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Elected officials, artists and supporters surround Marian Van Landingham, seated in center, at the 45th Anniversary Salute celebrating the Torpedo Factory Art Center on Sept. 15. Van Landingham spearheaded the founding of the arts facility in 1974.

The Pigment of Imagination

Van Landingham, Torpedo Factory Art Center celebrate 45 years.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
 GAZETTE PACKET

The building housing the Torpedo Factory Art Center has stood along the Alexandria waterfront for 100 years, first for the obvious – the manufac-

turing of torpedoes – but along the way as a storage facility for dinosaur bones from the Smithsonian and documents from the Nuremberg Trials. That all changed when Marian Van Landingham came along.

The artist and former state legislator had a different vision for the building, which was left to languish after being acquired by the city from the U.S. Navy in 1969. As then-president of The Art League, Landingham approached the city with the plan to provide affordable studio space to local artists.

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Congressman Don Beyer (D-8) congratulates Marian Van Landingham at the Sept. 15 celebration of the 45th anniversary of the founding of the Torpedo Factory Art Center.



Torpedo Factory Art Center founder Marian Van Landingham, second from left, with Allison Silberberg, Harlene Clayton and Jayne Clancy at the Sept. 12 reception in Van Landingham's honor.

Council Puts Seminary on a Diet

City slims four-lane thoroughfare into Complete Street with bike lanes.

BY BRIDGETTE ADU-WADIER
 GAZETTE PACKET

Seminary Road is about to go on a diet, slimming down from four lanes to two.

Last weekend, the Alexandria City Council narrowly approved a plan to remove two traffic lanes from a stretch of Seminary Road. The “road diet” will create new bike lanes and improve pedestrian safety along a busy stretch in the West End. The four-to-three vote was cast Saturday night after a contentious day-long public hearing.

“I drive my car and need my car as well,” said Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennet-Parker. “But I have noticed and learned that bike lanes serve as a buffer for pedestrians, even if there’s no one in that bike lane.”

For council members, it was a debate between keeping Seminary Road to four lanes or reducing it to two lanes plus a turn lane in the middle. Bicycle and pedestrian enthusiasts argued the road diet would make the road safer and more accessible.

Diet detractors worry about traffic congestion and emergency-ve
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PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE

Council chambers were packed all Saturday as City Council members heard from more than 100 speakers for and against the road diet on Seminary.

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Divine Retribution

Planning their strategy for Saturday's marathon public hearing on the Seminary road diet, leaders at the Virginia Theological Seminary weren't quite sure which approach to take. As they huddled in council chambers, a trinity of administrators debated two options. One was to employ logic and reason, explaining why pedestrian safety was such a concern and how removing two traffic lanes would benefit students and faculty. The other was a bit more radical: divine retribution.

"We'll start with fire," joked **Ian Markham**, dean of the seminary. "Then we'll move on to lice and finish off with the seven plagues."

A quick check of the seven plagues revealed that lice is, in fact, one of the seven plagues. So that would be a double dose of the pesky critters for Alexandria. And fire appears in the seven plagues along with wild animals and thunderstorms. So that's a heck of a lot of fire for a city with only 15 square miles.

Ultimately, though, the Seminary bigwigs decided to go with reason and logic instead of apocalyptic threats. The strategy worked, and a narrow majority of council members agreed to put Seminary road on a diet, slimming it down from four lanes into two and adding bike lanes.

Apocalypse averted. For now.

Gunshy Ordinance

Members of the City Council have had it with the gun debate, and now they are hoping to move forward with a new solution: prohibition. Last weekend, council members unanimously approved an ordinance that "prohibits the carrying of firearms in any city-owned building, park or other property used or owned by the city."

"Well that's the street. That's the sidewalk. That's effectively a gun ban," said Parker Gray resident **Dino Drudi** during Saturday's public hearing on the ordinance. "You can have a gun if you can get it into your house so long as you keep it in your house."

The ordinance would not apply to military personnel, law-enforcement officers or private security guards hired by the city. It also carves out a special exemption for "historical reenactors," as long as their firearms are "inoperative or otherwise incapable of discharging a projectile." But that's only if lawmakers in Richmond agree. Because of a quirk of Virginia politics known as the Dillon Rule, local governments don't have authority to enact local gun control measures.

"This ordinance is presented in hopeful anticipation of action by the General Assembly on this issue," explained City Manager **Mark Jinks** in a memo outlining the proposal.

Rezoning Paradise

Folk singer **Joni Mitchell** warned about the perils of paving over paradise to put up a parking lot. But here in Alexandria, City Council members are moving in the opposite direction. Last weekend, they approved a plan to pave over an old used car lot and put up a four-story building. It might not be paradise, exactly, but plans call for 6,000 feet of ground-floor commercial space and 31 residential units.

"Don't it always seem to go," sang Mitchell in the 1970 classic, "that you don't know what you've got till it's gone."

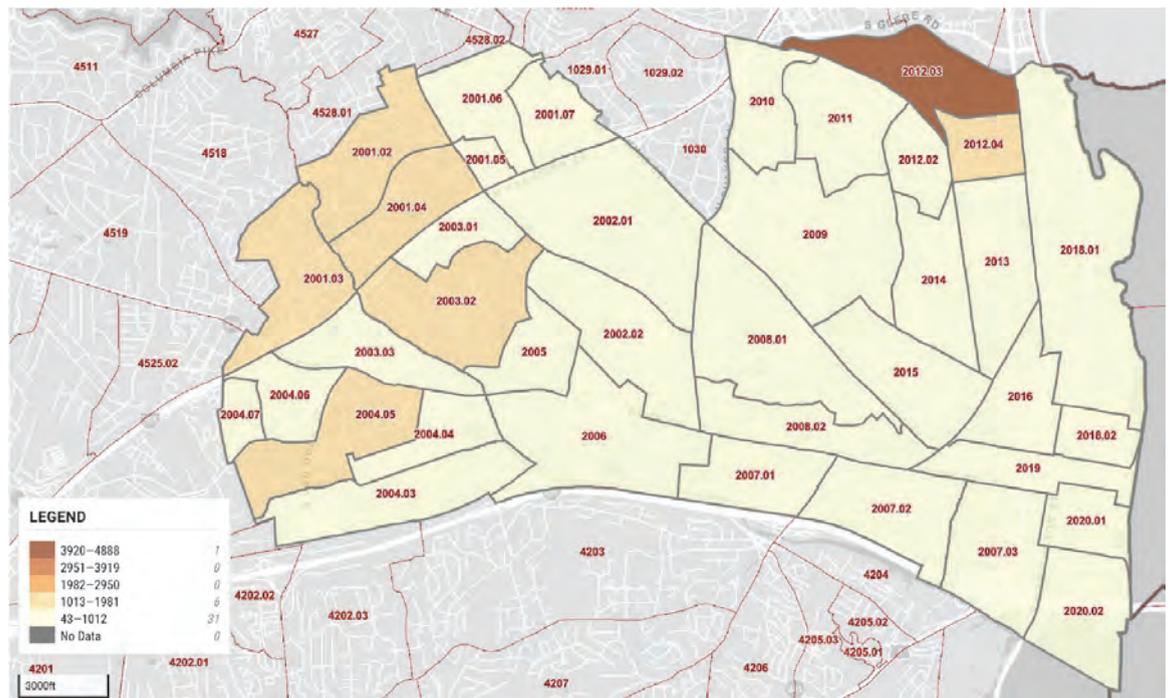
Council members knew what they had, and they wanted it gone.

The site of a used-car lot on King Street has been incongruous for years, and city officials have long wanted to transform this stretch of the city's main business corridor into something more modern than outdated surface parking. Back in 2014, council members voted to deny the owner of the used car lot the ability to continue operation.

"After this, I guess we'll work on those wig shops," joked Planning Commission Chairman **John Komoroske** at the time. (See page 15.)

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

A look at Census tracts shows on neighborhood has a significant share of the city's Hispanic population: Arlandria, which is sometimes known as Chirilagua in honor of the city in El Salvador that was home to many refugees before arriving in Alexandria.

250,000+ Eligible Latino Voters in Virginia

Arlandria has one of the largest Salvadoran communities in the country.

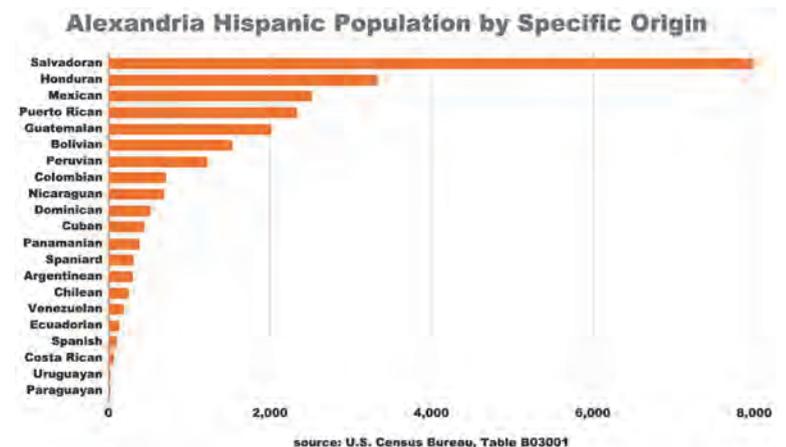
BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

In the 1980s, Salvadorans fleeing violence and civil war in their home country were drawn to the neighborhood sandwiched between Del Ray and Arlington. The area had been known as Arlandria since the Arlandria Shopping Center opened its doors in 1947.

