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'The Need Continues'

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

More than 800 families from across the city turned out to pick up backpacks and school supplies as part of a citywide back-to-school drive Aug. 22 and 23.

"Over the two days we traveled to five different ARHA locations including Charles Houston Rec Center and Oakland Baptist Church," said former City Councilman and organizer Willie Bailey. "Members of the Departmental Progressive Club did a great job of maintaining social distancing at the sites and school supplies were pre-sorted and placed in bags to keep people from touching everything. Whether in person or online, the need continues for so many families."

Numerous organizations joined forces in organizing the events, including the literacy nonprofit InspireLit, which donated more than 4,000 books for the distribution.

"With the children starting out virtually, we were hoping that we could add some type of normalcy to the start of the school year i.e. new backpacks with school supplies," Bailey said.

Distribution locations included the Charles Houston Recreation Center, the Ruby Tucker Family Center and Oakland Baptist Church.

"The Ice Cream Squad ice cream truck came out and gave away free ice cream at every event over the two days," Bailey said. "And we were also registering families to

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PHOTOS BY JANET BARNETT/GAZETTE PACKET
Departmental Progressive Club president Merrick Malone, fourth from right, stands with other volunteers as they prepare to distribute more than 4,000 books donated by the literacy nonprofit InspireLit as part of the Aug. 22 back-to-school drive at the Ruby Tucker Family Center.



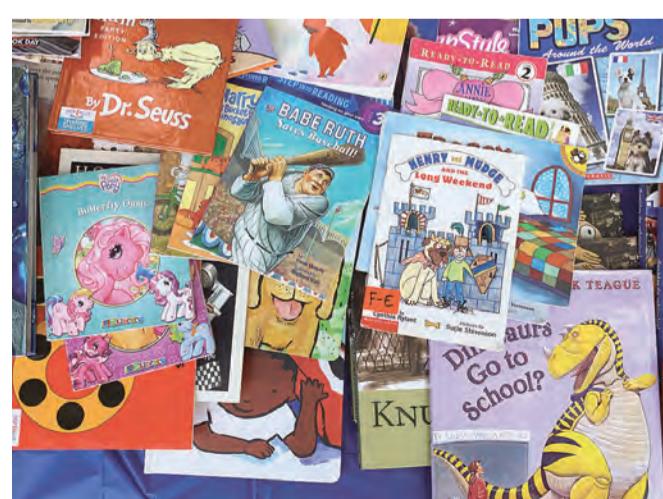
Families line up to receive backpacks and school supplies Aug. 23 outside Oakland Baptist Church as part of a citywide back-to-school drive.



The family of Rosa and Jack Byrd encourage voter registration Aug. 22 at the Ruby Tucker Family Center.



Volunteers from the Alexandria Redevelopment Housing Authority distribute backpacks Aug. 22 as part of a back-to-school drive at the Ruby Tucker Family Center.



More than 4,000 books were donated by the nonprofit InspireLit for the back-to-school drive.



Families pick up backpacks and school supplies Aug. 23 outside Oakland Baptist Church as part of a citywide back-to-school drive.



Staff member Juwahn Brown of the Ruby Tucker Family Center, Keith Pettigrew, CEO of the Alexandria Redevelopment Housing Authority, and Del Badie, another staff member of the center, prepare to assist with the school supplies distribution Aug. 22.

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Automated Justice?

Lawmakers to consider automatic expungements for misdemeanors.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Virginia is one of 10 states that offers almost no way for people convicted of misdemeanors to expunge their records, creating roadblocks for people trying to get a job or rent an apartment. Even when a jury finds defendants in Virginia not guilty or when prosecutors dropped charges, allegations remain on records as a stain that can cause problems for years to come. That's why lawmakers are about to consider a proposal from the Virginia Crime Commission on automatic expungement, which is expected to be released early next week.

"For the relatively low-level, minor offenses I think there ought to be some sort of automatic mechanism where those records are at least sealed," said Attorney General Mark Herring in an interview. "We should give a clean slate and a second chance to more Virginians who have earned it."

Earlier this year, lawmakers considered about a dozen proposals on expungement. Some were narrowly tailored to what happens when charges were cleared from a record or when a jury failed to convict. Others were aimed at figuring out a way to expunge charges brought against victims of sex trafficking, a complicated procedure that requires convicted felons to prove they were victims of sex trafficking when the crimes were committed. Ultimately, lawmakers threw in the towel and asked the Crime Commission to study the issue and went home without accomplishing anything on expungement.

"There were a bunch of bills thrown up by lawmakers who had probably been contacted by constituents who tried to get expungements but couldn't get it, so you had bills that were these tiny little piecemeal things," said Andrew Elders, policy director for Justice Forward Virginia. "It was too complicated for everyone to put together in a very short session in a way that amounted to meaningful reform."

FAST FORWARD to the summer, when protesters across the country were shining a spotlight on police brutality. Gov. Ralph Northam called a special session to rewrite



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/GAZETTE PACKET

People convicted of drug possession or using a fake ID to get alcohol have almost no way to expunge those convictions from their record in Virginia.

the budget and address criminal justice reform; members of the Legislative Black Caucus identified automatic expungement as a their leading criminal-justice reform priority. House Majority Leader Charniele Herring

"We were looking at the current structure and adding a section to the currently existing section code, and that's what made it complicated and difficult," said Herring. "With automatic expungement, all that needs to happen is someone has served their time and not committed another offense. It's more just, and it's more equitable."

One issue that might cause some conflict in Richmond is a difference in approaches between the House and Senate. While

members of the Senate are uncomfortable with creating a system that removes discretion of judges.

"We've been fighting hard to build discretion back into our system, whether it's giving prosecutors the discretion to drop charges when they want to or giving judges and juries the discretion to impose a sentence they feel is appropriate instead of the General Assembly telling them what they can and can't do," said Sen. Scott Surovell (D-36). "Automatic expungement is the opposite of that."

"If these are crimes of poverty, then to me that makes it clear to me that they should be expunged automatically."

— Del. Paul Krizek

of Alexandria also serves as chairwoman of the Virginia Crime Commission, which is expected to issue recommendations Monday to finish the work that was started earlier this year.

House members have been pushing for an approach that identifies a limited number of crimes that would qualify for automatic expungement for misdemeanors like petty theft or marijuana possession, some mem-

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE Crime Commission are expected to outline which crimes are automatically expunged and how long a period of time needs to elapse before that happens. Misdemeanors like destruc-

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Submit civic/community announcements at [ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar](#). Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before the event.

