Aces advance to championship

Alexandria to square off against Bethesda Big Train for the third straight year
BY PETER RAINEY

The Alexandria Aces, for the third consecutive season, are bound for the Cal Ripken Senior Collegiate Baseball League Championship Series. The Aces earned a 6-5 extra-innings victory Monday on the road against the Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts to capture the best two-out-of-three game semifinal round.

The Thunderbolts, out of Takoma Park, Maryland, proved to be no easy out for the Aces.

From Rule change led to second leadership election in 2023
BY AMY WILL

The Alexandria City School Board is under new leadership following the unanimous election of Michelle Rief, Ph.D., as chair at a July 20 meeting. Kelly Carmichael Booz was elected vice chair in a 5-4 vote at the meeting.

Both will serve one-year terms, which became effective immediately after the votes.

The Alexandria School Board amended its Board Policy BCA at a January 5 meeting, establishing a new timetable for leadership elections beginning in July, according to a press release from Alexandria City Public Schools.

The decision to amend Policy BCA and move the Board’s organizational meeting from January to July was first discussed on Dec. 15, 2022. At that meeting, concerns over the disruption the changing of leadership can cause in the middle of a school year was mentioned during the presentation of proposed policy revisions.

Alexandria Aces pitcher Ryan Reich.

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Murder in Arlandia, police plead for help

Alexandrian Eric Holmes, Jr., 29, was gunned down in the 800 block of W. Glebe Road around noon on Monday and later died of his injuries. The Alexandria Police Department appealed to the public for any help on solving the fatal shooting.

Police took to Twitter, YouTube and their online portal to ask for any information, digital recordings or photographs that could help lead to information regarding the crime. Currently, the APD is looking for information about a silver Nissan Rogue which they say was involved in the shooting.

The City of Alexandria utilized social media pages to share a video recording from Mayor Justin Wilson, City Manager Jim Parajon and APD Chief Don Hayes.

“Like many of you, I am deeply concerned, shocked, frustrated by the violence that is impacting our city. ... We will end this cycle of violence in our community, but only with your support,” Wilson said during the recording.

Hayes said, “I’ve been doing this job for a long time. We are outraged at the senseless violence that is taking place in our city. My family and I have lived here for over 30 years and we’ve never seen it to this level.”

According to Hayes, this is the fifth homicide of 2023.

Another shooting occurred on Saturday around 2:30 p.m. in the 800 block of N. Henry Street. A victim was transported to the hospital with life-threatening injuries.

Anyone with information on these, or any crimes, are encouraged to call 703-746-6711. Callers and tipsters can remain anonymous.

City wins 2023 Red Clay Development Award

The City of Alexandria’s Department of Planning and Zoning won the 2023 Red Clay Development of the Year Award from the state’s chapter of the American Planning Association for the redevelopment of the Potomac River Generating Station.

“We are pleased to share that our City has been awarded the 2023 Red Clay Development of the Year Award from the Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association for its work on the redevelopment of the Potomac River Generating Station. Read more about the award by visiting alexandriava.gov/go/4784,” according to a city news release.

Correction: In the July 20 “It’s a homecoming for Five Guys,” the name Murrell was misspelled as Murray.

In the July 20 article “Out of the woods,” the location for Walter Reed was listed in Bethesda, M.D. where it is currently located. At the time of Woods’ treatment, it was located in Washington, D.C. The Times regrets the errors.
game down] to the wire,” Aces head coach Chris Berset said. “There were plenty of times where we could’ve doubted ourselves, but we just grinded it out and found a way to win.”

Monday night’s ball game pushed 11 innings, ending just 11 minutes shy of 11 p.m. eastern time.

Aces’ Cameron Keshock, a sophomore pitcher from Auburn University, stepped into the game at a crucial eighth-inning juncture with the game tied. Keshock dealt three innings, retiring seven batters via strikeout without allowing an earned run. The Thunderbolts put the potential winning run aboard in the bottom of the ninth and tenth innings, yet Keshock dealt through the traffic and held Silver Spring’s offense scoreless when it counted most.

“I have enough trust in my stuff to be able to just attack the zone,” Keshock said. “[I] trust my infield, my outfield; we got great guys back there ... I’m excited to keep playing with my brothers.”

In the top of the ninth, trailing by one and down to their final two outs, Aces’ infielder Dylan Grego, who attends Ball State University, sent a ball perfectly into the right field corner and advanced to third for the team’s first clean triple of the entire season. He would be driven home by an RBI single from Asa Wilson, a catcher from the University of Pennsylvania, in the next at bat to tie the game.

“I was just looking for a good pitch to hit, get on anyway I could,” Grego said. “I was lucky enough to get one down the line and hustle out a triple.”

The Aces would score the go-ahead run off of a bases-loaded walk in the top of the 11th inning. Aces’ reliever Thomas Lamar, a product of Lehigh University, closed out the Thunderbolts with a 1-2-3 bottom of the 11th.

The Aces now look forward to the Cal Ripken League Championship Series, where they will meet the Bethesda Big Train for the third straight season after the Big Train defeated the Olney Cropdusters 15-7 in a decisive game three from that semifinal series on Tuesday night. Bethesda defeated Alexandria for the championship in 2021, while the Aces claimed the title last year.

“This is what these kids want to play for; you know, a championship is so much fun to play for,” Berset said. “It’s going to take a full roster to win it.”

Game one of a best-of-three championship series will be played Wednesday night in Alexandria at Frank Mann Field. Results were not available in time for the Times’ print edition. In the event that a decisive game three is needed, the Aces will again play at home on Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Game dates and times can fluctuate with playoff results and weather interference. For updates, follow the team on Twitter @Alexandria_Aces or visit the team’s website at alexandriaces.org.

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“I can’t even imagine saying ‘You’re the chair and oh, here’s the gavel. You go ahead and run this meeting.’ I think it looks sloppy, I’m just going to say it. And, I think that we can look more professional and come on the dais more professional if we’re making the change in the summer, with a less impact on staff,” Ignacio stated at the December 15 meeting.

Rief was unanimously elected School Board chair at the beginning of the July 20 meeting, succeeding Meagan Alderton, who had just been re-elected back in January. Board Member Abdel Elnoubi voiced his words of support upon his nomination of Rief.