But as early as 1990, so many Salvadorans arrived that it took on a new nickname: Chirilagua. That was the name of the Salvadoran city that was home to many of the refugees before arriving here in Alexandria.

"It's like a little barrio," says Ingris Moran, whose parents arrived from El Salvador 30 years ago. "Everyone knows each other, and everyone knows their neighbor."

Census records show about 17 percent of Alexandria's population is Latino, a group that has been increasing its share of the population steadily for the last few decades, with census data showing 26,000 Latinos living in the city. The first sign that the group had



Hispanic versus Latino

The Census Bureau uses the terms Hispanic and Latino interchangeably, collecting information on "Hispanic or Latino" populations. But the words have slightly different meaning. "Hispanic" refers to people with Spanish-speaking ancestry. So that would include Mexico, for example, but not Brazil, which speaks Portuguese. Latino, on the other hand, is used for people with Latin American roots. So that would include Brazil, for example, but not Spain.

become a significant population in Alexandria was in 1991, when the Alexandria Police Department hired 10 Spanish-speaking officers in an effort to address the language barrier. Since that time, the percentage of Latino students in the public school system has grown from 20 percent in 1997 to 36 percent today.

Last year, Canek Aguirre became the first Hispanic member of the Alexandria City Council.

"The Latino population is just now starting to hit that critical mass," said Aguirre, whose parents immigrated from Mexico. "People have gotten here, graduated high school, started businesses, gone on to be professionals and graduated from college."

Most of Virginia's Hispanic community is in Northern Virginia, al-

though Richmond and Hampton Roads also have significant Hispanic populations.

That's a part of Virginia sometimes known as the "urban crescent," an area that often stands in contrast to more rural parts of the commonwealth in the south and southwest. Voters in the urban crescent could end up playing a significant role in the election this fall, when all 140 seats of the General Assembly will be on the ballot.

"Virginia and North Carolina both have more than 250,000 Latino voters on their voting rolls," said Quentin Kidd, political science professor at Christopher Newport University. "If they turned out and voted in big numbers, that's a large chunk of voters to influence an election."

Complete Streets or War on Cars?

Agenda Alexandria to consider the changing nature of the city's streets and sidewalks.

Alexandria adopted a Complete Streets policy back in 2011, and ever since that time, pedestrians and drivers have seen many changes. From the creation of bike lanes and elimination of parking spaces to the advent of scooters and talk of pedestrian plazas, Alexandria is in the midst of a radical change. That's a change that will be at the center of the first Agenda Alexandria panel discussion of the 2019-2020 season.

Panelists include:

A native of Pinconning, Mich., Nate Maceck moved to Old Town 2004, and he's lived in Rosemont with his family since 2015. He is currently chairman of the Alexandria Planning Commission.

A native of Toledo, Jack Sullivan moved to Seminary Hill in 1967. He is a former president of the Seminary Hill Association, and he is a leading voice against proposed plans to put Seminary Road on a diet. A native of Orange County, Calif., Josephine Liu moved to the Carlyle neighborhood of Alexandria since 2013. She is currently the vice chairwoman for bicyclists of the Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

AAA Mid-Atlantic's John Townsend has had a varied career in broadcast journalism, local government and Capitol Hill.

Agenda Alexandria is a non-profit organization in Alexandria that has been around for more than 20 years, looking at issues without taking sides. The September panel discussion will be the inaugural meeting of the season that will include a wide variety of topics, everything from high-school overcrowding and the Virginia Tech Innovation campus to sea-level rise and development in North Old Town.

What: Agenda Alexandria: War on Cars?
Where: Hermitage, 5000 Fairbanks Ave, Alexandria VA 22311

When: Monday, Sept. 23, 2019
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Hundreds of yellow vehicles converge in the West End Sept. 11 to surprise 4-year-old Whitaker Weinburger in celebration of his first cancer-free birthday.

All the Buzz

Hundreds turn out to surprise 4-year-old cancer survivor.

By JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

In the pre-dawn hours of Sept. 11, more than a hundred yellow cars, trucks, buses and other vehicles converged in

the West End for a surprise birthday celebration for 4-year-old Whitaker Weinburger.

“Wow, Alexandria! You really know how to show your love and support for a little boy on his birthday!” Tweeted the Alexandria Sheriff’s Office, on hand to assist with traffic control. “Our thanks to everyone who turned out for Whitaker’s Surprise Bumblebee Walk this morning — individual drivers from near and far who drove their stun

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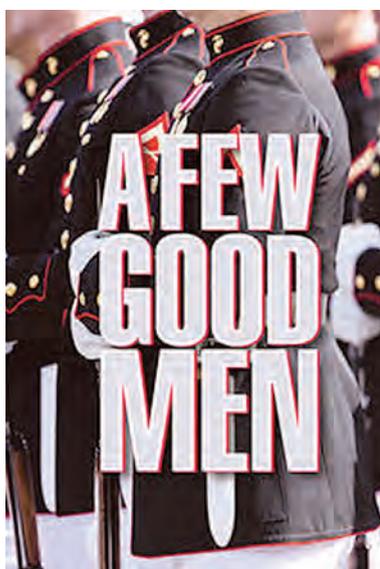
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Coming from nations from around the world, attendees stand before the Alexandria Joint Public Safety Honor Guard as the National Anthem opens the Citizenship Day ceremony Sept. 10 in Market Square. More than 45 individuals took the oath to become naturalized U.S. citizens.

‘I’m So Very Proud’

City welcomes newest U.S. citizens.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET



Malsha Arzana of Kosovo is congratulated by Mayor Justin Wilson after becoming a U.S. citizen Sept. 10 in Market Square

From Kosovo to Kenya, and Australia to El Salvador, more than 45 individuals from countries from across the globe took the Oath of Allegiance Sept. 10 as part of the Citizenship Day ceremony in Market Square.

“This is the best feeling ever,” said Sharam Marandar after becoming a naturalized U.S. citizen. “I am so very proud.”

Alexandria’s annual Citizenship Day celebration featured a ceremony administered by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to welcome America’s newest citizens.

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Kenyan born PFC Oerno Joshua, right, receives congratulations from his U.S. Army colleagues after becoming a U.S. citizen Sept. 10 in Market Square.



Denise Lorenz, born in Chile, and Maria Hernandez of El Salvador, wave their American flags at the celebration honoring new U.S. citizens Sept. 10 in Market Square.

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Adrian Arturo Delgado Suarez, center, celebrates with family and friends after being sworn in as a naturalized U.S. citizen Sept. 10 at Market Square.



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Sharam Marandar celebrates after taking the Oath of Allegiance to become a U.S. citizen Sept. 10 in market Square.

City Welcomes Newest U.S. Citizens

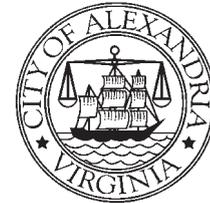
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zens. The City event recognizes “Constitution Day and Citizenship Day,” which commemorates the adoption of the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787. On this day, individuals and organizations are encouraged to discuss the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship in the United States and honor both native-born and naturalized citizens.

To become a naturalized citizen an individual must meet federal requirements, including a period of

continuous residence and physical presence in the United States; ability to read, write and speak English; knowledge and understanding of United States history and government; good moral character; and attachment to constitutional principles.

At the oath ceremony, candidates swore allegiance to the United States before being presented with their naturalization certificate. The certificate allows an individual to apply for a U.S. passport and vote in national, state and local elections.



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Alexandria Celebrates Constitution Day

Alexandria Mayor Justin Wilson signed the official Proclamation commemorating Constitution Week, Sept. 17 – 23, 2019, in Council Chambers at City Hall. The signing marks the country's 232nd birthday.

The U.S. Constitution provides the framework of the American government – its principles and structure – and upholds and protects the freedoms Americans hold dear. The document reflects the thinking of four Virginians: James Madison, George Mason, Thomas Jefferson, and George Washington. Participating in the signing were students from four Alexandria City Public Schools: T. C. Williams High School, Samuel W. Tucker and Douglas MacArthur Public Schools and Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy.

To commemorate the Constitution, ACPS students sang a medley of patriotic songs; and Mayor Justin Wilson told the students about the importance of the occasion.

DAR members gave the participating students pocket copies of the U. S. Constitution.



Mayor Wilson signing Constitution Week Proclamation in Council Chambers City Hall on Tuesday morning, Sept. 17, Constitution Day, with students looking on.

The tradition of celebrating the U. S. Constitution began in 1956 after the Daughters of the American Revolution petitioned Congress to dedicate the week of Sept. 17-23 to commemorate the U. S. Constitution. The aims of Constitution Week are to emphasize the citizens' responsibilities to protect the Constitution, to educate people about the role of the U. S. Constitution and encourage the study of historical events leading to the drafting of the U. S. Constitution in September 1787.



PHOTOS BY DEBRA LINDSAY

The event was sponsored by the DAR: Linda Greenberg, Chair of the John Alexander Chapter of the DAR, was the organizer. Participating chapters included John Alexander, Mt. Vernon, Nelly Custis, Dr. Elisha Dick, Pentagon and Kate Waller Barrett. Plus, Council member Amy Jackson is a member of the John Alexander Chapter.

DAR members from the John Alexander Chapter at the Constitution Day Proclamation signing: Amanda Hayes, Eve Stocker, Amy Jackson (Council member), Linda Greenberg, chair of the event, Chris Mumm, Regent, and Ruth Bennett.