AUG. 21-30

Alexandria Restaurant Week To-Go. More than 60 restaurants in Alexandria will offer a \$49 takeout, delivery or curbside pick-up dinner for two during Alexandria

Restaurant Week To-Go. This year, guests are encouraged to bring Alexandria Restaurant Week home and enjoy special menus from the comfort of their homes. The online menu book makes it easy to browse selections from dozens of Alexandria eateries. New Alexandria Restaurant Week participants include Taqueria Picoso, Glory Days Grill, The Light Horse, Michael's Little Italy, Sweet Fire Donna's and Mount Vernon Inn. Restaurants offering delivery in addition to takeout or

curbside pick-up, include Chadwicks, Lapatra's Restaurant, Ramparts, RT's Restaurant, Ruz Uz – Alexandria and The Wharf, among others. Returning neighborhood favorites offering takeout include City Kitchen, a la lucia, Il Porto and Northside 10. View the menu flip-book and participating restaurant listings at [AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com](#).

THURSDAY/AUG. 27
Beyond Paper & Stone. 6-8 p.m. At Carlyle

House, Alexandria. Cost is \$15. Half hour slots, max 4 people at a time. At Beyond Paper and Stone, staff of the Carlyle House would like to share their love of the collections with guests. Various objects will be pulled from the collections to be displayed and discussed. They will be explaining collections care and maintenance, preservation that has taken place on objects, and how the care of these

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vote with the Departmental Progressive Club, stepping up as always with donations and volunteers."

Despite the long lines, the excitement of families and children was evident as backpacks, school supplies, books and ice cream treats were distributed.

"It is always rewarding to give or assist those in need," said Keith Pettigrew, CEO of the Alexandria Redevelopment Housing Authority. "It's especially critical during these challenging times in a pandemic. Thanks to the annual effort and leadership of Commissioner Willie Bailey and all the organizations that helped, ARHA was allowed to assist in giving children school supplies and learning materials to begin their school year. The smiles on the kids' faces said it all."

Sponsors for the back-to-school drive include: Alexandria Redevelopment Housing Authority, Departmental Progressive Club, Alexandria Dept of Recreation and Parks, Jack Taylor's Alexandria Toyota, InspireLit literacy nonprofit, Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue, The Ice Cream Squad and Oakland Baptist Church.



PHOTO BY JANET BARNETT/GAZETTE PACKET

Families line up for free ice cream from The Ice Cream Squad during the back-to-school drive Aug. 23 at Oakland Baptist Church.

Fun Things to Do This Summer

GIRLS WHO MATH

Girls Who Math is a student-run charity started by high schoolers at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. They provide free individual tutoring and group classes to students of all ages. Although initially created as a way to empower girls with interest in STEM, they have opened up their programs to students of all gender identities to encourage all students to keep learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. The classes they offer cover a wide variety of STEM topics from computer science to biology, and are held once a week. The one-on-one tutoring is suitable for

students with a wide variety of needs. In the time that they have been established, they have helped over 600 students from over 25 different countries. They also often host seminars and information sessions to inform students of competitions, career opportunities, and scholarships. To learn more about Girls Who Math and programs that are currently offered, visit their website at <https://girlswomath.net/>

ALEXANDRIA DRIVE-IN THEATRE

The Alexandria Drive-In Theatre, presented by Alexandria based businesses ALX Community and The Garden, will kick off on Saturday, Aug. 29. The six-part movie series will run on Saturdays through October 3 and will feature a popular collection of movie classics and family favorites.

The drive-in theatre will be located in the Eisenhower section of Alexandria in the parking lot connected to commercial space owned by real estate developer and event partner Stonebridge. The lot can comfortably accommodate up to 215 cars per screening. To help support our food truck vendors who have been hit hard by the pandemic, event organizers have partnered with Curbside Kitchen who will be onsite providing a rotating selection of sweet and savory food truck cuisine from local truckers, such as The Chewish Deli, Gemma Gelato, Capital Chicken & Waffles

and Bangkok offering mobile ordering. Movie patrons can also bring their own food.

Alexandria Drive-In Movie Line Up:
Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020 -- "Jurassic Park"
Saturday, Sept. 5, 2020 -- "Back to the Future"

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020 -- "Trolls"
Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020 -- "Field of Dreams"
Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020 -- "ET"
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Thursday, Aug. 27 -- "A League of their Own"
Friday, Aug. 28 -- "Hot Fuzz"
Saturday, Aug. 29 -- "The Dark Crystal"
Sunday, Aug. 30 -- "Moana"

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Saturday, Sept. 12 -- "Mrs. Doubtfire"
Reserve your spot - space is limited. Reservation and movie details are located at <https://www.tysonscornercenter.com/Events>

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OBITUARY

Carter Holland, 24, Dead from Cardiac Arrest

Carter Hamilton Holland, 24, died on August 15, 2020, at his home in Alexandria, Virginia, from cardiac arrest.

With music as his first love, Carter's talent was only surpassed by his kindness, unconditional love for his wide circle of friends, wry wit and calm dignity as the embodiment of a true Southern gentleman.

A graduate of St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria, Carter was a "Lifer" having started his schooling there in kindergarten. At SSSAS he excelled on the cross country team and the orchestra. During those years he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and was honored with the Great Son award from Alpine Camp for Boys in Mentone, Alabama. Carter received a degree in English from the College of Charleston.

Carter shared his musical talents as a composer and multi-instrumentalist in a Charleston band and at garden parties to support the Historic Alexandria Foundation. He launched his career path at the I'On Club in South Carolina and Potomack Company Auctions



Carter Hamilton Holland

in Alexandria before becoming a journalist for Law Street Media in Washington, D.C., following in the career footsteps of his father.

Carter and Hamilton are family surnames, and as the only grandchild on one side of his family he was amused when referred to as "the heir" by his grandparents' friends.

He delighted in the historic at-

mosphere of his Old Town Alexandria hometown and Charleston, and he was a member of The Order of the First Families of Virginia and the Huguenot Society of South Carolina.

The source of Carter's greatest happiness were his family and friends and especially the times he spent with his extended relatives at the family's rural mountain compound on the Little River in Mentone, Alabama and at Kiawah,

SC. He loved his cat Tommy.

