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The Chatham Square Home Owners Association is requesting to amend the DSUP to allow residential parking permits.

On the Street

Old Town complex to seek removal of parking restrictions.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

To keep new developments from exacerbating the already strained parking in Old Town, and to appease Old Town residents concerned about the impact of the added density, new developments are often

prohibited from on-street parking. Stipulations in Development Special Use Permits (DSUPs) prohibit residents of many new developments from obtaining residential parking permits. However, those at meetings protesting the new developments have often remarked that it would be a simple matter for the developers to come back at a later point and gain approval of the residential permits.

Sure enough, one of the items on the recently posted Sept. 4 Planning Commission docket is a request by the Chatham Square Home Owners Association to amend the DSUP to allow residential parking permits.

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Merging BARs?

City considers combining boards.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

When the Parker-Gray District Board of Architectural Review (BAR) does meet, which is already with decreasing regularity, it's rarely for more than an hour. The board's last meeting on July 18, which ran for 53 minutes, consisted of two case approvals with very little discussion, a new set of policies for administrative approval, and a unanimously approved selection of officers for the board. Old and Historic District

BAR meetings aren't much more drawn out either. So after having separate BARs since 1986, the city is looking at merging Old Town and Parker-Gray into one BAR.

The process started on April 10 with a proposal from Vice Mayor Justin Wilson and Councilmember Paul Smedberg, which originated from the respective boards, to merge the two. The City Council voted to initiate a text amendment for consolidation of the two BARs over protests from Mayor Allison Silberberg that several people integral to the group's founding

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Robertson Convicted

Manslaughter verdict for 2017 killing.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

A little over one year after his death, on July 26 Desmond Roseboro's killer, Demarcus Robertson, was convicted of manslaughter and unlawful wounding. The jury recommended Robertson to 20 years in jail, the maximum sentence. The



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Demarcus Robertson Desmond Roseboro

conviction brings the story of two tragic killings in Alexandria to a close.

Roseboro grew up in Alexandria, graduating from T.C. Williams High School and training in the

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Public Housing Redevelopment Falls Through

ARHA calls off Andrew Adkins rebuild, to reevaluate overall outlook.

BY DAN BRENDEL
GAZETTE PACKET

The Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA) terminated plans to redevelop the Andrew Adkins public housing site, simultaneously announcing that it will reevaluate its larger property portfolio and redevelopment outlook.

After nearly two years of negotiations, "ARHA has determined that it is not possible for this project to move forward with the proposed financial structure. Rising construction costs were certainly a contributing factor," said

ARHA CEO Keith Pettigrew in a press release on Friday, July 27. "ARHA was and continues to be committed to the redevelopment of Andrew Adkins. ... [B]ut the modifications to certain financial aspects of the deal and other concessions requested by the Development Partner [CRC] were not in the best interest of ARHA or the community it serves." He declined to give specifics, citing confidentiality.

The press release added: "[ARHA] is undertaking an updated evaluation of its real estate portfolio, including the sites previously designated several years ago for redevelopment. The as-

essment will be completed over a several month period, and will provide ARHA with the necessary market and other information required to address the sequencing of each property to be redeveloped."

"While [the setback with Adkins] is disappointing, I think it's important that the deal be right for ARHA and its residents, our residents," said Mayor Allison Silberberg.

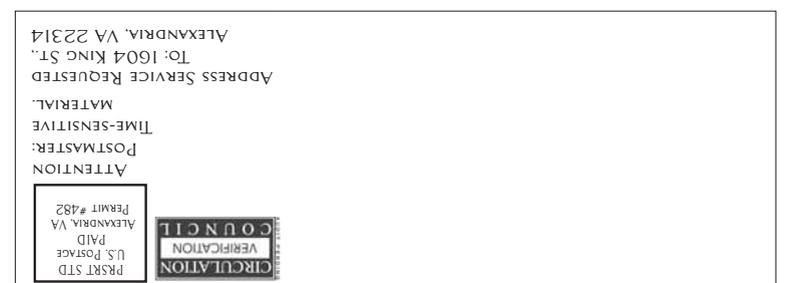
"[ARHA and CRC] have been negotiating for a while, but they just couldn't get there," said Vice Mayor Justin Wilson in an email. "We had worked long and hard to get to a place where the afford-

able housing program was something that the community could live with and appeared to be financially viable. Now that we believe we have that, we need to lock that in. I have asked that we proceed with the zoning/master plan amendment process so that the work that has occurred over the

past few years is not a waste. Done right, this should allow ARHA to move forward with a new development partner who is bought-in on the economics of development of this site from the beginning."

Wilson's statement refers in part to the city increasing density al

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40 Under 40 Chamber honors young city leaders.

The Alexandria Chamber of Commerce honored the city's emerging business leaders at the 2018 40 Under 40 awards celebration July 19 at the United Way Worldwide Headquarters.

More than 350 people turned out for the event, which was sponsored by Beyer Subaru. U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8) co-hosted the event with Alfred Street Baptist Church associate minister Michelle Millben, a 2017 40 Under 40 honoree, and Chamber CEO Joe Haggerty presented the awards with board member Stephanie Beyer Kirby.

Now in its third year, the 40 under 40 program recognizes top men and women under the age of 40 who are engaged in a variety of fields including business, technology, nonprofit management, civic life, public service, education and the arts. Eighteen women were among this year's honorees with the youngest recipient 25 years old.

—JEANNE THEISMANN



U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8), right, and Alfred Street Baptist Church associate minister Michelle Millben host the event.



Tavares Floyd, left, receives the 40 Under 40 award from Stephanie Beyer Kirby July 19 at United Way Worldwide headquarters.



Honoree Trae Lamond, right, of Chadwick's Restaurant, celebrates at the Chamber of Commerce 40 Under 40 awards with Bill Blackburn and John Taylor.



Attendees gather for a photo at the Chamber of Commerce 40 Under 40 awards July 19 at United Way Worldwide headquarters.

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Dana Wedeles, principal planner for the city of Alexandria, is presented a 40 Under 40 award from Chamber of Commerce CEO Joe Haggerty.



Alexandria Rotary Club president Paul Anderson, right, poses for a photo with the organization's 40 Under 40 honorees July 19 at United Way Worldwide headquarters. With him from left are Anh Nguyen, Ru Toyama and Christine Friedberg.

Redevelopment Plan Falls Through

FROM PAGE 1

allowances on the Adkins site. These increases were intended to enable the developer to build a big enough building(s) with enough units to make the deal economically worthwhile and sustainable. Enshrining those allowances could help attract a new developer and expedite the subsequent process.

The economic calculus also includes negotiating how many public housing replacement units should accompany the market-rate build on-site, and how many should be replaced elsewhere.

The latest plan with CRC, before it fell through, included 74 public housing units on-site and 16 offsite, according to Helen McIlvaine, the city's housing director. The on-site mix of affordability levels and the off-site location had yet to be determined. The market-rate component would have included some 500 apartments, with some "workforce"-priced units sprinkled in.

"It was good to see that the decision [to cancel

the project] was made in the best interest of residents. Hopefully when it's revisited we'll have an opportunity to get all 90 units back, or more," said Kevin Harris, president of the ARHA Resident Association.

Michelle Krocker, executive director of the Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance, an advocacy organization, said in an email: "I hope that what comes forward for Andrew Adkins and the other ARHA properties scheduled for redevelopment are proposals that align more closely to the city's Housing Master Plan and the spirit of Resolution 830 [a city-ARHA agreement to replace demolished public housing one-for-one]. If we are to be an inclusive and equitable city, we must provide housing options for all of the low-income households displaced by redevelopment to return to these new neighborhoods of opportunity that are created," she said.

CRC did not respond to a request for comment by press deadline.

Robertson Convicted

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Alexandria Seaport Foundation. Donna Walker James, whose husband had hired Roseboro off a recommendation from the Seaport Foundation, said he could often be quiet around people but was always very polite and kind. After working in the Seaport Foundation, Roseboro worked in heating and air conditioning. Walker James said Roseboro was driven, quickly learning the ins and outs of the trade and was able to handle going out on jobs on his own.

Walker James said she also remembered Roseboro's long and well maintained dreadlocks, which was a point

of pride for several members of his family given that his aunt was a local hairdresser. But after Roseboro's cousin Julian Dawkins was killed by an off-duty Arlington Police Officer Craig Patterson in Alexandria, Roseboro and several of his family members cut their hair in his honor.

The day of Roseboro's death, he'd been attending a memorial service for Dawkins. After the service, Roseboro went to a party at the Extended Day America off Eisenhower Avenue. It was at the party that two women and Roseboro were shot by Robertson. The women survived but Roseboro died in the hospital.



T.C. Williams class of 2022 students recently completed the two-week Summer Bridge program, kicking off their preparation throughout high school for future careers in healthcare.

ACPS Launches New Health Sciences Academy

High school program to facilitate pathways into burgeoning healthcare job sector.

BY DAN BRENDEL
GAZETTE PACKET

Inaugurating T.C. Williams High School's new Governor's Health Sciences Academy, on Friday, July 20, rising freshmen showed off what they'd learned at summer camp about high-growth healthcare career fields.

The two-week Summer Bridge program exposed class of 2022 enrollees in the new academy to healthcare career opportunities, for which they'll prepare over the next four years. As a summer capstone, after engaging with teachers and industry professionals, students researched and reported on particular job fields that they found interesting.

Gabriel-Mosias Brown and George Ruschell investigated optometry. Brown said he found a presentation from Alexandria's chief EMT particularly interesting. Ruschell thinks "eyes are cool," since they have "a lot of different parts for such a small organ."