“It’s my honor to nominate Dr. Rief who is an exceptionally diligent and dedicated board member, very thoughtful and has a deep understanding of the issues,” Elnoubi said.

Elnoubi emphasized Rief’s proactive attitude and devotion to the school community.

“As a parent of three ACPS students, Dr. Rief will bring valuable insight to leadership. I believe that she is a collaborative leader and has a genuine commitment to finding the middle ground,” Elnoubi added.

Rief later thanked her predecessor and family and addressed her fellow Board members.

“It really means the world to me. Serving on the Alexandria School board for the last 4.5 years has really been one of my greatest honors and that’s because our mission is to educate and support every young person in our community,” Rief said.

Following an immediate seat change with Alderton after the vote, Rief called for vice chair nominations.

Board member Tammy Ignacio spoke up, announcing her support for Kelly Carmichael Booz. Her colleague Willie Bailey, Sr. followed with a nomination for Christopher Harris.

Ignacio emphasized Booz’s previous contributions and deep knowledge of the issues before the board in her endorsement.

“I have nominated Kelly Booz because I feel that she’s shown a strong dedication to the school division as evidenced by her previous experiences as a School Board member and her involvement in the budget and policy committee. Her commitment to educating the public and the School Board on important issues, such as staggered terms, highlights her desire to improve the school system,” Ignacio said.

Ignacio pointed out that like Rief, Booz also has children in the ACPS school system and has been invested in its success both as a parent and a Board member.

“She understands the needs and concerns of students and families, which will ultimately inform her decision-making as vice chair ... While it is acknowledged that Ms. Booz and I may not always see eye to eye...
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eye, I believe that this diversity of opinions will only make our team stronger (Booth).

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Although optimistic about the year ahead, Booth shared her concerns regarding a lack of communication in the past. “I think communication and transparency are a major issue with ACPS,” Booth added. Booth referenced the controversial changes made to the Encore teacher program this spring, which will reduce the number of Encore teachers and require some of them to travel between multiple schools.

“...good experience on the school board.” – Stephanie Booth, ACPS parent

Booz has lived in Alexandria since 2010 and previously served on the Alexandria City School Board from 2013 to 2015. She was elected most recently in 2022 and also served on the Douglas MacArthur Elementary School Advisory Committee for the school rebuild.

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“...pass” when their turn came.

The voting process was conducted in two rounds – the first round being for Booz. Members were asked to say either “yes” or “pass” when their turn came.

Members Alderton, Bailey, Greene and Harris all stated “pass,” while Rief, Ignacio, Booz, El nouibi and Ashley Simpson Baird voted “yes.”

The vote was then called for Harris. The members who voted “pass” and “yes” were reversed in that vote.

Booz was elected to vice chair, replacing board member Jacinta Greene, in the 5–4 vote. Although Bailey did not comment following his nomination of Harris, he did interject after the voting process to thank the previous Board chair and vice chair for their service.

“Can I take 11 to 30 seconds to just say thank you to Meagan and Jacinta for the time that they spent?” Bailey continued, “I learned a lot from both of them. And especially Meagan because she gave up even more time, you know, to try to be there and help us and guide us along the way as we were in the process of selecting a new superintendent. So, kudos to her because she has little kids at home and believe me, I know for someone that doesn’t have kids at home it is a lot. ... So, I just want to say thank you to them.”

In an interview on Tuesday, ACPS parent Stephanie Booth shared her enthusiasm for the new leadership team.

“I’m positive about the election that happened last week. I think Dr. Rief has served multiple terms now and has good experience on the school board. ... She has that sort of insider information that she gets from being an elected official on the school board, but she’s also a parent in the community; I’m hoping that she can work to bridge that gap that happens between ACPS and the Alexandria parents,” Booth said.

Although optimistic about the year ahead, Booth shared her concerns regarding a lack of communication in the past. “I think communication and transparency are a major issue with ACPS,” Booth added. Booth referenced the controversial changes made to the Encore teacher program this spring, which will reduce the number of Encore teachers and require some of them to travel between multiple schools.

“For me, supporting teachers is always primary and listening to teachers about their needs in the classroom,” Booth said.

ACPS science teacher David Wainwright said he is also pushing for more transparency and hopes a shift in leadership will usher in constructive change.

“I feel like it’s a good thing. I believe it’s always good to get fresh leadership in, just for new perspectives and things like that,” Wainwright said.

Both Wainwright and Booth also noted the newly elected leaders’ positions on collective bargaining.

“I know that Michelle Rief and Kelly [Booz] are both pro-union, pro-labor. They are pro-collective bargaining. So, from that perspective, I’m happy,” Wainwright said.

Booth said she was also in favor of collective bargaining.

“I hear a lot of teachers calling for collective bargaining. So, I’m hoping that is given serious consideration by the city” Booth said. “And, I think just what the teachers need to continue and their mission in the classroom is, should always be, [the] primary concern.”

Bridget Shea Westfall, a parent and strong advocate for ACPS educators, echoed the support for Rief and Booz, noting several goals she would like to see accomplished with both women at the helm.

“I would like an emphasis on retaining staff and leadership. I would also like to work on K-12 literacy and math skills, more mental health resources and greater emphasis on special learning needs of language learners, students with disabilities, accelerated learners and post-secondary options like vocational education for those students not choosing college,” Westfall said.

Rief has lived in Alexandria since 2006 and was first elected to the School Board in 2018. She was reelected in 2022 and has held leadership positions in the Mount Vernon Community School PTA and the Alexandria PTA Council.

In a statement released on Monday, Rief expressed her appreciation to the ACPS community.

“It is an honor to serve the City of Alexandria as the new School Board chair for the upcoming school year. I want to thank our outgoing chair, Meagan L. Alderton, and our outgoing vice chair, Jacinta Greene, for their service. I look forward to collaborating with Superintendent Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt and her leadership team for the benefit of all of our students. My colleagues on the Board have my heartfelt gratitude as we continue our work together for excellence in education and unwavering support for our young people and their families,” Rief said in the statement.

Booz also conveyed her enthusiasm for the upcoming year and her appreciation for her predecessors in the statement.

