parents', teachers', and friends' intentions. Registration is limited and required for children ages 4-6 and their parents. Visit www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 14

Supervisor Dan Storck (Mount Vernon District) will not be holding 2nd Saturday office hours for the months of July and August due to summer scheduling. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon for more.

TUESDAY/JULY 17

Story Time: Making Connections.
 10-11 a.m. at The Parent Resource Center Library, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 105, Dunn Loring. Making Connections is at the heart of learning. This Story Time will highlight books and activities to support this evidence-based executive functioning skill in young children. Registration is limited and required for children ages 4-6 and their parents. Visit www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center for more.

RSVP Senior Volunteers. 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. RSVP Northern Virginia will hold a seminar on senior volunteerism. The one-hour event is free and open to anyone 55-years-old or better. RSVP, the region's largest volunteer group for seniors and retired people, provides individualized support to those seeking service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria.

Visit www.rsvpnova.org or call 703-403-5360 to register.

THURSDAY/JULY 19

Story Time: Taking on Challenges.
 10-11 a.m. at The Parent Resource Center Library, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 105, Dunn Loring. This Story Time will highlight books and activities to support taking on

challenges in young children. Life is full of stresses and challenges. Children who are willing to take on challenges do better in school and in life. Registration is limited and required for children ages 4-6 and their parents. Visit www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center for more.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 25

Preservation Strategies for Affordable Housing. 1-3 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parker Lane, Mt. Vernon. Join Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance's Community Forum on Preservation Through a Lens of Equity and Inclusion for a look at preservation strategies for affordable housing along the Route 1 corridor. The presentation will include a

discussion of how the One Fairfax Policy, a policy for equitable growth adopted by the Board in 2016, is applied to policies and programs for low-income families. Visit nvaha.org for more.

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ONGOING

Accordion Players Unite. Through Sunday, July 15, at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 625 First St., Alexandria. The American Accordionists' Association will hold its 80th Anniversary Festival and Competition, featuring Lou Coppola, who performed with the acclaimed United States Air Force Strolling Strings for over 28 years, and played the accordion at the White House for nine presidents. Also featuring Joe Cerrito, jazz accordionist extraordinaire, who has backed up greats such as Sarah Vaughn, Steve Allen, and Harry Belafonte. Visit www.ameraccord.com.

Art Exhibit: Graffiti. Through July 29, gallery hours at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery announces the opening of its juried show, Graffiti. Graffiti's unique form of artistic expression inspires this show's theme: big and bold graphics, hip hop culture, and social commentary. Themed work will be eligible for recognition by the jurors. Non-themed work may also be exhibited. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

Art Exhibit: "Drawing Energy: The Logic of Madness." Through Aug. 5, gallery hours at Torpedo Factory, Studio 21, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Guy Jones uses his Cherokee teachings to evoke the energy and spirit of living things in his pen and ink drawings. Using micron pen and scratchboard techniques, Jones creates artworks that are mischievous, whimsical, and a bit eerie. Opening Reception and Meet the Artist: Thursday, July 12, 6:30-8 p.m. Special Program – Drawn in: Taking a Closer Look at the Solo Exhibit, Thursday, July 26. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

New Works by Ken Strong. Through Aug. 9, gallery hours at Broadway Gallery, 5641-B General Washington Drive. Shipped straight from his studio in Australia, Ken Strong's new works represent a variety of subjects from Australia and the United States. Call 703-354-2905 or visit broadwaygalleries.net.

"Dredging The Lethe." On view through Sept. 14 at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Free admission. Visit www.torpedofactory.org. Wrapped around the interior wall of a smokestack of the former munitions factory, Kara Hammond's mural, "Dredging the Lethe," uses recycled book-pages, collage, charcoal, gesso and ink to create large-scale drawings of Greek goddesses amid contemporary human events. Free admission. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

WFUMC Farmers Market. Tuesdays through Oct. 23, 4-7 p.m. at Washington Farm United Methodist Church, 3921 Old Mill Road. Orchard Country Produce, from Gardners, Pa., will operate a Farmer's Market from the west parking lot of WFUMC. They also operate from the St. Luke's parking lot on Fort Hunt Road on Saturday mornings. They have a very wide offering ranging from fresh vegetables to meat and desserts. Admission is free. Visit www.washingtonfarmumc.org or call 703-780-4696.

Row by Row Junior. Through Oct. 31, local quilt shops like Artistic Artifacts (4750 Eisenhower Ave.) are welcoming children participating in



The Pipeline Playwrights include Nicole Burton, Patricia Connelly, Jean Koppen, and Ann Timmons.

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Pipeline Playwrights at Capital Fringe Festival

Presenting four one-act plays in "How's That Workin' Out for Ya?"

BY STEVE HIBBARD

The Pipeline Playwrights of Alexandria will be presenting the world premiere of four one-act plays in "How's That Workin' Out for Ya?" July 17-28, at the 2018 Capital Fringe Festival in the District. The four subversive comedies about women, power, politics, and flushing, feature works by Nicole Burton, Patricia Connelly, Jean Koppen, and Ann Timmons.

"In 'How's That Workin' Out For Ya?' we want to share how we feel about events that have shaped women's past and present reality. So, we're looking at what happens when women are given a voice in times of crisis, from the 15th century, through the 1960s, to today," said spokeswoman Timmons.