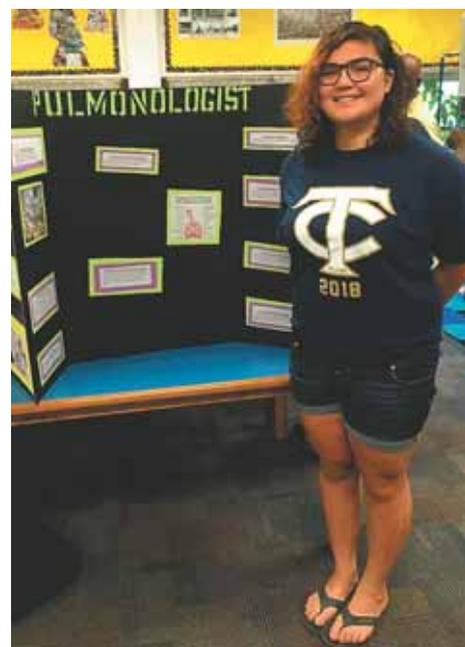
Mya Lopez looked into pulmonology, her interest sparked after seeing a news story about black lung in Appalachia. She likes the idea of improving lives through medicine and thinks the field fits her personality.

Sikor Dawit, after discovering through volunteering that she likes children, researched pediatrics. She says she's "confident" and "creative," and that these traits would serve well with young patients.

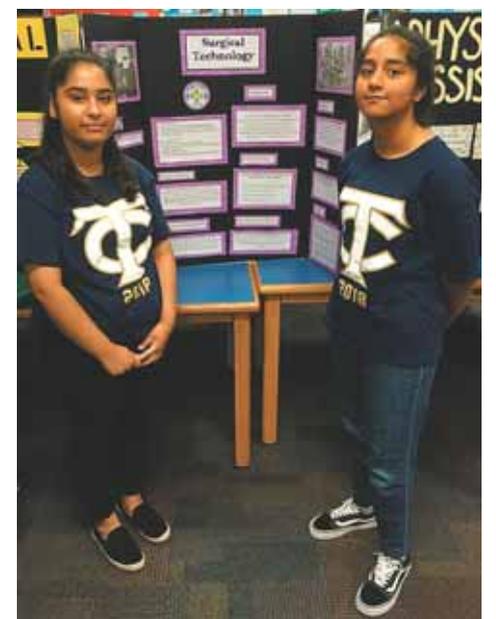
Ramala Adnan and Maham Malik investigated surgical technology. Adnan thinks healthcare might be a good fit because she's a "social" and "caring" person. She might like one day to attend medical school and become a surgeon. Malik says she's fasci-



Gabriel-Mosias Brown (left) and George Ruschell researched the optometry career field.



Mya Lopez researched the pulmonology career field.



Ramala Adnan (left) and Maham Malik researched the surgical technologist career field.

nated by how surgical technologists, who prepare patients and equipment for surgery, contribute to the complex flow of an operating room.

The Health Sciences Academy, one of only nine duly certified programs in Virginia, represents the newest addition to the schools' Career and Technical Education (CTE) curricula. CTE seeks to prepare students for the workplace and/or college by structuring coursework and real-world experiences, such as internships and job shadowing, toward 14 "career clusters."

"Each Career Cluster represents a distinct grouping of occupations and industries based on the knowledge and skills they require," according to the Alexandria City

Public Schools (ACPS) 2018-19 Program of Studies. Clusters at ACPS include, for example: business, management and administration; finance; information technology; and now expanded offerings in health science. Each cluster subdivides into more job-specific "pathways." Pathways intend to guide students toward such job fields as nurse aide; surgical technologist; biomedical informatics; emergency medical services; sports medicine; pharmacy technology; and medical laboratory science.

In such fields, the region currently suffers a shortage of 2,800 workers and expects a job growth rate of 30 percent by 2020. That's according to ACPS CTE Coordinator Sherri Chapman, citing data from

PricewaterhouseCoopers, in a June 28 presentation to the Virginia Board of Education. Statewide, practicing and technical jobs in healthcare are expected to increase by 18 percent by 2024, she said, citing Virginia Labor Market Information, a web site by Geographic Solutions, Inc.

To help students from all backgrounds capitalize on such demand, CTE aims to reduce the time and cost they'll spend in junior college and university. Through participation in the Health Sciences Academy, students can earn college credits, and even a Certified Nurse Aide credential from the Virginia Board of Nursing.

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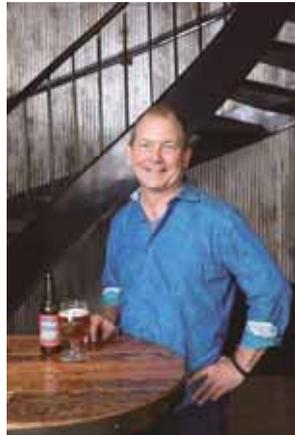
NEWS

Business Leader of the Year

Chamber selects founder of Port City Brewing Company.

The Alexandria Chamber of Commerce has named Bill Butcher, founder of Port City Brewing Company, has been selected as the 2018 Business Leader of the Year. He will be honored at the annual Best in Business Awards, presented by Burke & Herbert Bank, on Oct. 17 at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

Butcher is a fourth generation Alexandrian and alum of T.C. Williams and Alexandria City Public Schools. After graduating from James Madison University, he worked with Robert Mondavi Wine Company, building fine wine brands in the Mid-Atlantic market. As a longtime craft beer aficionado, he watched the craft beer business evolve and become more like the fine wine business. It was this evolution that convinced him and his wife Karen to start Port City Brewing Company in Alexandria in 2011, when there were no other



Bill Butcher

packaging breweries in the D.C. area. His expertise in fine wine sales and brand building helped him establish Port City as a leader in the D.C and Mid-Atlantic craft beer market. Port City Brewing Company has garnered national and international acclaim for its beers; at the craft beer industry's most prestigious competition, the Great American Beer Festival, the brewery has earned nine medals and was named Small Brewing Company of the Year in 2015. Port City beers are distributed in 8 Mid-Atlantic states, Washington, DC, the U.K., and Canada.

In 2016, Bill was named Small Business Philanthropist of the Year by Volunteer Alexandria.

He and his wife Karen live in Rosemont with their two sons, Riley, 16, and Key, 14.

For tickets to the Oct. 17 event, visit <https://alexandriavacoc.wliinc33.com/events/Best-in-Business-Awards-presented-by-Burke-Herbert-Bank-2430/details>.

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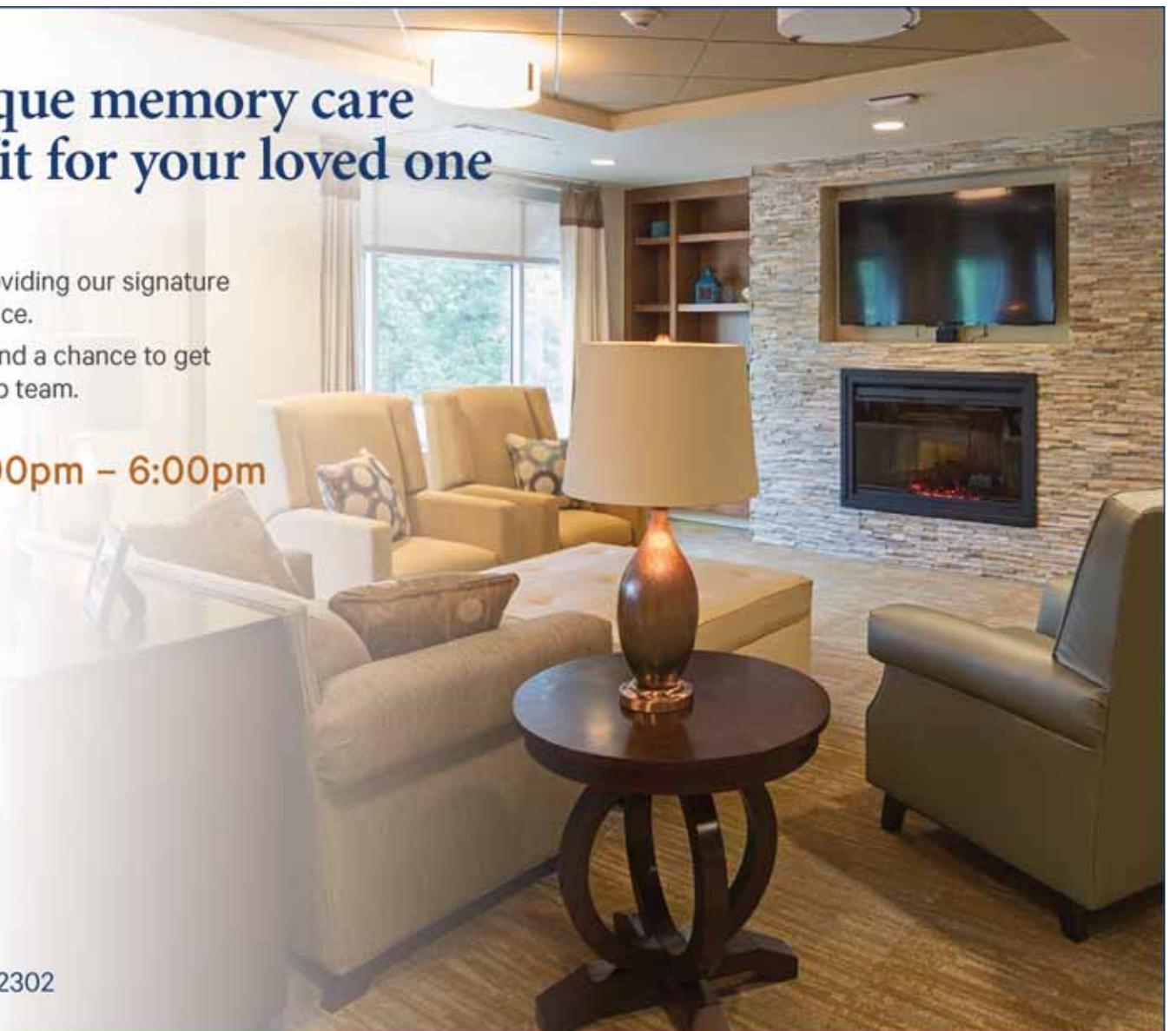
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PEOPLE

Sample It All at Ana's Twist

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

Ana Garcia has been up since 5 a.m. making her passion fruit-peach juice for the Del Ray Farmer's Market. "I make it fresh every day from organic ingredients. The passion fruit is from Ecuador and the peaches from Pennsylvania." She says this is the flavor for the week. "In Ecuador we drink juice for lunch and during the day." Her five-year-old daughter's favorite is the blackberry. "And we also export soursop from South America. It is a green fruit which is white inside." Americans might know it as guanamina.