“As the incoming School Board vice chair, I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues to serve our community. We all share a similar goal to advance an educational environment in ACPS where all students feel empowered and supported so they can learn and thrive. I am so thankful to our outgoing Chair Alderton and Vice Chair Greene for their service to our community,” Booz said in the statement.

The first School Board meeting of the 2023-24 school year is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 24.
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Alexandria native makes U.S. roster for 2023 U23 World Rowing Championships
BY RYAN HOPPER

Braden Porterfield earned bronze for Team USA at the 2023 U23 World Rowing Championships. The competition took place from July 19 through 23 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

Porterfield, a rising junior at Northeastern University, was among the 34 college athletes across six boats chosen to compete for the United States at the U23 level. His journey to Bulgaria began in 8th grade when Porterfield, inspired by his father Mike Porterfield, who represented the U.S. in five world championships, started rowing to have a sport to play in the spring athletic season when he attended T.C. Williams High School now known as Alexandria City High School.

A versatile athlete listed at 6-foot-6-inches and 220 pounds, it’s no surprise that he played football and basketball in the fall and winter seasons, respectively. In football, Porterfield was an All-District left tackle in 2019 and helped T.C. win its first regional playoff game in 29 years. He also set hard screens on the hardwood, helping the Titans win the 2019-2020 Gunston District Championship.

Playing other sports influenced Porterfield’s development both mentally and physically. Basketball, football and rowing all require strength from legs and core to power movement. All three sports require stamina and mental fortitude to be at peak performance for as much of the game or race as possible.

In the summer of 2020, before the start of his senior year of high school in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Porterfield decided that he would focus exclusively on crew. He loved winning Gunston District and Occoquan Regional playoff games with the football and basketball teams, but he knew it was time to follow in his father’s footsteps. So, when his father’s alma mater, Northeastern, offered Porterfield a partial athletic scholarship, it seemed like an obvious decision.

Mike Porterfield had not only been a Northeastern Athletic Hall of Fame rower himself but also an accomplished coach. He coached two American women to a Bronze Medal in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.

Following graduation, Porterfield went to the US Rowing U19 camp in San Diego, California, to try out for the U19 National Team. He was among 70 to 80 male athletes vying for only 16 spots.

“I had no clue what I was doing,” Porterfield said.

Despite guidance from his father, Porterfield did not make the U19 National Team that summer. He entered college hungry to prove USRowing wrong, and he did just that with a strong freshman season at Northeastern in its varsity eight boat. Last summer, Porterfield tried out for the U23 National Team and made considerable progress. He was one of the youngest athletes at the Boston camp and made it to the last round of cuts, ultimately falling just short of making the
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team as a 19-year-old.
The two-a-day practices
beginning at 5 a.m. on the
frigid Charles River and his
grueling off-season weight
training programs began to
pay off this year. In the 2023
spring season, his boat made
the grand final at the Inter-
collegiate Rowing Association
Regatta, the pinnacle of the
domestic season.
Northeastern would event-
ually finish 6th, ahead of a
highly touted crew from tradi-
tional powerhouse and local ri-
val Harvard. The Harvard team
was packed full of interna-
tional rowers, some of whom
Porterfield will likely come up
against in Bulgaria.
Porterfield built on that
gradual progress this summer,
earning his spot on the U23
team after a good showing at
the three-week US men’s row-
ing camp at Dartmouth College.
“I’m about to go represent
the U.S. in Bulgaria – that’s
crazy,” Porterfield said, almost
in a state of disbelief.
He will sit in the 3rd seat of
the men’s four-man boat with
a coxswain, a heavy boat that
Porterfield and his teammates
will have to leverage all of
their strength and determina-
tion to move down the 2,000-
meter course.
The coxswain serves the
role of the captain or coach of
the boat, keeping it on course
during the race and the rowers
in sync. Sammy Houdaigui, of
McLean, Virginia, is the cox-
swain of Braden’s boat and one
of only two other athletes se-
lected from the Washington,
D.C. area.
“Every single year, I see
more and more guys come
out of the DMV area,” Porter-
field said, referring to the D.C.,
Maryland and Virginia region.
“A lot of the Fairfax County
Public Schools offer rowing,
and they row out of the Occo-
quan River.”
Many colleges with promi-
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hibitively expensive for local
athletes, either because they
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rowing remains largely dom-
inated by East Coast private
schools, most notably from the
prestigious Ivy League. The
only common exceptions are
the West Coast powerhouses
of California-Berkeley and
Washington, which finished
1st and 2nd this year at the Na-
tional Championships in a field
otherwise dominated by East
Coast private institutions.
Porterfield contends that
rowing is a great opportunity
for local kids aspiring to at-
tend a university they other-
wise may not get admitted into
at a reduced tuition rate.
“To be truthfully honest, I
probably wouldn’t have gotten
into Northeastern if I didn’t
have rowing,” Porterfield said,
referring to Northeastern and
its 18.4% acceptance rate.
“There’s just so many oppor-
tunities in the rowing world to
get scholarships for both men
and women.”
Porterfield has set his
sights on making the Paris 2024 Olympic Games going
forward, which is an aspira-
tional target, but by no means
an outlandish one.

Braden Porterfield (third from left) has set his sights on making the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
A couple shares their expansive collection of art
BY LEXIE JORDAN

The home at 510 Bellvue Place is heaven for any art aficionado. Owner Jon Sheiner admits “the house has almost hit its saturation point.” Sheiner and his wife Susan White are connoisseurs of art, gardening, travel, antiques and Chow Chow dogs. A miscellaneous assortment, but when combined, makes for remarkable home decor.

The neighborhood in the northernmost part of Old Town is secluded, but a mere five-minute walk from the heart of Old Town. White has lived in Old Town for more than 45 years and resided in her current home for the past 25. She said she and Sheiner chose to live in North Old Town after they got married because of the convenience to D.C., the waterfront, the seclusion, the big windows, natural light and the walkability.

“I just feel that we’re in this little oasis. I love that you have to walk in and it’s this little private street,” White said.

The community within the area is also a plus for Sheiner and White.

“I love the diversity of the community and the age mix of the community and the other

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residents,” White said.