Carter is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Asbury Holland (Lucie Howard Stephens) of Alexandria; grandmother Mrs. Gerry Underwood Stephens of Chattanooga, TN; grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Worley (Mary Frances Beane Holland) of Chattanooga; aunt Allison Ward Stephens and uncles Gerry U. Stephens, Jr. and A.W. Holland, III of Chattanooga and numerous be-

loved cousins.

A Service for the Celebration and Thanksgiving for Carter's life was held at the Virginia Theological Seminary on August 22, and he will be laid to rest in a private family ceremony in Chattanooga. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Alexandria, College of Charleston departments of Music or English and Mentone Educational Resources Foundation (Alabama).

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objects impacts the story told. They will have stations within the house with various objects, in varying mediums, to allow a more in-depth look at what goes on behind the scenes at Carlyle House. Reservations are required as space is limited.

ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY WINS 2020 JOHN COTTON DANA AWARD

As the Library celebrates the 81st anniversary of its historic sit-in, it is proud to announce that it has been named the winner of

the American Library Association's most coveted 2020 John Cotton Dana Award for the program "We Are the Alexandria Library Sit-In." The award, supported by H.W. Wilson Foundation with a \$10,000 grant, is given to libraries and honors outstanding library public relations. Alexandria Library will be honored at a reception held by EBSCO Information Services (EBSCO) at the 2021 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 11
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Special Circumstances for Special Session

BY SEN. ADAM EBBIN

On Tuesday, the General Assembly returned to Richmond for a Special Session called by Gov. Ralph Northam to revisit the biennial budget following the release of updated revenue forecasts due to the coronavirus pandemic. Legislation is also being considered addressing policing and criminal justice reform as well as adapting to COVID-19.

To ensure social distancing, the Senate met at the Science Museum of Virginia and the House met on the floor of the VCU Siegel Center before voting to continue their session via Zoom, convening outside the halls of the Capitol for only the third time since the cholera pandemic of 1849.

This is the third year in a row that we have been called back to Richmond for a special session. Two years ago we expanded Medicaid to more than 400,000 Virginians in a marathon 14-hour floor session. Last year we returned to address gun violence prevention measures in the wake of the tragic mass shooting in Virginia Beach, only to have the then-Republican majority gavel out without even a minute of debate. This current special session will span multiple days as bills are being heard by committees with remote testimony, debated on the floor, and will need to be approved by both chambers.

In anticipation of the special session, Senate Democrats hosted statewide listening sessions with citizens, law enforcement agencies, and interest groups like local

NAACP branches and Justice Forward Virginia. Relying heavily on this input and the views of affected communities, we formed a special subcommittee to draft legislation on criminal justice reform, chaired by Sen. Scott Surovell (D-Fairfax) which prepared several omnibus bills on criminal justice reform. Resulting bills propose reforms to policing, sentencing, mental health support, and prison reform.

Our policing reform package, carried by Sen. Mamie Locke (D-Hampton), would ban police from purchasing military-grade equipment from the federal government and establish a statewide officer code of conduct -- streamlining the process of decertification if an officer violates this code of conduct or any criminal statutes. The bill would also ban violent use of force including chokeholds, ensure de-escalation training, and require officers to intervene if another officer violates the newly established use-of-force continuums.

Our proposed sentencing reforms, carried by Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-Bath County) and Sen. Joe Morrisey (D-Richmond), would allow for the expungement of criminal records for drug possession and expand authority for prosecutors to enter into "deferred dispositions" rather than giving individuals criminal records for minor offenses. Sen. Jennifer McClellan (D-Richmond) is carrying legislation to give localities authority to establish civilian review



boards with subpoena power over police misconduct and establish a "Marcus Alert" system, which would require social service workers to respond to mental health crises alongside police officers. Legislation was also introduced to allow for the conditional release of geriatric and terminally-ill prisoners and to expand access to reduced sentences for good behavior. At the request of Alexandria Commonwealth's Attorney Bryan Porter, I introduced a bill allowing a local Commonwealth's Attorney to request Virginia Attorney General to serve as an independent prosecutor in cases of criminal use of force by police. Unfortunately, the bill was killed by the Senate Judiciary Committee in Thursday mornings' meeting.

COVID-19 has laid bare the lack of access to affordable housing and renter protections that have long plagued Virginians. The economic damage that the pandemic has wrought is putting hundreds of thousands at risk of being evicted in Virginia. While the Governor has instituted an eviction moratorium through Sept. 7, and allocated \$50 million in rent and mortgage relief payments, these actions alone will not prevent the looming eviction crisis. The General Assembly is considering expanded financial relief for tenants and landlords alike, and several bills dealing with the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act (VRLTA) during

the Special Session. I introduced legislation to require landlords to offer a payment plan to tenants if they miss a rent payment prior to seeking eviction during COVID-19. This policy would ensure that one financial crisis can't make the tenant homeless and ensures small landlords do not lose income or go through the costly and unsettling process of evicting a family. The bill passed out of the Senate General Laws Committee unanimously and will have a floor vote next week.

Sen. Ghazala Hashmi (D-Richmond) has also introduced legislation to extend the eviction moratorium through next Spring.

We are also reviewing \$2.2 billion in potential new spending that was approved during the 2020 legislative session and frozen during "veto session" due to the economic impact of COVID-19. This funding included proposals for early childhood education, tuition-free community college for professional degrees in high demand fields, affordable housing, and initiatives to expand rural broadband. Though future economic forecasts are not rosy, Virginia ended our 2020 fiscal year with a \$236.5 million budget shortfall, far less than the \$1 billion that was originally anticipated. However, we now expect to see \$2.7 billion less revenue over the next two years than was projected last Fall when the budget planning process was in full swing. Tough decisions will have to be made as to what new spending will be cut and where we can make a few strategic investments for the most

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Reforecasted Budget Progressing

BY DELEGATE PAUL KRIZEK



The General Assembly is meeting virtually this week and next week in a special session necessary to revise the budget due to the pandemic and the need to implement election law changes in time to take effect prior to the November general election. Last week, I participated in the Joint Money Committees meeting (House Appropriations and House and Senate Finance) where we received the official budget reforecasting data and Governor Northam's budget recommendations which was necessary because the Virginia Code mandates a revenue reforecast when the forecast is missed by 1% or more.

Back in April during the reconvene session, there were estimates that during the 2020 fiscal year we would see a shortfall in the neigh-

borhood of \$1 billion. Due to this projection, at the April reconvene session, we adopted the "unallowment" of \$874.6 million in FY 2021 and \$1.38 billion in FY 2022. However, now that we have fully analyzed data from this time period, revenues only fell \$234.2 million below the original projected amounts. While less than expected, this amount still shows 2% growth from our previous fiscal year. Because of this Governor Northam's budgetary proposals were scaled down in order to absorb the impact from the coronavirus pandemic, and while cuts on current spending were avoided, much spending approved in our original budget we passed in March will not be reinstated.