A woman walks up carrying her one-year baby and investigates the choices. Garcia offers a small plastic cup with a sample of the juice. The baby gulps down the juice and points for more. Garcia offers customers tastes of her juices, soups and "sor-bets."

PEOPLE AT WORK

"People are adventurous and want to try things. They get impressed with the combinations." For instance, one of the most popular sorbets is the kale, passion fruit and pineapple combination or the chocolate with rose petals. Garcia says she learned to make sorbet from her mother in Ecuador where she ran a family business.

The stand also offers empanadas and ceviche. The small display board advertises today's especial "chicken ceviche."

"This is traditional for people who don't like seafood." Garcia says she packs it in the morning to keep the flavors. Most of the soups are vegan with the most popular the tomato, fresh basil and green plantains.

Garcia says she offers chicken, ground beef and vegetable empanadas, which she makes herself. All of her recipes are Ecuadorian. A regular customer steps up and ponders whether to order four chicken or a combination pack this week. The chicken empanadas are made with free-range chicken breasts, chopped carrots, peas, red pepper and just a little chopped onion to give them flavor, all ingredients from local farmers. The vegetable choice is made with "quinoa and local veggies. People know I have good stuff, real and natural." Garcia said mothers often buy empanadas to pack in their children's school lunches because they taste good.

Garcia explains she learned to make empanadas from her grandmother. "She turned 100 on the 25th."



Ana Garcia pours two large cups of the passion fruit-peach juice she had made at 5 a.m. for the Del Ray Farmer's Market on Saturday, July 28.

Garcia says she grew up with her grandmother. "We lived very close. She can breathe, walk, do everything by herself. She always told me the secret is to eat healthy." Garcia says her grandmother cannot live without fruit. "She eats it everyday. Both my mom and my grandma are good cooks."

Garcia is nestled in a small spot in the middle of the Del Ray market where she shares a regular place every other week. "But somebody left the spot so she will now have her space weekly. Garcia says she and her husband started with three locations and now travel to 11 farmer's markets. "My husband is at King Street now." The juice is popular on this hot Saturday as a woman who has biked from Arlington and a man with children in a red wagon wait their turn for a large cup.

Garcia's family all still live in Ecuador but her husband's family all live in America. They came to this country many years ago for better jobs. Garcia says their family always celebrates the 4th of July at the Ecuadorian Embassy.

People at Work is a regular column focusing on people in the community doing their jobs. Suggestions may be sent to slrbc@aol.com



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At Climate Marchsm

1Planet co-founders Christine Matthews (left) and Jennifer Roda (right) join a group of teens from 1Planet at the Zero Hour Youth Climate March in D.C. on Saturday, July 21. 1Planet is a new Alexandria-based women's climate advocacy organization. See www.1planetwomen.org/.



Happy 104th Birthday

Dora Bell Davis Coney celebrates her 104th birthday on Aug. 4, 2018. Family members and friends will join her for this occasion. She is the widow of the late John L. Coney and mother of their 10 children (one deceased); 23 grands (two deceased); 40 great grands (two deceased); 47 great, great grands and two great, great, great grandchildren. She is a native of Albany, Ga., but is now a resident of

the City of Alexandria, residing with her daughter, Elizabeth Hogan. She has enjoyed a blessed life including her love of travel — foreign and domestic.



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The especial for Ana Garcia's stand at the market today is chicken ceviche "for people who don't like seafood."



Ana Garcia offers a taste of her kale-passion fruit-pineapple sorbet, the most popular at Ana's Twist at the Del Ray Farmer's Market.



Garden Party

Hugh and Barbara Barton share beverages with guests during a July 24 garden party and tour of the historic Murray-Dick-Fawcett House and Park in Old Town, 517 Prince St. The Old Town Business and Professional Association and Imagine Artwear owner Carol Supplee sponsored the event.



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Budget Surplus to Bolster Virginia's Creditworthiness

Local delegate breaks down allocations.

BY DAN BRENDEL
GAZETTE PACKET

Virginia closed out FY 2018 in June with a budget surplus of just over \$550 million. This amount “will substantially increase the Commonwealth’s cash reserves in order to protect taxpayers against a future economic downturn and further affirm our valuable AAA bond rating,” said Gov. Ralph Northam (D) in a July 12 press release.

In a July 24 interview, Del. Mark Levine (D-45) provided a more specific preliminary breakdown of how the surplus will be allocated, although precise figures won’t be available until August.

Some \$235 million will go automatically to replenish Virginia’s Revenue Stabilization Fund. The state has drawn down on this fund, established by a constitutional amendment in the early ‘90s, several times since the 2008-09 financial crisis. Credit rating

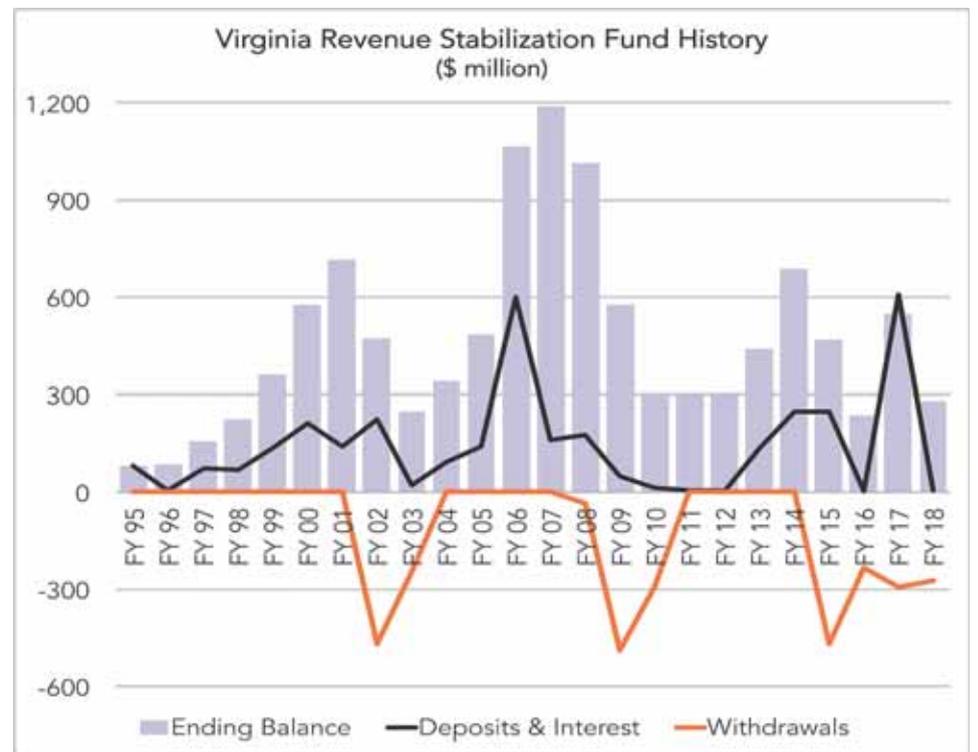
agencies warned that, at currently low levels, Virginia might risk losing its AAA/Aaa bond ratings. The surplus infusion would bring the fund’s balance up to a little over half-a-billion dollars — a near doubling, though still below pre-crisis highs.

Some \$55 million of the surplus will automatically go to the Water Quality Improvement Fund. This fund, established in the late ‘90s, serves to clean up the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed.

The remainder, some \$260 million, will go to the recently created Revenue Reserve Fund.

This fund “shall be used to offset, in whole or in part, certain anticipated shortfalls in revenues,” according to the Code of Virginia. It serves as a kind of augment to the Revenue Stabilization Fund, said Levine.

He expects the first and third allocations together will bring Virginia’s total reserves back up to the billion-dollar vicinity, satisfying the credit rating agencies and sound fiscal practice more generally. This “is really no accident,” resulting from the General Assembly purposely low-balling its revenue forecast, he said.



Source: Virginia Secretary of Finance, May 2018 Economic and Revenue Update; FY 2018 ending balance is estimated.

Old Town Complex To Seek Removal of Parking Restrictions

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The application points to the 2017 updated guidelines’ restrictions on residential parking permits, which states that a development is not eligible to obtain them when average on-street occupancy is 85 percent or higher or more than 50 percent of the ground floor frontage is non-residential use. Chatham Square is entirely residential, so the restriction in question is the average on-street occupancy.

Kimley-Horn, a planning and design engineering consultant firm, conducted a

parking study to the city’s specifications. City guidelines detail the time of day the study can be conducted, the qualifications for occupancy, and that school must be in session. The study found that parking in blocks adjacent to the property and across the street had parking ranging from 49 to 63 percent occupancy. Parking within the block ranged from 68 percent occupancy to 75 percent occupancy. The average Friday evening occupancy was 63 percent. Saturday morning occupancy averaged 67 percent. Average weekday noon parking

averaged 73 percent.

The study concluded on-street parking occupancy generally falls below 85 percent, the city’s updated requirement for a residential parking permit.

“This suggests that there is sufficient excess capacity to support on-street parking use by residents at the Towns at Chatham Square,” the study concluded. “The current DSUP conditions which restrict the ability to apply for and receive residential parking permits should be reviewed with respect to these findings.” But these spots are some of

the few on-street parking spaces in Old Town not limited to residents. Each of the fair market apartments has two parking spaces on site, the low income apartments have 1.8 spaces (a calculator for a slightly smaller space than the fair market apartments). Some residents in Old Town have said they will fight the removal of the restriction. “This is one of the only places in Old Town with unrestricted parking,” said Yvonne Weight Callahan, president of the Old Town Civic Association. “This is the end of on-street parking in Old Town as we know it.”

City Considers Combining Architectural Review Boards

FROM PAGE 1

hadn’t been consulted before the proposal was brought forward.

Both historic districts would remain separate, with their own rules and regulations, but approval for new developments and modifications for both districts would go through the same board. Alexandria is the only jurisdiction in Virginia with more than one BAR. Most major cities, even those with around 30 historic districts, still only have one BAR. But the merger of the two is still making some Alexandrians wary.