When White and Sheiner married in 1998 – at the Holiday Inn on King Street like true Alexandrians – they had both lived very well-traveled lives as D.C. lobbyists. They collected many amazing pieces throughout their travels. In addition, they both grew up with artistic and creative parents. Sheiner’s mother was a designer and White’s an artist. The cultivated taste they developed individually called for a splendid merge.

Upon their marriage, they sought to buy a home. Having lived in Shirlington and Old Town respectively, they had a surplus of knowledge regarding the neighborhoods in the Arlandria area.

After barely any scouting, the couple landed on 510 Bellevue Place.

“From the beginning, it was within seconds that I said to Jon I want this house,” White said.

The home was built in 1996 and had only one owner before the couple purchased the property. When they moved in, they decked their house in decor.

With the help of a good friend who has an amazing eye for art and framing, the bare walls quickly became a museum of fine art – and White and Sheiner can name practically every artist, builder, gardener or designer that contributed to their house.

The house is a beautiful escape and truly transports you into the world of Sheiner and White. The attention to detail throughout their home is apparent, with hidden gems at every turn that reveal the personalities of the two residents.

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The abundance of color in the small front yard brings a very welcoming feel to the home. The garden was the first of only three renovations the couple did to the property.

“When I saw that our front yard was just grass, I thought that’s ridiculous. It’s big enough for a garden. Who’s going to want to stare at grass?” White recalled.

The love of different cultures from all over the world is evident from the moment one steps into the house. Indigenous puppet art from Vietnam is tucked away under the entrance table. A three-piece set of lemon paintings from a Tuscan artist also lines the wall, in addition to art from local Alexandrian artists.

The downstairs area is treated as the basement since there is no official one. There is a den with a bar and an exit to the backyard where there are plentiful flowers, a grill and a table for outdoor dining.

The stairs to the upper floors are lined with a red tapestry rug, which was put in for the chows. The walls also have tributes to the beloved Chows and other artworks. Upon entering the second floor, there is a lovely dining room table and a large Vietnamese painting of several women talking. There is also a seating area which features one of the most interesting pieces in the house: an antique couch re-upholstered by the man who helped with the furniture for the White House under the Kennedy administration.

The seating area also features art from Vietnam, masks from Africa, paintings from France and Germany, a lounge chair from Sheiner’s mother, original artwork from White’s mother, a fan that was used by White herself in their weddings. There is even an original Barbie wedding dress mounted on the wall in a glass enclosure.

Everything in the house has a story behind it and there is something new to notice at every turn.

“There’s a difference between decorating and collecting, and if you see things you love, things will eventually go together,” White said, remembering this piece of advice she received from a friend.

The kitchen is one of the few renovations the couple did to the house. Long windows line the south facing wall and the cabinets are made from cherry wood. There is also a wine rack and a little dining table.

The entire half bath on the second floor is dedicated to Chow memorabilia. The couple has had three Chows live.
in the house: Salva, a rescue that White had before the marriage, Chili and Sophie – Sophie being a show dog which they bred. White always had a fascination with Chows, as she noticed that only fascinating people seemed to own them: Martha Stewart, Georgia O’Keefe – her favorite artist – and Sigmund Freud to name a few.

“Man, a lot of interesting people have Chow dogs,” White laughed.

The landing as you reach the third floor is decorated with family photos in gold frames placed in a diamond shape. The third floor is also home to the guest bedroom and bathroom. This floor also houses the gym room which has another bathroom and more memorabilia of the couple throughout their years working on Capitol Hill.

The fourth floor is the owner’s level. The fifth and final bathroom was the most recent renovation done to the house.

It has an Asian style with horizontal wood slabs on a portion of the wall and marble for the floor and shower. Unsurprisingly, the master bedroom also houses a range of art, though the room matches the theme of the owner’s bath and maintains its Asian inspiration.

Even though the house has stairs to four levels, the couple has no plans to leave anytime soon.

“Frankly, both of our dogs lived a lot longer than their breed typically does because they would go up and down the stairs every day,” Sheiner said.

Sheiner and White love their home and all its quirks. In their words “it feels like we have a good energy in here.”

The couple plans on traveling more in these coming years. They joked they are hesitant for fear they will be tempted to buy more pieces and will have no room on the walls on which to store them.
**CALENDAR**

**JULY 29**

**NATURE JOURNALING CLUB**
Join artists of all levels. Observe, appreciate, draw. Free and open to all. Sketch and then meet to discuss technique and tips. Participants need to bring their own supplies. Event is weather dependent and will be canceled in case of rain.

**Time:**
10 a.m.

**Location:**
2704 Mt. Vernon Ave.

**Information:**
the Carlyle Community

**JULY 30**

**HARRY POTTER’S BIRTHDAY**
Enjoy a special guided tour for families that will explore the old Apothecary and the historic muggle medicines that inspired the Herbology and Potions of Harry’s wizarding world. At the end of the tour test your skills and make your own potion to try at home. Tickets required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Time:**
Varied

**Location:**
800 block of N. Royal St.

**Information:**
oldtownnorthalliance.com

**SUMMER SUNDAY ARTS**
The Old Town North Alliance hosts. A dozen working artists will display and sell their creations. Children’s arts and crafts activities. Live music. Free.

**Time:**
1 to 4 p.m.

**Location:**
800 block of N. Royal St.

**Information:**
oldtownnorthalliance.com

**AUGUST 1**

**DOG DAYS OF SUMMER**
ALX Bark Bingo begins. Stop by any participating shop to collect your bingo card. Scan clues throughout Alexandria. Winners will be entered into a grand prize drawing for the chance to win gift certificates to participating stores. Help raise awareness for plastic free, sustainable living.

**Time:**
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**Location:**
Varied

**Information:**
alxdogwalk.com

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**
Designed to heighten crime prevention. Cookouts, open houses, block parties and athletic events around the city. The Alexandria Police and Fire Departments along with the Sheriff’s Office, city officials and non-profit organizations partner with the community to celebrate.

