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Alexandria Fire Chief Robert Dubé, who responded at the Pentagon on 9/11, speaks at the Tuesday commemoration ceremony.

## ‘Translating Grief’

City mourns losses of 9/11, but also celebrates common bond.

BY DAN BRENDDEL  
GAZETTE PACKET

City officials and public safety personnel commemorated lives lost and sacrifices made on 9/11, but emphasized and encouraged the coming-together that the

tragedy elicited. “Evil struck fast and hard [on Sept. 11, 2001], and none of us were ready for what that looked like. ... But what I’m going to remember today is how fast the good struck back,” said Captain Don Hayes of the Alexandria Police Department at a ceremony on

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## Let There Be Light?

Plans for TC stadium renovations move forward.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Frances Terrell knows T.C. Williams High School well. She used to live on land that the school now occupies. On Sept. 5, the longtime resident and president of the Seminary Civic Association showed up at City Hall to attend an open house by the Department of Planning and Zoning to ask questions about the proposed renovations at the school,

which includes the controversial addition of lights to Parker-Gray Memorial Stadium.

“I have been through this from the beginning,” said Terrell, who was one of the residents displaced from the historically African American community to make way for the school in the early ‘60s. “I came here to see how plans are coming along although I was told the final report is still not ready.” Story boards set up in the Sister

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## A Back To School Rally Against Gun Violence

Students demand action.

BY JAMES CULLUM  
GAZETTE PACKET

Less than six months ago, Alexandria fifth grader Naomi Wadler spoke to an audience of millions around the world at the main stage of the March For Our Lives demonstration against gun violence in Washington, D.C. On Saturday, Sept. 8, Wadler once again took the stage, this time at Alexandria’s Market Square with students from around the region to demand gun reform action.

“Why are we here? Well, we are here to change the world. We are here to persevere and we are here to win,” Wadler told the audience



Gabrielle Zwi sings her song, “See the change.”

of students, parents and local politicians. “We need to get people out to vote... We must create a world

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**Flooding Before the Storm**  
Monday morning, Sept. 10, high tide.



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**Sandbag distribution at King and Lee streets**

# City Prepares for Hurricane Florence

**Flooding expected to impact region for several days.**

By JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**he City Council ratified an Emergency Declaration Sept 11 in anticipation of the arrival of Hurricane Florence on the East Coast of the U.S. Gov. Ralph Northam issued a State of Emergency for the Commonwealth over the weekend, joining Maryland, the District of Columbia and North and South Carolina in bracing for the impact of what could potentially be one of the worst storms in history to make landfall in this region.

“Preparation is key to everyone’s safety,”

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**Sunday evening, Sept. 9**

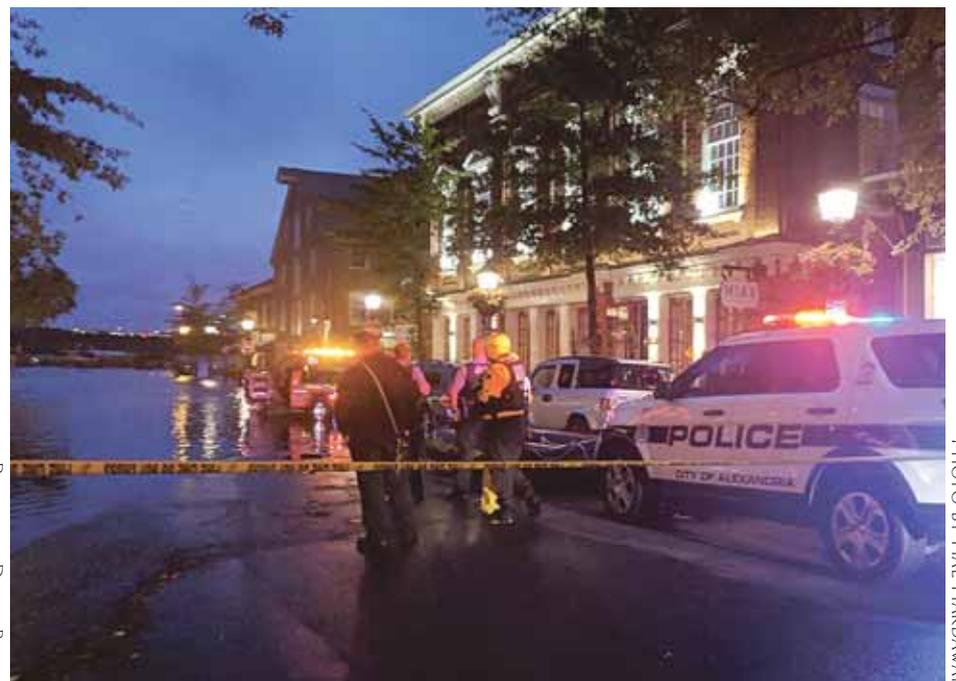


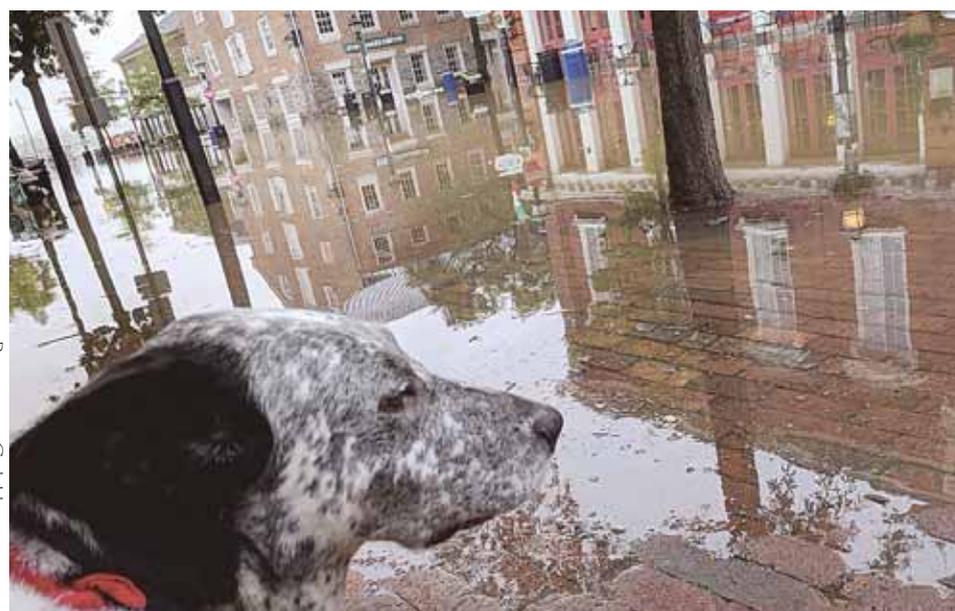
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**Sunday, Sept. 9, just before high tide.**



PHOTO BY C J HEATLEY

**Kokomo, an 18-month-old Chocolate Lab, playing in the flooded street.**



**Elvis ponders the flooding Tuesday morning, Sept. 11.**



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**Cutter shakes off the Sunday morning rain as he and Dan Goetz take their morning walk.**

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# NEWS

## New Alexandria City Preschool Center Opens

Early Childhood Center aims to meet need, streamline pre-K.

BY DAN BRENDL  
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) opened a new Early Childhood Center (ECC) — a flagship initiative to bolster publicly funded preschool for West End families — on Thursday, Sep. 6.

The ECC represents an effort to bring multiple programs under one roof. ACPS directly administers three programs: Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI), Preschoolers Learning Together (PLT), and Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE). The ECC also includes Head Start, a federal program administered in Alexandria by the Campagna Center, a nonprofit. Altogether, the ECC provides center-based — as opposed to home-based — early learning for over 300 children, including

those from lower-income families and those with developmental challenges.

Though collocated at John Adams Elementary School, the ECC is a standalone operation with dedicated spaces and staff. Five other ACPS elementary schools also house preschool, but often to the tune of only a couple classrooms and staff who are relatively isolated amongst their primary school colleagues. By comparison, Heidi Haggerty, the ECC's principal, oversees 13 fully credentialed teachers and about 20 paraprofessionals, who help teach and provide care under the teachers' supervision.

Bringing programs and staff together will help them to "specialize" in early learning, said Haggerty. It also aims to facilitate

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# Building Boys Into Men Untouchables mentoring program celebrates 30 years.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**he Parker-Gray neighborhood was a different place 30 years ago. Drugs, alcohol and violence were often the only outlets for the youth of the community. But three young men stepped up to combat the destructive behavior they saw around them, thus giving birth to the Untouchables, a mentorship program that celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary Sept. 8 at the Charles Houston Recreation Center.

“Ronnie [Haskins], Jason [Terry] and Kevin [Hillary] came to me about starting a program that would give kids something to do besides play basketball or be out on the streets,” said Theodore Jones, who was a counselor with the City of Alexandria at the time. “The word spread about the idea of forming a group for young men and on Sept. 20, 1988, 13 members came together for the first meeting of the Untouchables.”

Jones and James Moore are credited with founding the organization, which provides physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual development through mentoring programs. The group was honored on the Oprah Winfrey Show in 1991 and twice visited with President Bill Clinton at the White House.

“The Untouchables really captures the essence of working with young people that normally fall through the cracks,” said Bill Cleveland, the current president and a 29-year member of the organization. “We help them get back to where they need to be.”

Cleveland was one of several individuals honored at the gala with Community Service awards for their commitment and service to the mentorship program. Other honorees included: William Chesney, director of Parks and Recreation; Rev. Larry Hayward of Westminster Presbyterian Church; Michael Joyner on behalf of The Agape Embassy Ministry; and Gertrude Harvey, a

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**Members of the Untouchables mentorship program pose for a photo Sept. 8 at the 30th anniversary celebration of the organization’s founding at the Charles Houston Recreation Center.**

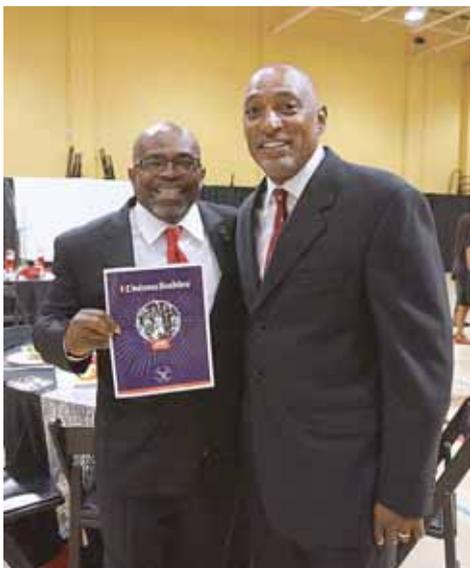


**McArthur Myers, left, and Michael Joyner, who accepted an award on behalf of the Agape Embassy Ministry for its 30-year support of the Untouchables mentoring program.**



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**Oprah Winfrey with Ronnie Haskins, one of three young boys who sparked the idea behind the Untouchables mentoring program, which was honored by Winfrey in 1991. Haskins is now studying for his doctorate.**



**Theodore “Teddy” Jones and James “Chucky” Moore, founders of the Untouchables mentoring program.**



**Bill Cleveland, right, accepts the Victor Riser Community Service Award for his 29 years of service to the Untouchables. Presenting the award is Rev. Donald Hayes.**



**Gertrude Harvey accepts the Albertha Gray Community Service Award.**



**Ruth Cleveland, left, reacts to the surprise presentation of the Victor Riser Community Service award to her husband Bill. With her is Lawson Smith, who was mentored by Bill Cleveland during his time in the Untouchables program.**

# Know Your City: Early Care and Education

A look at the ecosystem serving Alexandria's youngest.

BY DAN BRENDL  
GAZETTE PACKET

*This is the second in an ongoing series to help citizens visualize relevant data, relationships, and trends in the city's geographic context.*

In light of upcoming School Board elections and the public school system's budget proposal, here's a limited sketch of the important but complex issue of early childhood care and education.