A meeting on July 30 in City Hall considering the consolidation of the two BARs drew a full crowd. Reception to the merger was mixed. Yvonne Weight Callahan, president of the Old Town Civic Association, said she wanted to make sure the citizens who’ve taken the time to serve on both boards aren’t cut out of the administration when the boards are merged into a new seven-member board.

“I want to keep an open mind,” said Callahan. “I’m concerned about the mechanics of the merger. There’s 14 people

who’ve expressed a concern for their city and a desire to contribute, and they’re being taken out of the mix.”

The Parker-Gray Historic District was created in 1984, the BAR was created two years later. For some residents in attendance, there was a concern that a merged BAR could lose the unique community protections that had been a part of its creation.

“I think what’s most important is that we focus on the objective of preservation,” said Elizabeth McCall. “I want to make sure all voices are heard. There is a great vulnerability here. We’ve had experiences in this city where those voices are not heard. We need to make sure the people affected [by the consolidation] are consulted.”

“I am very concerned about the appear-

ance of marginalization of the African-American community,” said Danny Smith.

“The Parker-Gray [BAR] was created because that community felt culturally distinct [from Old Town], and I’m not sure that has changed.”

But Al Cox, the historic preservation manager for Alexandria, said the BAR of today

may not be the same as many residents remember.

“When I came here, as long as you were replacing wood siding with wood siding, no one ever said ‘This siding is from 1792, you can’t replace it,’” said Cox. “Our desire to have authentic historic materials is 100 fold more than it was 30 years ago. It was operating like a homeowner’s association. People with friends on board got approved. That has changed, it’s gotten far more profes-

“There’s 14 people who’ve expressed a concern for their city and a desire to contribute, and they’re being taken out of the mix.”

— Yvonne Weight Callahan,
President, Old Town Civic Association



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The ribbon-cutting included elected city officials and members of the Silverado Alexandria Memory Care team. More than 225 people attended the grand opening.

Silverado Officially Opens

The Silverado Alexandria Memory Care Community is now open and can serve the needs of up to 65 residents with Alzheimer's disease and other memory-impairing conditions. The three-story community with underground parking

sits on a roughly two-acre site at 2807 King St. The community features indoor space designed to meet the needs of the memory impaired, as well as outside space built to give residents the freedom to enjoy the outdoors.



The July 25 grand opening of Silverado Alexandria Memory Care featured CEO/Founder Loren Shook, former Mayor Bill Euille, and Vice Mayor Justin Wilson.



Mayor Allison Silberberg hands the microphone to Silverado Alexandria Memory Care Administrator Katie Hilburn.

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Alexandria Library Director Rose T. Dawson congratulates the honorees.

Honoring Inmates' Achievements

Inmates and staff at the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center recently celebrated the academic and personal achievements of 18 inmates at a graduation ceremony.

Among those recognized at the July 19 ceremony were four inmates wearing caps and gowns who passed their General Educational Development (GED) examinations. In addition to the GED honorees, five inmates were recognized for completing Thinking for a Change (T4C), a cognitive-behavioral curriculum to help inmates improve their decision-making and problem-solving skills so that they are better prepared for their return to the community. Nine other inmates wore kitchen

aprons as they were recognized for completing training for ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification. Educator coordinator Krista Sofonia presented Wesley Ingram, Reinaldo Lopez, Zakaria Taoufik and another inmate with certificates for passing their GED exams. Rebecca Harrison of Probation and Parole District 36 presented certificates to Jalonte Cole, Zaccaria Diarra, Brandon Thurman and two other inmates for completing the T4C program. Finally Rodanth Skinarakis who oversaw the ServSafe training presented certificates to Michael Honesty, John Taylor, Daryl Torain, Dashon Williams and five other inmates who finished that program.

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SPECIAL PULLOUT TAB

Newcomers & Community Guide

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Sheriff's Office And Due Process

To the Editor:

Thank you for allowing me to address some of the unfair and inaccurate statements presented by Cam Cook in his recent letter ("Vigilance Required," Alexandria Gazette, July 26, 2018).

The Alexandria Sheriff's Office (ASO) does not interfere with due process of anyone in our custody. Those inmates who are brought to our jail are arrested for other offenses and it is only during their processing that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), because of Virginia law, would be notified that they are in our custody. Our compliance with this is not immigration enforcement or denying due process; this is simply the law of the Commonwealth. Mr. Cook and others may be surprised to know that even after such notification ICE does not seek warrants for all offenders whose immigration status is in question.

Contrary to Mr. Cook's statement, the inter-governmental agreement (IGA) does not provide the actual mechanism for transfer of offenders to ICE. Rather, state and federal laws dictate that we transfer offenders sought by ICE to ICE when they file a valid warrant. Even without the IGA, ASO would continue to turn inmates over to ICE, as Fairfax and Arlington continue to do without an IGA, because it is required by state and federal laws. The IGA does not pose a burden or create increased work for our staff. However, it does assist our staff in the orderly transfer of inmates and it also allows the Sheriff's Office to make adjustments, as we recently did to ensure that ICE picks up offenders within a reasonable timeframe. The newly revised IGA is narrow, limited, and serves a valid purpose. It's not used to hold anyone who simply violates immigration laws.

While I may be stating the obvious, I feel I must remind some that ASO is a law enforcement agency, and as such, we must comply with state and federal laws. ASO recognizes that ICE warrants are lawfully issued and valid. Further, ASO will not ignore warrants presented by federal agencies simply because some argue they are "administrative" or issued for a "civil infraction."

To simply release offenders sought by ICE into the community would be irresponsible and could compromise public safety as the overwhelming majority are charged with or have been convicted of violent or felony charges. For example, the 16 inmates currently in custody who are being sought by ICE have been charged with malicious wounding, assaulting a law enforcement officer, aggravated sexual battery, strangulation, abduction, distribution of cocaine and other drugs, and other serious offenses.

I've met with immigrant advocacy organizations, such as Legal Aid Justice Center and Tenants and Workers United, to answer their questions, share requested information, and review our own policies and practices. As a result of these discussions and our own review, we did make modifications that would not compromise public safety or violate the law. But rather than recognize these changes as anything more than a "step in the right direction," Mr. Cook finds fault with our Office for



A Garden Party

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Period dancers perform at the Lloyd House for the Alexandria Symphony's annual Garden Party on June 13.

complying with a federal warrant. To be fair and impartial, I will not treat some inmates one way and others another, nor will I choose to respect some warrants and not others.

I am sworn to uphold the law and will continue to do so. Those who do not like the laws should work to change them rather than ask law enforcement agencies to ignore them. Ignoring them would allow Alexandria to become a "sanctuary city" and it also would require me to disregard my sworn duty to "faithfully and impartially discharge" my duties as Sheriff.

Those who wish to learn more about applicable laws and our policies may contact my office by calling 703-746-4114 or by visiting our website, www.alexandriava.gov/sheriff.

Dana Lawhorne, Sheriff

Consider Those With Allergies

To the Editor:

I would like to add to Toni Popkin's recent letter to the editor ["A Pretend Service Dog," Gazette Packet, July 12]. I am one of the small but unfortunately growing minority of the general population that is allergic to dogs. For me, being in a building that allows dogs can lead to an asthma attack. Once the asthma attack begins, it can take several weeks or months of healing and the assistance of prescription steroids before I fully recover.

Before a person brings their pet dog into a business, please also consider those who have allergies. Bringing dogs into businesses without an actual need due to a disability does real harm to those with allergies. When only a small minority of the general population uses service dogs, my amount of exposure to dogs in indoor public places is relatively limited, and my allergies are reasonably manageable. When an additional group of pet owners starts bringing their dogs into stores, restaurants, and mass

transit mostly because they prefer the companionship, I have to start rethinking what stores I can and can't patronize and even how I travel.

I realize there are many dog lovers in Alexandria, and surely not all will be sympathetic readers of this letter. That noted, I support Toni Popkin's call to rethink this casual certification of emotional support animals as well as the practice of bringing dogs into indoor public spaces "just because." It makes those who allergic to dogs ill, it muddies the legitimacy of those who truly need service dogs, and business owners risk losing customers and income.

Many businesses in Alexandria already have dedicated outdoor spaces with water bowls and places to leash dogs while their humans go inside. This remains a great way to take a dog with you around town and provide a comfortable space for your pet, all while making it unnecessary to ever bring a pet inside. It is the best way I know of to conveniently harmonize the needs and desires of all mentioned groups.

Brian Kelley
Alexandria

Note of Appreciation

To the Editor:

So the other day I unfortunately rear ended a UPS truck on my way home. Since the driver or responding supervisor had not (yet) called the police I had a witness bystander do it for me while I was on hold with AAA. That said, my compliments to the responding police officer. He didn't have to, but he stayed on the scene until my AAA guy arrived.

I don't always think highly of our police officers, but certainly when a compliment is due it should be given.

Ruben "Bill" Duran
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HISTORY

Remembering Parker-Gray School from 1920-1965

BY CHAR MCCARGO BAH

Before 1920, the Alexandria African Americans had two segregated elementary schools: Hallowell School for girls in the 400 block of North Alfred Street and Snowden School for boys in the 600 block of South Pitt Street that were founded in 1870. After years of overcrowding and deterioration of the school buildings, the African Americans demanded for better education and for better facilities for their children. Those efforts were led by Reverend Samuel B. Ross, pastor of Third Baptist Church, Samuel Tucker, Samuel Madden, Blanche Parker-Taylor, Henry T. Taylor, the Teachers' Association and other alumni of Hallowell and Snowden Schools. The outcry from the community caused the city to build a school that would have first through eighth grades. The school was named after two popular principals from Hallowell and Snowden schools, John F. Parker and Sarah A. Gray.