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Historical Narrative of Constitution

On Sept. 17 we celebrated Citizenship Day which opens Constitution Week. On Sept. 17, 1787, the Constitutional Convention, whose president was George Washington, adopted the document that established our national government as a federal republic (Article IV, Section IV). It is the oldest written constitution still in active use.

That Philadelphia meeting illegally changed its purpose. The delegates were empowered only to revise the Articles of Confederation to meet additional needs that had become apparent since its 1781 adoption. Representatives, including Washington and Madison, realized their original charge was impossible; a new form of government was required. The adoption of our Constitution constituted the first peaceful overthrow of an existing government. Washington, who had earlier led our country in a successful war to overthrow British rule, led another remarkable revolution.

One of the most important issues facing the delegates was how to allocate sovereignty between the states (independent countries) and a new national government. Most of the delegates wanted to empower the federal government to raise revenue whose uses would benefit all the states (provide national defense, promote domestic tranquility and the general welfare via cross-border internal improvements, etc.). Their solution was shared sovereignty with only specified and limited responsibilities allocated to the national government. States would remain the primary unit of government.

The arrangement of an executive (king), bicameral legislature and judiciary was familiar, but because the king and his representatives, Parliament and judges had trampled on the people's rights, fixing that problem was a major concern.

The Constitution's solution was a separation of powers with checks and balances so no branch would be able to wrest control.

Because their deliberations were illegal, delegates were pledged to secrecy. Doors and windows were shut despite the summer's heat, and remarkably, there were no leaks of the proceedings. When the delegates emerged at the Convention's conclusion, a woman reportedly asked Franklin "What form of government have you given us?" He replied "A republic, madam, if you can keep it!" That remains our challenge.

The Constitution established a broad framework for our government but omitted important details such as the title of the executive. That point led to much discussion: the title needed to command respect equal to that of "king" but be suitable for a republic. Alexandria's mayor, Dennis Ramsay, is believed to be the first official to address Washington as "Mr. President"; he did so at Wise's Tavern (northeast corner of Fairfax and Cameron St.), site of the city's farewell as Washington prepared to leave for his inauguration in New York City.

We are also greatly indebted to Alexandrian George Mason who wrote the first Virginia Constitution (which lasted to 1971), a model for our national one. Mason refused to sign



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HOW SWEET IT IS — Members of the Board of Lady Managers prepare for a bake sale Sept. 7 at United Methodist Church to raise funds for medical equipment at Inova Alexandria Hospital. Shown (l-r) are: Mary Ryan, Lynda West, Esther Georgatos and Charlotte Tsoucalas.

and actively opposed the adoption of the Constitution because it did not end slavery or include a Bill of Rights – and other reasons. He therefore earned Washington's lasting ire. His contributions have been largely omitted by historians who have championed Madison, Washington's continuing close collaborator, as Father of the Constitution.

Ellen Latane Tabb
Alexandria

Show Support for Indigenous People

When I attended elementary school, I was taught that Columbus sailed the ocean blue in 1492 seeking a passage to India. He was hailed as a hero for discovering the New World. As I grew older, some facts came to light. He didn't land in what is now the U.S., but rather various islands in the Caribbean, and as for "discovering the New World," there were people already living on these islands so discovery was in the eyes of the beholder and this land wasn't new to the people who had lived here for thousands of years.

When I became an educator several years ago, I was faced with even more disturbing truths. Now that I was teaching history to young people, I wanted to learn more about these events.

What I found out is that Columbus enslaved and killed the Taino people who were living on the islands where he landed. From that initial contact an unjust system was born in the Americas.

The Indigenous people were in the way of expansion by European countries so they were enslaved, killed, and in the U.S., removed from their homelands to reservations. We may have romantic notions of Columbus, but we know

better now. It is our job to become educated about these injustices.

I support Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker and Councilor Mo Seifeldein's proposal to rename Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples' Day on the city calendar to commemorate Native Americans. This would give us an opportunity to celebrate Indigenous people and advocate for their rights, which are continually threatened.

In the 2010 census, 5.2 million people identified as Native American or Alaska Native, either alone or in combination with other races, a 26.7% increase from the 2000 census. Native people are here and deserve a voice. It is long past time to give them one.

Erin Lee
Alexandria

Normal? "Invasion, Enslavement, Genocide"

To the editor:

I was watching news coverage the other day of demonstrators in Hong Kong waving American flags in the faces of their heavily armed wardens who march and quash on orders from Beijing.

It was stirring to be reminded that the world's oppressed still see the United States as an exemplar, a nation willing to sacrifice its blood and treasure in the cause of freedom. They likely recall, more than some Americans, that U.S. leadership and sacrifice played the major role in saving civilization from fascism and communism (the twin offspring of socialism) three times in the 20th Century.

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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 10

As I watched this, I thought about a letter-to-the-editor of the Gazette-Packet that I had read a few days before. In his letter, which was aimed at sinking Christopher Columbus and the holiday dedicated to him, Mr. Alex Howe took pains to remind us that American values, in fact, are “invasion, exploitation, and slaughter for economic gain.”

It is unquestionable that these things happened in our nation’s history.

But Mr. Howe seems to see them as the central narrative of the American experience. In fact, “invasion, enslavement and genocide” were the normal state of life in the world in Columbus’s time and, unfortunately, long thereafter.

In 15th Century Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas, tribal resentments and cultural and religious differences resulted in constant wars, slaughter, slavery and poverty. Around the time Columbus sailed, the Mings and Mongols were killing one another in Asia. In Africa, tribal leaders had already found it lucrative to sell their prisoners of war to Europeans as slaves. And in Europe, more circumstances and acts of religious, ethnic and political war and oppression existed than can possibly be counted. To top it all off, the Europe-Asia-Africa triad fueled religious conflicts and tribal animosities in one great cycle of conflict that continues in similar forms to today. I’ll let others defend Columbus, but I’ll say that he definitely was not a 21st Century guy.

Contrary to what the letter states, European colonization was not instrumental in “initiating a centuries long cycle of invasion,

enslavement, and genocide all along the shores of the Americas.” Of course it would have been preferable had the Europeans, who were themselves escaping from the nightmares of the Old World, sought permission to enter and expand, or had they even decided to be neighborly.

That was not what they did. Theirs was the world of the 15th through 18th Centuries. Colonists came here and, seeing a land with no boundaries, took it. That’s not an excuse. It’s a fact.

What the colonists did do, however, that was unquestionably good was to form an agreement in which individuals would rule themselves and focus their cooperative energies on building their view of a better society.

This has been a long and slow process with a lot of hypocrisy and failures along the way. We need to do more and better; Native Americans still suffer from the European invasion. But our process has been ongoing and enjoyed some success — even helping and inspiring much of the rest of the world along the way. And the rest of the world has taken notice. Including Hong Kong.

Can we do better? Of course. Every one of us. Every day. That is the opportunity that America affords us. If our values were “invasion, exploitation and slaughter for economic gain,” this would hardly be the case.

Jack Lichtenstein
Alexandria

We Have a King

The triumph of Bike vs Car in the Seminary Road jousting contest is Newsworthy. But it’s sur-

passed by the revelation that Alexandria has a King. His name is King Jinks, our erstwhile city manager. It was the King’s staff who concocted the joust between Bike and Car. They did so by having us to believe that diminishing road capacity by half will only add mere seconds to driving time and will not push cut-through traffic into adjoining neighborhoods.

Our King has also recently an-

nounced that he intends to expand the number of residents in Alexandria by 40,000 more people and their cars Diminishing road capacity while simultaneously increasing human and vehicular density in Alexandria is not something sought by the citizens, or even by a council advisory board.

Despite the close vote, the closest in memory, it’s King Jinks’ visions — not citizen visions — that

are being imposed in Alexandria thanks in no small part to a compliant, rubber-stamping council.

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Del Ray Business Association board members Gayle Reuter and Pat Miller celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Del Ray Farmers Market Sept. 7 at the Pat Miller Neighborhood Square on Mount Vernon Avenue.



A shopper selects some fresh flowers at the Sept. 7 Del Ray Farmers Market.



Chris West chooses some fresh corn at the Sept. 7 Del Ray Farmers Market.

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Farm Fresh Festival Del Ray Farmers Market celebrates 25 years.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The Del Ray Farmers Market celebrated its 25th anniversary Sept 7 at the Pat Miller Neighborhood Square. Hosted by the Del Ray Community Partnership, the market is held each Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon at the corner of Mount Vernon and East Oxford avenues.

“Charles Buki, Karen Johnson and Dennis Reeder were the movers and shakers behind the Farmers Market 25 years ago,” said longtime Del Ray resident and market coordinator Pat Miller. “And all three are still part of the community.” The Farmers Market has long been a central gathering place for the Del Ray community and has grown to include other events such as a recent Inova Blood Drive held in August. “The Farmers Market has really given the

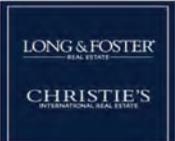
community a place where people can walk to, talk to their neighbors and enjoy a Saturday outing together,” Miller said. During peak season, more than 26 local farmers and vendors are on site offering fruits and vegetables, meat, poultry, fish, eggs, cheeses, breads, fresh pasta, baked goods and cut flowers. “I think we started with six vendors,” Miller added. “And three that started when we opened are still with us after 25 years.”