After receiving the reforecasting data, \$99.6 million in spending has been proposed for restoration in FY 2021 and \$44.9 million in FY 2022. Much of this restoration was provided for one-time and urgent spending initiatives like increased money to the Housing Trust Fund, broadband deployment, and dam rehabilitation projects.

In addition to budgetary adjustments, Virginia has also received \$3.1 billion in federal Coronavirus Relief Fund dollars. Coronavirus Relief Fund money can only be used to cover expenses related to the COVID-19 response, and must be spent prior to Dec. 30th, 2020. As I mentioned earlier this year, there is a possibility that federal legislation will allow for more flexibility on the use of these funds, and an extended timeline, but Congress has yet to act on this and so this cannot be guaranteed. These funds have not been appropriated within the budget, instead, they have been allocated administratively. Currently, \$1.3 billion of this funding remains uncommitted.

Types of expenditures that might be eligible could include testing, PPE, and health worker hazard pay to name a few.

Priorities in the newly proposed budget revision reflect the effects COVID-19 has had on the Commonwealth, providing funding for combatting the health crisis, helping Virginians facing

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housing and food insecurity, increasing child care programs, and expanding voting access, among other initiatives. \$55 million in FY21 and \$30 million in FY22 have been proposed for funding the Housing Trust Fund. The Housing Trust Fund supports loans for projects to expand Virginia's affordable rental housing, and funds efforts to reduce homelessness. The budget also includes language to extend the eviction moratorium through April 30, 2021, and provides a process for landlords and tenants to enter into a COVID-19 housing payment plan. Language is also included to prohibit utilities like electric, gas, and water providers from disconnecting services for nonpayment of fees until 60 days after the public health state of emergency ends.

\$85 million across the biennium has been set aside for improving broadband infrastructure across the Commonwealth, which has become an even more important initiative during this pandemic, as we have moved to online work and learning. As I noted last week, Governor Northam provided for funding for prepaid postage for mail-in absentee ballots in this reforecasted budget, which fulfills my bill which passed this year, HB 220, as well as adds absentee ballot return drop boxes. The pandemic has shown more acutely the necessity of expanding voting options and providing accessibility

for absentee ballots.

Voters should not have to choose between their health and the health of their loved ones and exercising their right to vote. Secure drop boxes for absentee ballots are already common throughout the country, and will provide yet another safe, secure, and accessible method of returning ballots for voters. Due to the pandemic and delays that may be experienced through USPS, allowing voters an option to bypass mailing ballots is a necessary addition to ensure each vote is counted, and to maintain election integrity.

I introduced three budget amendments to the revised budget, requesting partial restoration of unallotted spending, and utilization of CARES Act funding for one-time expenses. One requests \$882,500 from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act to enable the Virginia Mental Health Access Program to respond to the children's mental health crisis being experienced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Another is a language amendment granting the DMV the authority to administer driver education programs and testing online during a state of emergency. The last one partially restores funding (\$500,000) for Pre- and Post-Incarceration Services (PAPIS) for individuals nearing or newly released from incarceration, aiming to improve outcomes for individuals and reduce recidivism rates.

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critical services to Virginians, despite a greatly reduced budget. As a member of the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee, I will continue to fight to keep progressive priorities in the budget and support our localities' requests for funding for key projects.

The world is a different place than it was when the General Assembly left Richmond earlier this year. None of us could have foreseen the national crisis we have faced in the last six months, but the job of the legislature requires adapting to novel challenges. I hope that through our work in the coming weeks Virginia will again be a different place when we gavel out -- one that is safer, more equitable, and more just.

Tuesday, in a meeting of the

Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee, Senate Democrats advanced a bill to ensure elections security over Republican objections.

I co-sponsored SB5120 in order to shore up the integrity of our elections and expand access to the ballot box. The legislation will require ballot drop boxes, and provide voters an opportunity to correct an absentee ballot oversight such as forgetting to sign the ballot return envelope and also provides \$2 million for prepaid postage for absentee ballots. These provisions will make certain the safety of our democracy and the health of Virginia voters and elections officials.

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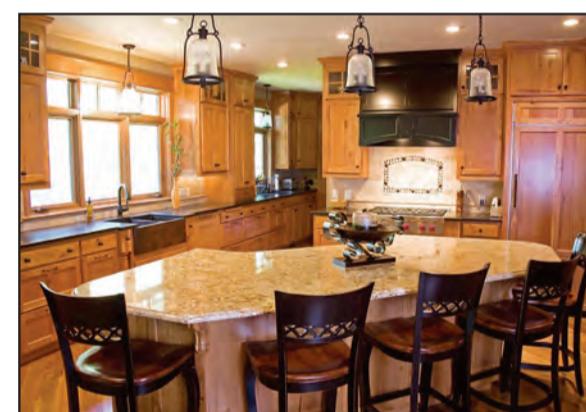
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More Students, Less Administration?

Superintendent revamps senior administration team for the challenging school year ahead.

BY BRIDGETTE ADU-WADIER
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria public schools will begin the next school year with a new senior administration team, one that's smaller and more consolidated than the old leadership structure. Given the pandemic, possible T.C. Williams name change and virtual reopening, this year's Central Office staff will play a key role in how effective the school year is for students. The 18-member team includes three new hires. The rest are veteran employees who know their way around the school system. The sum total of annual salaries for the team is \$2.6 million.

The plan to restructure the school administration was first proposed to the School Board in December 2019. "This work is to make sure that this structure will allow us to meet the strategic planning goals that we have for 2020 and 2025," said Superintendent Gregory Hutchings at the Dec. 19, 2019 School Board meeting. "It is not related to any particular person or any particular position within our organization."

Hutchings added a new chief of staff, Stephen Wilkins, who previously worked with Hutchings at a school district in Ohio and currently makes about \$182,000 a year.

Hutchings also created a new department of school and community relations, headed by Julia Burgos, who also makes \$182,000 a year.

Former School Board members say they hope the new structure will help smooth out lingering conflicts with City Hall, in addition to some other concerns.