Because of insufficient funds, the African American community raised about \$4,000 to purchase chairs for the auditorium, stage curtains, waste baskets, desk clocks, coat racks for teachers and \$1,000 worth of equipment for the home economics room, reference books, roller maps, globes, typewriters and other needed school supplies. The parents and the students were very proud to have a new school but it was not equal to their white counterpart schools. Parker-Gray school only went to the eighth

grade and the law in Virginia at that time required students to attend seven years in elementary school and four years in high school. If an Alexandria African American wanted to complete high school during the 1920s and 1930s, they usually left Alexandria and went to Washington, D.C., or they would have to go to Jeannie Dean's School in Manassas, Va.

In the 1930s, there was another outcry from the Alexandria African American community concerning education for their children. This time they wanted their school to have a high school curriculum. Under the leadership of Mr. Wesley D. Elam, then principal of Parker-Gray, was instrumental in expanding the high school to the 11th grade. Students who wanted 12th grade left Alexandria to obtain it.

On the national level, the civil rights movement was in full force. With the introduction of the civil rights amendment and equal facilities for all, Parker-Gray School segregation system came to an end. The last graduating class of Parker-Gray High School was 1965. Ten years later in 1975, a group of former students of Parker-Gray came together to start, "The Alumni Association of Parker-Gray." The group's first president was Mr. James E. Henson. They had their first Parker-Gray reunion in August of 1976. Today the Alumni Association continues to have a banquet weekend celebration every other year. They award scholarships to descendants of Parker-Gray's students.

Since the Alumni started in 1975, they have had over two-dozen presidents, some of these presidents were Alice Thompson, James Beatty, Barbara Norton, William



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2018 Parker-Gray Alumni Association's Officers: First row, from left, Ida Gambrell, Helen Toms, Carolyn McCrae and Alice Thompson; back row, from left, Catherine Ward, Pearl Turner, Gertrude Murray, James Beatty and missing Lovell Lee.

McBride, Phyllis Tate and Milton Turner. The current president is Catherine Ward. On Aug. 17-18, 2018, the Alumni Association will be celebrating their 98th anniversary of Parker-Gray School. The former students' memories of their school and teachers are still with them. Some of the students who left Parker-Gray went to college. Many of the students became government workers, educators, college professors, lawyers, judges, doctors, bus drivers, sports figures and entrepreneurs. Although the school was

never properly funded nor did it have a 12th grade, their teachers and staff were dedicated to their students and prepared them to be the best they could be. With that dedication, the Parker-Gray Alumni Association continues to keep the memories of Parker-Gray School alive.

Char McCargo Bah is a freelance writer, independent historian, genealogist and a Living Legend of Alexandria. Visit her blog at <http://www.theotheralexandria.com> for more about "The Other Alexandria."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pros and Cons Of Pruitt

To the Editor:

Definitely readers should educate themselves on the pros and cons of Secretary Pruitt's mission for EPA. I would summarize Pruitt's mission as an effort to evaluate environmental policy without past political preconceptions or misinformation. Truly he had a formidable task. So much has happened in the field of energy in the last 10

years that what is good for us now is not necessarily the same as what some thought good for America 10 years ago. How fortunate to be out of the Paris Peace Accord, an unrealistic document, and one that would give others' control of our environmental policy. We should not surrender our liberty or our economic well-being without reason to others — others whose goals may be vastly different than ours.

Linda Greenberg
Alexandria

Man Sentenced for Trafficking Cocaine

An Alexandria man was sentenced on Friday, July 27 to six years in prison for using the United States Postal Service to traffic multiple kilograms of cocaine. According to court documents, David T. Coffey, 26, distributed between five and 15 kilograms of cocaine from Texas into the Eastern District of Virginia. For two years, from 2015 to

December 2017, Coffey received multiple shipments of cocaine from another individual in Texas, distributed the drug throughout the Virginia, and sent bulk shipments of cash back to Texas. When he was arrested, law enforcement found two kilograms of cocaine and \$4,000 in cash in his possession.

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WELLBEING

Required Vaccinations for School

Local clinics offer free immunizations.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL

As parents compile back-to-school task lists, health officials say that along with backpacks, notebooks and pencils, parents add the vaccinations that are required by Maryland and Virginia state laws in order for students to attend school. Now is the time to get those immunizations to avoid the back to school rush.

"We have free, walk-in clinics where you can get vaccines between now and the beginning of the school year," said Mary Anderson, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. "We urge parents to go now and not wait. We offer vaccines at clinics every day of the week at four different locations."

Appointments are not required for immunization visits in Montgomery, Arlington and Fairfax counties. The Alexandria Health Department, however offers services by appointment only.

"We would certainly encourage parents to make an appointment now," added John Silcox, Fairfax County Health Department. "Appointments fill up quickly, and there are some walk-in appointments, but the closer you get to school the more crowded our clinics get."

Fairfax County has five clinics which offer vaccines. "School-required immunizations are always free at our clinics, whether a person has insurance or not," said Silcox. "We highly encourage parents to call the clinic that is most conveniently located to them so that they have you vaccines in time for school."

Parents must bring a copy of the child's existing immunization record. "A parent or designated adult must be with the child when the go to get vaccines," said Anderson. "If a parents doesn't have or can't find their child's record, we can try to reconstruct it."

As recently as May, the Washington, D.C. region saw a case of a vaccine preventable disease, says Anderson. "There was a case of measles that this particular individual had contracted outside of the country," she said. "But this is a reminder about the importance of vaccinations because if you had come in contact with this individual and hadn't been vaccinated you could have gotten sick."



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Immunization Requirements

MARYLAND

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/immunizations/>

VIRGINIA

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/requirements/>

Some students may be granted an exemption from the Virginia and Maryland state requirements for religious or medical reasons. "There is an exemption form that people would need to get filled out and turn into their school in order to be exempt from the state requirement."

Local Health Departments Offer Free Vaccines

ALEXANDRIA

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/health/info/default.aspx?id=11444>

ARLINGTON COUNTY

<https://health.arlingtonva.us/public-health/health-clinics-services/immunization-clinic/>

FAIRFAX COUNTY

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/immunization/school>

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS/RightNav/SeventhGradeImmunizations.html>

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ONGOING

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.

Life Under the Sea. Through Aug. 26 at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, in Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Real or imagined, the world beneath the waves calls to the artists for this show: Enchanted mermaids, coral, shells, sunken ships, fish, and glorious colors. Free. Call 703-548-0935 or visit Potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

Art Exhibit: "Off the Grid." Through Aug. 31, gallery hours 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. Visit torpedofactory.org.

Art Exhibit: Art, Light, and Metaphor. Through Sept. 2 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.

Ceramics Combust. Through Sept. 2 at Scope Gallery, 105 North Union St., Studio 19, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria. Featuring "Brilliance: An Exploration of Heat and Light." Hours are Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., with Thursdays open until 9 p.m. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288, visit www.scopegallery.org, www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope.

"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 torpedofactory.org.

Art Exhibit: Makers in the Mansion. Through Oct. 22 at



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Return to Harper's Ferry by Ken Strong

Closing Soon: New Works by Ken Strong

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

Return to Harper's Ferry



Camden Haven Journey

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.

SUMMER CAMPS

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 research reptiles and amphibians the week of Aug. 6. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/camps to register.

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Honoring Our Veterans Exhibit. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Included in museum admission - Adults: \$5, Children (ages 5-12): \$3. After his service in the Revolutionary War, Hamilton went home to contribute to his community and nation. As part of the World War I 100th Commemoration, learn how returning veterans served Alexandria, including American Legion Post #24, which restored Gadsby's Tavern in honor of WWI veterans. See how the museum looked under their care and hear about the contributions veterans still make to the City of Alexandria today. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

THURSDAY/AUG. 2

Children's Dance Party. 11-11:45 a.m. at Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St., Alexandria.

Join in the SummerQuest Junior Dance Party. Lots of great tunes to dance to, plus fun props - bells, scarves and more. (Ages 2+). Visit www.alexlibraryva.org.

First Thursday Del Ray. 6-9 p.m.

Along Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. First Thursdays is a series of free outdoor street festivals along Mount Vernon Avenue. Every first Thursday of the month, the Del Ray Business Association features businesses along Mount Vernon Avenue, special events, food and music. Each month has a different theme with activities for children, live music and a festive atmosphere. Visit www.visitdelray.com.

Bagpipe Concert. 8-9 p.m. at Tavern Square, Old Town Alexandria, King and Royal Streets, Alexandria, across from Market Square. City of Alexandria Pipes and Drums will present a free concert. Visit www.capt-online.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 3

Summer Concert. 7 p.m. at Market Square, 202 King St., Alexandria. Free. Featuring the 257th Army Band, "The Band of the Nation's Capital," a unit of the District of Columbia Army National Guard.

Book Buzz. 2-3:30 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Attention book lovers: want the inside scoop on the upcoming books for fall release? Library staff will give a presentation on the newest titles from Penguin, Random House, and Macmillan. Free. Visit www.alexlibraryva.org.

Mount Vernon Nights. 7:30 p.m. at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway. This series of free, public concerts features a variety of musical performances reflecting Fairfax County's diversity, culture and community spirit. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy one of Fairfax County's special

summer traditions. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/mt-vernon-nights.

AUG. 3-SEPT. 2

Ancestry Art Exhibit. 7-9 p.m. Opening Reception. At Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. The "Ancestry" exhibit at Del Ray Artisans showcases how the diverse, vibrant cultures of our members come together to form one strong community. Visit www.DelRayArtisans.org/event/ancestry/

SATURDAY/AUG. 4

Friendship Firehouse Festival. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St., Alexandria. The free family event features antique fire apparatus, craft booths, displays by Alexandria merchants and live music. Participants will enjoy visiting the Friendship Firehouse Museum, originally built as a firehouse in 1855. Children will receive free fire helmets and are treated to a supervised visit inside the fire trucks. Call 703-746-3891 or visit the website www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse.

Watercolor Workshop: Working with Brusho. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. (16-Adult) Brusho is a versatile watercolor medium made of ink crystals. It's incredibly vivid and beautiful colors open up a world of possibilities for painters. Learn to use Brusho in your watercolor paintings on various surfaces under the guidance of artist Marni Maree. A supply list will be emailed before the first class. Bring lunch. \$90 per person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktaks using code 290 332 1001 or call 703-642-5173.