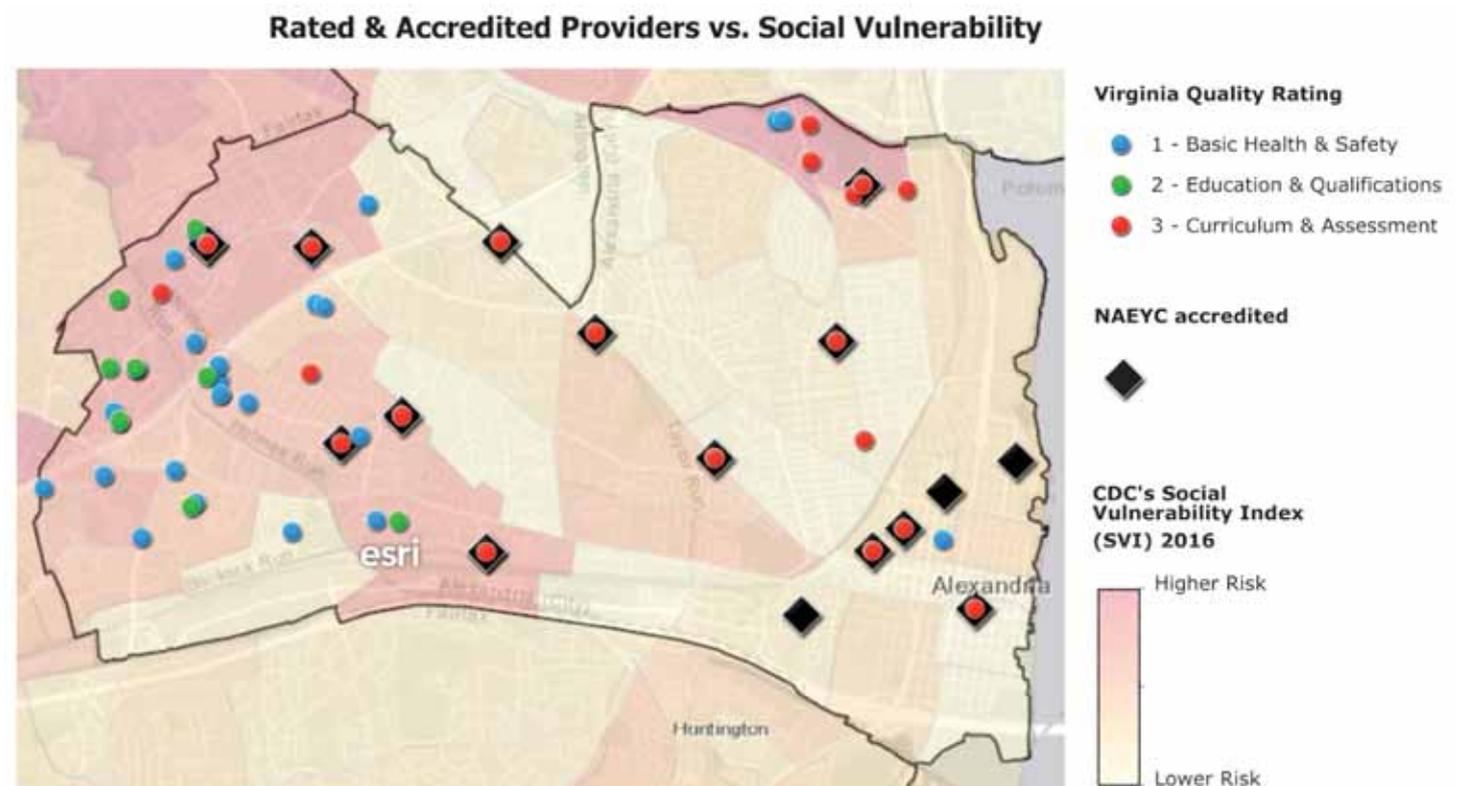
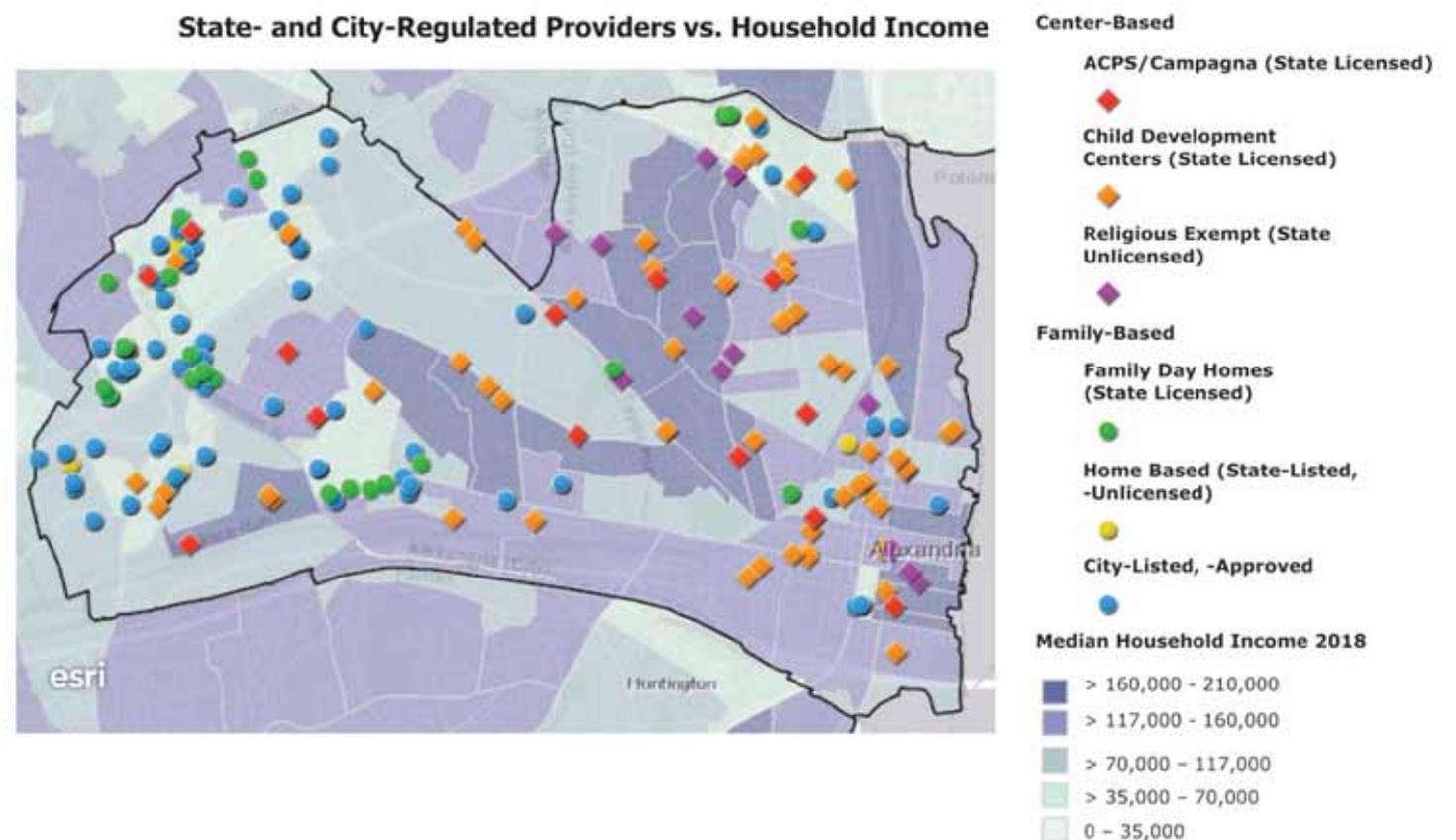
Much research attests that socialization and learning in the earliest years of a person's life greatly influence later success. In its Social Genome Model, the Brookings Institute identifies five benchmarks throughout a person's life that predict economic achievement. The first are "being born to a non-poor, two-parent family" and "being ready for school at age 5" — that is, by kindergarten. In a 2012 report entitled "Pathways to the Middle Class," Brookings researchers conclude that success — or failure — is a "cumulative process." They found that "82 percent of children ... who enter school ready to learn master basic skills by age 11, compared with just 45 percent of children who were not school ready. Acquiring basic academic and social skills by age 11 increases by a similar magnitude a child's chances of completing high school with good grades and risk-free behavior." And so on.

Reading skills acquired early on are especially crucial.

"The goal is, pre-k to [third grade], you're learning to read. Third [grade] on, you're reading to learn," said Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) Superintendent Gregory Hutchings.

Many factors put children at greater risk. According to Alexandria's 2015 "Risk and Reach" study: "Socioeconomic indicators such as poverty, maternal education, single motherhood, and teen motherhood place children at risk for multiple negative outcomes such as poor physical health, poor mental health, behavior problems, and poor academic performance." The study found that risk factors persist disproportionately for non-whites and in the West End and Arlandria.

Various types of organizations, also lopsided geographically, provide early care and education. Virginia's Department of Social Services (DSS) catalogues providers either as out-of-home "center-based," which skew eastward, or as in-a-private-home "family-based," which skew westward. Center-based options include state and federal programs administered by or within public schools, as well as faith-based, nonprofit, and private for-profit providers. Family-



based options include state-licensed caregivers working either in their own or the child's home, and also individuals unlicensed by the state but regulated by the city.

Opinions about the relative quality of these providers vary.

Glenn Hopkins, who runs the Hopkins House, a nonprofit, favors licensed center-based providers.

"Child care is driven largely by cost and access to money," he said. Unlicensed home-based providers — perhaps neighbors looking for extra income — are relatively "cheap," though in part because they face a lower bar of entry. Licensed providers are

often "destination preschools" requiring access to a car, whereas poorer residents may rely more on public transportation. So "the children that are most affected by ... limited quality are poor kids. ... The ones that are getting high quality are in high-quality, high-income neighborhoods," he said.

A 2016 nationwide study entitled "Within- and Between-Sector Quality Differences in Early Childhood Education and Care" corroborates Hopkins' preference. The study found that, compared to home-based alternatives, "the formal [center-based] sector offers higher quality care across a wide variety of program and

caregiver measures." For example, center-based providers more often had degrees or Child Development Associate (CDA) credentials, engaged in regular reading and math activities, and minimized television-watching. Upon kindergarten entry, children from such settings outperformed their peers from home-based settings in both reading and math.

Listings from Virginia Quality, a DSS-maintained voluntary scoring system, and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), an accrediting

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**Thirty-five people from 25 countries became U.S. citizens at a naturalization ceremony held Tuesday, Sept. 11 at city hall.**

**E Pluribus Unum**

**Alexandria celebrates newest U.S. citizens.**

BY DAN BRENDDEL  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**hirty-five men and women hailing from 25 countries became U.S. citizens at a naturalization ceremony held Tuesday, Sept. 11 at city hall.

Families and public officials packed the house to honor those taking the oath of allegiance.

Five have already been serving in the Armed Forces. Among them, Army Pfc. Marcelo Sebastian Fiallos Martinez led his new fellow Americans in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In her comments, Kimberly Zanotti of U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) quoted Martinez as saying: “Being a United States citizen for me means sacrifice, day after day, working like there’s no tomorrow in this country to achieve a better life. For some people, it might be a passport, or a piece of paper saying that you can travel

visa-free, or some other things. For me, it’s how much I cried, bled, slept, sacrificed and achieved. For the things I achieved in this country, I am proud to call it now my country, my land — the one that, with hard work, gave me so much that I came to love it like I was born here.”

The new citizens represent countries of origin from all over the world, including: Algeria, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Peru, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tajikistan, Turkey, and Vietnam.

The requirements for naturalization include, according to USCIS: permanent residency for at least five years; “to read, write, and speak basic English;” “a basic understanding of U.S. history and government;” “good moral character;” and a demonstrated “attachment to the principles and ideals of the U.S. Constitution.”

**Guilty Plea Yields Prison Term**

Brian Cruz-Segovia, a 24-year old Alexandria resident, pleaded guilty on Sept. 6. to involuntary manslaughter-felony in regard to the accidental death of his brother, Nelson Roberto Cruz.

According to the Commonwealth’s Attorney Office, the evidence established that on March 25, 2018, the Cruz brothers were inside of their apartment on North Beauregard Street, in the West End of the City of Alexandria, drinking alcohol and eating dinner. An argument erupted between the brothers. During the altercation, the defendant punched the victim in the face, causing him to fall to the ground. During this assault, the victim suffered head trauma that ultimately led to his death. While the evidence established that the defendant intended to punch the victim, there was no evidence showing that he intended to kill the victim.

The defendant was sentenced to serve 10 years of incarceration, with all but three years of that sentence suspended upon the following conditions: his uniform good be-

havior for the period of 10 years upon his release from the penitentiary, his compliance with 5 years of supervised probation upon his release, and his payment of \$5,000 in restitution for expenses related to the victim’s funeral. There is no parole in Virginia.

Commonwealth’s Attorney Bryan Porter said: “Under the law of the Commonwealth of Virginia, involuntary manslaughter is defined as the unintended killing of another person that is the direct result of the performance of an unlawful, but not felonious act. That is the exact situation presented by the facts of this case, in which one brother killed the other during a fistfight. There were no aggravating factors, such as the use of a weapon, an inordinate amount of blows, or a difference in the size or age of the defendant and the victim that would demand a murder conviction.

“The defendant’s unthinking resort to violence has ruined two lives; not only is his brother dead, but he must live with the con-

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## Disconcerting Rhymes of History

By STAFFORD A. WARD

**O**n the evening of Sept. 4, the seven-member Alexandria Planning Commission voted 6-0 to endorse the City of Alexandria Department of Planning and Zoning's proposed 2017-2018 Route 1 South Housing Affordability Strategy in the Southwest Quadrant (SWQ) of the city. (The Planning Commission concurred to rename the strategy to the 2017-2018 South Patrick Street Housing Affordability Strategy.)

The Planning Commission, which makes recommendations to the City Council, expressed its deep appreciation for the Planning Department in taking proactive steps to preserve the long-term affordability of 215 housing units for The Heritage of Old Town (HOT) and Olde Towne West III (OTW) commercial properties. Subsidized contracts for the two properties (administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for HOT and by the Virginia Housing Development Authority



for OTW) will expire in 2019. The Strategy's goal to implement a plan saving those 215 units is a commendable effort by the city given the affordable housing crisis experienced in nearly every community in the United States.

The Strategy calls for constructing 674 market-rate units over a 15-year timeframe for commercial developers to retain the affordability of the 215 housing units. A total of 889 erected housing units would undoubtedly include families, and additional vehicles on the road. After several information sessions hosted by the Planning Department since January 2018, SWQ residents still have significant reservations with the proposed Strategy. These reservations include three potential issues raised by the Strategy.

First, the Strategy estimates only 23 net new students (exclusively from market-rate housing units) would be generated over 15 years. Second, the natural outcome of the Strategy results in increased vehicular traffic and demands for parking corresponding with an increased number of housing units. The city's Department of Transportation and Environmental Services intentionally did not conduct a formal traffic study for the Strategy, opting instead to leave such a study with the commercial developer. Lastly, 22 tenants living in

affordable housing units owned by Alfred Street Baptist Church, also located along South Patrick Street, will be temporarily relocated in a separate, but parallel housing development project. SWQ residents are concerned about the lack of transparency, and the implications this project between the church and the Alexandria Housing Development Corporation will have on the Strategy writ-large.

The quote "history doesn't repeat itself, but it often rhymes" has often been attributed to the American writer Mark Twain. In each instance of the city's prior development projects including the Charles Houston Recreation Center, the Waterfront Implementation Plan, the Potomac Yard Development, and Karig Estates, residents raised concerns, but they were marginalized in favor of developers. The City Council will hear the Strategy's implementation plans at its Public Hearing Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 15 at 9:30 a.m.

SWQ residents do not oppose development improvements and affordable housing for the city, but residents do share concerns with how this Strategy overlooks its unaddressed strategic gaps, and its potential rhyming with the city's development history.

Also signing in support are C.A. Crandall, Lisa Kempe, Janice Kupiec, Amy Morton, and Brian Scholl.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Balance Between Environmental Impacts and Benefits

To the Editor:

The following letter was addressed to Colonel Patrick V. Kinsman District Commander, Norfolk District U.S. Army Corps

of Engineers.