She continued: "Our characters (female and male) find themselves at professional and personal crossroads, where they are each forced to reexamine deeply held values and beliefs. We want audiences to experience what we know: that these individual truths can transcend the separate self and bind us together in community. And we do this with humor that ranges from ribald to deadpan to slapstick."

By playing at the Capital Fringe Festival, she said they're hoping to reach a wider audience. "We have had so many wonderful, devoted NoVA friends who have been following us from Page-to-Stage at The Kennedy Center to our two-reading series at MetroStage. Now we want to add some newcomers to the mix," she said.

"This is also our first fully staged Pipeline production, so we thought a 'sampling menu' — four tastes of our collective work — would be a good way to introduce ourselves to the D.C. theatre-going public. And it's Fringe, so we all wanted to write pieces that are different from the full-lengths we have cre-

ated: more whimsical or satirical — definitely fun shows for the summer."

The program of four one-acts is directed by Gabrielle Hoyt, featuring D.C.-area favorites Kanysha Williams, Carol Cadby, Natash-Lee Loyola, and Kevin Dykstra. Sam Rollin is the stage manager. The four plays are:

- ❖ "Mad Women" by Pat Connelly: A satirical look at men and women in a workplace where traditional gender roles are reversed.

- ❖ "Rebellion Dogs" by Nicole Burton: A Hillary voter, a Trump voter, and a Stein voter meet in an airport bar during Snowmageddon II. In a mess of politics and booze, rebellion dogs their every step.

- ❖ "In the Ladies" by Ann Timmons: A lovesick man, the waitress he adores, a pro-wrestler-turned-celebrity-feminist, and her daughter have an encounter in the ladies' room. What could possibly go wrong?

- ❖ "Got a Light?" by Jean Koppen: Joan of Arc argues for her life as a modern-day feminist, attempting to convince her torcher to help her escape her fate.

Performances will be in the Violet Performance Space at Arena Stage, on July 17 at 6 p.m., July 18 at 8:15 p.m., July 22 at 3:45 p.m., July 26 at 8:15 p.m. and July 28 at 4 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at www.capitalfringe.org/festival-13-2018 or at 866-811-4111. Fringe Festival Buttons are \$5 and single tickets cost \$17. The venue address is 1101 6th St SW, Washington, D.C.

Pipeline Playwrights was founded in 2016 by four local residents to create and produce work that reflects the reality of their daily lives while exploring the infinite variety of their experiences as women. I

The Capital Fringe Festival is produced by the D.C. non-profit Capital Fringe. Fringe's focus is on expanding audiences' appetites for independent, fringe theatre, music, art and dance. Fringe welcomes independent artists year-round, encouraging their creative work by offering them affordable space to make art, congregate and innovate. For more information, visit capitalfringe.org.

For more information about the play, visit www.thelmatheatre.com/pipeline-playwrights.html.

Row by Row Junior to their shops. It's the junior version of the summertime travel event for quilt making fans known as Row by Row Experience. Kids visit shops in person, collect a free sewing pattern, and find inspiration in colorful, creative world of sewing. At home, families can find free tutorial support and activities

online by visiting www.rowbyrowexperience.com or www.artisticartifacts.com for local quilting.

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. Wednesdays, 8 a.m.-noon at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Every Wednesday

(through Dec. 19), 15 local farmers and producers will sell fresh produce and fruits; meats; breads and pastries; honey, jams and jellies; dairy products and eggs; herbs; and more. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

Pick-Up Hockey. Ongoing, Wednesdays and Fridays 11:30 a.m.-

1 p.m. at Mount Vernon Ice Skating, 2017 Belle View Blvd. Play hockey with other hockey buffs, hitting slap shots and learning puck handling skills that the pros use. Players must have full equipment. 16 and older. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/mtvernon/ or call 703-768-3224.

SUMMER CAMPS

Mount Vernon's Camp

Washington. George Washington's Mount Vernon invites rising fourth through sixth graders to attend its "Camp Washington" program. Campers can explore Washington's estate through STEM-based activities focusing on archaeology, surveying, architecture, gardening, and more. Session Monday-Friday, July 23-27. Cost per session is \$400 per child for Mount Vernon members or \$460 for non-members. Camp Washington's registration fee includes lunches, snacks, backpacks, and a Camp Washington t-shirt. Visit mountvernon.org/camp.

Quest Forth into Nature. At Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd, Alexandria. Nature Quest camps have a variety of themes as they explore the plants and animals that put the wild into the park's wildlife. Nature Quest campers ages 6-11 will browse birds at camp the week of July 16, and research reptiles and amphibians the weeks of July 23 and Aug. 6. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/camps to register.

Alexandria Archaeology Summer

Camp. Monday-Friday, July 16-20, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum and Shuter's Hill archaeology site. Cost is \$400. Help Alexandria's City archaeologists excavate a real archaeological site. Campers ages 12-15 will learn professional excavating, recording, and artifact processing methods. A non-refundable deposit check of \$100, payable to the City of Alexandria, is required upon receipt of application to secure reservation. The balance of \$300 is due by June 1, 2018. Visit www.alexandriarchaeology.org.

Art Camp. Register for Del Ray Artisans 2018 Art Camp. At 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Youth ages 8-14 are invited to spend one week (July 16-20 or July 23-27) learning and creating through a variety of art skills and methodologies, followed by a one-day gallery show. All art supplies and snacks are provided. \$325 per child. Scholarships may be available. Email Youth@DelRayArtisans.org. Visit www.DelRayArtisans.org/event/art-camp-2018.