Miller said that the market has grown so much that there is a waiting list for space. “We would probably have to move the location if we got any more vendors,” Miller said. “I could always use more for the winter market but spring, summer and fall we are full with fresh produce vendors. The vision of Charles, Karen and Dennis has made such a difference to the Del Ray community.” For more information, visit www.DelRayFarmersMarket.org



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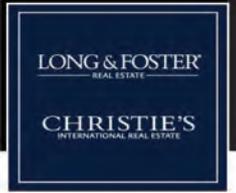
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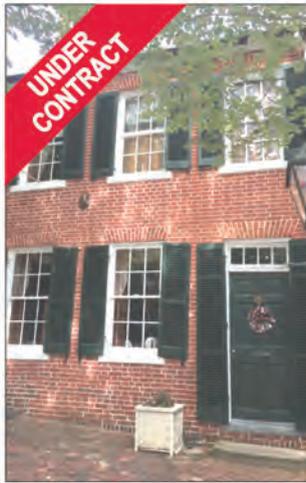
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Normal Adolescent Moods Swings or Depression?

Making a distinction between the two can be difficult.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Stephanie Pironne says her daughter Lila was always a child who was well behaved. From preschool through elementary school, she was described by her teachers as having a kind and cheerful nature. When her daughter, now 13 years old and in eighth grade, began middle school, something changed.

"She now goes from goes from happy to grumpy to sad all within 15 minutes and with nothing around her having changed," said Pironne. "I'm always on edge when she comes down for breakfast in the morning because I never know what I'm going to get. She might be yelling at me for something I didn't know I'd done, giving me the silent treatment or happy and chatty or combination of all three.

Such emotional roller coasters are often a part of puberty. Hormonal changes that happen when puberty begins can cause not only bodily physical changes but mood swings that can feel out of control, say mental health professionals. It's often difficult for parents and those close to teens learn to distinguish normal changes in mood from a more serious mental health issue.

"It's really, really hard to do, because they can present in very much the same way, and aren't always two distinct categories," said psychologist Stacie Isenberg, Psy.D. "Also, sometimes [puberty-driven mood swings], do get treated with medication. I've had patients who were prescribed birth control and some who were prescribed antidepressants."

The severity of the symptoms, says Carol Barnaby, MSW, LCSW-C can help make the distinction," said therapist Carol Barnaby, MSW, LCSW-C. "Crying spells or deep sadness for no apparent reason is a sign. Displaying a loss of energy or isolating themselves from others and persistent low self-esteem are also signals."

"If your child's mood seems off with regularity or they are withdrawing or increasingly irritable, I would advise parents to get a professional assessment," added Isenberg. "You can start with your pediatrician, and based on their recommendation, you may want to have your child see a psychologist or psychiatrist."

The amount of time the symptoms last could also be a clue that professional help is needed. "Teen depression is normally indicated by a persistent change in mood that lasts two weeks or more," said Barnaby. "The change in mood seems to cause significant distress and problems that show up at home, school, during extra-curricular activities, and in social areas of life."

A desire to hurt oneself is an indicator of a mental health issue that is more serious than normal teen mood swings, said Barnaby.

"If your child ever talks about self-harm like cutting themselves, refusing to attend school or other activities they previously enjoyed those are sign that you should seek help immediately.

If your child talks ...or has thoughts about suicide or not wanting to be around, seek professional help immediately," added Isenberg.

— Stephanie Pironne

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Virginia Schools Rank Third in Nation with B-minus

A leading education journal ranked Virginia's public schools as third in the nation in student achievement based on the performance of students on national assessments in reading and mathematics, graduation rates and achievement on Advanced Placement examinations.

Education Week's Quality Counts 2019 report awarded the commonwealth a letter

grade of B- for K-12 achievement. Only Massachusetts, with a B+, and New Jersey, with a B, earned higher grades. Superintendent of Public Instruction James Lane said: "I look forward to visiting as many schools as I can during the coming weeks and months and personally congratulating teachers, principals, administrators and support professionals for all they do as we strive to make the commonwealth's schools the best

in the nation." K-12 achievement comprises one third of Education Week's three-part Quality Counts rating system. Earlier this year, the publication awarded Virginia a B on its "Chance for Success Index" and a C for school finance. Today's grade for K-12 achievement resulted in Virginia earning an overall grade of B- from Education Week for 2019.

ENTERTAINMENT

Hawaiian Shave Ice Nestles in Wig Shop on King

BY HOPE NELSON
THE GAZETTE

For years, the ratio of wig shops to other businesses on the 700 block of King Street has been higher than anywhere else in the city. Longtime Alexandrians are well familiar with the Crown Wigs and Hollywood Fashion Wigs shops, situated just doors apart from one another, hairdos of all styles adorning the windows.

APPETITE

But now, at 716 King Street, a new tenant has made itself at home within Hollywood Fashion Wigs shop. The Big Kahuna Café, which has soft-opened throughout the month of September, hosts its grand opening event this weekend from its 300-foot space within the wig shop.

"Party in the front, business in the back," laughed co-owner Charlie Schara.

Over the first few soft-opening weeks, visibility has been an issue, Schara admits. One doesn't always expect a café to share space with a wig shop, after all. But Big Kahuna now has street signage and a bright "Open" sign, and

Schara continues to tweak his side of the window space to give potential customers a peek at what the café has to offer.

The focus of the café, has, as the name implies, a Hawaiian flair. Hawaiian shaved ice is a focal point, with coffee and other beverages rounding out the fledgling menu at the moment.

Unlike snow cones, shave ice is lighter, airier product, refreshing but not crispy-crunchy the way other ice-based treats are.

"The way I describe it is it's sort of like freshly fallen snow," Schara said. And Big Kahuna's shave ice comes several different ways – from the healthy to the decadent.

"You can have a zero-calorie monk fruit sweetener, which is fantastic," Schara said. "The monk fruit-sweetened one is a big bargain as far as I'm concerned, as far as sweets go. No calories and it tastes good."

But if customers are on the hunt for something over-the-top, Big Kahuna Café has them covered, too.

"We can put a snowcap (of condensed milk) on it and sort of make it (more) Hawaiian," Schara said. (That version, it must be pointed out, does have calories.)



The Big Kahuna shares space with Hollywood Fashion Wigs at 716 King St.

IF YOU GO

Big Kahuna Café, (address)
Hours: 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. daily.

Try this: A monk fruit-sweetened shave ice. "I'm always looking for the better (healthy) alternative," says co-owner Charlie Schara.

During the weekend's grand opening event, a passel of shave ice flavors – wild cherry, root beer and strawberry coconut, just to name a few – will take center stage. Nitro and cold-brew coffee and lattes will help guests wash down their treats.

As Big Kahuna takes shape, Schara says, the menu will expand. Next on the Hawaiian horizon: A lunch menu to serve the neighboring businesses.

But that will come after grand opening weekend, once Big Kahuna has a chance to settle in and make itself known to the neighborhood. And Schara has big plans for future distinguished guests.

"I swear I could get Obama to come here — he's a big shave ice fan, too," he said.

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CALENDAR

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Senior Olympics. The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics features more than 60 events that challenge the mind as well as the body. New games this year: jigsaw puzzle and line-dancing. The public is invited, free of charge, to all NVSO events. The games run through Sept. 28. There will be no on-site registration for participants. Visit www.nvso.us.

Art Exhibit: Habitats. Through Sept. 22, gallery hours at Target Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Studio 2. The newest group exhibition Habitats in Target Gallery, the contemporary exhibitions space of Torpedo Factory Art Center, poses the question, "What makes a habitat a home?" The selected artists address these questions and raise new ones. Work is presented in a diversity of media, from sculpture and photography to video and virtual reality. Visit torpedofactory.org/partners/target-gallery.

Art Exhibit: "Patterns & Prints." Through Sept. 27, gallery hours at Scope Gallery, Studio 19, the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Ceramic Guild potters turn to hot togs as artistry en vogue, showing embossed patterns, aggressive elaborate exteriors and groovy grooving. Colors are confident with saturated statements and contrasts of black and white. Hand-painted touches are the headline talk of the season, with abstracts, urban touches and industrial adornment paving the way. Call 703-548-6288 or visit www.scopegallery.org.

Art Exhibit: "It's a Jungle Out There." Through Sept. 29 at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Studio 29, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery presents its juried show, "It's a Jungle Out There." Cheetahs, lions, rhinos, monkeys, hippos, and the lands that they inhabit serve as



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Jones Point Lighthouse

Jones Point Meetup

Join a national park ranger to explore the long history of this little piece of land and see the last remaining inland lighthouse on the Potomac River, once a beacon to boat captains and commerce on the river. Tuesdays through Sept. 24, 11 a.m.-noon at Jones Point Park, Jones Point Drive. Free. Call 703-235-1530 or visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/jonespoint.htm for more.

inspiration for the pieces in this show. Themed work will be eligible for recognition by the jurors. Non-themed work may also be exhibited. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com or call 703-548-0935.

Art Exhibit: High Note. Through Sept. 29, gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mt Vernon Ave. Experience "High Note," exploring the connection between music and the mind. Music can unleash powerful memories, transporting listeners in space and time. Musical performance benefiting the nonprofit Friends of ROAM Friday, Sept. 20, 8-9:30 p.m. Visit www.DelRayArtisans.org/event/high-note for more.