**Time:**
Varied

**Location:**
Varied

**Information:**
alexandriava.gov/news-apd/2023-07-07/alexandria-to-celebrate-national-night-out

**AUGUST 5**

**CARLYLE’S HOUSEWARMING**

**Time:**
12 to 4 p.m.

**Location:**
121 N. Fairfax St.

**Information:**
novaparks.com/parks/carlyle-house-historic-park

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**HOME OF THE WEEK**

**Luxurious home steps from waterfront**

Stunning Old Town row home just steps from the waterfront. This is a rarely available corner unit with more than 3,000 square feet of living space. Contemporary row homes offer the best of convenience and charm. The owner’s lounge, library, meeting room, gym and yoga studio all have amazing water views. The same building houses the concierge desk, pet spa and bike storage/workshop. Dine in the waterfront restaurants and stroll along the boardwalk.

**Address:**
17 Bakers Walk, Alexandria 22314

**Neighborhood:**
Robinson Landing

**Price:**
$2,950,000

**Square feet:**
3,012

**Bedrooms:**
4

**Bathrooms:**
3.5

**Year built:**
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**Contact:**
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Common sense considerations

Tips for sizing up a home for sale
BY DANNY SMITH

As I show properties to buy, there are some obvious factors that I encourage clients to consider. These factors are not the complex, technical ones that require the expertise of a professional inspector for proper evaluation. They are common sense factors that provide preliminary assessments that you might use to eliminate potentially problematic properties. Once you have narrowed the available properties to the one that is most promising, a professional inspector might be engaged.

In most cases, water is the most serious threat to a well-maintained home. It can cause foundation problems, structural damage, unsightly staining and warping and other issues. A key point that a non-professional can evaluate is water drainage around the house.

Start with the gutter downspouts. Do they carry water away from the house or allow it to soak into the ground beside the house? Is the ground beside the house sloped away from the house so water drains away from the foundation? Look at the general configuration of the lot to evaluate where rainfall will be directed. Is water likely to accumulate beside the house and soak into the soil or freely flow away from the house?

Next, take a look at the roof. A good, serviceable roof is essential to maintain the integrity of a home and replacement of the roof is one of the more expensive home repairs. Even a non-professional can look at a composition roof and see whether the shingles are warping or cupping and whether the surface granules have been weathered away.

Is there loose flashing? Wood shake roofs can also show warping and splitting that indicate deterioration. There are sometimes problems with slate and tile roofs that can be identified just by looking. Missing or broken materials are not a good indication. If necessary, I use binoculars to get a higher resolution look at the roof.

As you walk through the interior of a house, look up. There are telltale indications of problems that may appear on the ceilings. Water leaks from a failing roof or from plumbing issues often cause stains on the ceiling. Also look for cracks, nail heads that have pushed out and even sagging of the ceiling if there is an especially significant problem. Also, look under sinks for moisture, mold or mildew. Copper or PCV plumbing is preferable to galvanized or iron.

Doors and windows often provide useful clues. Look for corners that are not square and for gaps and cracks. Look behind the curtains and shades. Test whether doors open and close smoothly. These problems are sometimes an indication of foundation issues.

Floors that are not level can also indicate foundation problems. Place a marble on any floor location that appears to be tilted to see if it rolls. If the windows are double glazed, look for haze between the two panes of glass which indicates that the gap is no longer sealed. The windows would need to be replaced to eliminate the haze. An important safety feature to look for is the use of outlets with ground fault circuit interrupters near water sources such as sinks and bathtubs. The GFCI outlets are designed to prevent electric shock. They can be identified by the buttons on the face plate that can be pressed to test and reset the protection. Non-GFCI outlets near water sources should be replaced.

Among other issues that you should look for are siding that is splitting, warping or peeling. Tile work with cracks, uneven spacing or irregular surfaces can also indicate issues. Check on HVAC and water heater age via sites like www.buliding-center.org to decipher equipment data plates. Before the 1990s, popcorn ceilings contained asbestos even though further production was banned in 1978, so be wary. Sites like homespy.io can help to determine the age of appliances. Missing or improperly installed handrails should give you pause.

Factors that are relatively easy to fix and are not particularly important in evaluating a property include paint color, hardware, light fixtures and landscaping.

Common sense indicators are a way to eliminate properties that should not be seriously considered. However, they are not a substitute for professional inspection of a property that has passed the common sense tests.

The writer is a realtor with TTR Sotheby’s International Realty, a registered professional engineer, chair of the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission and intensely interested in Alexandria’s historic architecture.
“Paris next year is the goal, even if it’s not super attainable,” Porterfield said. “The summer leading up to the Olympic cycle is most important.”

If, however, Paris 2024 is out of reach, Porterfield intends to do everything possible to make the 2028 Olympics games on home soil in Los Angeles.

“Something that is super, super attainable and is in my reach is definitely LA in 2028,” Porterfield said. “That’s my angle for sure.”

If Porterfield were to continue rowing beyond his time as a student-athlete and break into the U.S. National team, he will need to continue to meticulously manage his time. He described his routine as “eat, sleep, row, repeat” – and that may not significantly change after his expected college graduation in 2025.

As there are no professional contracts after collegiate rowing, many rowers try and find jobs in their career fields that are near rowing clubs. Many of these clubs, located primarily on the east and west coasts, offer the necessary training facilities to keep elite rowers in shape to compete, as many rowers are often restricted financially in their pursuit of Olympic glory.

Some major cities with prominent rowing clubs include Washington D.C.; New York, New York; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; San Diego, California; Long Beach, California; the San Francisco Bay Area and Cambridge, Massachusetts, giving Olympic hopefuls a chance to make their dreams come true.

Another path Porterfield is pondering is crossing the pond to the United Kingdom for graduate school, with what’s considered the best combination of collegiate rowing and academia outside of the U.S. and a long history of rowing dominance on the international stage. Since the 2000 Athens games, Great Britain’s rowers have dwarfed Team USA in medal count 15-4, including five golds in a row between 2000 and 2016 in the men’s four without a coxswain.

In the UK, Porterfield could go up against top competition while furthering his education. He could also potentially compete in the prestigious Henley Royal Regatta, which would earn him a ‘Red Box,’ one of the most desired accolades in the sport after an Olympic medal.

Porterfield is seeking to join the ranks of Alexandrians and recent ACHS graduates to represent Team USA at the Olympics. These include long jumper Tynita Butts-Townsend, boxer Troy Isley – who has a 9-0 professional record – and two-time world champion and Tokyo 2021 bronze medalist Noah Lyles, who runs the 200-meter sprint.