Clio's Kids: A History Mini-Camp.

Tuesday-Thursday, July 17-19, 9 a.m.-noon at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. The theme for 2018 is "Alexandria: Then and Now." Each day of camp will teach about life in Alexandria — past and present. Camp includes a visit to Friendship Firehouse Museum where they'll form a camp bucket brigade. Campers should come prepared for outside activities each day, including sturdy walking shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather. The camp is for ages 5-7. Cost is \$115 and includes snacks and souvenirs. Advanced registration is required at www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum.

Insect Safari. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Children age 5-11 can go on a weeklong Insect Safari with a camp the week of July 23. This camp explores bugs and insects that inhabit Green Spring's gardens, woods and wetlands. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring or call 703-642-5173.

Camp Invention. Multiple sessions through July 27 at Charles Barrett

ENTERTAINMENT

&pizza Opens in Potomac Yard

BY HOPE NELSON

Move over, Metro station debates and architectural plans: There's pizza news in Potomac Yard. An outpost of the DC-based chain &pizza is setting up shop in the bustling shopping center at 3525 Jefferson Davis Highway, and it launches this week.

&pizza will open its doors Thursday, July 12, at 11 a.m. – and the first 27 people in line will receive a free pizza, says director of marketing Rachel McLaughlin. (The significance of 27? The ampersand is considered the 27th letter of the alphabet.)

"This is actually a site that we had been looking at ... for quite some time," McLaughlin said. "It's certainly something that we hear from our **APPETITE** Tribe members (&pizza employees) and our shop leaders in that market as well as guests, so it made sense to give the people what they want."

The pizza purveyor is known for its untraditional approach to the pies. Their signature oblong shape gives them an instant visual differentiation, and the décor of the restaurants is edgier than what diners have come to expect from a pizzeria. The new Potomac Yard location aims to take some companywide concepts and localize them for the Alexandria clientele.

"We're a pizza chain but try to localize and give the individual (stores) ... the ability to help us cre-

ate that narrative from a design perspective," McLaughlin said. "We don't take ourselves too seriously all the time; we just take a look at that particular market and see what do people want."

And what the people want is pizza with all the fixings. &pizza is ready for the onslaught. Along with a laundry list of daily offerings, the restaurant has been branching out with its limited-time offers as well.

"One thing that you may have noticed over the last three to four months is that we have been launching more limited-time offerings more frequently," McLaughlin said. "Newness is really important to our guests."

One of the most popular pizzas happens to be a limited-time offer at the moment, McLaughlin said. The Boss Hogg, available through at least the middle of the month, is a pulled-pork affair with barbecue sauce, corn, caramelized onions, chili oil, cilantro, cheese and more.

But meatless diners won't be left out: The regular &pizza menu sports an array of pies for all palates, including offering vegan cheese for plant-based diners.

"We never lose sight of who we are and who our people are," McLaughlin said.

Hope Nelson owns and operates the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at www.kitchenrecessionista.com. Email her any time at hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.

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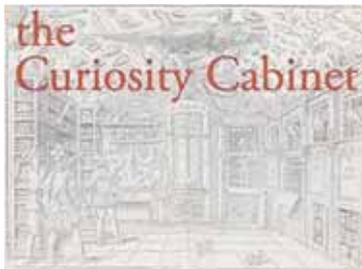
Elementary School, 1115 Martha Custis Drive and at James K Polk Elementary School, 5000 Polk Ave. Using hands-on activities, Camp Invention promotes science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) learning; builds resourcefulness and problem-solving skills; and encourages entrepreneurship — in a fun and engaging environment. See campinvention.org for details.

THURSDAY/JULY 12

Second Thursday. 6-9 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Free. Browse open studios and galleries, get to know the artists, and enjoy special programming throughout the building. Don't miss the monthly lecture series, Torpedo Talks, at 8 p.m. in the Main Hall. This series features some of the contemporary art world's best-known artists, art curators and art professionals. Visit

Call for Entries

The Athenaeum Invitational celebrates the visual arts of Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia and West Virginia. It is a theme-based event featuring the works of both specially-invited artists who have exhibited in the Athenaeum Gallery in the past, as well as works selected through a call for submissions. This year's theme, the Curiosity Cabinet, asks artists to explore any aspect of Cabinets of Curiosities or Wunderkammers. Interpretations may be literal or abstract. Submission deadline is Friday, July 13. The exhibit will run Sept. 13-Nov. 11 at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. See www.nvfaa.org/submissions.



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'Pippin' Arrives at Episcopal High School

Updated version of 1970s musical is told through a millennial lens.

BY STEVE HIBBARD

The Monumental Theatre Company, in residence at Episcopal High School in Alexandria, is presenting the Schwartz/Hirson musical, "Pippin," as told through a millennial lens from July 13-30 at its West Braddock Road venue.

"Pippin" is the story of a young man who has graduated from college and is trying to find his place in the world. He tries out being a soldier, tries out living the simple life to find what extraordinary thing he can do to leave his mark on the world," said Director Rebecca Wahls of Alexandria.