Solo Painting Exhibition: Draftsman 2019. Through Sept. 30, gallery hours at Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive, Suite 2120-A. Draftsman 2019 is the solo painting exhibition for the month of September of Arlington Artists

Alliance member and T.C. Williams graduate Barry Barnett Keith. Free. Visit galleryunderground.org or call 571-483-0652.

Art Exhibit: Revival. Through Sept. 30 in the Van Landingham Gallery, Studio 311 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. While looking at the darkened doorway of the ruins of Ephesus, a Greek city in what is now Turkey, Marian Van Landingham suddenly envisioned a window to the sky and an innate sense of hope and revival. In her studio in Alexandria's Torpedo Factory Art Center, founded by her as an art center in 1974, Van Landingham refines the images that first piqued her interest. Visit www.torpedofactoryartists.com for more.

Art Exhibit: Silo City. Through Oct. 13 at Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 312, 105 N. Union St. An exhibition of photographs by Eric Johnson made

in a complex of historic grain elevators and processing facilities in Buffalo, New York. An opening reception is planned for Sunday, Sept. 22, 2-4 p.m. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com for more.

"Board | out of our minds!" Through Nov. 10, gallery hours at the The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. "Board | out of our minds!" relates to the games we play. The included works exhibit the creative means in which people developed board games to reflect their thoughts and reflections on the role of chance in life. While some are actual games, some refer to the role of games in life. Visit www.nfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. Wednesdays (through Dec. 18), 8 a.m.-noon at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. The McCutcheon/Mount Vernon Farmers Market opened May 1 with an array of farm-fresh produce and local foods, plus some new features (fresh brewed coffee!). 17 local farmers and producers will sell fresh, locally grown vegetables and fruits; meats; Chesapeake Bay seafood; breads and pastries; honey, jams and jellies; milk, cheese and eggs; herbs and plants; and more. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

Band Members Needed. Join the Mount Vernon Community Band, a group of players who enjoy playing many styles of band music in a relaxed atmosphere. Rehearsals are Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Mount Vernon High School Band Room, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. No auditions. All instruments needed. Contact Eric Leighty directly 703-768-4172 or visit www.mvbands.com/join-us/.

THROUGH SUNDAY/SEPT. 22

Fall Book Sale. At Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. The Friends of the Beatley Central Library will hold their Fall Book Sale. Tuesday, 4-8 p.m., Members' Preview (\$15 memberships available at the door); Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.;

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Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1-4:30 p.m. \$4 or less, unless specifically marked: hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books and media items. All genres. Discount day on Sunday. Call 703-746-1702 or visit www.beatleyfriends.org.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 19

Taste of Old Town North. 4-8 p.m. at Montgomery Park, 901 N. Royal St. The 2nd Annual Taste of Old Town North will celebrate local music, restaurants, and the arts. The neighborhoods of this growing and diverse section of Alexandria invite visitors and residents to enjoy all that Old Town North has to offer. Free admission. Visit oldtownnorth.org/taste/ or call 917-969-6668.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 20

Mental Health & Suicide Prevention Resource Fair. 5:45-7:45 p.m. at the Hylton Education Center on the campus of Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center, 2300 Opitz Blvd., Woodbridge. Mental health experts from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, Prince William County Community Services, National Alliance on Mental Illness and many more, will gather to take part in this important conversation. Non-profits will discuss area resources, warning signs, behaviors, treatments and/or options when it comes to mental illness and suicide prevention. Free, open to the public. More at pwmentalhealth.eventbrite.com.

Alexandria Citizens Band. 8-10 p.m. at Del Ray United Methodist Church, 100 East Windsor Ave. Join the Alexandria Citizens Band, one of the oldest community bands in America, at their first rehearsals of the season. No auditions, they welcome all who want to have fun, find new friends, and play free concerts. Recruiting volunteer members in all sections – drum, tuba, baritone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, saxophone, flute, clarinet, oboe, and bassoon players. Free. Call 703-920-8675 or go to come-play-with-us.eventbrite.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 21

Arts on the Horizon 5K Fundraiser. 8 a.m. in Fort Hunt Park. Arts on the Horizon, a nonprofit theatre for children ages 0-6, is hosting their Second Annual 5K Fundraiser. Families are invited to run or walk to support Arts on the Horizon's arts education programs and performances. \$25. Register at www.artsonthehorizon.org/5k-fundraiser.

Gardening Fun for the Whole Family. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Celebrate Fall Garden Day, a day of activities for everyone in the family. Visit with a host of local plant and craft vendors selling everything needed for fall gardening. There will be a silent auction, bake sale, live music, food and a kids' activities table. Admission is free, and the day is an opportunity for a family outing to one of the most innovative public gardens in the mid-Atlantic. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring.

George Washington's Alexandria Tour. 10-11:30 a.m. Meet at the Torpedo Factory, 101 N. Union St. Explore historic Old Town Alexandria as George Washington knew it. This 90-minute guided walking tour explores sites associated with Washington and his closest colleagues. The tour begins behind the Torpedo Factory's south entrance,

in front of Vola's Dockside Grill. Free. No reservations required. Offered by the Office of Historic Alexandria. Contact 703-379-7460 or suej020924@gmail.com.

Walking With Washington Tour. 10 a.m.-noon. Starts at Ramsay Alley at 109 N. Fairfax St. Explore important sites associated with George Washington in his hometown. Led by an old-line Virginian with family stories about Washington, this tour focuses on his character and values, and significant people and events in his life and American history where they occurred. Stops at Ramsay House, Market Square, Carlyle House, The Bank of Alexandria, Wise's, Duvall's and Gadsby's Taverns, Washington's townhouse, and Christ Church. Reservations not required. Free. Recommended for ages 10 and above.

Seek and Sketch Hike. 10 a.m.-noon at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Register for the "Sketch Hike Fall Wildflowers ID" program to see how beautiful fall wetland flowers live. Then, learn how to sketch them to keep the memories alive. Drawing materials are included in the cost of the program, courtesy of the RunningBrooke Fund. Designed for participants age 10-adult. \$15 per person. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows.

Wags for Weichert. 10 a.m.-noon at Weichert Old Town, 121 N. Pitt St. Pet Connect Rescue will bring 5-10 dogs that will be available for adoption on the spot. Weichert Old Town is currently collecting pet food, toys, bedding and financial contributions for Pet Connect Rescue and their dog fostering volunteers at their office. There will be refreshments for dogs and their human friends. Call Weichert Realtors, 703-549-8700 for details.

Classic Car Show. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Co-sponsored by Packards Virginia and the Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum, this Classic Car Show will feature a variety of Packards ranging from the 1930s to the 1950s as well as other "orphan" vehicles that are invited to register as well. Orphan cars are any marque of vehicle built by an out-of-business manufacturer. Free and open to the public. Call 703-424-5871 or visit www.packardsva.org.

Archaeology Day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at George Mason's Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton. Gunston Hall will celebrate their annual Archaeology Day, a day dedicated to digging up and discovering the mysteries of the past. Join friends and family for a fun-filled day of activities for all ages including sifting for artifacts, mending archaeology objects, and dressing like an archaeologist. Free with admission. Visit gunstonhall.org/event/archaeology-day/ or call 703-550-9220.

Dyke Marsh Meetup, Walk with a Ranger. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Belle Haven Park/ Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve. Enjoy the outdoors on this 2-mile walk with a national park ranger to see the largest freshwater marsh in the nation's capital. Bring a pair of binoculars for viewing an eagle's nest and other marsh life. Free. Call 703-235-1530 or visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/playourvisit/dykemarsh.htm.

Crabs and Corn Hole. 1-4 p.m. at Fairwinds Brewing Company, 7000 Newington Road, Lorton. The Key Center PTA is sponsoring an All You Can Eat Crabs and Sides. Tickets are limited. All profits will go to support Key Center School programs. \$55. Visit keycenter.fcps.edu/ or call 703-313-4000.

Anniversary Dance. 7-9:30 p.m. at



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Northern Virginia Senior Olympics

The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics features more than 60 events that challenge the mind as well as the body. New games this year: jigsaw puzzle and line-dancing. The games run through Sept. 28. The games will be hosted at more than 25 venues, many of which are located in and around Fairfax and Arlington counties and the City of Alexandria. There will be no on-site registration for competitors. Spectators are welcome at all events and admission is free. For event details, go to www.nvso.us, call 703-228-4721 or email nvso1982@gmail.com.

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

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 21-22

King Street Art Festival. Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on King Street from Washington Street to Union Street. Historic King 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 Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and the Torpedo Factory Art Center's 2nd Annual Beer & Wine Torpedo Garden Saturday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free and open to the public. Visit visitalexandriava.com/artfest for more.

Crafts at Carlyle. Noon-2 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Crafts at Carlyle is a two-day event that coincides with the King Street Art Festival. Everyone will have their own piece of floor cloth, which they can design and paint after learning about 18th century floor clothes and the patterns found on them. Free. Visit www.novaparks.com/parks/carlyle-house-historic-park.

house-historic-park.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 22

Downton Abbey Tours. 2-3 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. Explore the surprising connections between people and places of the world of Downton Abbey and those of the Lee-Fendall House through special "Downton Abbey" themed tours of the museum this fall. \$10. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789.