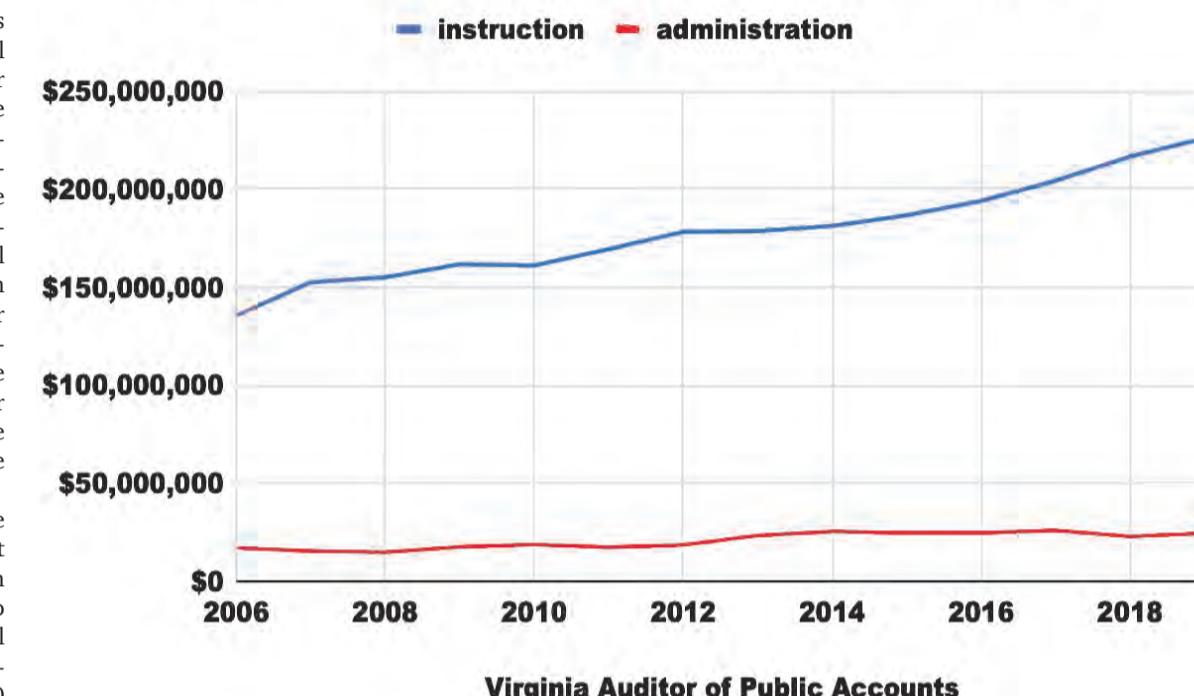
"Board members and council members would talk past each other," said former School Board member Bill Campbell. "It really goes down to the ugly fights around the budget."

New superintendents often rearrange administrations when they assume power to better suit their goals. Association of American School Administrators Executive Director Daniel Domenech says reorganizations take place for a number of reasons.

"One is he has individuals he has worked with in the past that he has confidence in and will want to bring those individuals in to work with him or because as he assesses the way the district is organized," said Domenech. "He or she may feel that to accomplish what needs to be accomplished, it has to be organized a different way."

Not all new superintendents

In the Classroom and at the Office



As the Alexandria student population approaches 16,000, instruction costs have gone up over the last decade. However, administration costs have remained relatively constant.

change central office staff organization, though. Former Alexandria superintendents Herb Berg and Rebecca Perry didn't think it was necessary.

"I am not a person who changes the organization. During my time, I didn't do it," said Berg. "You come in as superintendent, somebody put an organization together. It worked for them. As long as I had great people in the job slots, I was perfectly fine with leaving the organization alone."

"I was fortunate," added Perry. "I inherited a very good group of administrators from Herb Berg."

CENTRAL OFFICE administration is instrumental in fostering relationships with students, parents and teachers. Glenn Hopkins, former member of the school division's Alternative Education Task Force, worked closely with every superintendent from Berg to Hutchings to improve alternative education and opportunities for minority students. He's also struggled for years to gain access to information and responses from administrators.

"People will always love to say, 'oh they're top-heavy; too much administration,'" said Perry. "That's been as long as I've been in education—forty-some years. That's always something people say about schools but that's really not true. It takes a good, strong administration to keep everything going. You want your teachers and principals to focus on kids and classroom instruction."

"I need to see that community relations is going to improve. It's been pretty bad ... About four weeks ago I wrote an email requesting some information and to this day I've never gotten a response," said Hopkins. "Greg has the potential to really rebuild relationships based on the quality of people he surrounds himself with."

Despite many familiar names



Current and former superintendents, from left to right: Herb Berg, Rebecca Perry, Morton Sherman, Alvin Crawley, Lois Berlin and Gregory Hutchings.

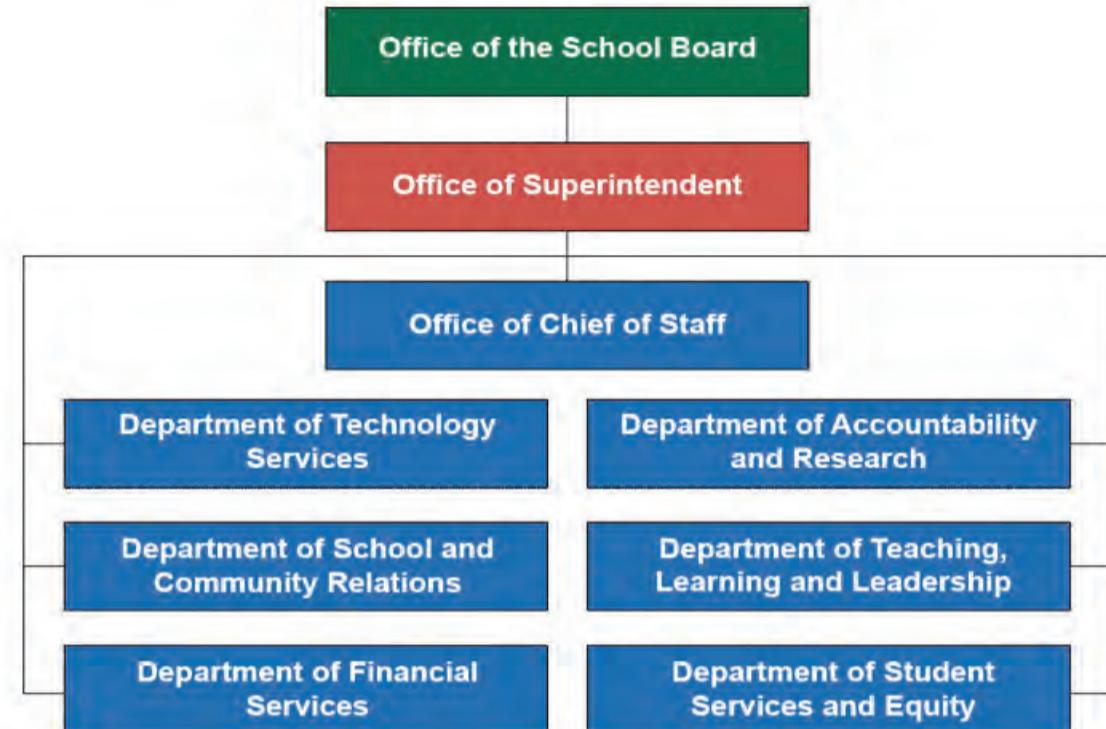
and positions, the new structure includes some new faces and titles. It eliminates the Department of Operations, which used to manage facilities and capital improve-