With 11 cast members, she said the show is about self-discovery, and composed by Stephen Schwartz in the 1970s — the same person who did the Broadway hits "Wicked" and "Godspell." "It's upbeat, energetic songs that are going to be stuck in your head forever. There's iconic music like 'Corner of the Sky' and 'Magic to Do' that people may have heard of — some really favorite musical theater moments," she said.

Wahls said since the musical is from the 1970s, they didn't want to put on a production that felt outdated, "so the main point was how do we make this story feel like it's happening like today," she said. To remedy that, "Everyone is dressed in a very modern way; everyone has cell phones and devices as props — things that would have never happened in the 1970s. When Pippin accomplishes something spectacular, everyone has their phones and they're live-streaming that," she said.

For audience takeaways, she added: "Pippin wants to do something extraordinary, so I hope people take away that your place in the world is unique to you and freeing yourself of expectations of your family or friends or yourself, you can find your own unique, extraordinary life."

Beth Amann, managing director of Monumental Theatre, added: "'Pippin' had a revival in 2013 and they reimagined the show

in a circus theme with a ringmaster; whereas the 1970s version had stylish Bob Fosse choreography. In the latest version, instead of having people on trapezes and cages, they are on their cell phones. So, we're doing something totally different from that. I think it's familiar enough, so if you know the plot to it, you'll be encouraged to come."

Tiziano D'Affuso, 25, of North Potomac, Md., plays the main role of Pippin. "He doesn't settle. That's one thing I like about him. He thinks going after the things society wants him to go after is too easy. He just wants more. He thinks there's more," he said. "He's a Prince. He could just easily wait to get a wife and wait for his father to die because his father is King and he's next in line for the throne. He's a dreamer; he has these huge childlike dreams and looks at everything with a different lens."

As far as challenges, he said: "Technically speaking, the music is not that easy. There's a lot of high-belted happening, and I consider myself a good mover but not a strong, trained dancer; I don't have any formal training in dance."



Choreographer Ahmad Maaty (right) directs the cast of "Pippin" during rehearsals.

He added: "I think it's about human connection and life can be beautiful by being simple. It doesn't need to be this huge, extraordinary out-of-this-world experience or wild ride. It's OK to find simple things, to find love — it's OK to love yourself."

Chani Wereley, 23, of Washington, D.C.,



PHOTOS BY STEVE HIBBARD

The cast of "Pippin" in rehearsals, presented by the Monumental Theatre Company.

plays the role of Catherine, the love interest. "So, Catherine is a woman who finds Pippin on the side of the road and decides to take him in, so she takes care of him on her farm and they fall in love," she said. "They fall in love and other things happen. She's a very interesting person; she has a lot of anxiety. She's a good reflection of anyone today who has gone through hardship."

As far as takeaways, she said: "I hope that (audiences) can see that they can get through anything that life throws at them and come out better than before."

Solomon Parker, 23, of Silver Spring, Md., plays the role of the Leading Player, the narrator of the show. "In the world of Pippin that we've created, my job is to take the audiences through the ups and downs of life and to always inspire people to reach for more, and I hope that by the end of the show I can accomplish my grand finale," he said.

He added: "For the entire show I'm trying to get Pippin to achieve something great in his life — after sending him through war and love, I present him with an offer that he's not going to be able to refuse."

As far as challenges, he said: "The first challenge was just with the text and vocally. The role was played by a woman, Patina

Miller (in the Circus Broadway revival). I was trying to find my way to add my masculinity and charm to the character but still present something people can identify and be entertained by."

This is the third year in residence for the Monumental Theatre Company at Episcopal High School — having done 16 productions since 2016. In addition to stage productions, it does cabarets, developmental and new readings, the Page-to-Stage festival at The Kennedy Center, and the Capital Fringe Festival.

The "Pippin" cast features Solomon Parker, Tiziano D'Affuso, Chani Wereley, DeCarlo Raspberry, Rachel Barlaam, Kaitlin Kemp, Justin Sumblin, Steven Labovitch, Aiden Brennan, Lawrence Hailes, Allie O'Donnell, and Amanda Leigh Corbett. Understudies include: Morgan Taylor, Ashton Schaffer, Christina Jordan, and Ben Peter.

The creative team includes Rebecca Wahls (director), Leigh Delano (music director), Ahmad Maaty (choreographer), James Raymond (set designer), Jason Brinke (lighting designer), Richard Farella (props designer), and Kateri Kuhn (costume designer).

Pippin will be presented at Episcopal High School's Ainslie Arts Center, 3900 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria, July 13-30. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursdays-Mondays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Friday, July 20, there is a 10 p.m. show. Tickets are \$40. Preview performances this Friday and Saturday, \$30. Visit www.monumentaltheatre.org.

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JULY 12-AUG. 31

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FRIDAY/JULY 13

Alexandria After-Work Concert Series. 6-8 p.m. at Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St., Alexandria. Co-sponsored by the Office of Historic Alexandria and the Folklore Society of Greater Washington, join us for monthly Friday-night concerts on the second Friday of the month. The July concert features the Ship's Company Chanteymen. For more than a

decade, the Ship's Company Chanteymen have shared sea salts' songs from the 1700s and 1800s. \$15 suggested donation for the musicians. No ticket required. Beer and wine for sale. Visit www.fsgw.org.