Time will tell if Porterfield can make it to Paris or Los Angeles in 2024 and 2028, respectively, but to him, it’s about more than that.

“I’d love to see Alexandria City back on top winning state titles,” Porterfield said. “That’s my dream, I want to make the high school program better and just try to set up more opportunities.”

—@ryan_hopper31
Editorial

New quartet of leaders

It’s been an unprecedented July at Alexandria City Public Schools, as new leaders assumed the four most significant positions within the school district in a 20-day timeframe.

On July 1, Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Ed.D., and Alexander Duncan III became permanent ACPS superintendent and principal of Alexandria City High School, respectively. Less than three weeks later, the School Board unanimously selected Board member Michelle Rief, Ph.D., as chair and Kelly Carmichael Booz, by a 5-4 vote, as vice chair.

If your glass is half empty, you see a school system in crisis, plagued by violence and poor test score performance, that is going to have its four most important positions simultaneously filled by people with on-the-job learning curves. You probably think this isn’t going to go well.

If your glass is half full, you see four individuals who were already in senior positions within ACPS who have the chance to bring fresh blood, an innovative perspective and a new level of collaboration by all assuming new senior roles at the same time. You likely think this talented quartet might just be what’s needed to make headway against ACPS’ seemingly intractable problems.

The answer, of course, is unknowable at this time. We at the Times join the rest of the city in fervently hoping that the latter scenario plays out, and there’s a reasonable basis for that hope.

By selecting Rief as chair of the School Board, her colleagues chose the Board’s longest-tenured member, as Rief – along with outgoing Chair Meagan Alderton and outgoing Vice Chair Jacinta Greene – is in her fifth consecutive year of Board service.

Rief joined the board pre-COVID-19, endured the pandemic and the tenure of prior Superintendent Gregory Hutchings, Ed.D., along with the rest of us, and has close up knowledge of the school system’s current struggles. During her time on the Board, Rief has been unafraid to candidly speak her mind, even when her colleagues disagreed. Her role will now be to forge consensus on the Board to help guide the system’s unelected leadership toward safer and higher-achieving schools.

While Booz was just elected to the Board in 2021, she served a prior term in the mid 2010s, and has the perspective of someone who was in a leadership position a decade ago. This should enable her to view the system’s current successes and failures through a different prism than Rief, Kay-Wyatt and Duncan.

Kay-Wyatt is not new to ACPS nor to being in charge, as she served as acting superintendent for 10 months prior to having the “interim” removed from her job title. There’s a world of difference, however, between being an interim, essentially on audition for the top job, and having the full title of superintendent. No longer a placeholder, the clock is now in motion on the Kay-Wyatt term as leader of ACPS.

Duncan, previously head of the Minnie Howard Campus of ACHS, knows the leadership, teachers and even individual students at ACHS, as he moves campuses with this year’s rising 10th graders. Duncan faces the toughest daily task of this leadership foursome, as he has to guide a high school full of students still dealing with the negative impacts of remote learning during the pandemic: social and behavioral problems, worsened student mental health, a rise in fentanyl overdoses and worsened academic performance.

This quartet of leaders face challenges that will require original thinking driven more by practicality than ideology. All four seem talented and well-meaning, and we wish them success in the 2023-24 school year and beyond.

Opinion

“How where the press is free and every man is able to read, all is safe.”
- Thomas Jefferson

Photo of the Week

Sales Director Margaret Stevens throws out the first pitch at the Alexandria Times night at the Alexandria Aces game on July 19.

Letters

How is a BID going to help businesses?

To the editor:

I read the article “Bidding on the new BID initiative?” in the July 20 Alexandria Times and realized I didn’t have a very good understanding of what problem the initiative was trying to solve. According to the Old Town Business Association, BID is defined as:

“...defined areas in a city or county in which property owners pay an additional, annual special tax (on top of the standard real property taxes) which is utilized to promote and improve the business environment within the BID. ... BISD[s] organize and manage services, activities, and events in the BISD, as well as arrange amenities above and beyond what a city or county would typically provide.”

I thought Old Town currently has quite a few activities and visitors, so is BISD’s purpose to add additional activities so there are more visitors? Or is BISD going to provide resources to expand visitor parking, so the visitors don’t park in the zoned parking for more than two hours preventing residents, who also pay for their parking permits, to park near their homes?

If BISD’s purpose is to help small shop owners, adding an additional tax doesn’t seem very helpful.

The rents on King Street are very high; BISD could help small shop owners by helping them pay their rent? Or maybe a better idea would be for City Council to adopt a resolution limiting the amount of rent a landlord could charge a tenant. That could be done in several ways, including limiting it to no more than a certain percentage of the shop owners’ revenues operating on a sliding scale based upon each tax year’s revenues.

That would be a more direct way to deal with the issue of high rents. If either of those are its purpose, it seems like BISD is a very indirect way to solve a more easily solvable problem.

-Sydney Smith,
Alexandria
New Urbanism adds to pollution

To the editor:

Alexandria’s proposed land-use planning reforms, packaged as Zoning for Housing, is merely the local New Urbanist version being pushed under various names throughout the country. It was called Missing Middle in Arlington until its claim to improve housing affordability was challenged.

Another claim that Zoning for Housing will help save the environment reflects New Urbanism talking points, but piling more people into Alexandria will still add to pollution and congestion. For every 10 Alexandria residents there are nine motor vehicles, so adding more population will still add cars.

Nowhere else in the U.S. has work-from-home been more enthusiastically embraced than in D.C., causing the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, which runs Metrobuses and the subway system, to foresee a one-third decline in subway ridership and a three-quarter billion dollar annual structural operating deficit absent realigning WMATA’s operations. Meanwhile, teleworkers seek out larger, often more distant homes to accommodate home offices, often for both spouses.

Sprawling suburbs were bad for the environment because they were originally designed to not pay much heed to environmental concerns. Long before New Urbanism, when automobiles were less common and highways less numerous and not designed for higher speeds, small towns were central business districts surrounded by single-family homes at walkable distances, while streetcar suburbs whisked workers to downtown jobs.

In single-family home neighborhoods, houses can be designed so that rain runs off into lawns and verdant gardens and trees can flourish by devouring carbon dioxide instead of being squeezed into raised beds and sidewalk tree boxes and stressed by urban pollution.