Dear Colonel Kinsman:

We write to inform the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) that we oppose the City of Alexandria's preferred site for a new planned Metro station in Potomac Yard, Alexandria. The site currently under consideration and for which the City advocates is Alternative B. Three previously considered alternatives exist and are demonstrably less destructive of Potomac Yard's federally protected tidal wetlands.

We are disturbed that the City continues to inform the public that, because the Federal Transportation Administration (hereinafter "FTA") and the National Park Service (hereinafter "NPS") selected Alternative B after completion of the Potomac Yard Metro Station Environmental Impact Statement (hereinafter "PYMS EIS"), USACE will not consider alternative sites in its review of the City's 404 permit application for PYMS.

The EIS was prepared only for actions proposed by the FTA and NPS, not for the City or its permit request. Although a USACE permit will be required, no permit has been issued and, as far as we know, USACE has yet to engage in any review.

As a Participating Agency, USACE is obligated to ensure that

the PYMS EIS purpose and need, range of alternatives, methodologies, environmental analysis, and preferred alternative satisfy the minimum requirements of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the 404(b)(1) Guidelines (Guidelines). (23 USC 139(d)(3)) and 139(d)(7)(A)). As USACE did not complete its obligations as a Participating Agency, we believe the PYMS EIS did not provide the public or FTA and NPS decision makers a complete description and analysis of the station's adverse environmental impacts, particularly on the tidal wetlands. Further, as the draft EIS describes three reasonable alternatives with less impact to the wetlands than Alternative B, we believe that USACE must reject Alternative B because it is not the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative (LEDPA).

In addition, as a result of the recent decision by WMATA and the City to reconfigure the planned Metro station, we believe all collaborating federal and state agencies should re-evaluate their prior approvals.

FTA and NPS completed their National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review of the PYMS and approved Alternative B more than two years before USACE began its NEPA review of the PYMS. We urge USACE not to be influenced by

pre-permit actions taken by the FTA and NPS.

We trust that USACE will make an unbiased decision regarding the LEDPA.

As residents of Alexandria who would be adversely impacted by the needless destruction of wetlands during and after construction if Alternative B is selected, we believe one of the other alternative sites should be selected to provide the best balance between environmental impacts and benefits. As residents, we expect USACE to conduct a fully transparent review of the City's application in accordance with the NEPA. We look forward to reviewing USACE's independent decision in accordance with the CWA and Guidelines.

### Concerned Citizens of Alexandria Virginia

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### Snapshot

**Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2:27 p.m.: Workers from Brightview Landscape Services water Alexandria's flower baskets on King Street.**

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## OPINION

# SSA Offers Variety of Fall Programs for Older Adults

BY MARY LEE ANDERSON  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA



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Senior Services of Alexandria is expanding its fall programs to include a variety of activities in addition to its monthly speaker series. The goal is to have an activity every week that seniors can join to meet new friends, learn something new and have some

fun. The “Coffee Connection” is a partnership with Giant Foods, a Groceries to Go food provider, that brings people together for an informal coffee hour with a short presenta-

tion from Giant on nutrition and health. Participants can order a complimentary coffee drink at the Starbucks inside of the Giant Foods, located at 3131 Duke St. in the Alexandria Commons Shopping Center. These take place on the first Wednesday of every month starting at 9:30 a.m. It is a great way to get your day started and maybe meet a new friend.

SSA is partnering with the Beatley Central Library on two programs — Senior Tours and Healthy Food and Cooking Demonstrations. The Local Tours take place on the second Friday of the month. The next tour will be Sept. 14 visiting the Inventors Hall of Fame and Museum located at the

Patent and Trademark Office. The tours are limited to 15 participants. The group will meet at Beatley Central Library at 10 a.m. Transportation will be provided to the site of each tour and participants will be returned to the library by 1 p.m.

The Healthy Food Demos are on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Beatley Central Library. In September the date is Sept. 25 from 2-3:30 p.m. Join Madison Reeder, a registered dietitian, as she explains which food trends are best to incorporate in our diets, and which are best to avoid. This is a popular event.

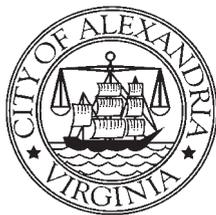
The 2018-2019 Monthly Speaker Series kicks off on Friday,

Oct. 19 at Beatley Central Library, 10 a.m. to noon. The topic is “Taking the Health Care Journey: What You Need to Know.” SSA is teaming up with Inova to share information which will assist older adults in planning ahead to ensure a better hospital stay, and a smooth transition after discharge. There will be representatives from Inova, SSA and local private service providers who will help solve the puzzle that surrounds a hospitalization and the many options available afterwards.

These events are free and open to the public. We just ask that attendees register for each event online at seniorservicesalex.org or call 703-836-4414, ext. 110.

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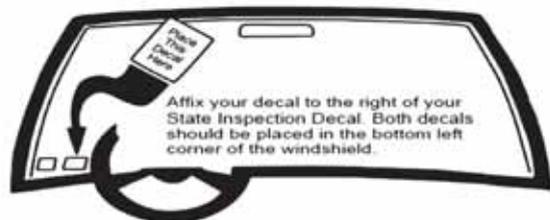
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## HISTORY



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Ellen Carter-Goods, 1964 Class at Charles Houston Elementary School.

## Carter-Goods: ‘A Special Teacher’

BY CHAR McCARGO BAH

Even when Ellen Elizabeth Carter-Goods was in the first grade, she dreamed of becoming a teacher. She was inspired by her first grade teacher, Laura Dorsey. Ellen attended grammar school at Hallowell School for girls for six-years, then she attended Parker-Gray for two-years graduating from the eighth grade. To further her education, she commuted to Washington, D.C., by bus, and she walked from the bus stop to Dunbar High School. Ellen walked more than five miles a day to and from the bus to school. After graduating from Dunbar, she attended Miner Normal Teachers School, it was farther away from Dunbar. Rain or snow, she walked several miles a day from her bus stop to school without missing a day from school.

Ellen graduated from Miner Normal Teachers School in 1928, and began teaching at Parker-Gray School in the same year. She was excited to join the faculty and become a colleague of her favorite

teacher, Ms. Dorsey. Mrs. Goods taught first through sixth grades. A devoted and caring teacher, Ellen visited the homes of her students for her to know the parents; she provided students with extra help in their lessons. When Mrs. Goods noticed that a student was absent from school, she took the time to find out why. One particular student had missed several days of school. When she found out that the student did not have a winter coat, Ellen purchased a coat for him. She taught many students, including her siblings, nephews and nieces. One of her siblings, Alfred Carter that she taught, became a teacher and a coach at Parker-Gray.

In 1950, Parker-Gray School moved from 901 Wythe St. to its new building at 1207 Madison St. The old Parker-Gray School was renamed to Charles Houston Elementary School. The requirements in the public school system to become a teacher had changed. Teachers were required to have a bachelor’s degree. Though Ellen was married by this time and had three children of her own, she began taking

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## OBITUARY

### Suzanne Treadwell Quinlan

Dr. Suzanne Treadwell Quinlan died on March 21, 2018, after a long struggle against Alzheimer's disease.

Suzanne was born in Arcadia, Fla. to Lowndes Treadwell and Ida Mae Cocowitch. Graduating from De Soto High School in 1961, she went on to earn her Bachelor of Arts in economics from Florida State University in 1964, where she was also a member of the Chi Omega sorority.

She moved to Washington, D.C. in 1964 to attend the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, from which she earned a Master's degree in 1966.

She interned for the Agency of International Development, Department of State while pursuing her Master's degree. Following her 1966 graduation from the school of foreign service, she joined the U.S. Department of State, where she worked on the Vietnam desk, analyzing economic conditions in the Republic of South Vietnam.

While living in Washington she met Marine Corps officer, David Quinlan and the two were married in 1965. They settled in Alexandria, first in Hollin Hills and later in Old Town on Captain's Row.

After having children, Suzanne chose to stay home and focus on raising her family as well as volunteer opportunities in Alexandria.

However, she continued to study economics at Georgetown University where she received a University Fellowship as well as an H.B. Earhart Fellowship. In 1978, she earned a Ph.D. in mathematical economics from Georgetown.

She was an active member of the Alexandria Community Y ("ACY"), which later became the Campagna Center. At the ACY Suzanne served on the board of directors as well as the steering committee of the Junior Friends of the ACY, later becoming chairwoman. She served as an officer and on the board of directors of the Campagna Center from 1985 to 1998. Suzanne also served as president of the board from 1991-1992 and again from 1994-1995.

Shortly after earning her Ph.D., Suzanne discovered she had a passion for light and form. She used her mathematical mind to reframe her life in the form



of a fine arts photographer. She took her first photography courses at Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria, and after exhibiting work at the Torpedo Factory Art League in Alexandria, in 1989 she was juried into the Factory Photoworks Gallery, now Multiple Exposures Gallery

of which she was a member until 2011.

Additionally, her award-winning photography was featured in the U.S. Arts in the Embassies Program, and was juried into numerous group shows throughout the metropolitan DC area. She was a member of Spectrum Gallery in Georgetown as well as Studio Gallery in Dupont Circle.

As a member of the Torpedo Factory, Suzanne also served on the board as treasurer.

Her family describes Suzanne as a remarkable person of limitless intelligence and acerbic wit, who's creativity enriched the world; she showed an exceptional amount of warmth, generosity, and patience to those who loved her. She is dearly missed.

Suzanne is predeceased by her husband, Colonel David Quinlan, USMC, and is survived by her sister Nancy; son Lowndes and daughter-in-law Cynthia of Charlotte, N.C.; daughter Kristen and son-in-law John of Alexandria, Va.; grandchildren Collin, Dava, and Mairin, as well as sister and brother-in-law Kathleen and Richard, nephew Bryan, and niece Suzanne.

A memorial service was held at Christ Church, Alexandria, on March 28. Suzanne will be interred at Arlington National cemetery on Sept. 27, at 1 p.m. Family and friends are invited to gather in the Administration building at 12:15 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Georgetown University: Attn Memory Disorders Program, Building D, Suite 177, 4000 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, DC 20057. It is also possible to make donations via the program's website: [memory.georgetown.edu](http://memory.georgetown.edu).

### NEWS BRIEF

## 1st Place Award for Traffic Safety

The Alexandria Police Department received an award recognizing its efforts in promoting traffic safety in the City of Alexandria in 2017. The department received first place in the Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge for municipalities with 226-375 Officers. The award presentation took place during the VACP's 93rd Annual Training Conference on Tuesday, Sept. 11, in Roanoke.

The Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police (VACP) Law Enforcement Challenge is a traffic safety recognition program that recognizes agencies that excel in keeping their roadways safe. It is designed to strengthen and support traffic safety and provides agencies an opportunity to make a difference in the communities they serve, learn from each other, and establish future goals in traffic education and enforcement.

Regarding the award, Chief Michael Brown said, "I want to thank each and every one of our patrol and traffic safety officers who make an effort to keep our city streets safer; it is not only very important to our residents, but to all who share the road in Alexandria."

The Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge Awards program is supported by a grant from the Virginia



**Alexandria Police Officers Gustavo Paulino and Jeff Burney with Chief Michael Brown.**

Highway Safety Office. Additional information about the Law Enforcement Challenge program can be found online at [www.smartsafeandsober.org/programs/LEC](http://www.smartsafeandsober.org/programs/LEC).



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# Glory Days Grill Celebrates Grand Opening

## Alexandria Commons is 15th Virginia location

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**J**ust in time for football season, Glory Days Grill, a sports-themed family restaurant with 33 locations in five states, held the official opening of its newest Virginia location Sept. 6 in the Alexandria Commons Shopping Center on Duke Street. “I’m excited for the Glory Days team to know what I have for the past 20 years,” said Tony Cochones, vice president of culinary operations and a longtime resident of the city. “That Alexandria is a great community.”

Mayor Allison Silberberg led local dignitaries and supporters in the ribbon cutting ceremony that included several Glory Days Grill executives. Along with Cochones, co-founder Richard Danker and executive vice president Gary Cohen were among those welcoming the crowd to the restaurant. “This is our 15th store in Virginia,” said Danker, who founded the restaurant in 1996 with Bob Garner and Jeff Newman with a location in Burke. “Here in Alexandria we have already provided more than 100 jobs.” Glory Days Grill replaces the former Lone Star Steakhouse at 3141 Duke St. It has more than 6,700 square feet of bar, dining and banquet seating for 190 with additional outdoor seating.

“We’re here to stay,” Danker told the crowd. “We spent \$2.4 million building out the old Lone Star Steakhouse and we have a 20-year lease. We plan to be here a long time.” Glory Days Grill features more than 40 television screens throughout the restaurant. Individual volume controlled speakers at each table allow patrons to tune in to the screen of their choice, which show a variety of sporting events, news, entertainment and cartoons.

The Alexandria restaurant is open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to midnight (11 p.m. on Sundays). There are several daily



**Mayor Allison Silberberg, center with scissors, leads a crowd of dignitaries and supporters in cutting the ribbon to officially open Glory Days Grill Sept. 6 in the Alexandria Commons Shopping Center on Duke Street. The location is the company’s 33rd and 15th in Virginia.**



**Tony Cochones, center, VP of Culinary Operations for Glory Days Grill and a long time Alexandria resident, poses for a photo with Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and Officer Bennie Evans Sept. 6 at the ribbon cutting for the Alexandria Commons restaurant.**



**Capt. Shannon Soriano, Lt. Ed Milner, Sgt. Cynthia Hurley and Officer Bennie Evans of the Alexandria Police Department take a break for lunch Sept. 6 at Glory Days Grill in the Alexandria Commons Shopping Center.**

specials and a late night “Snack Attack” menu is available after 9 p.m. Catering services are also available.

To help support local schools, sports teams and community organizations, Glory Days Grill has its “Cards For Causes” program that donates \$5 of every \$25 gift card sold to a chosen charity (with a minimum

of 100 cards sold). More information on this and the restaurant’s Dining For Dollars program can be found online or by contacting the restaurant via email at alexandriacommons@glorydaysgrill.com. “We’re here to support the community,” said Cohen. “That’s who we are and how we built this company.”