Trivia Night. 7-9 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronoco St., Alexandria. Staff members at Carlyle House Historic Park and Lee-Fendall House Museum have combined their random nerd knowledge to create bi-weekly trivia nights. Test knowledge on all things from pop culture to history. \$5 a person; includes one

drink ticket. Additional drinks can be bought at the cash bar. Teams may have up to six members. Registration slots are first come, first served; pay ahead to save a spot. Every other Friday June-August. Purchase tickets through eventbrite.com.

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Artist Talk: Katie Pumphrey

"Five More Minutes, Part II" is a two-part exhibition that features work by Baltimore artist, Katie Pumphrey. Through large-scale paintings and installation, her work explores the tension between movement and stillness. Sunday, July 15, 1:30 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. The show runs through July 22. Closing reception July 22, 2-4 p.m. Call 703-548-0035 or visit nvfaa.org for more.

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shoes. A limited number of boats may be reserved. Participants can use their own as well. Visit www.fourmilerun.org/.

Smartphone Nature Photography Workshop. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. 16-Adult. Learn techniques to improve smartphone nature photography with the help of professional photographer Cindy Dyer. Practice with an in-class, garden photography shoot, critique and lesson on editing. \$52 per person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 290 332 6001 or call 703-642-5173.

Tons of Trucks. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Chinquapin Park, 3210 King St., Alexandria. Attendees of all ages are invited to explore and get behind the wheel of more than 20 different vehicles from seven city departments. Vehicles include a fire engine, sheriff's car, front-end loader, dump truck, bucket truck, marked police car, trash truck, sewer truck, vacuum truck, buses and more. Parking is available at T.C. Williams High School (3330 King St.), First Baptist Church (2932 King St.), and along the southbound side of King Street in front of the Chinquapin Park Recreation Center and Aquatics Facility. \$5 per person or \$15 per family of four. Visit alexandriava.gov/Recreation.

The War of 1812 In Alexandria – A Walking Tour. 10-11:30 a.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronoco St., Alexandria. A guided walking tour of people and places in Old Town associated with the War of 1812. The tour will last approximately 90 minutes. Tickets are available in advance for \$10 through eventbrite.com, or for \$15 at the door. Tour space is limited. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and bring water. Free for members. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org.

Good Deed for Butterflies. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Cost is \$18/person. In this program on "Native Plants for Butterflies," horticulturalist Brenda Skarphol leads participants on a butterfly safari in the gardens at Green Spring. She will highlight native plants that are great for both home gardens and for butterflies. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring.

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Exhibit Opening: "Life Under the Sea." Through Aug. 26, gallery hours at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery announces the opening of its juried show, Life Under the Sea. Real or imagined, the world beneath the waves calls to our artists for this show: enchanted mermaids, coral, shells, sunken ships, fish, and glorious colors. Themed work will be eligible for recognition by the jurors. Non-themed work may also be exhibited. Free admission. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com or call 703-548-0935.

JULY 13-30

"Pippin." At Episcopal High School, 3900 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Directed by Rebecca Wahls, the Schwartz/Hirson musical is retold through the millennial lens. Using the 2013 revival script, Monumental Theatre Company shares its version of Pippin's journey of self discovery. Visit www.monumentaltheatre.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 14

Summer Kayak Cleanups. 9 a.m.-noon at the Conservatory Center at Four Mile Run Park, 4109 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. The Four Mile Run Conservatory Foundation will deploy its fleet of kayaks to collect litter along the streambank of Four Mile Run. Volunteers will have access to a water refill station, snacks, gloves, trash grabbers and bags, and a limited number of kayaks with life-vests, but are asked to bring their own reusable water bottle, sunscreen, bug spray, and water

Film Screening: "GerryRigged." 2:30-4 p.m. at Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Watch OneVirginia2021's documentary about gerrymandering, "GerryRigged," followed by a conversation and Q&A with one of the co-chairs of the OneVirginia2021 Alexandria Local Action Group. Free. Email alx@onevirginia2021.org or visit www.eventbrite.com and search "GerryRigged."

SUNDAY/JULY 15

Meet the Junior Docents. 2-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St., Alexandria. These young historians, grades 4 and older, will be on hand to share highlights of the tavern and answer questions as guests journey through the museum. Great for families as children connect with the building through their peer tour guides as well as for adults looking for some inspiration. Included in regular admission: \$5 adults (\$4 with AAA), \$3 children ages 5-12, and 4 and under are free. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Kittenpalooza. Noon-2:30 p.m. at Potomac Yards PetsMart, 3351 Jefferson Davis Highway. More than a dozen adorable kittens will be featured and available for adoption through Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation. Arrive before 1:30 if you are interested in adopting; LDCRF sometimes uses a lottery process for fairness with high numbers of approved adopters. Free admission, donations welcome. Visit lostdogrescue.org/events-archive/cat-adoption-potomac-yards/.

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Music Concert. 3-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association presents its weekly free summer chamber concert series. This week's concert features pianist Sasha Beresovsky playing the music of Beethoven, Scriabin, and Chopin.

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Local high school and college students listen to a presentation at the fourth Annual Fairfax County Environmental Education Conference presented by Eco-Schools Leadership Initiative (ESLI) where they learn how they might teach children enrolled in school-aged child care programs at their local elementary schools about the environment.



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Raashi Chandra, 14 of Fairfax, Emily Allan, 16 of Fairfax and Lauren Elliff, 14 of Burke try out one of ESLI's Consumption and Waste projects, a T-shirt tote bag meant to illustrate how trash can be converted into useful items in everyday life.