ments. It also includes two new departments, the Department of School and Community Relations, responsible for community engagement, and the Office of Chief

of Staff, which oversees all other departments. Many of the other remaining departments have been renamed with executive officers leading them.

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Proposed New Organization



New administrative structure became effective July 1.

The administration still has some vacancies in the human resources department, which may prove more important this coming school year for teachers working through the pandemic.

Since former Chief Operating Officer Mignon Anthony's departure last month, the facilities department has had no leader to direct projects such as the Douglas MacArthur Elementary rebuilding.

"The jury's still out on what he is doing," said Hopkins. "I would say it concerns me that the folks that take care of facilities — that department does not have a head of it yet ... Particularly now, it is critical for any institution, including the school system, when we're talking about investing hundreds of millions of dollars in construction, leasing and renovation — there is no one person in charge of that. It is concerning for me. It has been for years now. That department has been a problem."

"If you're the leanest district in Virginia, there's going to be people saying there's too much," said Berg. "The goal is to have a balance. The goal is to be lean; the goal is to have the fewest people responsible to help you run the school district ... In my view, I tried to make that work around the organization that I inherited."

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cades-long effort to reduce Central Office employees and focus on schools and students.

"I'm not as concerned that the superintendent is reducing the number of folks in the central office — that is a good thing — under one condition — the quality of the people you have," said Hopkins.

"If they're incredibly smart and incredibly organized, they can do the work of twice or three times as many people. And is different from a central office that is bloated with folks that are incompetent or incapable, low quality."

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Central Administration and Salaries



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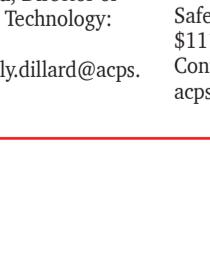
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A Migration Miracle Is Underway

Small efforts can help monarch butterflies.

BY GLENDA C. BOOTH
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Bright orange and black butterflies are zigging and zagging through Northern Virginia in September and October headed south, the migration of monarch butterflies. Each weighing 598 milligrams or one-fifth the weight of a penny, they are headed to central Mexico's mountains to join up to 100 million that annually cluster like grayish beards on oyamel fir trees at nine to 11,000 feet through the winter. Some will fly 2,000 miles from Canada to reach their winter sites. A western population winters in California.

People are seeing monarchs in backyards, along highways and in natural areas like Dyke Marsh and Huntley Meadows and Riverbend Parks. In mid-August, Alexandrian Jim Waggener spotted 25 in several hours at Meadowood on Mason Neck.

In the 17th century, English colonists named this insect a "monarch" because the orange and black colors reminded them of British royalty, the prince of Orange. Male monarch butterflies have two black spots on their hind wings; females do not.

Life Cycle

Butterflies have four life stages. Female monarchs lay an egg the size of a period on the underside of a leaf, up to 500 to 700 eggs under optimal conditions. Then the parents die.

After the egg hatches, the larva or caterpillar fattens up on milkweed leaves. "That's all they do – eat, eat, eat," said Larry Brindza, who has tagged monarchs for researchers. Monarch caterpillars feed exclusively on milkweed plants, experts contend. Ingested milkweed sap offers protection because predators like birds are repulsed by the taste and toxicity.

The yellow, black and white striped caterpillar outgrows its outer skin or exoskeleton several



A monarch butterfly chrysalis attached to a cement shelf, Shenandoah National Park.



Monarch caterpillar on milkweed leaves.

times and attaches itself to a support by a silky adhesive substance to become a pupa, a green, bag-like chrysalis. The chrysalis dangles delicately and becomes clearer until it transforms into a fully-formed butterfly and splits open. The new, delicate butterfly pumps fluid into its wing veins, dries in the sun, hardens its wings and takes flight.

Spring Journey

The monarch is the only butterfly that regularly has a two-way migration. When spring temperatures rise in Mexico and nectar sources become available, monarchs mate, head north and females lay eggs.

After laying eggs, females live only around 30 days. The eggs become adults and this new genera-

tion flies north, mating along the way. The next generation does the same. During warm years, a few of the migrants from the mid-latitudes of the U.S. are fifth generation monarchs.

The human equivalent of the typical monarch's astonishing odyssey is 11 times around the world, estimates Dr. David Gibo, a Toron-



Monarchs at the butterfly waystation at the Dale City rest area.



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SENIOR LIVING

For Seniors, Love Is Not Cancelled

This region is a prime location for meeting and dating other singles of all ages safely.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

Even during the current coronavirus pandemic, the need for healthy human emotions like intimacy has not disappeared, particularly for seniors.

The lack of positive social connections, which is linked to physical and mental illnesses, has increased during COVID. In fact, 43 percent of adults aged 60 or older, report feeling lonely, according to a study by the National Academy of Sciences pandemic, particularly by those who are widowed or divorced.

While seniors are often reluctant to use online dating services, this year's pandemic has made finding meaningful companionship a priority, says Barbie Adler, Founder and President of Selective Search, a matchmaking firm.

"The restrictions and safety precautions put in place by the pandemic has allowed relationships to evolve at a slower pace," Adler said, a pace older people are more likely to be comfortable with. "Our couples are forming strong bonds over Zoom wine tastings, book discussions, sharing past travel mementos and planning future adventures, and venturing out for picnics in the park," she said. "Without overbooked schedules and quick dinner reservations, clients are recognizing their own desire to connect, and are enjoying the process of getting to know someone. The first date-second date-third date playbook is no longer obvious."