Glory Days Grill has been named Best Casual Theme Restaurant, Best American Restaurant, Best Sports Bar and has also received accolades for Best Ribs, Best Wings, Best Chili, Best Burger and Best Bartender. See [www.glorydaysgrill.com](http://www.glorydaysgrill.com)

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# High School Football Coaches Night Set for Sept. 19

## Sportsman’s Club to honor student athletes.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**he Alexandria Sportsman’s Club will kick off its 2018 year with High School Football Coaches night Sept. 19, which will introduce to the public the new head

coaches at Bishop Ireton and Episcopal high schools.

A tradition for more than 50 years, High School Football Coaches Night will feature the head coaches from all four of Alexandria’s high schools. Those expected to attend include, Mark Moroz, who is in his first year at Episcopal High School. Moroz was named head coach for the Episcopal Maroon in March after seven years at Christ School in Asheville, N.C., where he had a 63-17 record.

Bishop Ireton’s new head coach, SEE HIGH SCHOOL, PAGE 28



**Mark Moroz – Episcopal.**



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# Design Upgrades for Fall

Minor elements can make an major impact as seasons change.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

As the time of year where more time is spent indoors slowly approaches, sprucing up an interior space can help ease the transition. From pillows and candles to wreaths and area rugs, local designers show how small touches can make a big impact as seasons change.

A new rug can set the tone for an entire room. "I just finished a living room where we added a luxurious leather sofa that's both elegant and timeless," said designer Sally Kane of Chantilly. "There is a loveseat in a chintz fabric and circular rug with warm shades of brown beige and turquoise. It's almost too pretty to walk on and can be changed out as the seasons change. It shows how adding the right rug can elevate a room."

Throw pillows in bold hues can add a burst of autumn color into a space, easing it from summer to fall. "I'm currently working on a family room where a deep, hunter green is the base color," said Todd Granger, interior designer and design graduate students at Marymount University. "I'm adding throw pillows with a yellow palette, including mustard, citrus and chartreuse."

"The Pantone color of the year for 2018 was Ultra

Violet and I'm definitely seeing bold, deep purples being used this fall in interior design," continued Granger. "I'm incorporating them in spaces for my clients who appreciate bold colors. Buying throw pillows is an easy and inexpensive way to make your space match the season."

Table linens and serveware are a simple way to transition to fall when entertaining, advises Alexandria-based interior designer Beth Mahoney. "For my own home I purchased some dark blue, monogrammed linen napkins that pick up a shade of blue in my china pattern," she said. "Placemats, tablecloths and candles are all inexpensive things that can make an big impact when it comes to changing seasons."

A wreath in the rich autumnal colors hanging on the front door is a definite harbinger of fall, adds Mahoney. "Wreaths made with pretty combinations of fall foliage like pine cones, berries and even pumpkins can be hung in a foyer or the front door," she said. "Gooseberry, lavender and herbs like sage and bay also make great additions to a wreath."



PHOTO COURTESY OF TODD GRANGER

Throw pillows in bold autumn colors can add warmth to a space as the season changes from summer to fall.



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Accessories in warm, rich shades can help transition a home's interior from summer to autumn.

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# LETTERS

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I am not a spokesperson for any property nor as to where I reside. Throughout the meeting held at the Lee Center on the Route 1 South Housing Affordability Strategy, there was not anyone representing the Heritage At Old Town.

I shared my concern at the hearing on Sept. 4 Planning Commission meeting; I stood and spoke briefly with the sense of what might take place of the Old Town West site and asked a question about the next 10 to 15 years regarding Heritage At Old Town.

I believe we need affordable housing throughout the city. Many have built a foundation within our family-oriented area of Old Town West. And having a chance to rent a house is a blessing. If there was a way to keep the townhomes even with an increase of rent by 10 percent, that'll help, and then build elsewhere the high rise of 250 units.

The residents of Old Town West doesn't have an civic association to voice their concerns; so I ask out of respect if the City Council would at least allow the residents' voice be heard by the Landlord and Tenant Board of the City of Alexandria before its decision and to set aside the hearing schedule for Saturday, Sept. 15, until a further date before moving forward such plan and strategy.

**Activist Geri Baldwin**

Former Member of Landlord and Tenant Board 2003 to 2016

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## Postpone Hearing

To the Editor:

I attended the Planning Commission meeting held on Sept. 4 about the Route 1 South Housing Affordability Strategy along with meetings held at the Lee Center and at the Alfred Street Baptist Church throughout the past month or so.

Some residents of Old Town West attended to find about what would happen to their community. For sure, many weren't pleased with the feel of dismay to hear of such impact and the fact of relocation. Yet, many residents had felt it was approved a year ago due to the notice of communication regarding residents having to move by 2020 and since a few residents were relocated within the community beforehand — prior to any meeting held by the city. Now it's "a sense of a pinball table on a tennis court" without any representation on their behalf for their voice to be heard.

Although some signed to speak at the Planning Commission last Tuesday, all left before the decision was made.

## Come to Our Community Listening Sessions

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Please attend any or all. Learn more at [www.riverrenew.com/community](http://www.riverrenew.com/community)

<b>Sept. 17</b> 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.*	Community Listening Session: Outfall 001 (Oronoco Bay)
United Way Mary M. Gates Learning Center	Room 101 701 N Fairfax Street
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<b>Sept. 24</b> 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.*	Community Listening Session: Outfall 002 (S Royal St./Hunting Creek)
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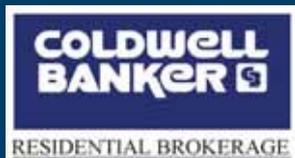
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# Plans for TC Stadium Renovations Move Forward

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Cities Conference Room illustrated the planned improvements, which include updating the concession stand, restroom facilities, entry and ticket sales area, press box, sound system upgrades and field and site lighting.

“The stadium needs new lights,”

**“The stadium needs new lights but not at the expense of residents.”**

— Heather Thornton on the proposed plans for Parker-Gray Stadium at T.C. Williams High School

said Heather Thornton, a resident of the West End and candidate for School Board. “But not at the expense of residents. I am happy to hear that new LED technology will be able to keep the lights from affecting residents.”

Public hearings on the project are set for Oct. 2 in front of the Planning Commission and Oct. 13 in front of City Council.

“The staff report is being finalized, as well as the conditions, so some information may change prior to the release of the report on Sept. 21,” said William Cook, urban planner for the City of Alexandria. “But the story boards we used for the open house



**Seminary Civic Association president Frances Terrell, right, questions principal city planner Nathan Imm about the proposed plans to renovate Parker-Gray Memorial Stadium at T.C. Williams High School at the project’s Sept. 5 open house at City House. The plans include the addition of lights to allow for night time games and events.**

are available online now for residents to review.” Members of city staff were on hand to answer questions about the project, including John Finnigan, construction program manager for Alexandria City Public Schools.

“We’re hoping to begin this project sometime next year,” Finnigan said. “But we’re still a few months away from final construc-

tion documents. It’s all a moving target and has taken longer than we anticipated.” The addition of lights in the proposed plan, which must be approved by City Council, has been the subject of controversy for decades.

In exchange for the land where the school is located, the city promised residents that no permanent lights would be erected on



PHOTOS BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

**John Finnigan, construction program manager for Alexandria City Public Schools, reviews the plans for the addition of lighting at Parker-Gray Stadium at T.C. Williams High School with School Board candidate Heather Thornton at the City Hall open house Sept. 5.**

the athletic field. That agreement was last renewed in 2012 and a lawsuit filed Aug. 14 in Alexandria Circuit Court by several neighborhood residents is seeking a court order to prevent lights from being erected at the stadium.

Additional information about the project and public hearing timeline can be found at [www.alexandriava.gov/development](http://www.alexandriava.gov/development).

# Untouchables Mentoring Program Celebrates 30 Years

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retired 40-year city employee at the Charles Houston Recreation Center.

“When I first came to Charles Houston there was so much negativity about this community,” said Harvey in accepting her award.

“I had never stepped foot into City Hall but that didn’t stop me from calling Patsy Ticer and Vola Lawson and telling them to send me some counselors. We needed to teach these children to pick people up and not to criticize.”

The Untouchables meets weekly and serves boys ages 6-18. In addition to the Charles Houston Recreation Center, a second site is located at the William Ramsay Recreation Center.

“We serve a wide range of ages because the older ones in turn become leaders,” Jones said.

“We think it’s important for our younger members to see older teens doing something positive.”

Added Moore: “We wanted young boys in the community to see that they could be role models for each other.”

Members of the Untouchables participate in various volunteer and community service projects such as serving



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**Bill Clinton twice welcomed members of the Untouchables mentoring program to the White House during his presidency.**

Thanksgiving dinners to seniors and low income families in need.

“We are so thankful to have this program

in our community,” said Louise Anderson of Westminster Presbyterian Church, “because it strengthens all of us.”

The Untouchables is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. For more information visit [www.theuntouchables88.org](http://www.theuntouchables88.org).



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A preschool class at ACPS's new Early Childhood Center.

## New Preschool Center Opens

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a “smoother transition” for children feeding into ACPS’s kindergartens, said ACPS Superintendent of Schools Gregory Hutchings.

While the ECC does provide certain care and meals, it goes beyond daycare. In addition to providing a healthy and safe environment for children while their parents work, preschool includes a systematic approach to achieving specific developmental outcomes. These outcomes include, among others, the acquisition of vocabulary and “social-emotional skills,” said Haggerty. The expressly educational dimension of preschool, on top of providing care, generally requires a higher level of education and credentialing for staff. For example, Annie Handel, an ECC teacher, holds a bachelor and master’s degrees in early education fields and has taken additional college courses about autism.

On the one hand, the ECC’s approach is highly structured and deliberate. For example, if the children have been hearing about insects during read-

ing time, recess might entail digging for bugs, said Handel.

On the other hand, the ECC also follows a “constructionist” approach, said Haggerty. Rather than always telling children what to do, staff sometimes let the children take the lead, adapting their teaching to child-initiated play. The simplest of play activities offers a learning opportunity. For example, playing with blocks can help enable a cognitive move from the “concrete” (the block is a block) to the “symbolic” (the block is, say, a car), she said.

The ECC also programs opportunities and contexts children’s socialization. For example, family style meals give staff a change to “role model” behavior around the table, said Haggerty. Additionally, every student has a job, such as helping to clean up or to set the table for breakfast, said Handel.

All in all, “this is the best first day we’ve ever had,” said Handel.

For more, visit [www.acps.k12.va.us/preschool](http://www.acps.k12.va.us/preschool), [www.campaigncenter.org/programs](http://www.campaigncenter.org/programs), [www.alexandriava.gov/ChildCare](http://www.alexandriava.gov/ChildCare).



Teacher Annie Handel (right) and Early Childhood Center principal Heidi Haggerty (left) playing with preschoolers.



Teacher Cinnamon Baker reads with preschoolers.



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**Back To School Rally Against Gun Violence organizers Miranda Tonsetic (on left) and Hannah Miller.**



**Naomi Wadler speaks at Market Square.**



**Jaxon O'Mara, a senior at Great Mills High School in Great Mills, Md.**

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# A Back To School Rally Against Gun Violence

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in which there is no need for metal detectors in our schools, where there is no need for fear on our streets.”

Jaxon O'Mara, a senior at Great Mills High School in Great Mills, Md., also encouraged the audience to go to the polls. On March 20, a 17-year-old student walked into the school and shot and killed one student and injured another before killing himself.

“For me... school is now the place where my classmate was shot and killed,” O'Mara said. “It is time to act, it is time to change and, frankly, it's time to vote.”

The Back To School Rally Against Gun Violence was organized by T.C. Williams High School senior Hannah Miller and George Washington Middle School seventh grader Miranda Tonsetic, both members of Students Demand Action NOVA. Miller, a student activist who has protested at a number of gun violence prevention events, also helped organize a school walkout at T.C. Williams High School in the aftermath of the Feb. 14 shooting at Marjory Stoneman-Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. that killed 17 students and teachers.

“I have at least 10 more years at school and I'm at risk every day in my classroom,” Tonsetic said.

“We need your help,” Miller told the crowd. “To all students — create clubs, in-

form yourself, inform your friends, keep on showing up to events like this to show that you will not stand up to gun violence any more. To the adults — register to vote and then vote. And to our politicians who are not listening — we will not stop until you do.”

Also in attendance were Alexandria Vice Mayor Justin Wilson, City Councilor John Chapman, School Board Member Chris Lewis and Democratic City Council candidates Elizabeth Bennett-Parker, Canek Aguirre and Amy Jackson.

Wilson said, “The students behind this movement refuse to allow their efforts to be fleeting. They know that success will not be overnight. They are working to build a campaign that is sustainable and achieves real change. I would never bet against them.”

State Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30) praised gun violence prevention laws throughout the country since Parkland, but said that a thinly held majority of Republican members of the Virginia General Assembly have killed 79 pieces of gun violence prevention legislation this year alone. He said the road ahead for student protestors will be difficult.

“Win for all your classmates who don't feel safe. I'm confident in your victory,” Ebbin told the student protestors. “You will



**The Back To School Rally Against Gun Violence was attended by students, parents and local politicians at Market Square, Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018.**

continue to face long days of canvassing and protesting, the heat, the cold, and the rain... And there will be adults and even elected officials who will dismiss your knowledge and dismiss your experience. You will face hostile resistance from the corporate gun lobby, who trade profits for lives. Here's how

to win this fight, though. You register voters, vote, protest, keep moving forward. Together we will take back state legislatures and governorships from the NRA, we will take back the U.S. House, we will take back the Senate and in two years will take back the White House.”

## City Mourns Losses of 9/11

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Tuesday, Sept. 11. “The heroes on Flight 93 started to turn the tide before we all realized what was happening, and gave their own lives to save hundreds if not thousands. And then there are stories that that we have heard less about, like the town of Gander, Newfoundland in Canada, population 10,000. They opened their town and homes to 6,660 people, who were stranded on 38 jumbo jets that were forced to land at their airport because all air traffic to the United States was closed. ... That's about the

equivalent of 85,000 people showing up in Alexandria. ... Or maybe we should just stop and consider the countless number of simple, small acts of kindness that occurred in the days and hours that followed — like a Del Ray resident, who came out of her home and gave an exhausted, sunburned, and a little bit younger version of this Alexandria police officer, who was standing a post, a bottle of water and a simple thank you.”