Not Your Average Conference

County Environmental Education Conference brings together 100 ecologically-minded students.

BY MERCIA HOBSON

Although the first week of summer vacation had just started, on Thursday, June 21, 100 ecologically-minded high school and college students attended the fourth annual Fairfax County Environmental Education Conference presented by Eco-Schools Leadership Initiative (ESLI) held at the National Wildlife Federation building in Reston.

The students were there to learn how they might start an ESLI chapter in their local community.

This is a youth-driven teaching program in which high school and college students would use curriculum-based interactive games and activities to present lessons about the environment to elementary school-aged children enrolled in after-school programs (SACC). Children enrolled in SACC come from diverse backgrounds some of whom may not have been exposed to environmental education. ESLI states online: "We believe that if we can educate students at such a young age, they can accomplish a great deal in the near future and become leaders in their community."

Kath Race is the K-12 program coordinator, education of the National Wildlife Federation. Race provided a statement describing how Leader Talia Schmitt, now a student at The College of William & Mary and an ESLI co-founder had been supported in her leadership through the National Wildlife Federation's Eco-Schools USA program and Eco Leaders program earning the Eco-Leader Certification.

"Through Talia's leadership, the ESLI network has reached over 325 students throughout Northern Virginia. The National

Wildlife Federation, headquartered in Reston, has served as the host of the annual conference for the last four years."

What made the ESLI Conference appealing to many Fairfax County attendees was its impact. The conference handout stated: "Being part of ESLI isn't just about helping the elementary kids in your community-it's about driving a larger movement that will change education from the ground up," starting with educating students at a young age.

Although termed an "education conference," keynote speakers were peers of the attendees, high-school and college-aged students not Bachelor or Master-degreed certified educators. Among the many presenters and leaders were Jaden Ko of South County High School, Celeste Philips and Rania Milanek of Madison High School and Sophia Applegate and Wendy Gao of Oakton High School.

THE PURPOSE of the conference was not to teach the like-minded attendees about the environment but instead to show them how to teach children enrolled in school-aged childcare programs at their local elementary schools about the environment.

The conference opened with remarks by Serena Xia, Conference co-chair and rising senior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria. After sharing how she had always been interested and involved in environmental issues and attended last year's conference, she knew when she left that day that ESLI was "a perfect opportunity for getting more involved ... I wanted to establish an ESLI chapter at my school."

Xia told how after overcoming some



"What truly makes a difference is getting the younger generation to start caring about our environment," said Serena Xia, ESLI Conference co-chair 2018 and student at Thomas Jefferson School of Science and Technology in Alexandria.

startup challenges, she and friends formed an ESLI chapter, mapped out the details and connected with a school. In January of 2018, Xia and others began teaching at the nearby elementary school using the ESLI prepared materials and reaching out to mentors as needed. Xia described how powerful the children's reactions were to the lessons. "When I see over 20 kids staring up at me as I explain the food web, or how carpooling is better for our environment, that's when I know I'm making a difference. You don't have to find a cure for the next rampant disease or invent something that will change the world. It's the simple actions, just like teaching kids how to make a reusable bag out of a T-shirt. What truly makes a difference is getting the younger generation to start caring about our environment."

Speakers at the conference stressed the youth-teachers would not be alone. Instead,



High school and college students participate in an environmental education lesson geared to elementary school-aged children, one of the many lesson plans that would be made available to them if they choose to open an ESLI chapter in their community.

they would become part of a network of students sharing their passions for the environment and environmental education. ESLI would provide them with a step-by-step guide. It detailed how to get involved and build a successful local ESLI chapter, one comprising a strong team and mentors to assist and meet monthly with them via conference calls and help guide them to map out set-up details such as choosing an elementary school, finding a teacher-sponsor and connecting with a SACC director. ESLI would provide resources such as online lesson plans, teaching tips and feedback.

During the conference, attendees had the opportunity to participate in various lessons they might be teaching, attend workshops and learn how to create an ESLI chapter at their school.

To learn more, visit eslileaders.org or email ecoschoolleaders@gmail.com.

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Jazz at Meade Concert. 4-6 p.m. at 322 N. Alfred St., Alexandria. Featuring Tony Craddock Jr. and Cold Front. This is the 11th year of professional monthly jazz concerts in the heart of Old Town Alexandria on the third Sunday of the month (April-November). Cost: \$20 donation. Call 703-549-1334.

MONDAY/JULY 16

Read, See, Do. 2-3 p.m. at Carlyle House Park, 121 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Every Monday in July, Carlyle House and Alexandria Library are teaming up to have a reading program paired with an activity. The program will take place on the Magnolia Terrace behind the house, which will be tented. Visit www.novaparks.com.

Cal Ripkin Jr. Visits. 5-6:30 p.m. at Roy Rogers, 8860 Richmond Highway. As part of the 50th Anniversary of Roy Rogers Restaurants with a visit from Baseball Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr. He will be participating in a Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation Quick Ball clinic with kids. Afterwards, guests will have the chance to interact with the Iron Man as he joins the Roy Rogers team in the restaurant.