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Telling their Story: Museum Specialty Tours. 10 a.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Tour the halls where Washington, Lafayette, Jefferson, Madison and Burr partied and made history. Consider the ideas debated in the rooms where it happened... for some, but not for all. \$12/person. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Tavern Day Open House. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St., Alexandria. Want to learn to dance like George Washington? Ever heard of a learned pig? From 1-5 p.m., continuous tours of the historic site will be given by Junior Docents (grades 4-7). Learn to dance like George and Martha Washington in the ballroom. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

SummerQuest - Mr. Gabe. 11-noon at James M. Duncan Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Mr. Gabe is a singer and guitarist who performs original songs as well as familiar classics. All ages. Space is limited to the first 74 participants.

Special Collections Tour. 11-11:45 a.m. at the Local History/Special Collections Library, 717 Queen St., Alexandria. Come learn about the unique treasures held at the Local History / Special Collections the first



The Dynamic Superiors

Original Motown group, The Dynamic Superiors, with special featured guest David Cole will be performing. Saturday, Aug. 4, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at MetroStage 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$45 at the door. Call 703-548-9044 or visit www.metrostage.org.

Saturday of every month. Learn about the importance of Alexandria in Virginia history and about resources available for researching your ancestors or home. Free. Visit www.alexlibraryva.org

Country-Western Dance. At Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St, Alexandria. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will hold a dance. Lessons, 6-7 p.m. Open dancing, 7-9:30 p.m. 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.

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Jerry Garcia Bash. 7 p.m.-1 a.m. at Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave., Alexandria. Alexandria jam band, Free Flowing Musical Experience, is teaming up with D.C.-based Grateful Dead tribute band, On the Bus, for a Grateful Dead concert re-creation at Alexandria's Carlyle Club. \$20-\$60. Visit www.thecarlyleclub.com.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 4-5

Hands on History Tent. Noon-4 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. This year's annual Hands-on-History Tent theme is Colonial Plants. Learn all about native Virginia plants and their use during the 18th-century. Participate in a variety of games, crafts, and projects that test knowledge of plants, and explore how they were used in cooking, medicine, and art. The event is free, and designed for children ages 3-12. Call 703-549-2997 or visit www.novaparks.com.

SUNDAY/AUG. 5

Gestures: A History of Body Language. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Cost is \$32/person (program + tea); \$12 (program only). The handshake, the wink, and the thumbs up: gestures form a nuanced, non-vocal language that speaks volumes. Conveying everything from encouragement to disdain, many gestures have a long history. Hear about their fascinating origins, and discover that not all body language is universal to all

cultures. Programs are by reservation only. Call 703-941-7987, TTY 703-324-3988.

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.

Concert. 3-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association presents their weekly free summer chamber concert series. This week's concert features the US Naval Academy Band Wind Trio playing music by Bach, Schuloff, Brandon, and Auric. Free. Donations appreciated. Call 703-799-8229 or visit www.wmpamusic.org.

TUESDAY/AUG. 7

SummerQuest Maker Camp. 2-3 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Ages 8-14. Come explore STEAM concepts with high-tech and low-tech activities and challenges. Class size limited to 20 children, pick up a ticket starting at 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 8

Decoding Weather Machine. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at James M. Duncan Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Disastrous hurricanes. Widespread droughts and wildfires. Withering heat. Extreme rainfall. This is a result of the weather machine itself – our climate. In this two-hour documentary, NOVA will cut through the confusion around climate change.

Cool Yoga 2018. 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Del Ray Psych & Wellness Lot, 1900 Mt. Vernon Ave. Maureen Clyne 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.

Outdoor Concert. 7 p.m. at John Carlyle Square Park, 300 John Carlyle St., Alexandria. Free. Featuring Capital Sound and Brigadier Brass. Part of the Centennial of the end of World War

75 Years and Counting — Alexandria Symphony Orchestra

BY MELYNDA WILCOX
ALEXANDRIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1943, in the depths of World War II. The occasion of its 75th anniversary gives the ASO, and its new Music Director Jim Ross, an opportunity to look back at what our city was like when the orchestra was formed.

The Alexandria Gazette was a daily paper in those days and covered national as well as local news. On the national front, the mood was tense. One front-page Gazette headline in early 1943 quoted President Franklin D. Roosevelt warning Americans that they would have to **ASO** “tighten their belts” to pay for a \$100 billion war program. The Pentagon officially opened in January 1943, and the Parkfairfax apartments were built to alleviate the housing shortage for new workers.

Residents registered for ration coupons at Maury, George Mason, Parker-Gray and other neighborhood schools. Five “nurseries” for more than 100 children ages two to six were opened in Alexandria as part of the Federal Works Agency's child care program. Douglas MacArthur Elementary opened in 1943, predominantly for children of the Naval Torpedo Factory workers living in Chinquapin Village, and ground was broken for the new Charles Barrett Elementary School. Students from different schools competed to sell the most war stamps and bonds.

One Gazette article implored readers to refrain from “writing of woes at home to soldiers serving on many fronts.” But despite the difficult circumstances, Alexandrians 75 years ago found ways to support each other. The Alexandria Garden Club held victory garden competitions. The Junior Red Cross organized book drives. And a young music teacher at George Washington High School, Miss Lucie Neale Landen, recruited 40 amateur musi-

cians to play orchestral music together and to share that joy with their neighbors. More than any other period in history — thanks in part to the radio age — music composed and performed during WWII was used to boost morale on the home front as well as among the troops.

Landen, a graduate of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, has been described as “a plucky lady with a pithy personality, astringent wit, and a positive, forthright attitude.” She later moved to California and was a high school orchestra teacher for 40 years. It is not known whether she was aware of her role in forming what would eventually become a fully-professional orchestra and the city's most enduring arts organization.

Many of the issues that confronted Alexandrians in 1943 resonate today: the shortage of affordable housing, the limited availability of high quality childcare and preschool, and the urgent need for school construction to keep pace with rising enrollment. Just as it has throughout history, music continues to serve as a universal language that binds people and communities together. The act of listening to live music together in a public space — among strangers as well as friends — deepens that connection, especially during times of conflict and worry.

As it celebrates its 75th anniversary, the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra invites you to join with them as they continue to make live orchestral music meaningful in the lives of our residents. A special 75th anniversary outdoor concert will be held on the grounds of the Virginia Theological Seminary on Saturday, Sept. 15 at 4 p.m. Led by Maestro Ross, the orchestra will play selections from the Sound of Music, Swan Lake, Americana favorites and light classical music. Lawn tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for youth with VIP seating also available. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.alexsym.org.

Melynda Wilcox is a vice president of the ASO's Board of Trustees.

I, the District of Columbia National Guard will host a series of events to commemorate the end to the first war.

THURSDAY/AUG. 9

SummerQuest Maker Camp. 2-3 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Ages 8-14. Come explore STEAM concepts with high-tech and low-tech activities and challenges. Class size limited to 20 children, pick up a ticket starting at 1:30 p.m.

FRIDAY/AUG. 10

Alexandria After Work Concert Series. 6-8 p.m. at the Murray-Dick-Fawcett House, 517 Prince St. The Folklore Society of Greater Washington and The Office of Historic Alexandria sponsor a concert on the second Friday of the month with locations rotating between the Murray-Dick-Fawcett House, Lloyd House, and The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum. \$15 suggested donation for the musicians, light refreshments available, and a cash bar. 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.

Mount Vernon Nights. 7:30 p.m. at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway. This series of free, public concerts features a variety of musical performances reflecting Fairfax County's diversity, culture and community spirit. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy one of Fairfax County's special summer traditions. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/mt-vernon-nights.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 11-12

9th Annual Summer Sidewalk Sale. Hours vary by retailer. Throughout Old Town and Del Ray.

Features 50 Alexandria boutiques stepping out of their storefronts offering discounted summer merchandise at up to 80 percent off. Participating stores such as The Shoe Hive, The Lucky Knot, 529 Kids Consign, Periwinkle, The Dog Park, fibre space, Pacers Running and Kiskadee will have bright yellow balloon markers outside of their storefronts. New boutiques to Alexandria such as Threadleaf, Forge Industrial Works and Twist Boutique will also participate. For a complete list of all participating businesses and examples of sale items, visit VisitAlexVA.com/SidewalkSale.

SATURDAY/AUG. 11

Backyard Composting Basics. 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Mother Nature can help you compost plant material into luscious amendment for lawn and garden. Visit Green Spring's composting station to learn different composting methods, materials to use and not use, proportions, aeration, screening, critter control and compost use. \$15/person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/

ENTERTAINMENT

4 Foodie Dates to Circle in August

BY HOPE NELSON

From early Oktoberfest celebrations to Alexandria's esteemed Summer Restaurant Week, there's an abundance of food-and-drink activities to whet your appetite. Here are some of the month's best bets.

Port City Oktoberfest Release Party, Aug. 3

Prost! Oktoberfest is back, well ahead of the German holiday, at Port City Brewing. The brewery's Marzen-style beer is the star of the show at Friday's festivities, which will offer up steins full of the frosty beverage. Want to take some home?

Crowlers, growlers and six-packs are at your service. Puerto Rican-themed Borinquen Lunch Box will pull the truck around for hungry guests; Taylor Carson will provide music in the beer garden. 3950 Wheeler Ave., 3-10 p.m.

Alimentation: A Mediterranean Feast, Aug. 5

In an evening co-hosted by local event planner Nomos, Chef Teresa Scrimenti leads a pop-up Mediterranean dinner inside Forge Industrial Works. The three-course meal features hummus and salad to start, followed by an entrée of beef kofta, eggplant

and tabbouleh (a vegetarian option is also available). Honey-cardamom ice cream with – what else? – a baklava crumble finishes out the proceedings. Forge Industrial Works, 128 S. Royal St. 6-8 p.m. \$85.

Alexandria Restaurant Week, Aug. 17-26

The city toasts its best and brightest restaurants during a weeklong celebration of all things food and drink. With \$35 three-course and dinner-for-two specials from the likes of Bastille, Vermilion, RT's and Evening Star Café, there's a wealth of options for diners of all palates. Reserve a table at any of the dozens of participating eateries citywide and feast your eyes and your taste buds on all that's to come.