“[We must] remember the heroic acts of the medics and firefighters of our fire department,” who assisted “in treating the

injured, fighting the fire, and taking care of the building collapse at the Pentagon,” said Alexandria Fire Chief Robert Dubé. “The battle we face now is the unrelenting diseases that are being discovered in many of us, who worked in and around Ground Zero and the Pentagon. ... Here in Alexandria, we have not been immune to it. In the fire department alone, we have four of our own, who operated at the Pentagon, who have been diagnosed with cancer. We must support them and ... their families in this time of need.”

“We are grateful for [first responders']

fierce bravery during our most trying time as a community and as a nation,” said Mayor Allison Silberberg. “Today we not only honor the sacrifices on 9/11, but we resolve to stand up against hate in all forms.

This is the lesson we must pass on. We must continue to step up for one another; to reach out to each other; to be accepting and embracing; to be kind and compassionate; and to build bridges of understanding. The grief of 9/11 must translate into a remembrance of our shared humanity.”

# Serving Alexandria's Youngest

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organization, also indicate an eastward skewing of higher-rated, education-oriented providers.

Yet Dr. Tammy Mann, CEO of the Campagna Center, a nonprofit that administers the federal Head Start program and other services locally, cautions against overgeneralization. Family-based providers are also “capable of delivery quality” and “committed to participating in opportunities that are available to them to help support them and the work that they’re doing,” she said.

Moreover, “[most] of a child’s brain architecture is wired ... by the time a child turns three,” she said. Yet “many center-based programs ... don’t serve infants and toddlers ... because the cost of doing so makes it very difficult. ... So we have far more families that actually rely on a network of family child care providers.”

DSS-tracked center-based providers serve a median age of two. The Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI), administered by ACPS and certain private providers, serves at-risk four-year-olds only. By contrast, about two-thirds of the city-listed home-based providers accommodate children as young as 2-3 months old, and nearly all accommodate children under one year old.

The 2015 Common Agenda — produced by Alexandria’s Early Care & Education Work Group — calls for an integrated “system of early care and education,” including “mixed delivery” and “alignment” across providers. But going about this is no straightforward matter, with different parties taking different views.

ACPS commits to “mixed-delivery model where children are educated in both public schools and community-based programs,” but prefers operating that model in house, according to a statement. “Centralized early childhood programs, such as the Early Childhood Center [ECC], allow for greater collaboration and alignment among programs. In addition to having dedicated staff that are well versed in early development, children and families also benefit from learning experiences that are tailored to their needs.” The ECC, which just opened on the West End, incorporates four programs, including VPI and Head Start, under one roof.

On the other hand, “Most households, typically low-income people, think of preschool as a neighborhood asset,” said Amy Liu, who served last year on the city’s Ad Hoc Joint City-Schools Facility Investment Task Force. Responding to ACPS’s proposal

at the time, since dropped, to build a second pre-K center for \$28 million, Liu suggested considering more geographically distributed options.

ACPS provides distributed preschool capacity within some elementary schools, and would likely provide more under VPI, but for lack of space and budget. VPI provides state dollars on a formula basis, but requires both available physical seats and matching local funds. ACPS already faces a shortage of elementary seats. Additionally, neither ACPS nor the city provides sufficient local matching funds to realize Alexandria’s full VPI eligibility, said Robin Crawley, early childhood division chief in Alexandria’s Department of Community & Human Services (DCHS). For these and other reasons, Alexandria doesn’t utilize 196 — about a third — of its available VPI slots.

For its part, the city government administers several programs, to the tune of \$8 million per year, to enhance the city’s array of early childhood providers. DCHS provides financial assistance to families, which “are essentially vouchers for families to buy private services,” said Vice Mayor Justin Wilson. DCHS also offers professional development and training to non-public providers and parents.

The city is also exploring how family-based providers might qualify for VPI funding, in order to increase the number of citywide eligible seats, said Crawley. In addition to ACPS, currently only center-based non-public providers qualify. An expansion to include family-based providers would require state authorization.

Hopkins wants local government to provide more grants to private and nonprofit providers to boost their capacity. Grants would go toward making facility improvements, increasing salaries, etc. In exchange, grantee providers would submit to mandated standards, such as for staff qualifications and curricula. He thinks non-public center-based providers run the best programs, and so governments should “hire that expertise.” As a model to emulate, he points to Washington, D.C.’s Pre-K Enhancement and Expansion Program.

Mann lauds Boston and Philadelphia, which similarly make or help facilitate investment across the mixed-delivery provider spectrum.

“[We must leverage] all of our resources, public and private, to help go at making access and quality possible,” especially for children younger than VPI’s four-year-old threshold, she said.

For more information, visit [www.acps.k12.va.us/preschool](http://www.acps.k12.va.us/preschool) and [www.alexandriava.gov/DCHS](http://www.alexandriava.gov/DCHS).

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### SEPTEMBER

**Scouting Opportunities for Girls and Boys.** A new Sea Scout ship, based in Alexandria along with units welcoming young girls and boys to join Cub Scout packs, will be the highlight of this year’s ‘Join Scouting Nights’; hosted by units in the Colonial District. Youth and their parents interested in joining a unit may locate one by visiting [beascout.org](http://beascout.org). Call 301-214-9122 or email [todd.bolick@scouting.org](mailto:todd.bolick@scouting.org).

p.m. until dark. Open to girls and boys age 14-20, the Sea Scout ship will host an open house, with equipment available to get new Sea Scouts out on the water. Youth attend are encouraged to bring appropriate swim gear. Questions may be directed to Colonial District Executive Todd Bolick at 301-214-9122 or [todd.bolick@scouting.org](mailto:todd.bolick@scouting.org).

**Stormwater Utility Phase II Credit Policy Meeting.** 7 p.m. at Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Rd. Contact Rachael Moxley, [stormwater@alexandriava.gov](mailto:stormwater@alexandriava.gov), 703-746-6499.

**Board of Zoning Appeals.** 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St. Contact Mary Christesen, 703-746-4333.

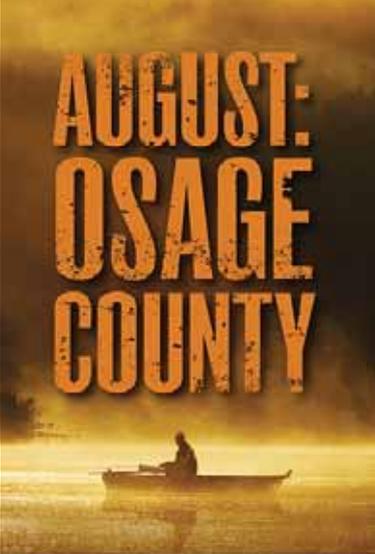
**Beautification Commission.** 7:30 p.m. at Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center, 1605 Cameron St. Contact

Oscar Mendoza, [Oscar.Mendoza@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Oscar.Mendoza@alexandriava.gov).  
**Community Input Wanted.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road, in the meeting room.. The City of Alexandria’s Department of Transportation & Environmental Services will host public meetings to get feedback on the Phase 2 recommended Credit Policy that will be going to City Council for consideration in October. City staff will also provide background and answer questions about the adopted Stormwater Utility Fee and the adopted Phase 1 Credit Policy. Contact the Stormwater Management Division at [stormwater@alexandriava.gov](mailto:stormwater@alexandriava.gov) or 703-746-6499. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/Stormwater](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Stormwater) to learn more.

**THURSDAY/SEPT. 13**

**Sea Scouting Open House.** 6:30

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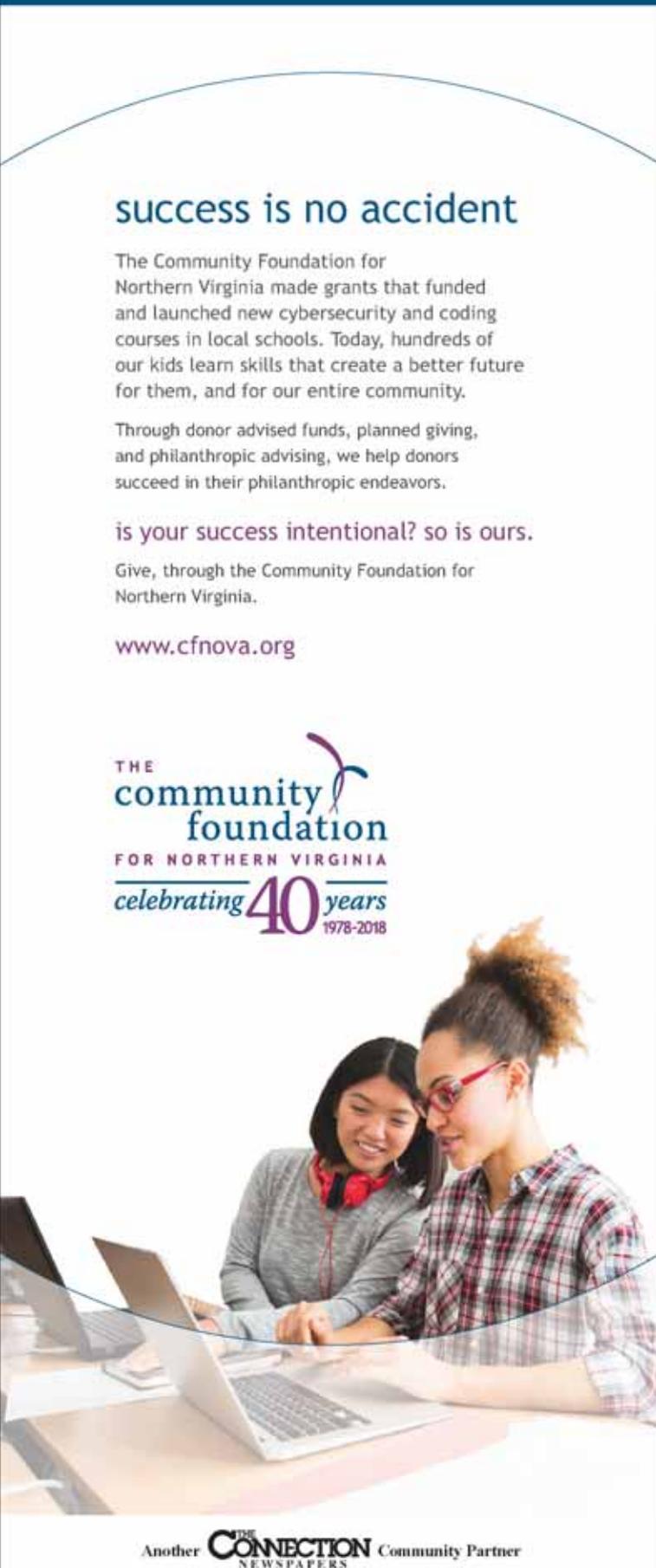


This powerful Pulitzer prize winning drama examines a family as it returns to Oklahoma to care for their afflicted, manipulative mother who reigns over the home as family secrets unfold. (Mature themes and language)

**SHOW DATES:**  
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# ENTERTAINMENT

## A Visit to 'August: Osage County'

LTA presents drama about dysfunctional family in rural Oklahoma.

BY STEVE HIBBARD

The Little Theatre of Alexandria is presenting "August: Osage County" from now through Sept. 23. When the family patriarch vanishes, the Westons return to rural Oklahoma to care for their afflicted, manipulative mother, Violet. Armed with prescription drugs and paranoid mood swings, Violet reigns over the home as family secrets unfold. This family drama by Tracy Letts won the 2008 Pulitzer Prize and the Tony Award for Best New Play. It is directed by Susan Devine and produced by Lloyd Bittinger.

"What makes 'August: Osage County' different is that it is very intense and deals with difficult issues related to addiction and suicide and how that affects family members as they relate to each other being again pulled together to deal with the tragedy. It is not the kind of show that you will leave humming a Broadway tune," said Bittinger, who has been affiliated with LTA for 23 years and best known for producing "A Christmas Carol."

He added: "(It) is a unique kind of show in that the audience will be exposed to issues and/or situations probably never seen on stage before. The script is very mature and in some ways shocking. You should come away from this show having felt intense emotional responses to the characters and situations the playwright introduced to you."

A director for more than 20 years, Susan Devine said the reason she wanted to direct the show was: "I am always in search of the best material and 'August: Osage County' is both a Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning show, so it's definitely superb material. And, it's relatable. It focuses on the modern American family. Tracy Letts



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Starring in LTA's production of "August: Osage County" are Carlotta Capuano as Ivy Weston, Nicky McDonnell as Barbara Fordham, and Elizabeth Keith as Karen Weston.

set out to write the next great American family drama and he succeeded."

She added: "(It) deals with very serious problems that can destroy a family, including addiction and infidelity. The show is very emotional and intense, much more dramatic than other shows I have directed."

Fred C. Lash, who is playing the role of Beverly Weston, said he would like the audience to understand what a dysfunctional family goes through when it comes together. "The emotions and arguments portrayed in 'August: Osage County' are not rare, they occur in families every day and must be dealt with. When feelings are penned up and stored deep within someone, it takes a lot to bring them out and the results are not always pleasant," he said.

He added that it is the most thought-provoking and intense play in which he's ever played a role. "It carries the audience to laughter; then makes it cry due to the profound sadness that hangs over the entire show. Also, I have never had a role in which I have spoken and performed at the very beginning, then disappeared until the curtain call," he said.

Tom Flatt, who is playing the role of Charlie Aiken, said "August: Osage County" is a beautifully written show that is heart-breaking, hilarious, and at times shocking, which is the best kind of theater. My character reminds me of my relatives on my father's side, so I connect deeply with him. He also has some of the funniest lines in the show, which makes him a hoot to play."

He added: "I love ensemble shows and ones that would be labeled 'dramedies' (dramas with a lot of comedy). This play kind of ups the ante on that style. I think of it as a tragedy played as a comedy, which makes it unique and challenging."