TUESDAY/JULY 17

Mapping Human Genetic Journey. 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Free. Presented by the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. Anthropologist Miguel Vilar, Ph.D., will discuss the National Geographic's Genographic Project, which uses DNA analysis and technology to map the genetic journey of humans. The talk is called "Understanding Your Ancestry: Genographic Project Results to Date." Visit www.mvgenalogy.org.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 18

Opening Reception: Makers in the Mansion. 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House Historic Site, 9000 Richmond Highway. Contemporary work of seven local area makers to amplify the African American voice. Stories of a transformed African American community through the artisan eye. RSVP to Woodlawnevents@savingplaces.org.

Cool Yoga 2018. 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Del Ray Psych & Wellness Lot, 1900 Mt. Vernon Ave. Maureen Clynne teaches Cool Yoga – Del Ray's free summer outdoor yoga, Wednesdays through Aug. 29. Chill out after class with the Cool Yoga After-Party featuring refreshments courtesy of Bon Vivant Cafe + Farm Market. Email yoga@prasadayoga.com.

JULY 18-OCT. 22

Art Exhibit: Makers in the Mansion. At Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House Historic Site, 9000 Richmond Highway. Six installations of work by local African American makers hosted in an 1805 mansion owned by Nelly Parke Custis and Lawrence Lewis, once a prominent plantation home. Stories of a transformed African American community through the artisan eye. RSVP to Woodlawnevents@savingplaces.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 19

40 Under 40 Awards. 6-8 p.m. at United Way Worldwide, 701 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Celebrate the power of Alexandria's emerging business leaders. Join the Chamber's 40 Under 40 Awards Celebration, for a reception honoring individuals for their achievements within the community and professionally. \$89



Caroline Hatfield: Unearthing

Growing up in a Southern Appalachian coal mining community, the subjects involving environmentalism and land use have a lot of personal significance to Hatfield and she recalls the region's ironic juxtaposition of protected wilderness and mined land as a major influence on her work. Hatfield's work explores concepts of utopia and science fiction through the experience of sites, landscape, and materiality in her interdisciplinary practice. Exhibit runs through July 15 at Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

for individuals, \$405 for five tickets. Register at alexandriavacoc.wliinc33.com/events/40-Under-40-Awards-Celebration-presented-by-Beyer-Subaru-2374/details

JULY 20-SEPT. 2

Art Exhibit: Art, Light, and Metaphor. At Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. New exhibition explores the connections between art, light, and metaphor. The opening reception will be the cornerstone of the Torpedo Factory Art Center's Late Shift: Bright Lights on Friday, July 20, 7-9 pm. A Gallery Talk with select artist comments will take place at 8 p.m. There will also be a special Illuminate pop-up exhibition in the Grand Hall. Learn more at torpedofactory.org/target.

FRIDAY/JULY 20

Reception: "Off the Grid." 7-9 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. "Off the Grid" is an exhibit of artwork by Fairfax County and City of Alexandria inmates. The inmates vary in age, background and artistic experience, with most having never drawn before their lessons with volunteer art instructor Kelli Schollard-Sincock. Opening remarks by Schollard-Sincock at 7:30 p.m. For more information about the art classes, email sheriff@fairfaxcounty.gov. Visit torpedofactory.org.

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SATURDAY/JULY 21

Flower Arranging. 9:30-11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Expand flower arranging skills by attending a

workshop on Ikebana – the ancient Japanese art of flower arrangement. \$38 for program plus \$25 for supplies. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring to register.

Walking with Washington Tour. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St., Alexandria. This guided walking tour of historic Old Towne covers significant people and events in George Washington's life and in American history, with stops at Ramsay House, Market Square, the Carlyle House, Wise's Tavern, Duvall House/Tavern, Gadsby's Tavern, Washington's townhouse, The Lord Fairfax House, "Light-Horse" Harry Lee's house and Christ Church. Free. Call 703-379-7460 or visit www.washingtonbirthday.com.

Country-Western Dance. Lessons, 6-7 p.m.; open dancing, 7-9:30 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St, Alexandria. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will hold a dance. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles of all ages welcome. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit www.nvcwda.org.

Marine Chamber Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria campus, 4915 E. Campus Drive, Alexandria. Visit www.nvcc.edu.

Cinema Del Ray Outdoor Movies. 7 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Free. Bring family, friends, neighbors and a blanket to watch these open-air movies including The Lion King, The Lego Batman Movie, Toy Story 3, Cars 3 and Coco at Cinema Del Ray, sponsored by The Jen Walker Team. Visit www.facebook.com/cinemadelray.

SUNDAY/JULY 22

Meet the Junior Docents. 2-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St., Alexandria. These young historians, grades 4 and older, will be on hand to share highlights of the tavern and answer questions as guests journey through the museum. Included in regular admission: \$5 adults (\$4 with AAA), \$3 children ages 5-12, and 4 and under are free. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

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A Relative Unknown



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I knew we had family in Argentina. I knew that one of my maternal grandfather's younger brothers, Simon, had immigrated from Eastern Europe to South America in the early 1900s.

I knew, or thought I knew, that someone from his family – removed or not, I never know, had visited my parents and first cousins a time or two in Florida in the '80s and '90s. But until recently, neither my brother Richard nor myself had ever met any of these distant – double entendre-intended – relations. Well, that ended on Wednesday, June 27, in Union Station at 5:55 p.m.