Shooter McGee's Crab Feast, Aug. 25

Shooter McGee's is back with its 2018 rendition of its annual crab feast. All-you-can eat crabs – plus hush puppies and corn on the cob – will be served up all afternoon at the West End eatery. Wash it down with some \$3 drafts from Caboose Brewery and bask in the waning days of summer. 5239 Duke St., 2 p.m. \$45 in advance; \$55 at the door; \$16.99 for children 12 and under.

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

CALENDAR

partakes using code 290-388-3901 or call 703-642-5173.

A Culinary Adventure. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 532Yoga, 532 North Washington St., Alexandria. Indian cooking class; includes cookbook. \$65. Visit www.532yoga.com.

The General's Tour. 10 a.m.-noon at Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronco St., Alexandria. Guided walking tour of Robert E. Lee sites in Alexandria's Historic Old Town highlighting the Confederate general's complicated legacy. Cost is \$10/advance; \$15/door. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org

Purple Heart Day. 10:30 a.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon on the east lawn overlooking the Potomac River. Members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart will commemorate National Purple Heart Day. All Purple Heart recipients receive free daytime admission to Mount Vernon every day of the year. Visit www.mountvernon.org/purpleheartday.

Rocknoceros. 11-11:45 a.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Children will enjoy bopping along to Coach, Williebob, and Boogie Bennie's catchy tunes. All ages with an adult. Free.

Floral Design Demonstration: Color Confidence. 1-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Join floral designer Betty Ann Galway in this demonstration on color theory in floral design, including different combinations that demonstrate the monochromatic, analogous, complementary and triadic color combinations in cut flowers, along with the when's and why's of choosing these combinations. Program only. No supplies. \$43/person. Adults. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakesusing code 290 301 5801 or call 703-642-5173.

Luau on the Potomac. 6 p.m. at 2000 George Washington Parkway, turn in at Lucia Lane. Authentic Polynesian entertainment and food.



Lynn Hollyfield



Kate Campbell

Live Music

Appearing with Lynn Hollyfield, Kate Campbell's vocal delivery and her eloquent gift for storytelling have drawn comparisons to Flannery O'Connor, Eudora Welty, and William Faulkner. Saturday, Aug. 11, 7 p.m. at Focus Mount Vernon at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria. Tickets are \$18/advance; \$20/door. For tickets, visit www.focusmusic.org/buy-tickets.

Sponsored by the Mount Vernon Community. Bring salad, chopped fruit or ethnic side dishes. Free to attend; no alcoholic beverages permitted. For information, contact Nafetelai Kioa, kioa.nafitalai@gmail.com, or Sean O'Connell, [m vbishopoconnell@gmail.com](mailto:mvbishopoconnell@gmail.com), 540-604-4318.

Kate Campbell Live. 7 p.m. at Focus Mount Vernon at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria. Appearing with Lynn Hollyfield. Kate Campbell's vocal delivery and her gift for storytelling have drawn comparisons to Flannery O'Connor, Eudora Welty, and William Faulkner. Tickets are \$18/advance; \$20/door. For tickets, visit www.focusmusic.org/buy-tickets.

Boardwalk Astronomy. 8-10 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Want to know what's new in the night sky? Join park naturalists for "Boardwalk Astronomy" – a tour of constellations, comets and other current happenings in the heavens above. For participants age 12 to adult. \$9 per person. The sky tour will be canceled

in the event of rain or other severe weather. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows.

SUNDAY/AUG. 12

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.

Concert. 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association presents the Mellifera String Quartet playing the music of Schullhoff, Shaw, and Haydn. Free. Visit www.wmpamusic.org.

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SPORTS

Wahoos Compete at CSL All-Star Championships

Emil Lasida, Jack Schiefele, and Madison Schang win league titles; Lasida sets two league records.

The Chinquapin Wahoos finished off an undefeated season (5-0) with outstanding individual performances at the Colonial League All Star Championships. The team was led by Emil LaSida who won three events and set two CSL League Records in the 50-m backstroke and the 100-m IM. Madison Schang captured 1st in the league in the 8&Under girls 100-m individual medley and Jack Schiefele captured 1st in the league in the 25-m butterfly.

Top 6 finishers also included Ronan Lauinger, Alex Guevara, Liya Fairfax, Eva Billips, Ellie Robb, Maya Solis, Linda Jimenez, Jolan Foronda, and Eve McLaury. The contingent from Alexandria also included Kate Merrill, Bodie Lauinger, Lydia Greenwood, Eamonn Greiner, Chloe Fox, Amir Smith, Catherine Salomons, Chance Maxwell, Jack McLaury, Dylan Lim, Camila Zuniga, and Yahia Omar.

One of the biggest swims of the meet came from newcomer Kate Merrill, who was an alternate in the 9-10 girls free who not only got in the event but earned an overall 8th place finish.

Results

Note: All events are in meters.

FREESTYLE

Boys 8&U 25 Free: Alex Guevara 18.59, 6th place



13-14 boys Ronan Lauinger, Jack McLaury, Alex Paz, and Diego Flores-Acosta.



Maya Solis competed in free, back, and fly at All-Stars.



Jolan Foronda competed in All Stars in the breast, fly, and individual medley.

BULLETIN BOARD

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FRIDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 3-5

Tax-Free Holiday. During Virginia's sales tax holiday, qualifying school supplies, clothing, footwear, hurricane and emergency preparedness items, and Energy Star and WaterSense products can be purchased without paying sales tax. Visit tax.virginia.gov/virginia-sales-tax-holiday for details.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 8

Alexandria Archaeology Ship Committee. 3:30 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St. Call 703-746-4718.

THURSDAY/AUG. 9

CANCELLED: ARHA Redevelopment Work Group Meeting. Contact Brandi Collins, brandi.collins@alexandriavirginia.gov, 703-746-4990.

Girls 8&U 25 Free: Liya Fairfax, 18.71, 4th; Linda Jimenez, 19.04, 7th; Madison Schang, 19.07, 9th place
Girls 9-10 50 Free: Eva Billips, 35.69, 2nd; Kate Merrill, 35.63, 8th place
Boys 11-12 50 Free: Bodie Lauinger, 31.22, 12th place
Girls 11-12 50 Free: Eve McLaury, 33.00, 15th place
Girls 13-14 50 Free: : Maya Solis, 29.91, 9th place
Girls 15-18 50 Free: Lydia Greenwood, 28.93, 7th place

BACKSTROKE

Boys 8&U 25 Backs: Eamonn Greiner, 26.64, 14th place
Girls 8&U 25 Back: Ellie Robb, 23.08, 6th place; Linda Jimenez, 26.05, 14th; Chloe Fox, 27.53, 18th place
Boys 9-10 50 Backs: Jack Schiefele, 41.44, 3rd place
Girls 9-10 50 Back: Eva Billips, 41.62, 5th place
Boys 11-12 50 Back: Bodie Lauinger, 37.63, 12th place
Girls 11-12 50 Back: Eve McLaury, 38.40, 12th; Catherine Salomons, 38.60, 13th place
Boys 13-14 50 Back: Emil LaSida, 28.58, 1st; Ronan Lauinger, 31.62, 2nd; Jack McLaury, 35.05, 11th place
Girls 13-14 50 Back: Maya Solis, 33.63, 4th place
Boys 8&U 25 Back: Amir Smith, 26.18, 8th; Eamonn Greiner, 28.54, 16th place
Girls 8&U 25 Breast: Madison Schang, 25.00, 2nd; Linda Jimenez, 25.74, 4th; Chance Maxwell, 28.68, 14th place
Boys 11-12 50 Breast: Jolan Foronda, 36.69, 3rd; Bodie Lauinger, 43.59, 16th place
Boys 13-14 50 Breast: Ronan Lauinger, 33.70, 3rd place
Boys 8&U 25 Fly: Alex Guevara, 20.54, 5th place
Girls 8&U 25 Fly: Ellie Robb, 22.15, 5th place
Boys 9-10 25 Fly: Jack Schiefele, 16.83, 1st; Dylan Lim, 19.66, 13th place
Girls 9-10 25 Fly: Camila Zuniga, 19.45, 13th; Eva Billips, 19.96, 16th place
Boys 11-12 50 Fly: Jolan Foronda, 34.69, 11th place
Girls 11-12 50 Fly: Eve McLaury, 34.71, 5th place
Boys 13-14 50 Fly: Emil LaSida, 27.51, 1st place
Girls 13-14 50 Fly: Maya Solis, 32.74, 7th place
Girls 15-18 Fly: Lydia Greenwood, 31.46, 13th place

INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

8&U Boys 100 IM: Alex Guevara, 1:43.74, 2nd place
8&U Girls 100 IM: Madison Schang, 1:44.40, 1st; Ellie Robb, 1:51.71, 4th; Chloe Fox, 1:59.95, 9th place
9-10 Boys 100 IM: Jack Schiefele, 1:33., 7th place; Yahia Omar, 1:37.82, 9th place
11-12 Boys 100 IM: Jolan Foronda, 1:15.09, 5th place
11-12 Girls 100 IM: Catherine Salomons, 1:24.22, 15th place
13-14 Boys 100 IM: Emil LaSida, 1:01.54, 1st; Ronan Lauinger, 1:06.77, 4th place



Memorial Music Scholarship

The inaugural presentation of the Suzanne McGee Memorial Music Scholarship was made recently to West Potomac graduating senior Henry Drembus of Fort Hunt. Drembus will attend Indiana University Jacobs School of Music in the fall. Pictured are scholarship sponsor Carrie Garland, Drembus, Roger McGee, worship pastor at First Baptist Church of Alexandria, and Anne Kisthardt. The scholarship is open to seniors with a musical career path taking private lessons in memory of local piano teacher Suzanne McGee. Interested parties may give tax deductible contributions at www.Suzannemcgeememorialfund.org.

OPINION



Members of the Spring 2018 Senior Academy Class.