Diane Sams, who has been acting almost her whole life, plays the role of Violet who is the remains of a painfully sad woman. "She has tried to fill the voids in her life with pills and has only succeeded in driving away her family and leaving herself alone in her own darkness. She has mistakenly interpreted her rage and viciousness as strength which is revealed in the end as the weakness caused by the death of her own humanity," she said.

She added: "To be truthful, I find nothing

appealing about Violet Weston. She is one of those human wrecks for whom one may find pity but only after a large amount of revulsion has been overcome. I feel it is important to play such a character because she is a lesson in the evils of addiction, selfishness and personal weakness."

Katarina Frustaci is playing the role of Johnna Monevata, who she describes as wise and patient. "And because she isn't easily fazed by the drama that ensues in the Weston family, her presence is comforting and provides a steady rhythm among the chaos," she said.

Elizabeth Keith, who is playing the role of Karen Weston, said: "I believe Karen is a strong person and someone who has taken charge of her life against many odds — she has earned her happy ending. However, she wants so much to be loved and accepted that, in the end, she makes a rather untenable choice to follow her dream rather than deal with the reality that unfolds in front of her. She, like many of the women in this play, is also struggling with a loss of her youth and how to deal with the life she has left versus the life she wanted for herself, which presents some validation to her decision."

Greg Wilczynski, who plays the role of Little Charles Aiken, added: "Playing Little Charles has taught me how to enjoy the simple things in life, and the true meaning of forgiveness and love. Love and forgive yourself, so that you can share that with others."

He added: "I believe that the audience will see pieces of their family present throughout the show. Some families may not be to the extreme of the Westons but I guarantee they will share something in common. If nothing else they will leave the theatre very thankful for the family they have."



The Little Theatre of Alexandria is presenting "August: Osage County" from now through Sept. 23. Show times are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$21 and \$24. The venue is located at 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. Call the box office at 703-683-0496 or visit [www.thelittletheatre.com](http://www.thelittletheatre.com).

### CALENDAR

Submit entertainment announcements at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/). The deadline is noon on Friday.

#### ONGOING

**"The Painted Rocks at Revolver Creek" by Athol Fugard.** Through Sept. 30 at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria. "The Painted Rocks at Revolver Creek" by Athol Fugard, directed by MetroStage Artistic Associate Thomas W. Jones II, will open the 2018-19 season at MetroStage. Visit [www.metrostage.org](http://www.metrostage.org).

#### Geometrics Kiln Club Show.

Through Sept. 30, at Scope Gallery, 105 North Union St., Studio 19, Torpedo Factory, Alexandria. Earthy Encore Spotlights Shapeshifting in

Clay. Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., open Thursday, Sept. 13 until 9 p.m. and Friday, Sept. 14 until 10 p.m. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288 or visit [www.scopegallery.org](http://www.scopegallery.org).

#### Art Exhibit: "Eat, Drink, and Be Merry."

Through Sept. 30, at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. A national ceramic show that celebrates dining and food with a regional art exhibit echoing these themes. Visit [DelRayArtisans.org/event/eat-drink-be-merry](http://DelRayArtisans.org/event/eat-drink-be-merry).

#### Dollhouse Exhibit.

Through Sept. 30, Tuesdays-Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Alexandria. Exhibit "Our Alexandria" Dollhouse Collection. The exhibit captures some of the forgotten businesses, people, and institutions that made African

American families strong — church, school, and family. Other exhibits are also on site. Suggested admission \$3 per person. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/museums](http://www.alexandriava.gov/museums) or call 703-746-4356.

#### WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 12-16

**Fall Book Sale.** At Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. The Friends of the Beatley Central Library will hold their Fall Book Sale. Wednesday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Thursday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 14, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 15, 10 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, 1-4:30 p.m. Cost is \$3 or less, unless marked: hardbacks, paperbacks,

children's books and audio-visual items. All genres. \$1 Day on Sunday, Sept. 16. Call 703-746-1702 or visit [www.beatleyfriends.org](http://www.beatleyfriends.org).

#### THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

**Garden Tour & Tea.** 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Tour the fall demonstration gardens with a master gardener docent who will inspire visitors with stories of Green Spring past and present. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea. \$32/person. Reservations required. Call 703-941-7987, TTY 703-324-3988.

#### Young at Art Show Reception.

5:30-7:30 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St., Old Town

Alexandria. This annual exhibition, cosponsored by Senior Services of Alexandria and Goodwin House Foundation, is open to all metropolitan areas residents 55 and older. Artists must deliver their works of art to the Durant Center on Monday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m.-noon to be considered for the exhibition. The exhibition runs through Nov. 8. Visit Young at Art or [www.alexandriava.gov](http://www.alexandriava.gov) or call 703-836-4414, ext. 110.

#### Opening Reception: 'Autumn Gold.'

5:30-7 p.m. at Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, 310 King St., Alexandria. Featuring Nina Tisara's intricate mosaic art. RSVP: [ninat@ninatisara.com](mailto:ninat@ninatisara.com).

**Opening Reception: 'Natural Reaction.'** 6:30-8 p.m. at The Art

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League Gallery, 105 North Union St., Studio 21, Torpedo Factory, Alexandria. Sculptor and printmaker Brian Kirk courts chemical reactions to create ephemeral, phantom-like prints from rusting metal. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) or 703-683-1780.

**Book Talk.** 7-9 p.m. Gregory May's book, "Jefferson's Treasure: How Albert Gallatin Saved the New Nation from Debt," is more than a biography. Via the long life of Gallatin, May gives an insightful account of the major political, economic, and financial problems the young U.S. faced from the Washington administration through the Mexican War. RSVP to [admin@nvfaa.org](mailto:admin@nvfaa.org).

## FRIDAY, SEPT. 14

**Garden Talk: Plant More Natives.** 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Learn how to incorporate native plants into a garden for maximum ecological impact and beauty. VCE master gardeners show participants many types of easy-care, native plants that help native bees and birds and brighten the garden with dazzling color. Ages 16-adult. \$10/person. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes) using code 290 483 3601 or call 703-642-5173.

**After the Flood.** 6-8 p.m. at Lloyd House, 220 North Washington St., Alexandria. A "Newgrass"/folk Americana string band with soaring harmonies. After the Flood members John Linn, Laura Etabbakh, and Alys Willman started singing together at Saint Stephen and the Incarnation Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. in 2010. In 2015, percussionist Zack Gleiberman brought in the rhythm, and cellist Maxfield Wollam-Fisher and bassist Matt Wharton joined in 2016. Visit [www.fsgw.org](http://www.fsgw.org).

**Public Reception: 'Juxtaposed.'** 7-10 p.m. at Target Gallery at The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. New exhibition explores the Art of Contradiction and investigates opposing or conflicting themes through art. The exhibition features 25 artworks by 12 artists from all over the country. Juxtaposed was juried by Megan Rook-Koepsel, a D.C.-based independent curator. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 15

**Kayak Cleanups at Four Mile Run.** 9 a.m.-noon. The event starts out at The Conservatory Center at Four Mile Run Park, 4109 Mt Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Parking details will be provided to those who RSVP. The Four Mile Run Conservatory Foundation will continue to deploy its fleet of kayaks to collect litter along the streambank of Four Mile Run this Fall, following the efforts over the summer 2018. Visit [www.fourmilerun.org](http://www.fourmilerun.org).

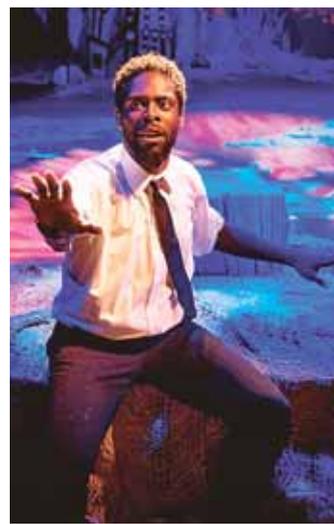
**Watercolor Workshop: Extreme Closeups.** 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Focus in on the details of a flower, fruit or vegetable (or anything else) to create watercolor paintings with the help of artist and instructor Marni Maree. Close focus is a great way to see things in a different way as close up details become abstracted shapes and then dramatic compositions. Learn and practice watercolor techniques such as wet in wet, pouring, lifting, glazing and more. Supply list will be emailed to participants before class. Adults.

## Hurricane Florence

*Due to predicted inclement weather, some events may be postponed or cancelled.*



**Doug Brown and Jeremiah Hasty in "The Painted Rocks at Revolver Creek."**



**Jeremy Keith Hunter in "The Painted Rocks at Revolver Creek."**

# 'We Are Still Here'

BY CAROLYN GRIFFIN  
PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

There is a sold sign on N. Royal Street, the grass sometimes is overgrown, but we are still here. You may have heard that MetroStage is moving which is true, but a lot has to happen before that move takes place. In the meantime we are still here and have opened our 2018-19 season with a very important play by the iconic South African playwright Athol Fugard, "The Painted Rocks at Revolver Creek," his most recent and possibly his last, a play steeped in South African history yet timely, relevant and important to American audiences as well.

I encourage you to attend and support your local neighborhood theatre. We have been producing professional, acclaimed, award-winning plays and musicals for over 30 years, and we intend to continue for at least another 30. And we do it because the material we choose, whether it be clas-

sic or contemporary, play or musical, is of inherent value: intellectual, emotional, political, psychological, historic, or literary or all of the above. We have exceptional artists who commit to telling the playwright's story with truth and authenticity, and you can't ask for more than that these days.

Our tagline has always been "Off Broadway on the River's Edge" so no need to hop on Amtrak just drive a few blocks and see something on stage that will be memorable and possible change your life. At least that is what we believe live theatre does. And we also promise to entertain. Our actors, designers, directors and playwrights are sharing their gifts, and we want to share them with you. There is nothing like live performances experienced in an intimate communal setting, amongst friends and strangers, and strangers who may become friends be the end of the evening. Music, drama, and, of course, holiday entertainment will be on our stage for as long as the building is standing and then onward to our next adventure here in North Old Town.

\$93/person. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes) using code 290 433 9901 or call 703-642-5173.

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

**Family Fun: Monarch Migration.** 10 a.m.-noon at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Learn about magnificent monarch butterflies and their migration by participating in this site-wide event. Move

through the obstacles in the Monarch Migration Course, moving from egg to butterfly and beyond with games, songs and activities. Age 5-adult. \$10/child. Register online at

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes) using code 290 487 4701 or call 703-642-5173.

**Firefighting History Walking Tour.** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 107 South Alfred St., Alexandria. Come to the Friendship Firehouse Museum and explore Alexandria's firefighting history on the "Blazing a Trail: Alexandria's Firefighting History" tour. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 ages 10-17. Reservations are required. Purchase tickets at [www.alexandriava.gov/shop](http://www.alexandriava.gov/shop) or by calling 703-746-4994 or 703-746-3891.

**Civil War Shelter Program at Fort Ward.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Can you tell a Sibley tent from a dog tent? How did Civil War soldiers stay warm in camp? This interpretive program will explore a variety of tents and shelter for Civil War soldiers. Call 703-746-4848.

**Catch a Critter.** Noon-1:30 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Grab a net and work with a park scientist to see, touch, and study wetland creatures up close and personal. Use

magnifying lenses to study their unique characteristics and find out what these little animals can tell us about their home. This rare opportunity to dip-net in the wetland is possible through the guidance of park naturalists. \$9 per person. Call 703-768-2525 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows).

**Learn to Cha Cha.** 3:30 p.m. at Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Martha E. Garcia will teach participants to Cha Cha. This event is great for beginners, and free to all. No partner necessary, but feel free to bring one. More lessons will follow as the library celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month in September and October. Visit [alexlibraryva.org](http://alexlibraryva.org).

**Alexandria Symphony 75th Anniversary.** 4 p.m. at Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria. The concert will feature ASO musicians, led by Maestro James Ross. Audiences will enjoy a mix of patriotic tunes, Broadway hits and light classical favorites. The one-hour format will suit families and novice

symphony-goers. Lawn tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for youth (18 and under). Visit [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org) or call 703-548-0885.

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

**Cinema Del Ray Outdoor Movies.** 7 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Free. Bring family, friends, neighbors and a blanket to watch these open-air movies. Visit [www.facebook.com/cinemadelray](http://www.facebook.com/cinemadelray).

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 15-16

**Mount Vernon Colonial Market & Fair.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Visit with colonial artisans who demonstrate and sell traditional wares such as baskets, wood carvings, tin and ironwork, leather-workings, weavings, furniture, and food. Potomac River sightseeing cruises are available at half price. Included in general admission (\$20 adults; \$12 youth). Call 703-780-2000 or visit [www.MountVernon.org](http://www.MountVernon.org).

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 16

**Murder Mystery Tea.** 1-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Local author D.M. Quincy discusses the historical mystery novel and her experiences as a writer of the genre. Hear about her lively and suspenseful novels set in Regency London and the challenges of creating an authentic historical backdrop. Afterwards, enjoy some crime-solving at the tea table. Clues will be provided and at the end of tea, the murderer will be revealed. Adults. \$45 (program + tea)/ \$18 (program only). Reservations required. Call 703-941-7987, TTY 703-324-3988.

**Constitution Day.** 1 p.m. at Pohick Episcopal Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. The George Washington Chapter, Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, will be commemorating Constitution Day, celebrating the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution.

**POSTPONED: 9/11 Heroes Run.** 2 p.m. at Sandburg Middle School. Race to honor the military and first responders and remember those who died on 9/11 and in the wars since. Registration and sponsorship info for the event is on the Travis Manion Foundation Site: [www.travismanion.org/community-engagement/911-heroes-run/2018-alexandria-va/](http://www.travismanion.org/community-engagement/911-heroes-run/2018-alexandria-va/).

**Opening Reception: Michael Borek.** 2-4 p.m. at Multiple Exposures Gallery, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. "Aimless Walk Reprise" presents 22 photographs taken by Michael Borek in his native Czech Republic. Over the last 10 years, Borek continued to return to photograph an old blue-collar neighborhood in Prague, where he grew up. Visit [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com).