More importantly, population growth responds to public policy. If we refrained from lavishly subsidizing major employers to move here, we would not be a jobs magnet. How public policy addresses a wide range of issues, from controversial ones such as abortion, immigration and welfare reform, to noncontroversial ones, such as public education

SEE DRUDI

Golfers I know

BY ROB WHITTLE

What is it about golf that golfers love? Are we masochists who love the frustration of a finely crafted double bogey? When we make the occasional par, do we envision ourselves as Tiger Woods in his prime? Are we just crazy? Google Robin Williams on inventing the game of golf. He talks about digging a gopher hole hundreds of yards away and putting a shot – in your way like trees and tall grass just so you can lose your ball. He explains why they call a shot a stroke – because every time you miss, you feel like you’re gonna die!

One of my oldest golf buddies is named Pig. This is not to be confused with other golf friends Big Dog and Dead Bear. One of the things I admire about Pig is his self-awareness and modesty. When we were younger, a young woman with kind intentions, upon hearing his nickname, cooed “Awww, why do they call you Pig?” Pig replied serenely, “Because I’m short and fat and I look like a pig.”

My local golf group consists of several like-minded fanatics. We tee it up a couple of times a week. Almost all have handicaps in the teens, which means we have modest abilities. It occurred to me recently what high achievers most of these guys are. There’s a global CEO, a former nuclear submariner turned real estate magnate, a Harvard Law grad, the CFO of a major sports empire, a construction guy, a lawyer and a successful entrepreneur or two. I have calculated their collective net worth – I want to be precise – at between a gazillion and a billion U.S. dollars.

Or, as Forrest Gump would say, “richer than Davy Crockett.” They’re fine fellows all who don’t wear their success on their respective sleeves. As golf is a great equalizer and humbler of the mighty, you’d think that the higher the achiever in business, the more they’d be humbled by the game. In a classic example of “life ain’t fair,” let me just say that isn’t the case here.

As I write this, we have just completed the 20th rendition of the wildly mis-named golf tournament, the Edwardsville Open, or the EO. The Edwardsville part is fine because that’s the dot on the map in the Northern Neck where we compete; but it’s not an “Open” which implies that anyone can play. Mainly due to accommodation space, the field is limited to nine players. Someone literally has to die for someone else to get in, which, sadly, has happened twice. You can be admitted to Augusta National more easily than the EO. I hasten to add the blindingly obvious: plainly, getting a spot in the EO is not quite so desirable as one at Augusta.

The EO format is like a Ryder Cup, three days of intense competition in which the three teams of combatants score points, and the highest total signifies that the names of the winners will be etched onto the Joseph P. Whittle Memorial Cup. That said, most of the real action takes place on the screened porch overlooking the Potomac.

It is there that lies are told, stories related and drinks consumed. There’s one friend whom we’ve had to train to keep his stories to a reasonable length, mainly by looking conspicuously at our watches.

Until we got long in the tooth, a poker game followed dinner and often lasted long into the night. Funny how the tug of the bed has trumped dreams of a straight flush these days.

The golfers I know include Curtis Strange with whom I played a round in a pro/am tournament. We got along famously until I smashed a ball out of a ditch and almost beamed him. Even then, he was gracious as I pictured headlines screaming, “US Open Champ Slain by Amateur Golfer. Charges Pending.”

So, what is it about golf? I could never hit a Max Scherzer fastball any more than I could sink a 3-pointer with a giant man guarding me or throw a 50-yard touchdown pass in the NFL. For that matter, I can’t drive it 350 yards like Rory McIlroy. But I can sink a 20-foot sidewise putt or even chip the ball in from off the green for a birdie. Or ast the 7-iron. Occasionally.

A hacker like me can, every now and again, play like Jack Nicklaus. And that will bring you back.

The writer is CEO of Williams Whittle Advertising and is the author of two historical novels, “Pointer’s War” and “Pointer and the Russian.”
The Friendship Fire Company

BY TIM WINKLE AND CATHERINE WEINRAUB

In 1774, volunteers formed the Friendship Fire Company, Alexandria’s first firefighters. Today, the company lives on as the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association, dedicated to preserving the past and supporting the future of firefighting in Alexandria.

Friendship went from a handful of early volunteers to hundreds of members, and from a small engine shed at the corner of King and Royal Streets to the sturdy firehouse on St. Asaph Street. The building, constructed in 1855, housed the fire apparatus and hose, and the second floor served as a meeting hall.

Friendship volunteers fought fire, of course, but also met to ballot new members, elect officers and plan big events, like visits to other cities and local parades. New prospects paid $1 to join and $1 in annual dues. These funds allowed the company to buy equipment and keep their firehouse and vehicles in good working order. Recruits also signed an oath of allegiance to the Friendship Fire Company against all others in the city – rivalries between fire companies were serious business.

Finally, members supplied their own uniforms and two leather buckets at each fire.

Firefighting duties ended after the Civil War, but the company carried on. At first, Friendship was an independent auxiliary to the city’s first paid city department, formed in 1866. But unable to keep up with the latest technology, the company shifted to boosterism. Members in old-style uniforms paraded the 1850s suction engine on special occasions. Between the 1875 centennial and the 1899 anniversary of George Washington’s death, interest in local and national history grew, as Alexandria and nearby Mount Vernon became tourist destinations.

By 1904, Friendship shifted focus again, this time to preservation. The new Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association “was determined to repair and improve the company’s house.” The Association undertook repairs and renovations, including swapping packed earth for brick floors on the first level. In 1921, it opened the firehouse doors to the public, hoping it would be, as an Alexandria Gazette headline proclaimed, a “Mecca for hundreds of tourists visiting this city.”

The Association operated the firehouse as a historic site until 1988, when it was gifted to the city. Today, it operates as one of the many museums under the Office of Historic Alexandria.

Membership in the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association has changed as well. Gone are the loyalty oath, uniforms and obligatory fire buckets. The old suction engine is still kept at that sturdy firehouse, but as a museum object rather than a parade piece. Annual dues now fund the many Association activities, from museum conservation efforts to yearly scholarship awards for firefighters and their families. Meetings are still held at the firehouse and still used to plan big events, such as the annual Firehouse Festival – this year on August 5 – and a break fest event that kicks off every President’s Day in Alexandria.