Register for Senior Academy

Fall session begins on Sept. 5.

BY MARY LEE ANDERSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA



Are you a senior 60-plus residing in Alexandria? If so, have you thought about registering for the Senior Academy? It is a great way to learn about all the services and programs the city has to offer to seniors, and how to become engaged in your community. It is also a wonderful way to meet new people and make new friends.

SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

Senior Services of Alexandria, in partnership with the City of Alexandria, is hosting the Fall session of the Senior Academy beginning Wednesday, Sept. 5 at City Hall. This 4-week class meets every Wednesday in September from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants will hear from different city departments, including the mayor and city manager. Local non-profits will also talk about their respective programs for seniors.

"As a graduate of the Senior Academy, I found the sessions very interesting and informative," said Ruth Arnold, a recent Senior Academy graduate. "There was great dialogue among my fellow classmates, and it was nice visiting different venues around the city, learning all that Alexandria has to offer seniors."

Senior Academy topics and presentations include:

- ❖ Getting to know your City – How the City Operates, Commissions and Boards; Public Information Outreach, Budget and Voting Registration
- ❖ City Services for Seniors — Police, Fire and Sheriff Departments; Work Employment Center; and Division of Aging and Adult Services

❖ Community Resources — Offices of Planning, Housing, Transportation, and local non-profits, including At Home in Alexandria, Volunteer Alexandria, Rebuilding Together and Senior Services of Alexandria

❖ Leisure, Cultural and Educational Opportunities — City Library Programs; Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities; Northern Virginia Community College and Office of Historic Alexandria

Participants will meet at four different locations around the city: City Hall, Police Department Headquarters, Charles Houston Recreation Center and Beatley Central Library. The Academy is free with light refreshments. Upon completion of the program, graduates will be recognized during a City Council meeting in October.

If you are interested in being part of this year's Senior Academy class, you can find more details and download the application on SSA's website at www.seniorservicesalex.org or call SSA at 703-836-4414, ext. 113 or email communications@seniorservicesalex.org. Enrollment is limited to 25 people and applications must be submitted by Friday, Aug. 24.

Alexandria City Public Schools Annual Public Notice Career and Technical Education

Alexandria City Public Schools' Department of Career and Technical Education offers a variety of career and technical programs to all students at the middle and high school levels. The program areas include the following:

- Business and Information Technology
- Family Consumer Sciences
- Health and Medical Sciences
- Trade and Industrial Education
- JROTC
- Marketing
- Technology Education

Dual enrollment credit for high school Career and Technical Education is available through an agreement with Northern Virginia Community College whether the student is pursuing a post-secondary education and/or entering the workforce. For more information about these programs call Sherri Chapman, Coordinator of Career and Technical Education, (703) 619-8020.

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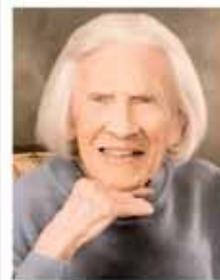
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Obituary



Catherine Chapman Kinney, 101, of Sevierville, passed away on Wednesday, July 25, 2018. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Wellesley College and her Master's Degree from New York University. Catherine was a runway model in New York during her college years. She taught High School English in Fairfax County Public Schools in Alexandria, Virginia for many years and later became a professional Portrait Artist. Catherine lived most of her married life in North Virginia and moved to Tennessee in 2004. She was a devoted member of Lake Forest Presbyterian Church in South Knoxville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Eugene Chapman; son, John Hascall Chapman; daughter-in-law, Linda Martinson Chapman; and brother, Charles Schaler Hascall.

Catherine is survived by her son, Stephen Dowling Chapman; daughter, Mary Catherine Chapman Boren and husband, J. Stan Boren; daughter-in-law, Molly Zearfoss Chapman; grandchildren, Emily Chapman, Jonathan Chapman, Erin Chapman Thornton and husband, David Thornton, Catherine Boren Holly, and Todd Chapman Boren; great-grandchildren, Catherine I. Holly, Logan P. Holly, Uliana M. Holly, and McKenlee M. Boren.

The family will receive friends from 6pm-7pm Thursday, August 16th with the memorial service to follow 7pm at Lake Forest Presbyterian Church, 714 Lake Forest Drive, Knoxville TN 37920. Online condolences may be made at www.atchleyfuneralhome.com

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Fortitude For a Fortnight



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Intestinal or otherwise. "All hands to the pump," (Downton Abbey), emotionally speaking. The weight of it all is not too much to bear, but it is pretty close to it:

- ❖ 24-hour urine collection on Tuesday;
- ❖ Pre-chemotherapy lab work and quarterly CT Scan on Wednesday (not often occurring on the same day but this cycle unfortunately they did);
- ❖ Balance of Wednesday and Thursday waiting for lab results which ultimately determine whether I'm approved for chemotherapy on FRIDAY;
- ❖ Thursday through Monday (or longer): waiting for scan results from previous Wednesday (my life doesn't hang in the balance exactly, but it's definitely hanging somewhere);
- ❖ Friday: my actual chemotherapy;
- ❖ Sunday through Thursday (post chemotherapy): feeling lousy, hardly eating, irregular sleep, tired all the time (typical post-chemotherapy side effects)
- ❖ And finally, per my July 25 column entitled "Phoning It In," talking with my oncologist over the phone to discuss my scan, my treatment going forward, my life, etc.

In summary: Tuesday, July 24 to Monday, Aug. 6, two weeks of cancer "centricity."

Considering this first paragraph, no wonder I used the word hope and expressed per pen the written emotion so much in my previous two columns. When cancer or any other treatment for a serious disease, operation, recuperation, physical therapy and so forth is concerned, ultimately, what else is there?

Whether you're following doctor's orders and/or supplementing it with non-Western, holistic-type alternatives, rarely are there any guarantees other than as they say "death and taxes" and for a time was said in the 1940s and 50s: "The Washington Senators finishing last in The American League."

Nevertheless, hope springs eternal, as a formerly long-suffering life-long member of Red Sox Nation can attest: three World Series Championships since 2004 after breaking/braking the "Curse of the Bambino," (the 86-year drought since the Red Sox had last won the World Series in 1918 – Babe Ruth's last season playing for the Red Sox).

And as I live on/write on nine years and nearly eight months past a "13-month to two-year" prognosis diagnosed back in late February 2009, I am eternally hopeful – and always forever grateful.

And in spite of my amazing, miraculous good fortune, the last thing I do, and I mean the absolute last thing I do, is take any of it for granted. That is why the emotion so often expressed in pen and in person is hope. I am never going to betray/dismiss who and/or what has power over my outcome/life expectancy.

I mean, at the end of the day (heck, at the beginning of the day), I am a mere mortal and don't presume for a minute (or even a second) that living in the "Kenny lane" is sufficient to defeat the greatest advisory mankind has ever known: cancer. And though I am generally positive and optimistic, I am cautiously so.

After all, I'm just not supposed to blow by (live through) my original prognosis as if it was an arbitrary statement. It was the real deal, and when you first hear it, it's a surreal one at that. But here we are, late July, 1918.

At this actual real-time Friday-morning moment, I am on hold with oncology confirming that my pre-chemotherapy lab results are acceptable for today's infusion. (Otherwise, this fortnight will be extended by seven days.) As any cancer patient under treatment knows, one's presence is never really confirmed until the medical staff advises you. Soon, I will be advised.

In all the intervening moments, I am still waiting to hear back concerning the results from my CT Scan on Wednesday. Hopefully (there's that word again), we will hear before the weekend. It's so much easier to suffer through/anticipate the fortnight when news is known sooner rather than later.

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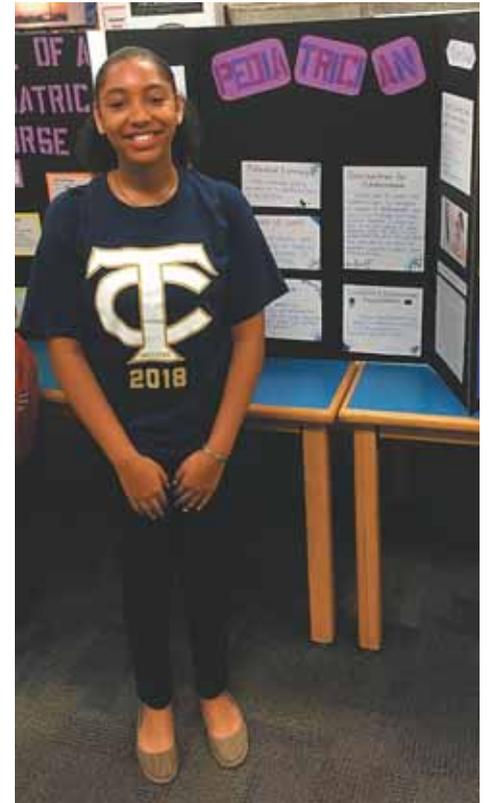


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Sikor Dawit researched the pediatric's career field.

Academy

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Through a partnership with the new academy, George Washington University will provide no-cost dual-enrollment for students, allowing them to earn GWU credits. GWU will also provide continuing education scholarships to ACPS teachers.

GWU recognizes a "massive shortage in the healthcare industry," not least in its own university hospital and health network, said Dr. Reamer Bushardt, senior associate dean at GWU's School of Medicine & Health Sciences. GWU already partners with NOVA and other junior colleges. Wanting to "dig deeper into the [workforce] pipeline" led to it seeking this first-ever partnership with a high school, he said.

Bushardt told the new academy cohort on Friday: "It's not just that you will learn some tremendous information and knowledge and skills, but that also we will develop a group of people around you that are professionals and faculty. ... That community of people is really excited about helping you."

Dr. Kevin O'Connor, an associate professor at GWU, told students that companies will "gobble you up."

"This is probably one of the best programs we've ever done," said ACPS Superintendent Dr. Gregory Hutchings, Jr.

Anthony Brown, Gabriel-Mosias' father, who watched his son present his optometry project, said the new academy's approach provides students a "tremendous advantage." He thinks it'll provide students not only a competitive edge in the workplace, but also general well-roundedness.

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