Moving toward intimate connection requires trust, the ability to be vulnerable, and the courage to try something new. However, during a pandemic, these are the very things that we are encouraged not to do."

said Carolyn Lorente, Ph.D, a professor of psychology at Northern Virginia Community College, Associate Psychologist at Outpatient Addictions Services in Montgomery County, Md. and a private practitioner.

The need for romantic and even sexual relationships persist during COVID, says therapist and former geriatric nurse Barbara Rubenstein, LCSW-C. "Many people might be surprised to know that 57 percent of adults over the age of 60 are sexually active," she said. "Obviously chronic illnesses, which increase as a person gets older, can affect that figure, but I would say that sex, when practiced safely, will have a positive affect on the mental and possibly physical health of seniors."

Older adults have a higher risk of serious COVID-19 complications, and safety measures are critical. But wearing a mask and maintaining a 6-foot distance is a

likely obstacle to romance at a certain point.

"COVID-19 is not a sexually transmitted disease, [but] it is spread through respiratory droplets when someone with the virus coughs, sneezes or talks," said Dr. Benjamin Schwartz, M.D., Division Director of Epidemiology & Population Health for the Fairfax County Health Department. "It can be spread by touching someone's eyes, nose and mouth."

While researchers at the Mayo Clinic encourage abstinence among seniors who are a greater risk for a serious illness because of pre-existing medical conditions, Lorente believes in creating a healthy balance.

"Many folks, particularly those who live alone and have been practicing physical distancing as encouraged by the CDC, are experiencing feelings of depression, isolation, and cheerlessness," she said. "Sure, staying in your own bubble in your house is the best way to protect yourself from the virus, but the negative impact of [depression and isolation] is real too."

It's possible to maintain a romantic and intimate relationship while also maintaining a safe social distance. "Many of my older clients are also quite comfortable using technology such as Zoom and Facetime to connect too," said Lorente. "I've been doing talks over Zoom where people can attend and meet and are way more intimate than let's say a big lecture hall. Interestingly, we may see a move toward longer courtships in order to build trust, which may be really fun." In fact, those video conferencing platforms allow partners to dress up and go on virtual dates, watch movies or listen to music together. "I have encouraged my clients that physical distancing is not social distancing," said Lorente.

"I have a client in her mid-sixties who lives by herself," Lorente said. "Last session I was checking in with her, worried about possible isolation. She sounded energized." The client had just finished playing a game of bocce ball in the morning with her new friend.

A 67-year-old widower who lives in Old Town, met a woman who is divorced and 65. They met on eHarmony, getting together before COVID. Both were looking for someone their own age who was healthy, active, attractive and interested in a relationship. They hike and bike together in Rock Creek Park and Great Falls. They traveled together until COVID, and were supposed to go to Italy this summer. They've been together for a year and divide their time between her place and his, but they do stay together during COVID-19. They say that they couldn't imagine being alone and socially isolated during this period.

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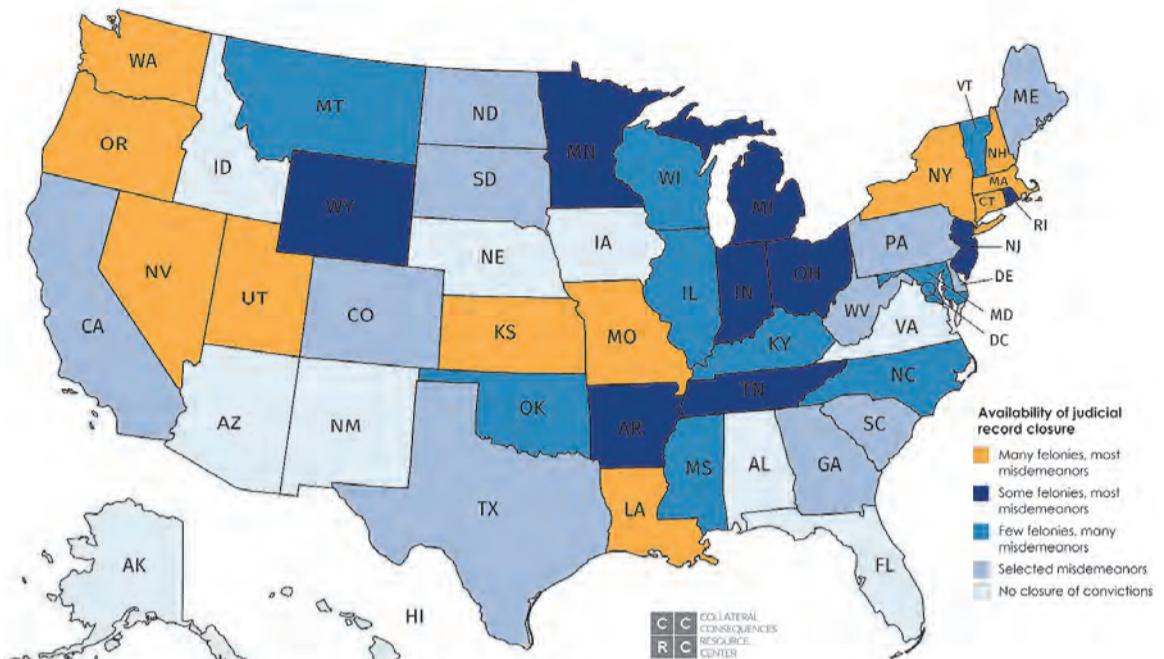
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Automated Justice?

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tion of property or trespass are likely to be on the list while crimes like domestic violence or stalking are likely to be excluded. As for the amount of time that should elapse before the record is cleared, commissioners are looking at anywhere from three years to eight years.

"Expungements need to be an automatic process," said Del. Mike Mullin (D-93), chairman of the House subcommittee that will be considering the issue. "People who have served their time, served their debt to society and have been of good behavior for a very long time have got the opportunity to start over in life." One issue lawmakers will be wrestling with is whether they want to make any felony charges subject to automatic expungement. Many people in Virginia have felony convictions for drug possession, the result of a decades long war on drugs that many criminal-justice advocates say has been a failure that has created disproportionate hardships for Black and Hispanic people who get caught up in the criminal-justice system. If the discussion about automatic expungement is limited to misdemeanors, these people would be left out of the conversation and not helped by the reform.