Roy Buchanan Tribute. 7:30-11 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Renowned soul-blues singer Billy Price, presents a Tribute to Roy Buchanan featuring special guest musicians. \$25. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

MONDAY-TUESDAY/SEPT. 23-24

Volunteers Wanted. Restaurant: Impossible is coming to Alexandria and they are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to work with Robert Irvine and his renovation team as design and construction volunteers on the show. Volunteers may be any licensed or certified individuals in painting, crafting, constructing, remodeling, cleaning, decorating etc. They are looking for skilled contractors, electricians, plumbers, upholsters and painters to donate their time but welcome all skill sets and skill levels, always. Volunteers only, however, meals will be provided. Must be 18 or older. The volunteer schedule is as follows:

- ❖ Shift #1 – Monday, Sept. 23, noon-7 p.m.
- ❖ Shift #2 – Monday, Sept. 23rd, 7

p.m.-2 a.m.
❖ Shift #3 - Tuesday, Sept. 24th, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Email volunteer@restaurantimpossiblevolunteers.com by Thursday, Sep. 19, noon (PST) with your preferred shift, full name, email address, cell number and skill set/ related profession (ex: plumber or painter). Use subject line: 1605 VA Volunteer.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 24

Jones Point Meetup. 11 a.m.-noon at Jones Point Park, Jones Point Drive. Join a national park ranger to explore the long history of this little piece of land and see the last remaining inland lighthouse on the Potomac River, once a beacon to boat captains and commerce on the river. Free. Call 703-235-1530 or visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/playourvisit/jonespoint.htm for more.

Twilight & Tipple Tours. 6-9 p.m. at Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Highway. Experience Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House by twilight. This tour series is a rare chance to see one of Wright's houses illuminated against a night sky. Grab a drink, included in the price of the tour ticket, and walk through the house on a leisurely, open house style tour with plenty of time to take stunning photos. \$35. Visit www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org/ for more.

Restaurant: Impossible - Grand Reopening. 7 p.m. at Foxfire Grill, 6550 Little River Turnpike. Restaurant: Impossible, hosted by Chef Robert Irvine, invites you to Foxfire Grill for their grand re-opening. Be one of the first patrons to see the newly renovated space. Diners pay for their meals. To make a reservation at Foxfire Grill for their grand re-opening, email the Restaurant: Impossible production @ volunteer@restaurantimpossiblevolunteers.com by Thursday, Sept. 19, at noon (PST) with subject line: 1605 VA RESERVATIONS(. If selected, a confirmation email will be sent close to the date of the dinner. Guests must be 8 or older. Include contact information (full name, email address, cell number), party size (number of people at your table) and the names of the people in your party.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 26

Fort Hunt Meetup, Walk with a Ranger. 10:30-noon at Fort Hunt Park, 8999 Fort Hunt Road. Join a national park ranger on a 1.5 mile walk through historic Fort Hunt Park, be prepared to learn about some World War II secrets. Meet at Area E parking. Free. Call 703-235-1530 for more.

New Neighbors Oktoberfest. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Ave. Each year, The Campagna Center reaches out to the community to help support the New Neighbors program through their Oktoberfest fundraiser. Enjoy local brews, authentic bratwurst and German fare, and an evening of oompah-POW, all for a great cause. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Tickets will be sold online until they are at capacity. \$60+. visit www.campagnacenter.org/events/new-neighbors-oktoberfest.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 27

Waynewood 60th Anniversary. 6-7:30 p.m. at Waynewood Elementary, 1205 Waynewood Blvd. Welcome to all members of the community. Come see the completely renovated facility and grounds. The celebration will include a 60th

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anniversary ceremony, music, food trucks, and cake. This event is free and open to the public. Email wwpta1@gmail.com or call 703-704-7100.

Global Hip-Hop Excursion. 7-8:15 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Springfield. Join Dumi Right, Hip Hop pioneer and cultural ambassador, as he and other musical guests present an evening of rhymes, beats and cultural infusions. Free. Visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/5516705 or call 703-324-8428.

Alexandria Citizens Band. 8-10 p.m. at Del Ray United Methodist Church, 100 East Windsor Ave. Join the Alexandria Citizens Band, one of the oldest community bands in America, at their first rehearsals of the season. No auditions, they welcome all who want to have fun, find new friends, and play free concerts. Recruiting volunteer members in all sections – drum, tuba, baritone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, saxophone, flute, clarinet, oboe, and bassoon players. Free. Call 703-920-8675 or go to come-play-with-us.eventbrite.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 28

Symposium with Gadsby's Tavern Museum and Emerging Revolutionary War. 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. In preparation for the 250th anniversary of 1776, public historians share their research into this turbulent time during a one-day symposium in partnership with Emerging Revolutionary War. The symposium will be held at the Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum. \$60 per person, \$50 OHA members and students at AlexandriaVa.gov/Shop. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org or emergingrevolutionarywar.org.

Native Plant Sale. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the parking lot at Saint Clement, 1701 Quaker Lane. Native plant sale hosts 12 vendors from three states selling native perennials, shrubs, and trees for sun or shade. Free admission. Call 571-232-0375 or visit www.NorthernAlexandriaNativePlantSale.org.

Genealogy Research in D.C. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon Genealogical Society, Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Claire Kluskens of the National Archives gives keynote; participants choose any three of nine additional presentations about researching in the many genealogical repositories in and near Washington, D.C. \$30 for MVGS members; \$35 for nonmembers. Visit www.mvgenalogy.org for more.

War of 1812 in Alexandria. 10 a.m.-noon at Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. Guided walking tour of people and places in Old Town associated with the War of 1812 and the British occupation of Alexandria in 1814. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the gate. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789.

Annual Community Country Fair. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Historic Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Enjoy a day of outdoor fun and learning with historic colonial church tours, organ concerts, children's games, barbecue, hamburgers and hot dogs, homemade apple butter, live music, and much more. All are welcome. Visit www.pohick.org or call 703-339-6572.

Historic Alexandria Homes Tour. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Old Town Alexandria. The Twig's 78th Historic Alexandria Homes Tour provides the opportunity to tour 18th and early 19th-century homes in Old Town and

learn of their historic pasts. Tickets can be purchased in advance at thetwig.org/homes-tour, the Alexandria Visitor Center at 221 King St. or The Twig Thrift Shop at 106 N. Columbus St. The tour will also feature a raffle and prizes. All proceeds benefit Inova Alexandria Hospital. \$40 in advance; \$45 day of tour. Visit thetwig.org/homes-tour or call 703-683-5544.

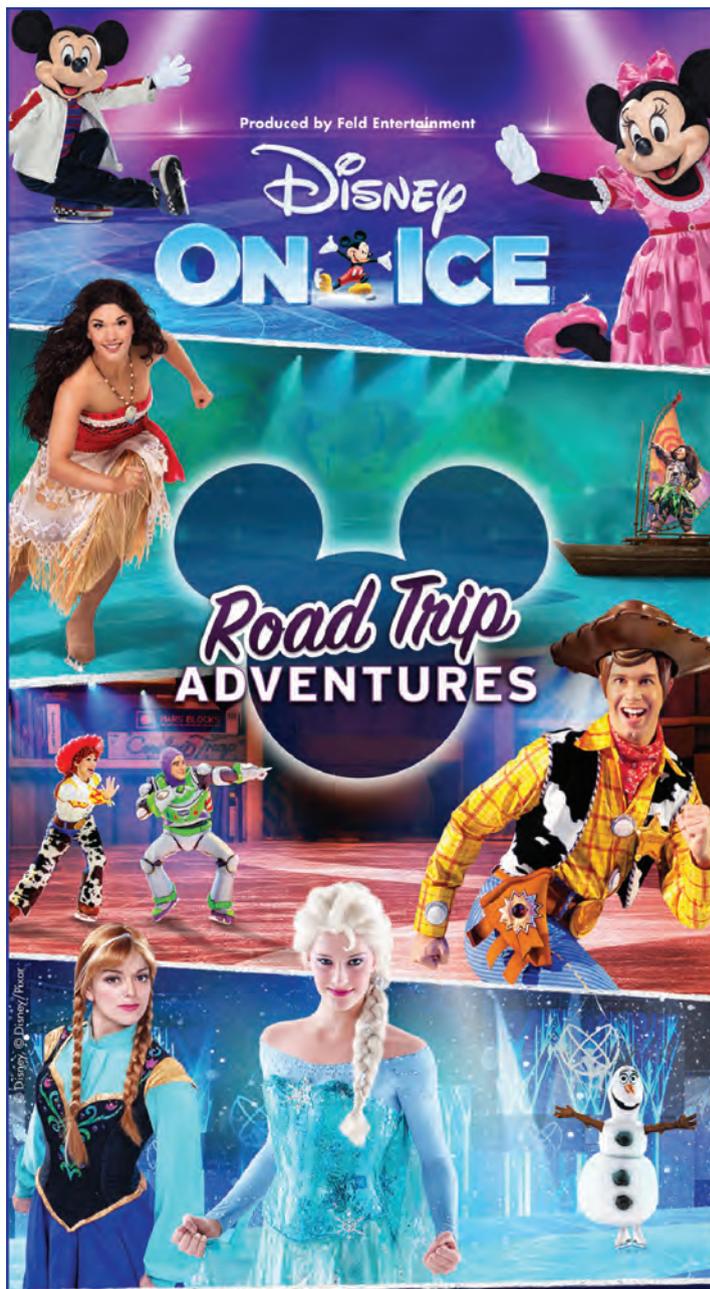
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eagle's nest and other marsh life. Free. Call 703-235-1530 or visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/dykemarsh.htm.