**The Cabinet of Curiosities.** 4-6 p.m. Opening Reception at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. The exhibition features works by specially-invited artists who have exhibited at the Athenaeum in the past, as well as works selected

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through an open call for submissions. This year's invitational asked artists to explore any aspect of Cabinets of Curiosities both literal and abstract. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

### MONDAY/SEPT. 17

**Garden Buds.** 10-11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Meet in the Children's Discovery Garden one Monday a month. Child 2-3 years old will enjoy different sensory materials out in the garden, rain or shine. Dress for the weather and explore. \$7/child. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes) using code 290 402 8601 or call 703-642-5173.

**Old Town Civil War Roundtable.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Washington Street United Methodist Church, 109 South Washington St., Alexandria. Author Gary Dyson speaks about dramatic 1863 capture of the USS Isaac P. Smith near Charleston, S.C. No cost but donations appreciated. Refreshments served. All welcome. Call Mark Tooley at 703-409-4035.

**Virginia Room Genealogy.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Martha Washington Public Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Laura Wickstead, Librarian of the Virginia Room, City of Fairfax Regional Library, will discuss the numerous genealogical resources of the Virginia Room. Jointly sponsored by Martha Washington Library and Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. Free, open to public. Visit [www.mvgenalogy.org](http://www.mvgenalogy.org).

**Ballroom Dance Classes.** 7-9 p.m. In Alexandria, call for location. Dance instructor Gary Stephens teaches Fox Trot, Waltz, Tango, Swing, Salsa, Merengue, Rumba, Cha-Cha and Samba. Discover techniques that will help you become a relaxed and confident social dancer in these small, personalized dance classes. Beginners and experienced dancers welcomed—no partner needed. \$30 per person; \$55 per couple. Visit [www.artofballroomdance.com](http://www.artofballroomdance.com), email [garystephens@me.com](mailto:garystephens@me.com) or call 703-505-5998.

**Learn to Salsa.** 7:30 p.m. at Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Martha E. Garcia will teach participants to Salsa. This event is great for beginners, and free to all. No partner necessary, but feel free to bring one. More lessons will follow as the library celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month in September and October. Visit [alexlibraryva.org](http://alexlibraryva.org).

### TUESDAY/SEPT. 18

**On-Site Genealogical Research.** 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Board-certified genealogist Victor S.

Dunn will speak about how to make the most of your time on a research trip to a courthouse, library, or other record repository. Free, open to public. Sponsored by the Mt. Vernon Genealogical Society. Visit [www.mvgenalogy.org](http://www.mvgenalogy.org).

**Composting Event.** 7 p.m. at Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St., Alexandria. Turn leaves, yard clippings, kitchen waste and excess paper into black gold for the garden. Learn how to start composting at home, what to put into a compost pile, how to easily maintain it so the materials break down properly, and how to apply it in to the garden and lawn. Free. Registration requested at [MGNV.org](http://MGNV.org).

**STEAM Challenge Night.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Test skills and complete challenges and projects about science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Ages 8-14. Visit [alexlibraryva.org](http://alexlibraryva.org).

### WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 19

**Warrior Woman Workshop.** 1 and 6:30 p.m. at Curves of Alexandria, 7918 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Free interactive workshop empowers participants with awareness, protection, and education so that a warrior mindset is developed, enabling risk reduction, implementation of learned skills, winning over surviving, and confidence over panic. Call 703-721-2044. Or visit [www.facebook.com/CurvesofAlexandria](http://www.facebook.com/CurvesofAlexandria).

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 20

**Taste of OTN.** 4-8 p.m. at Montgomery Park, Old Town North Alexandria, 901 N. Royal St., at intersection of Montgomery Avenue, Alexandria. The Annual Taste of Old Town North celebrates local culture and arts with free food tastings, live music, wellness demos. Call 917-969-6668 or visit [oldtownnorth.org/taste](http://oldtownnorth.org/taste).

**Kayak Cleanups at Four Mile Run.** 5-7:30 p.m. The event starts out at The Conservatory Center at Four Mile Run Park, 4109 Mt Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Parking details will be provided to those who RSVP. Visit [www.fourmilerun.org](http://www.fourmilerun.org).

**Understanding Annuities.** 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Learn what an annuity is and how it is funded. There are several types of annuities and they are different.

**Musician Fox Vernon.** 8 p.m. at Evening Star Cafe, 2000 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. With release of his five-track debut EP, Ghost. Visit [www.eveningstarcafe.net](http://www.eveningstarcafe.net).

### FRIDAY/SEPT. 21

**STEAM Concepts.** 10-11:55 a.m. at

Huntley Meadows, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Youngsters ages 4-6 explore STEAM subjects through active, hands-on investigations and experiments in nature with the guidance of a park naturalist. Children will learn how to use binoculars, magnifying glasses and field microscopes. This program meets weekly for six weeks. The cost of the series is \$108. Call 703-768-2525 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows).

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 22

**Mount Vernon Flea Market.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at 8717 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Flea Market will take place every fourth Saturday of the month through September. Rain or shine. Visit [www.facebook.com/mountvernonfleamarket/](http://www.facebook.com/mountvernonfleamarket/).

**Save the Streams.** 9-11 a.m. at Jerome "Buddie" Ford Nature Center, 5750 Sanger Ave., Alexandria. Interested in learning more about the health of local streams? Space is limited and registration is required, email [joni.calmbacher@alexandriava.gov](mailto:joni.calmbacher@alexandriava.gov) to register.

**Fall Garden Day.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Visit with a host of local plant and craft vendors selling everything to satisfy fall gardening needs. There will also be a silent auction, bake sale, live music, food and a kids' activities tent. Call 703-642-5173 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring).

**Relay for Pre-K.** 9 a.m.-noon at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes Upper School Track, 1000 St. Stephen's Road, Alexandria. The Child & Family Network Centers (CFNC) announces the launch of its inaugural 'Relay for Pre-K.' Registration to walk is free. The three-mile walk will begin at 10 a.m., with registration beginning at 9 a.m. Participants who raise more than \$100 will receive an event t-shirt. Visit [www.cfnc-online.org](http://www.cfnc-online.org) or call 703-836-0214.

**Walking with Washington.** 10 a.m.-noon at Alexandria Visitor's Center, 221 King St., Alexandria. Explore sites associated with George Washington in his hometown of Alexandria. This guided walking tour of historic Old Towne covers people and events in Washington's life and in American history, with stops at Ramsay House, Market Square, the Carlyle House, Wise's Tavern, Duvall House/Tavern, Gadsby's Tavern, Washington's townhouse, The Lord Fairfax House, "Light-Horse" Harry Lee's house and Christ Church. Free, no reservation required. Visit [www.washingtonbirthday.com](http://www.washingtonbirthday.com).

**Archaeology Day at Gunston Hall.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton. George Mason's Gunston Hall presents Archaeology

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## ENTERTAINMENT

# Off the Menu News and notes from the restaurant scene.

BY HOPE NELSON

**F**rom openings to closings to cat cafes and more, there's a lot going on within Alexandria's food and restaurant scene at the moment. Here's a peek into what's on our radar.

### SnackBar, Bagel Uprising Closed

The duo – SnackBar providing the storefront, Bagel Uprising providing the breaded carbs – had been serving up snacks for about a year before announcing the closure in August. As the closure date of Sept.

3 drew near, the team announced a **APPETITE** partnership with Common Plate Hospitality Group, the developers of Mason Social, Augie's Mussel Bar and Urbano 116. No details have been made public yet.

### Mount Purrnon Aims to Become City's First Cat Café

With the success of DC's Crumbs and Whiskers, Kristin Cowan aims to bring the feline-coffee combination to Alexandria. Per the café's website, Mount Purrnon secured \$25,000 in a springtime Kickstarter campaign and is now "in the process of securing the

remaining funds, finding the perfect location, and tackling all of the remaining permits, licenses, etc." The café aims to be open by the end of 2018.

### Glory Days Grill Opens on Duke Street

The latest installment of the expansive chain of sports-themed restaurants opened its doors at 3141 Duke St. in Alexandria last month and celebrated its grand opening Sept. 6. The family-friendly establishment offers up an array of "American"-style fare, from burgers (and veggie burgers) to wings, salads to shareables.

### Charlie's On the Avenue Opens in Del Ray

The long-awaited bar and grill has opened its doors at 1501 Mount Vernon Avenue after months of preparation. A sibling to the nearby Live Oak restaurant, Charlie's has more of a sports bar and family-friendly theme, with plenty of noshes to share while watching the game — as well as a full array of sandwiches, tacos, burgers, po' boys and, yes, lots of beer. A kids menu rounds out the offerings.

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## CALENDAR

**Day**, a day dedicated to digging up the mysteries of the past. Activities for all ages, including sifting for ancient artifacts, mending archaeological objects, discovering what remains after 200 years, and dressing like an archaeologist. This event is included with Gunston Hall's general admission. Visit [www.gunstonhall.org](http://www.gunstonhall.org).

**Classic Car Show.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Lyceum's parking lot, 201 South Washington St., in Old Town Alexandria. On display will be Packards, Austins, Oldsmobiles, and other Orphans, from the 1930s-1950s. Orphan cars are any marque of vehicle built by an out-of-business manufacturer. Visit [packardsva.org](http://packardsva.org) or call 703-424-5871.

**Historic Homes Tour.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. A walking tour featuring some of the beautiful homes in Old Town Alexandria, proceeds will benefit Inova Alexandria Hospital. Sponsored by The Twig, Junior Auxiliary of the hospital. \$40 in advance; \$45 tour day. On tour day, tickets may be purchased at the Alexandria Visitor Center, at The Twig Thrift Shop at 106 N. Columbus St. or at The Athenaeum at 201 Price St. Email [HomesTourBeane@gmail.com](mailto:HomesTourBeane@gmail.com), call 703-338-0691 or visit [www.thetwig.org/Homes-Tour](http://www.thetwig.org/Homes-Tour).

**Blue Sky Puppet Theatre.** 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria. Silly Goose and Val perform. The City of Alexandria's Office of the Arts has collaborated with the National Capital Puppetry Guild for a series of monthly family-friendly shows. \$5. Visit [alexandriava.gov/webtrac](http://alexandriava.gov/webtrac) and search keyword "puppet."

**Trash Cleanup.** Noon-3 p.m. at Dyke Marsh and along the Mount Vernon Trail. Check in at Belle Haven Park or the Dyke Marsh Haul Road entrance. Sponsored by the Friends of Dyke Marsh ([www.fodm.org](http://www.fodm.org)) and the National Park Service ([www.nps.gov/gwmp](http://www.nps.gov/gwmp)). Sponsors will provide gloves, bags and tools. This event will occur unless there are heavy rains and/or lightning.

**ASTEAM Fall Family Carnival.** 12-4 p.m. at Charles Houston Rec Center, 901 Wythe St., Alexandria. This event

is a social amusement platform for leveraging technology infused games and immersive hands-on experiences geared towards encouraging young people to become engaged, knowledgeable and skilled in the ASTEAM (Aviation, Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) disciplines within the power of play. Visit [www.nvul.org](http://www.nvul.org) or call 703-836-2858.

**Write Like a Woman Networking Workshop.** 1:30-3:30 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Facilitated by Poet and Author KaNikki Jakarta, "Write Like a Woman Networking Workshop" welcomes women writers ages 18-100. The meetings are for amateur and professional writers. Every session includes writing exercises and networking. RSVP at [admin@nvfaa.org](mailto:admin@nvfaa.org).

**Charles Williams Cabaret.** 7:30-9 p.m. at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Vocalist Charles Williams, with Betty Bullock on piano, will be performing The Great American Songbook, including selections from Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Rogers and Hart, Duke Ellington. Visit [www.mvuc.org](http://www.mvuc.org). \$20. Tickets are available at [MVUEvents.brownpapertickets.com](http://MVUEvents.brownpapertickets.com).

**Sips & Secrets: A Speakeasy Night.** 7-10 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden, 614 Oronoco St., Alexandria. Sips and Secrets: A Speakeasy Night is an annual 1920s-themed gala fundraiser to support the Lee-Fendall House Museum. All proceeds from this event will fund urgently architectural repairs and stabilization for the house's historic 233-year-old foundations. \$35-\$85. Visit [www.eventbrite.com/e/sips-secrets-a-speakeasy-night-tickets-44825724950](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/sips-secrets-a-speakeasy-night-tickets-44825724950).

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 22-23 King Street Art Festival.

Rescheduled due to Hurricane Florence. Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at King Street in Alexandria, from Washington Street to the waterfront. Free admission. The street is transformed

into an outdoor art gallery with original fine artwork by more than 200 artists from around the country. Enjoy live music, and interactive art activities, as well as The Art League's Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser and the Torpedo Factory Art Center's Beer & Wine Torpedo Garden, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. both days. Visit [www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/artfest](http://www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/artfest) or call 703-746-3301.

**Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. at the King Street Art Festival, Market Square, corner of King and N. Fairfax streets. Purchase one of more than 1,400 handmade bowls created by the artists of The Art League's Ceramics Department and enjoy a scoop of ice cream. Proceeds benefit The Art League's Ceramics department. \$15 per bowl. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org).

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 23

**Run! Geek! Run!** 8:30 a.m. The race will take place in Alexandria, with the starting line between George Washington Middle School and the Braddock Road Metro stop. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Alexandria Seaport Foundation. Come either run or walk this flat course. Register at [rungeekrun.com/register](http://rungeekrun.com/register).

**AHA Garden Party.** 4-7 p.m. at Murray-Dick-Fawcett House, 517 Prince St., Alexandria. At Home in Alexandria will hold a Garden Party at the historic Murray-Dick-Fawcett House in Old Town to benefit the organization's mission. Attendees will be invited to tour the public rooms of the home and enjoy a buffet, fine wine and live music in the garden. The event is open to the public with advance ticket purchase at [www.athomeinalexandria.org/donate](http://www.athomeinalexandria.org/donate). Tickets are \$75. Call 703-231-0824.

**Live Music: Joe Jencks and Nicole Belanus.** 7 p.m. at George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Tickets are \$18 in advance at [www.focusmusic.org/buy-tickets](http://www.focusmusic.org/buy-tickets) and for members, \$20 at the door. Email [Herb@FocusMusic.org](mailto:Herb@FocusMusic.org) or call 703-380-3151.