The Association supports the Alexandria Fire Department, as well, from providing meals at stations during the pandemic to participating in the annual Firefighters Memorial Service every October.

Out of the Attic is provided by The Office of Historic Alexandria.

By Dino Drudi

DRUDI FROM | 19

Large amounts of pollution, the Post notes, “which increase with development and population growth,” imperil the Bay cleanup.

Only West Virginia, which lost a House seat due to declining population share, and D.C. – only recently returning to the population levels of decades long ago – will meet their Bay-cleanup goal. Virginia will not. Were the polity to embrace public policies which reverse population growth, we would not need to consider development or the least environmentally harmful ways to accommodate it.

Once upon a time, environmental groups took the poll at alextimes.com

Weekly Poll

Last Week

Do you support the Business Improvement District initiative?

51% No, do not tax small businesses.

26% Yes, we need to market King Street.

15% Not sure. I need more information to make a decision.

8% What is the BID?

This Week

Have you ever been to an Alexandria Aces game?

A) Yes, I go multiple times each year.

B) Yes, I’ve been.

C) No, I’ve never been to an Aces game.

D) The only Aces I know are in a deck of cards.
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### DEATH NOTICES

ELIZABETH “BETTY” ALEXANDER (93), of Alexandria, July 18, 2023
ROBERT ALLMANG (84), of Alexandria, July 20, 2023
SHIRLEY BLISS (89), formerly of Alexandria, July 19, 2023
HEIDI HOLT (33) of Alexandria, July 24, 2023
LARAINEN LUCK (83), of Alexandria, July 21, 2023
GEORGE OMAS (82), of Alexandria, June 23, 2023
ROBERT ROUZER (65), formerly of Alexandria, July 19, 2023
JOHN STRUDER, JR. (65), of Alexandria, July 18, 2023
DELLA WILL (94), formerly of Alexandria, July 21, 2023

### JOB DESCRIPTIONS

by Pam Amick Klawitter, edited by Jeff Chen

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**Solutions from last week**

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**ACROSS**

1. Diamond ___ (Ted Lasso group) 52. Hatfields and McCoys 94. Dapper dude?
27. Hen holders 28. Identify in a Facebook photo
30. Signed a deal 31. As written, in journalism 32. Candle count
34. Casual Friday castoffs 36. Invites to enter
38. Company with a gecko rep 40. Political pundit Molly
42. Marvel-ous Larson? 43. Collar
45. ... for a paparazzo? 48. “Rock the Block” channel
50. Lacking sheen 53. One learning to give a hoot?
54. Mimicked 55. Kid played by Ron Howard
56. Journalist Garrick 58. Embassy worker ... or what she carries
60. Least likely to get it 62. Saudi neighbor
65. “Make it snappy!” 66. Asian title of respect
68. ... for a bra salesperson? 73. It means nothing in soccer
75. Italian wine region 77. Work with dough
78. Overtighten guitar strings, perhaps 80. Place with Wi-Fi
83. Cartoonish food fight sound 85. Elite British prep school
86. Yard sale disclaimer 87. Jack of “The Great Dictator”
91. Alpo sheffnate 92. Common forms of ID
93. Hair salon names such as “Julius Scissors” and “Anita Haircut”
94. ... for a web developer? 98. Every Quest or Final Fantasy (Abbr)
99. Brazilian soccer legend 100. Inexplicably stop answering texts
101. Naomi of tennis 104. The whole shebang
106. Red as a ___ 107. iPhone download
108. Hound or badger 110. Sink hole
111. “Fantastic!” 113. Turner of “Poldark”
116. Bar request 118. Clarke of “Game of Thrones”
120. ... for a Formula 1 racer? 123. Kari of “Potion”
124. Dread-free 125. Dance bit
126. Fish with no pelvic fins 127. Stick in a slot
128. Husky reply 129. Peacocks pulled her chattot
130. Christiania, today

**DOWN**

1. Cruise ship levels 2. Roughnecks’s structure
3. Home of Hommer 4. Garment line
5. “Just so you’re aware ...” (Abbr) 6. Unit of prevention
7. Food to “lack” 8. Artay NYC neighborhood
9. Mohawk and pixie 10. Does some fencing, maybe
11. Spacepider, partner, at times 12. Crockett’s milieu
13. Strong as a bull 14. Guarded soccer sites
15. ... at a Planters factory? 16. Drive away
17. Like a useless battery 18. Restaurant task
19. Oral-B alternative 20. Choose to take part
21. Starving artist’s attic quarters 22. Effective application
23. ExxorMobil brand 24. Certain sibling, in slang
25. Spots in the sea 26. “... be a cold day ...”
27. Apt angram for “evil” 28. Cheap Monopoly avenue
29. Brief letters? 30. “..._h,”
31. Nashville sound? 32. Skeptical interjections
33. Sticks in a boat 34. La Scala offering
35. ... for a man’s outfit? 36. Days long ago
37. Mama of song 38. Cast off
39. “Mamma’s ____” 40. Some conjunctions
41. Attach a corsage 42. Village north of Chicago
43. Up to 44. Savory taste category
45. Road trip break 46. One can see right through it
47. ____ and turn 48. Thompson of “Sylvie’s Love”
49. Clear-headed 50. TV host, Jane
51. Big Bad Wolves targets 52. Stand the test of time
53. Car loan letters 54. Superhero susceptible to kryptonite
55. “... of Evolution” (Alanis Morissette song)
56. Gossip opening 57. Out to lunch, say
58. Channel that covers bracketology 59. More like an evergreen forest
60. “...” (2019 film) 61. Remote need, perhaps
62. Pina colada addition? 63. How some musicians play
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Notice of Public Review Period

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Investigations are complete evaluating impacts to cultural and natural resources, and environmental justice. The Draft Categorical Exclusion (CE) is available on the Project’s webpage. If you do not have internet access, please call Kurt Moser at (703) 249-9895 to have the plans and/or CE mailed to you. Ask questions or comment via telephone, email to kayaklaunches@fourmilerun.org, or write to Four Mile Run Conservancy Foundation, 3905 Elbert Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22305 on or prior to 8/21/2023.

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