Downton Abbey Movie Party. 1-4 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. Celebrate the release of "Downton Abbey: The Movie" at an ancestral home of the current Lord Carnarvon of Highclere Castle. Uncover the real-world connections between Downton Abbey and the Lee-Fendall House. Enjoy refreshments, trivia, scavenger hunt, and more. \$25 adult, \$15 youth. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789.

18th Century Games. 6-8 p.m. at

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Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Learn how to play 18th century games such as Shut the Box, Whist, and more. Light hors d'oeuvres and two drinks per visitor are included in the price of the ticket. The event includes a tour of the first floor of the house. \$40 per person. Open to anyone 21 or older. Purchase tickets at apm.activecommunities.com/novaparks/Activity_Search/3187. Visit www.novaparks.com/parks/carlyle-house-historic-park for more.

Live Music: Lesson Zero. 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. at The Greene Turtle, 7879 Heneska Loop. Admission is free. Visit www.youtube.com/lessonzero or www.reverbnation.com/lessonzero for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 29

Classic Car Show. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at River Farm, 7931 E. Boulevard Drive. Enjoy classic cars competing for trophies, guided garden tours, a 50/50 raffle, and refreshments. The event benefits American Horticultural Society and River Farm. Rain date: Oct. 6. \$10 per car for spectators; \$20 for show cars (pre-registration encouraged); \$5 for walk-ins/bikes; free for children 12 and under. Visit www.ahsgardening.org/carshow for more.

Simpson Park Gardens Fall Open House.

1-3 p.m. at Simpson Park Gardens, 420 E. Monroe St. Join Extension Master Gardeners at the Simpson Park Demonstration Gardens and visit the colorful, newly renovated gardens. Learn techniques for deadheading plants, and interesting container gardening ideas. Free. Questions? Telephone



Art Exhibit: Emotional Support: Animals.

Kiln Club artists wax poetic on "Emotional Support: Animals" in the wholehearted exhibition of the exotic and domestic. The exhibit runs Sept. 30-Oct. 27, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily and Thursdays until 9 p.m. at Scope Gallery, ground floor Studio 19 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Visit www.scopegallery.org or call 703-548-6288.

703-228-6414 or email mgaralex@gmail.com.

Downton Abbey Tours. 2-3 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. Explore the surprising connections between people and places of the world of Downton Abbey and those of the Lee-Fendall House through special "Downton Abbey" themed tours of the museum this fall. \$10. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789.

Anniversary Event: Torpedo Factory Artists @ Mosaic Gallery. 3-6 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Artists @ Mosaic 105 District Ave., Fairfax. In celebration of Torpedo Factory Artists' Association's 45th anniversary, member artists have contributed 45 works of art. Ticket holders' names are randomly called and that person chooses from one of the available pieces of original art. Preview artwork Sept. 18-29; Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Ticket holders may bring a guest for free. \$200. Art Lovers Sweepstake: a

\$45 ticket gives buyers an opportunity to take home one of three works of art, valued at \$1,500 or more. Purchase tickets at tinyurl.com/tfaacc19.

SEPT. 30-OCT. 27

Art Exhibit: "Emotional Support: Animals." Daily, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Thursdays until 9 p.m. at Scope Gallery, ground floor Studio 19 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Kiln Club artists wax poetic on "Emotional Support: Animals" in the wholehearted exhibition of the exotic and domestic. Visit www.scopegallery.org or call 703-548-6288.

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Art Exhibit: Day of the Dead. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St. The Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery presents its juried show, Day of the Dead. Neighbors in

Mexico and Central America celebrate Day of the Dead. It is a joyful time that helps people remember the deceased and celebrate their memory. The colors and vibrancy of this holiday inspire artists of the Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery. Themed work will be eligible for recognition by the jurors. Non-themed work will also be exhibited. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com for more.

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Art Exhibit: Twilight Zone. Gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. "Art Inspired by The Twilight Zone" is a collection of work inspired by the classic television series. An opening reception is planned for Friday, Oct. 4, 7-9 p.m. Fee admission. Visit www.DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits.

SATURDAY/OCT. 5

"Le Tour d'Alexandria" Bicycle

Tour. 10 a.m. Start and end at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Alexandria Library invites the community to participate in Le Tour d'Alexandria Library, the Library's annual bicycle tour of all library locations. In recognition of the Library's 225th Anniversary, this year's tour will highlight some of the Library's history dating back to 1794. Space is limited, registration is required. Riders must be over the age of 13 to participate. Children and teens under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Visit alexlibraryva.org/alexandria-bike-tour to register.

Used Book Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Selection of over 20,000 gently used books, including children's books, fiction, history, biography, home and garden, cooking, crafts, sports, religion, travel, CDs, DVDs, and more. Unless specially priced, \$1 for hard backs, 50 cents for large paperbacks, and 25 cents for mass market paperbacks. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/friends-of-sherwood-regional.

Civil War Artillery Day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Learn about the role and equipment of Civil War artillerymen in the Defenses of Washington. This living history program will appeal to Civil War enthusiasts of all ages. The event is weather dependent. Free. Call 703-746-4848.

24th Annual Art on the Avenue. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray. Art on the Avenue is a multicultural arts festival celebrating Alexandria's diversity held the first

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Mirror Mirror: David Schulman with Sarah Marie Hughes. 8 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1 King St. The City of Alexandria commissioned a series of original site-specific performances for the sound-responsive, interactive installation Mirror Mirror. Composer and violinist David Schulman and Orange Grove Dance will perform on select dates between July and October. All performances are free and feature lawn seating. Lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged. Leave pets at home. Visit alexandriava.gov/publicart for details.

Performance: Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Drive.

The ASO's season opens with music by Wagner, Beethoven and more under the direction of Maestro James Ross featuring soloists Rita Sloan, Nicholas Tavani and Alan Richardson. \$20-\$85 adults, \$5 youth, \$10 students. Visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885. ASO musician Gene Pohl's father, Lionel Semiatin, composed Tidbit #1 while fighting on the battlefield at Normandy. \$20-\$85 adults, \$5 youth, \$10 students. Visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885.

SUNDAY/OCT. 6

Breast Cancer Walk. 8 a.m.-11 a.m. at Fort Hunt Park, George Washington Parkway. Support the National Breast Center Foundation's 3rd annual Walk to Bust Cancer to increase awareness and celebrate survivorship. 7:30 a.m. check-in, 9 a.m. 1.2 mile walk. Entertainment and activities before and after the walk. Register ahead for planning. \$35. Visit www.walktobustcancer.org or call 202-309-4026.

Downton Abbey Tours. 2-3 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. Explore the surprising connections between people and places of the world of Downton Abbey and those of the Lee-Fendall House through special "Downton Abbey" themed tours of the museum this fall. \$10. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789.

Performance: Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. 3 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. The ASO's season opens with music by Wagner, Beethoven and more under the direction of Maestro James Ross featuring soloists Rita Sloan, Nicholas Tavani and Alan Richardson. \$20-\$85 adults, \$5 youth, \$10 students. Visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885. ASO musician Gene Pohl's father, Lionel Semiatin, composed Tidbit #1 while fighting on the battlefield at Normandy. \$20-\$85 adults, \$5 youth, \$10 students. Visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885.

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Revival by Marian Van Landingham.

Art Exhibit: Revival

While looking at the darkened doorway of the ruins of Ephesus, a Greek city in what is now Turkey, Marian Van Landingham suddenly envisioned a window to the sky and an innate sense of hope and revival. In her studio in Alexandria's Torpedo Factory Art Center, founded by her as an art center in 1974, Van Landingham refines the images that first piqued her interest. Read more about Marian Van Landingham in Living Legends of Alexandria at alexandrialegends.org/marian-van-landingham/. The exhibit runs through Sept. 30 in the Van Landingham Gallery, Studio 311 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Visit www.torpedofactoryartists.com for more.

and feature lawn seating. Lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged. Leave pets at home. Visit alexandriava.gov/publicart for details.

THURSDAY/OCT. 10

Luncheon: "Fashion in Bloom." 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Country Club, 5111 Old Mill Road. Enjoy a fashion show, luncheon, silent auction and raffle. Yacht Haven Garden Club works to further education in horticulture, floral design and conservation among its members and the surrounding community. \$40. Reservation deadline, Sept. 27. Email yachthavengardenclubva@gmail.com.

FRIDAY/OCT. 11

Highland Echoes Show. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Drive. Highland Echoes is a vocal, musical, and dance journey through Scottish history and culture from the Highlands to America. Featuring "Celtic Album of the Year" recipient Jennifer Licko - the show combines traditional and original music and dance. \$10-\$45. Visit highlandechoesalexandria.eventbrite.com for tickets.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 11-13

Mount Vernon Fall Wine Festival & Sunset Tour. 6-9 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Celebrate the history of wine in Virginia at the home of George Washington. Bring a blanket, relax on the east lawn overlooking the scenic Potomac River and enjoy live music while sampling wine from Virginia's wineries. Admission: Friday, \$48; Saturday, \$52; Sunday, \$42. Call 703-780-2000 or visit mountvernon.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 12

Portside In Old Town Fall Festival. At Waterfront Park, 1 King St. Enjoy a day of live music, maritime history, nautical demonstrations and

children's activities on the Old Town Alexandria waterfront. Savor local food, beer and wine while experiencing boat building demonstrations from Alexandria Seaport Foundation Apprentices and knot tying from tall ship Providence. Select activities benefit the Alexandria Seaport Foundation's mission to improve the lives of young people through adult mentoring, project-based learning and the craft of wooden boat building. Free admission; food and drink for purchase; fees for some activities. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/event/portside-in-old-town-fall-festival/15351/ for more.