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# Flooding Expected To Impact Region for Several Days

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said Mayor Allison Silberberg in a written statement.

“The emergency declaration will make our eligibility for FEMA reimbursement start earlier.”

As of Wednesday morning, Florence was expected to make landfall as a Category 4 hurricane late Thursday into early Friday on the coast of North Carolina. Mandatory evacuations are in place for more than 1.5 million residents, including those in low-lying areas of Hampton Roads, Norfolk and Virginia Beach.

Alexandria city officials are preparing for several days of heavy rains and flash flooding due to storm surges.

“It cannot be emphasized enough how important it is to have a plan of action in case any type of disaster strikes,” Silberberg said. “Residents should be prepared to hunker down at home for several days.”

Hurricane preparedness plans should include the following:

- ❖ Ensure you have non-perishable food, bottled water and medications for each person in your home for seven days. Don’t forget the needs of any pets.

- ❖ Have a working flashlight and radio with extra batteries.

- ❖ Be ready for power, utility and phone service outages. Keep your mobile phones and back up batteries charged.

- ❖ Refill your gas tank and stock your vehicle with emergency supplies and a change of clothes.

- ❖ Bring patio furniture and garbage cans inside; they could become dangerous in high winds.

- ❖ Have enough cash on hand to last seven days.

- ❖ Be aware of quickly moving water and flooded roads. Do not drive around barricades or through high water. Remember: “Turn around, don’t drown.”



Flooding from earlier this week before the expected effects of Hurricane Florence.

PHOTO BY C. J. HEATLEY



Flooded intersection, before the storm is expected to arrive.



Union Street Starbucks on Tuesday morning, Sept. 11.

PHOTO BY LAURA MAE SUDDER

- ❖ Know how you’ll communicate with family members and neighbors. You can call, text, email or use social media. During disasters, try to text instead of calling because phone lines are often overloaded.

- ❖ Avoid wading in flood water, which may contain dangerous debris. Underground or downed power lines can also

electrically charge the water.

- ❖ Be sure to document any property damage with photographs and contact your insurance company for assistance.

- ❖ Remember to check on neighbors who may need assistance, especially residents who are older or live alone.

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Call 911 if you experience an emergency.

For more information visit [www.ready.gov/hurricanes](http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes).

# High School Football Coaches Night Set for Sept. 19

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Charles “Chip” Armstrong, will also be attending, along with T.C. Williams coach Jimmy Longerbeam, who is in his third year, and St. Stephen’s and St. Agnes coach Bernard Joseph, who is in his 10th year.

The organization will also recognize the Athlete of the Month, a student athlete nominated by their coach and athletic department who has shown both academic and athletic prowess in the current athletic season.

“We have some exciting things planned for this year,” said ASC president Jim Gibson. “Beginning with our High School Football Coaches Night and throughout the year we plan to become more engaged with our students across the city.”

The meeting will be held at the Old Dominion Boat Club, 200 Strand St., at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, visit [www.alexandriavasports.org](http://www.alexandriavasports.org).



James Longerbeam – TC Williams



Charles “Chip” Armstrong – Bishop Ireton

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# LETTERS

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## Federal Republic

To the Editor:

Because Sept. 17, Citizenship Day, inaugurates Constitution Week (17-23), let's consider why the Founding Fathers illegally abolished the Articles of Confederation, our first form of government, for a new one. The Potomac River at Alexandria and our resident problem solver, George Washington, played a major role in propelling this result.

Maryland and Virginia had many differences about fishing and navigation rights on the Potomac, where there were many small and large boats and ocean-going vessels. George Washington and others decided delegates had to come to some agreement to end the chaos. The 1785 Mount Vernon Conference established the still observed boundaries between VA and MD, MD owns the river, and Virginians have unimpeded fishing and navigation access. That successful meeting led to another in Annapolis the next year with delegates from states bordering the Bay, and solved additional issues.

That successful meeting prompted a Philadelphia meeting which became the 1787 Constitu-

tional Convention. Although authorized only to fix the problems resulting from the inadequacies of the Articles, the delegates immediately decided a new form of government was necessary. With George Washington as president, shutting the doors and windows, they held secret deliberations. There were no leaks.

On Sept. 17, 39 men signed the Constitution, including Virginians John Blair and James Madison, Jr. Edmund Pendleton and George Mason refused. Mason wrote 16 objections, including to the continuation of slavery and the absence of a Bill of Rights. Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts also refused to sign.

What form of government did our Constitution provide? Not a democracy, as elected officials at every level of government and pundits mistakenly declare. That word does not appear in our Constitution. Article IV, Section 4 notes "a Republican Form of Government, ..."

What is a republic? What is a democracy? In both, power resides in the people. However, a republic provides important differences and protections. In a democracy, the majority rules — with no constraints; a democracy might be

subverted by mob rule. In a republic, the rights of the minority are protected. A republic insists on the rule of law. Also, citizens elect representatives to enact laws/ordinances; they do not make them directly, as in a democracy.

A successful republic depends on an informed and responsible citizenry watchful of what their representatives do, and removes them as needed. Because doing so is a demanding challenge, Franklin reportedly answered the woman asking what form of government had just been adopted "A republic, madam, if you can keep it."

In our federal republic, the Constitution allocates various specific responsibilities and authority to the national government and reserves the rest to the states and citizens. Its articles specify the duties of the Congress, President and Judiciary. Citizens' individual rights are protected by the Bill of Rights, modeled on Alexandrian George Mason's 1776 VA Declaration of Rights.

Hooray for our Potomac River with its fishing, boats, ships, the contributions of our two Georges, the Constitution on its 231<sup>st</sup> birthday, Sept. 17, and our federal republic.

Ellen Latane Tabb

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### Obituary



**LtCol. Franklin Ford "Big Daddy" McCallister**, USMC, retired, of Alexandria, VA, died unexpectedly at the age of 61, on Wednesday, September 5, 2018. Known to his family as Mac, he is survived by his wife, LtCol. Joyce McCallister, USMC, retired, (nee Harrison), and their sons, Brendan (30) and Conlan (26); his sister Mary French (Paul), Havertown, PA; his brother, Col. James McCallister, U.S. Army (Carrie), Ft. Bragg, NC; his sister-in-law, Barbara Scharf, Albuquerque, NM; and two nieces, Julia and Kaitlyn French.

Born in Carlisle, PA, Frank graduated from Penn Hills High School, Pittsburgh, PA in 1975. Mac went on to graduate from the United States Naval Academy with the class of 1981. He was Co-Captain of the 1980 football team, Third Team Associated Press All-American Offensive Guard, Navy Hall of Famer, and voted onto the Navy/Marine Corps Memorial 50th Anniversary All-Stadium Team. In the words of one teammate, "Frank was one of the best linemen to ever wear the blue and gold." He was a life-long Steeler fan, and along with five other USNA graduates, mentored the love of football as a Bishop Ireton assistant football coach for six seasons. Frank was not only an All-American football player, he was also one of our finest United States Marines.

Big Daddy became a CH-46 Aviator and participated in numerous deployments, before earning Masters degrees from the University of Oklahoma and the Naval Postgraduate School. As his pay-back tour, he served as the NAVAIR Program Manager for Marine Aviation Simulation. He was instrumental in implementing the integrated Marine Corps' Pilot Training Transformation Program, with the MV-22 Program leading the way.

After retiring from active duty in 2001, Frank continued working to guide Marine Aviation training. He proudly worked for Veraxx Engineering Corporation in Chantilly, VA since November 2012. Frank "Big Daddy" McCallister died doing what he loved. He saw his pride and joy project, the Marine Corps' new CH-53K King Stallion flight simulator, delivered to MCAS New River, NC.

Leading with humor, he was always humble about the impact of his service. He received tremendous respect from all those who knew him: his teammates at Navy, his fellow Marines, his Veraxx family, and a vast circle of friends. He has left behind a legacy that touched all who knew him.

Please keep Joyce, Brendan and Conlan, all of whom he adored, in your thoughts and prayers.

### Obituary



**Ruth Hancock Rollins (97)** Ruth was born in Richmond, VA in 1921, the daughter of Swaney Harris and Hert Lee Hancock Sr., of Henderson, NC. She and her brothers Lee and Quinlan Hancock, graduated from

George Washington High School of Alexandria, VA, where she was once drum major of the marching band.

A lifelong artist, Ruth's first job was a photograph tinter at the Hecht Company in Washington, DC. Later, in a 30 year career as a portraitist, she directed the dressing, spotlighting, and posing of clientele at Washington, DC'S Bachrach Studio.

Ruth was most recently the manager of Gallery Petalouath of Alexandria, VA. She was the wife of the late LCDR Edward Lawton Rollins, USN, of Victoria, VA and is survived by one son, Tony Redman of Alexandria, VA. Interment at Arlington National Cemetery on a later date.

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## A Declaration of Semi Independence



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Now that I've spent the last two publishing weeks moaning and groaning about my potentially life-changing CT scan results from my upcoming Sept. 26 scan, I think it's time to buck up, don't you? I mean, how long can I continue to drone on before I bore even myself? Talk about putting the cart before the horse, I'm putting myself before the cart.

If I've learned/assimilated anything in my nine and half cancer years, it is that waiting for results rather than presuming or anticipating and/or especially overreacting to them in advance of anything actually being confirmed as negative/problematic is, highly recommended. Much easier said than done I understand, but the alternative "batters no parsnips," to quote Mrs. Patmore from the Downton Abbey kitchen.

And if one has been compromised, as I have been by a "terminal" diagnosis (2/27/09), followed by years of chemotherapy and the variety of associated side effects, wasting any time or energy on pursuits which don't enhance life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, is a pursuit not worth pursuing.

Moreover, given how little control one has over the entire cancer experience - from initial screening/testing/diagnosing/staging to lab-testing/treating/maybe even "surgerizing" (to use of my late father's made-up words), it would seem the sooner the patient/survivor accepts and sort of embraces their place in the cancer feedback loop, the better. Otherwise, the process likely becomes even more excruciating than it already is.

The problem is that cancer can be, shall we say, uncooperative.

Adding to its "uncooperativeness" is its effect on a patient (yours truly) who has lived years beyond the presumptive treatment guidelines oncologists refer to. Generally speaking, stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer survivors of nearly 10 years are few and far between so there's very little empirical evidence/information available advising oncologists how to treat the anomaly. (I've been called worse.)

They're challenged enough determining how to treat the 234,030 new cases projected for 2018 (according to the American Cancer Society). When it comes to treating an old case - mine, common sense and trying to not make things worse seems as much a reasonable course of action as any, especially as I try not to count the days until my next scan. It will get here soon enough - or not - so I see no advantage in obsessing about it and staring at the calendar.

Oddly enough, outliving one's prognosis by as many years as I have presents its own peculiar set of problems.

I never thought I'd be quoting/invoking a Doris Day song but, "Que sera, sera, Whatever will be, will be, The future's not ours to see, Que sera, sera. What will be, will be." And though I realize Doris wasn't singing about cancer per se, it was more so about life.

Nevertheless, if there's one subject that us cancer patients could use all the uplifting lyrics sung and/or talked about, it is words which can minimize the slings and arrows of the outrageous misfortune which has befallen us and to help find a way to make the best of the extraordinarily difficult circumstances life has us living.

So what if I have to wait a month for the other shoe to potentially drop? I'm alive and reasonably well. Besides, there's no guarantee that the shoe dropping will be the cancer shoe. Maybe it will be the non-cancer shoe?

Regardless, whatever shoe drops on or about Sept. 26, I'll be there to pick it up, find some bootstraps, buckle up and get on with it.

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## NEWS

# Guilty Plea

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sequences of his actions for the rest of his life. I hope the circumstances of this case stand a warning to other citizens: do not let verbal altercations turn physical, because there are often grave consequences when people resort to violence.

"I pray that the Cruz family can now begin the healing process caused by this tragedy.

"Finally, I note that the sentence imposed in this case is above the high end of the applicable Virginia Sentencing Guidelines."

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorneys Sean A. Sherlock and Audra J. O'Brien prosecuted the matter on the behalf of the Commonwealth. The case was investigated by Detective Will Oakley of the Alexandria Police Department.

The defendant remains incarcerated in the Truesdale Adult Detention Center pending transfer of custody to the Department of Corrections for service of his sentence.

# Carter-Goods

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classes at Howard University. After taking few classes at Howard University, she enrolled at Hampton Institute in the undergraduate summer program. For four summers, Ellen and her three children moved to Hampton, Va. while she attended Hampton Institute. Her daughter, Elizabeth Goods-Brooks Evans, remembered the good times she and her siblings had in Hampton, Va. when their mother was attending school.

In 1959, Mrs. Goods graduated from Hampton Institute with a Bachelor of Science degree. She continued teaching her students at Charles Houston Elementary School. Mrs. Goods stayed at Charles Houston until she was reassigned to Robert E. Lee Elementary School. She retired from Alexandria Public School on June 15, 1971 with 41 years of service. During her tenure in the School system, she was a charter member of the Alexandria Teachers' Association.

Ellen Elizabeth-Carter was born on Sept. 21, 1907, to Douglas Robinson Carter and Elizabeth Campbell at 614 South Washington St. Ellen lived at home until she married, Moses W. Goods, Sr., on June 7, 1937. Moses and Ellen had three children Todd, Elizabeth and Moses, Jr.; Elizabeth is still living. On Feb. 21, 1983, Ellen Elizabeth Carter-Goods died. A former student heard about her funeral and he visited Ellen's daughter. After expressing his sympathy to the family, he told Elizabeth that Mrs. Goods was his elementary teacher. He also told Elizabeth that her mother bought him a coat because his family could not afford one. He expressed his gratitude to Elizabeth for the help he received from her mother. That student became a doctor because Mrs. Goods devoted her time in helping him and other students. She was "A Special Teacher."

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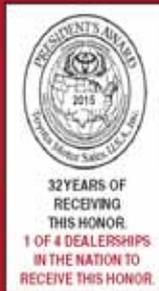
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