"I don't think possession of drugs should be a felony. I think it should be a Class One misdemeanor," said Alexandria Commonwealth's Attorney Bryan Porter. "If we could amend that down to a misdemeanor, it's still a crime but it's a much less serious one. Then that problem wouldn't exist. If someone was arrested for a misdemeanor, then that would come under automatic expungement."

"We should give a clean slate and a second chance to more Virginians who have earned it."

— Attorney General Mark Herring

IF VIRGINIA were to move forward on automatic expungement during the special session, the commonwealth would be on the vanguard of a criminal justice reform that's been attempted in only a handful of states. Pennsylvania was the first state to create a model for automatic expungement in 2018, and a few other states have started moving in that direction since then. The real question for the Crime Commission and lawmakers are which crimes should be on the list for automatic expungement and how long defendants should have to wait before their record is cleared. "The rationale I use when I look at this is, are these crimes of poverty?" asks Del. Paul Krizek (D-44). "If these are crimes of poverty, then to me that makes it clear to me that they should be expunged automatically."

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FUN THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER

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MOSAIC DEBUTS OUTDOOR DRIVE-IN MOVIES

EDENS Mosaic has launched a new outdoor drive-in movie series this summer. Located on the top level (7) of Market Garage across from Mom's Organic Market and Hyatt House. Check-in is on level 6. Address: 8295 Glass Alley, Fairfax. The films begin at 8 p.m. The lineup includes: Friday Aug. 28: "Sonic the Hedgehog" at 5:15 p.m. There is a \$28 fee to reserve a

designated spot in accordance with the new social distancing guidelines. Tickets can be purchased at https://mosaicdistrict.com/events/event/drive-in-at-mosaic/?event_id=8599. Visit www.mosaicdistrict.com.

COLUMBIA PIKE DRIVE-IN

Pull up to the Columbia Pike Drive-In Movie Nights at the Arlington Career Center for some free retro-style family fun. All movies start at sunset (between 8 and 8:30 p.m.) and are shown in English with Spanish subtitles. Space is

limited and new protocols are in place to keep everyone safe. Address: 816 S Walter Reed Dr, Arlington, VA 22204. Visit the website: <https://www.columbia-pike.org/movienights/> Saturday, Aug. 29 -- "Mary Poppins Returns"

SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT

The Fairfax County Park Authority will livestream 25 free summer concert events featuring a mix of nationally known performers and singer-songwriters. SEE FUNS THINGS, PAGE 13

NEWS

I-395 Lane Shifts At King Street, Aug. 28-29

Nighttime multiple lane-closures on I-395 general purpose lanes

The northbound and southbound I-395 general purpose lanes will have multiple lanes closed at King Street (Route 7) Friday night, Aug. 28 and Saturday night, Aug. 29 to implement temporary lane shifts as part of the King Street over I-395 Bridge Rehabilitation project, according to the Virginia Department of Transportation.

The work will occur according to the following schedule:

10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28 to 5 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29: Multiple lane closures on the northbound I-395 general purpose lanes, with at least one lane of traffic open at all times. Once the work is complete, northbound traffic will be temporarily shifted to the right.

10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29 to 5 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 30: Multiple lane closures on the southbound I-395 general purpose lanes, with at least one lane of traffic open at all times. Once the work is complete, southbound traffic will be temporarily shifted to the left.

The \$13 million King Street over I-395 Bridge Rehabilitation project includes upgrading the King Street overpass, as well as pedestrian improvements along King Street between Park Center Drive and Menokin Drive. The project is financed with federal and state funding, including State of Good Repair funding used for maintenance of structures and bridges. The project is expected to be complete in summer 2021.

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These virtual events provide a new way to enjoy great performances from the safety of your home. To view a livestream concert, go to the Fairfax County Park Authority's Summer Entertainment Series main page at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances, select the date on the calendar for this performance, and click on the links for the livestream video.

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Obituary



"It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of **Aman Sulaimani** at George Washington University Hospital on Friday 7 August 2020 following a bravely fought battle with cancer. Aman was a larger than life figure, impacting the lives of so many, through his sense of humor, generosity and love of life.

He was positive and optimistic until the very end, traits which helped him succeed against all odds, after he arrived from Afghanistan in the US in 1967 with \$2 in his pocket and a dream. Together with his wife, Trish, he started the first ever Afghan restaurant in the United States, here in Washington, DC. This began a love affair with the restaurant business and with this country, becoming a proud American citizen in 1982.

His greatest source of pride were his children, Alex and Natalia, his daughter and son in law, Sara and Adam, and especially his beautiful grandchildren, Ethan, Sonia, Anthony, Miles and Lorelai, who adored him.

While we are all devastated by his passing, we recognise an amazing life and man, and feel so very blessed to have had him in our lives.

Thank you Amanjon, Dad, Baba, for everything. We'll miss you every day.

Rest in peace. We love you."

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On Tuesday, July 21, 2020, **Clifford Talmage Cline**, loving father and husband, passed away from a short illness at the age of 83. Clifford was born on February 22, 1937 in Summersville, South Carolina to James and Zella (Hill) Cline of Oak Hill, West Virginia.

He spent his early years in Oak Hill, graduating from Collins High School while making lifelong friends. He received his B. A. Degree from West Virginia Tech in Montgomery in 1964.

In 1959, he married Barbara Carpenter also of Oak Hill. They had one son Thomas Talmage Cline. Cliff met Karen Christine Rose of Alexandria, Virginia in 1979 and after a long engagement, they married in 2004.

Clifford spent his 40 year career as the President and CEO of Cline Enterprises, Inc., designing, building and managing restaurants in Alexandria and Richmond, Virginia. The restaurants in Alexandria on King Street included The Warehouse, The Wharf and Two-Nineteen. He was also the owner/operator of The Village Wharf in Hollin Hall.

Throughout his life he had a passion for his friends and family, sharing with them his love of boating and travel. For many years he spent his summers with his son in Pocahontas County, West Virginia where he enjoyed growing a vegetable garden, visiting numerous friends and family and making mischief.

Clifford was preceded in death by his father James, his mother, Zella and his sisters Norma and Sandy. He is survived by his wife Karen, son Thomas (Melanie) of Seebert, WV, his brother James David (Karen) of Nashville, TN and many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends.

Clifford desired to have his ashes scattered in the Greenbrier River. Family and friends are invited to reminisce, share stories and laugh, next summer (2021) at a date TBD.

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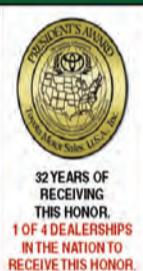
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