There outside Gate "G" my wife, Dina and I stood holding a sign with my cousin's name on it: Eduardo Blacher (my middle name is Blacker). He had flown into New York City from Buenos Aires earlier that morning and then boarded a south-bound Amtrak train to visit us in Washington, D.C.

My first cousin, Ronnie (formerly of Florida, now of Massachusetts) with whom Eduardo has corresponded and visited over the years, had emailed us a selfie Eduardo had taken so we had a pretty good idea of his general appearance. Along with our handwritten sign, we were pretty confident the familial connection would be made.

And so it happened a bit after 6 p.m. as he walked through the gate into the station looking around for someone he'd never seen. We cautiously saw one another and then immediately hugged and kissed and said: "Great to meet you!"

Eduardo's English was pretty good so we were able to coordinate our exit from the station where, once outside, we met my brother, Richard, who had been sitting in his car waiting for our appearance. As soon as he saw us, he got out of his car and quickly walked over to Eduardo and likewise gave him a hug and kiss: mishpocheh (Yiddish for family).

When my widowed mother died in 2008, Richard and I felt orphaned, so to speak. Our parents, as in most families, were the keepers of the family faith. Having both been born 10 years before "The Great Depression," they knew the family history dating back to before the turn of the century. When they died (in 2006 and 2008, respectively), their knowledge and memories died with them. It was a palpable loss that Richard and I still feel.

We are lucky though; my cousin Ronnie (my mother's niece) has lots of family information and has become our go-to resource for all things Blacher/Blacker. She facilitated this much-anticipated visit (Eduardo is seeing her next).

To try and put Eduardo's visit in some context; in the 10 years since my mother's passing, given the ages of the surviving family members in the United States with whom we're in touch, we've not really gained any family members, let alone connected with an entire line of cousins going back to before World War I.

Eduardo has three children, four grandchildren, a sister in Israel and parents, both of whom are their mid-80s still alive and well. In familial fact, his father is my grandfather's nephew and knows lots more about my grandfather than I ever did, and has knowledge of the Blacher/Blacker family going back over 125 years as well in and out of our respective countries.

Given the pogroms and the Holocaust, for many Jewish people my age, a treasure trove of family history/knowledge like this was thought to be lost forever. Now, I have found some of it. Talk about filling a void. In facts and feelings, it has – and is about to, fill everything.

For three days, until Eduardo's departure Sunday morning, we rarely left one another's side. In addition to touring Washington, D.C., we shared photos, exchanged email addresses, talked nearly non-stop about everything, downloaded WhatsApp which we'll enable us to message each other in the future, and together on Friday night lit the Shabbos candles and together prayed in Hebrew.

I can't really express how I feel other than to say I've been crying while I've been writing this column. And it's the best cry I've had in years.

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NEWS

Teen Dies in Accidental Shooting

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is conducting an autopsy of a 16-year-old boy.

At about 7 p.m. Thursday, July 5, Mount Vernon District police officers were called to a home in the 8400 hundred block of Del Norte Court in the Alexandria section of Fairfax County after the apparent unintentional discharge of a firearm. Preliminarily, the investigation has found a teen was handling a firearm on a bed when the gun accidentally went off, striking him in the upper body.

The boy was taken to a hospital and pronounced dead.

BULLETIN BOARD

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9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at UCM's main office, 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Drop off checks and backpacks to help UCM equip students with tools for success through UCM's Back to School program. Larger-sized backpacks for middle and high school students are needed. Gender-neutral colors are preferred for all grade levels. A gift of \$40 will outfit one child with a new backpack and basic school supplies. Donate online now (type "School Supplies" in comments) or make checks payable to UCM ("School Supplies" in memo line), and mail to UCM at 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria, VA 22306. Visit ucmagency.org or call 571-255-8992.

SATURDAY/AUG. 11

Supervisor Dan Storck (Mount Vernon District) will not be holding 2nd Saturday office hours for the months of July and August due to summer scheduling. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon for more.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Assistance League of Northern Virginia, a volunteer nonprofit, invites community members to join the organization to participate in its Reading Express program. Volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring to first grade students during the school year. To learn more contact VP Membership Mary Gronlund at gronbiz@aol.com or Program Coordinator Lynn Barron at lynnieb517@verizon.net.

United Community Ministries (UCM), located at 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria, seeks volunteers for Food Pantry assistance, Early Learning Center teacher aides, basic needs counselors, youth tutors and mentors, office administration/data entry, and community outreach. Flexible hours and schedules. Opportunities for all ages to serve, including community service hours. More info at www.ucmagency.org/volunteer or email volunteer@ucmagency.org.

Operation Paws for Homes, a Virginia based 501(c)(3) organization seeks volunteers, especially to foster dogs. See

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FROM PAGE 5

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 6700 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business

7600 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business

JULY 2 LARCENIES
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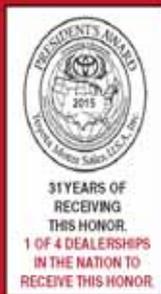
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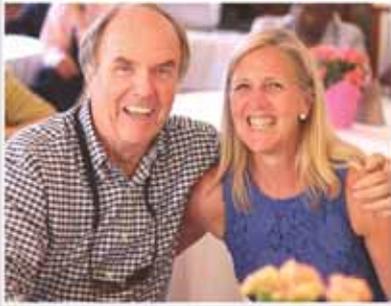
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Classic Colonial!



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