Celebration of Service. 6-9 p.m. at Ft. Belvoir Officers Club. Pastor Floyd C. Hawkins Sr. of Shiloh Church of God in Christ is preparing to celebrate 31 years of leadership and service to his church and community by highlighting those giving back to Fairfax County. The inaugural Floyd C. Hawkins, Sr. Outstanding Leaders in Community Service Award will be presented to: Dr. Nardos King, Bob Diegelman, Velvet Abram, and Victoria Williams. Open to the public. To attend, visit hawkins31yearsofservice.eventbrite.com.

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THURSDAY/OCT. 17

Make and Take Lunch Break Social. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at 2425 Eisenhower Ave (on the grassy knoll). Take a real lunch break outside to refuel and recharge with co-workers. Each month a DIY local business will pop-up and offer a themed craft (while supplies last). Email maurisapotts@gmail.com or visit www.FB.com/AlexandriaEcon.

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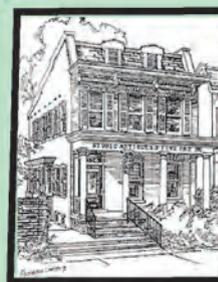
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Council Puts Seminary on a Diet

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hicle access. In the end, elected officials sided with advocates for bicycle and pedestrian improvements after a yearlong controversial process that divided the city.

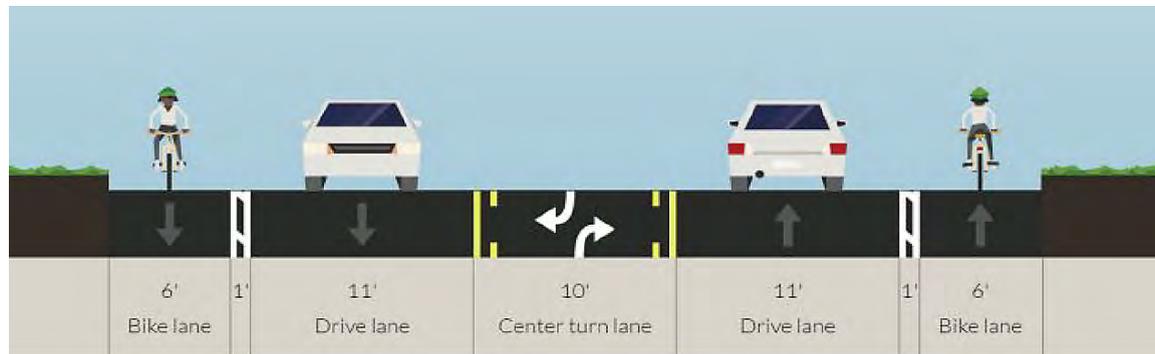
“We are not a small French village,” said public

“We are not a small French village. No one rides their bike to work to get a baguette. We need to get around.”

— Alexandria resident James Ray

speaker James Ray, who lives nearby. “No one rides their bike to work to get a baguette. We need to get around.”

Dissenters worried that a road diet would impede hos-



Seminary Road currently has four traffic lanes, but that’s about to change. According to a plan narrowly approved by City Council last weekend, the road will have two traffic lanes and a center turn lane in addition to bike lanes on either side of the road.

pital and emergency vehicle access. However, Inova Hospital did not oppose the road diet, taking no position on the controversial issue. The Alexandria Fire Department said they needed 11 feet of clearance, as fire apparatus vehicles are ten feet wide need lots of leeway. City officials said that the road diet would address those needs, as each lane would be 11 feet wide.

“When you expand roads, you can attract more drivers, but when you cut roads and invest in better alternatives, traffic will adjust,” said Stewart Schwartz of the Coa-

lition for Smarter Growth, a supporter of the road diet. “We will still be driving, but the more people we have not driving because of alternatives will be safer and better for us.”

Concern for a potential lawsuit lingered after the council approval of the road diet. The Seminary Hill Civic Association, among 12 other association opponents of the road diet, has considered filing a lawsuit. However, even opponents of the road diet acknowledge that the council went through all protocol, and that it would be difficult to prove that they acted in an “arbi-

trary and capricious” way.

“It seems to me that we probably wouldn’t win,” said Jack Sullivan, former president Seminary Hill Association. “In this city, you essentially need a smoking gun of some kind to win, and I think it would be a lot of money spent to no effect.

Those against the road diet had a sense that the civic process is broken and that the City Council was not listening to their constituents, a concern that was repeatedly outlined during hours of public testimony. Some warned they would vote out council members

Voted in Favor of Road Diet

- ❖ Mayor Justin Wilson
- ❖ Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker
- ❖ Councilwoman Del Pepper
- ❖ Councilwoman Canek Aguirre

Voted Against Road Diet

- ❖ Councilman John Taylor Chapman
- ❖ Councilwoman Amy Jackson
- ❖ Councilman Mo Seifeldein

who voted for the road diet.

“To go against the clear wishes of so many Alexandrians would be to tell us that you know what’s better for us than we ourselves,” said Alexis Sargent, a graduate of St Stephens & St Agnes.. “I think that’s something we will be considering the next election cycle.”

City officials say work on repaving Seminary would begin this fall, and transforming it into a Complete Street should take four to six weeks.

The Pigment of Imagination

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With \$140,000 of city funding, the building was transformed and on Sept. 15, 1974, opened to the public as the Torpedo Factory Art Center.

“I’m glad the factory is still here and being used as an arts center,” said Van Landingham at a reception in her honor held Sept. 12 at her studio in the building. “I’m still painting four days a week and it’s exciting to see so many artists working on their crafts in a public space.”

On Sept. 15, U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8) congratulated Van Landingham at a reception celebrating the 45th anniversary of the Art Center and honoring the founding artists.

Attendees at the event enjoyed refreshments while observing artist demonstrations and creating silkscreen prints to take home.

What was expected to be a three-year experiment has endured for nearly a half-century and grown to include 165 visual artists, 82 studios and seven galleries, including Target Gallery, the Art Center’s contemporary exhibition space. It is managed by Alexandria’s Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities through the Office of the Arts.

To mark the combined anniversaries, the Art Center will host an Anniversary Ball on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 7 to 10 p.m. For more information, visit www.torpedofactory.org.



Four-year-old Dominic Detomo plays with a replica T-Rex at the 45th anniversary celebration of the Torpedo Factory Art Center on Sept. 15.



Marian Van Landingham speaks to guests in her studio at a reception in her honor Sept. 12 at the Torpedo Factory Art Center.

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Obituary



John Marshall Andrews, 86, died September 10, 2019. He was born in Alexandria Virginia on October 4, 1932, to Thomas H. Andrews, Sr., and Gladys (Thompson) Andrews, both deceased. An engineer by talent and training, John graduated from Virginia Tech. He joined his father and brother in the construction business following his service in the U.S. Army, and spent much of his career in marine construction. He was a licensed tug boat captain & crane operator, and helped build the Belle Haven Marina. He took over the Marina's ownership and managed it for many years after his father's passing. Recently he participated in the reconstruction of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, having also worked to build the original. He knew the history of 'New Alexandria' well, and shared his knowledge with all. He leaves behind many dear friends.

In addition to his parents, John was predeceased by his wife Gertrude Whitaker Andrews, his brother Thomas H. Andrews Jr., and his sister-in-law Mary Lou Andrews. He is survived by step-daughter Diana Philips of Chicago, IL, and step-son Robert Shell of Houston, TX; his nieces Mary Ellen Andrews-Kulis (Michael) of Elon, N.C., and Kathryn Andrews Kogut (Barry) of DeWitt, NY, and their children. Arrangements are incomplete with Demaine Funeral Home. www.demainefuneralhomes.com

Obituary

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Erin Marie McPherson (Garner), age 30, passed away on September 13, 2019, from complications related to her heart. She was a newlywed, having met her soul-mate, Fairfax County police officer Andrew James McPherson. They were married January 12th of this year. She was proud to be a police officer's wife. Their only source of conflict was that Andrew, being a Canadian, was a Winnipeg Jets fan, while Erin was a diehard Washington Capitals fan. Excited parents to be, Erin and Andrew were expecting a child on March 17, 2020.



Erin was born and raised in Alexandria by Jim and Christine Garner. The oldest of three girls, she had two loving sisters, Taylor and Morgan. The water was her happy place! Her endless days in the family pool propelled her into competitive swimming. She would often say it was fitting that she was born under the sign of Aquarius (water sign) and her chosen confirmation name was Adjutor, the patron saint of swimmers. She loved animals and was practically a one person pet adoption agency, having brought many dogs and cats into her and her family's homes. She had an infectious laugh, an adventurous streak a mile wide, and was enthusiastically nonjudgmental. Erin was very creative and loved arts & crafts especially if GLITTER was involved! Her mantra was to "make every day count."

Erin's passion in life was caring for and helping people. She graduated from Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington in 2007 and from Radford University in 2011, where she majored in Criminal Justice and minored in Forensic Anthropology. Her interest in forensics took her abroad to archeological digs in Israel and Egypt and back home to internships at the DC Office of the Medical Examiner and Greene's Funeral Home in Alexandria. Erin completed the VCU Medical Program in 2013 and became a paramedic and began working at Southside VA Emergency Crew in Petersburg VA and Life-care Medical Transport.

A mass celebrating Erin's life will be held on Saturday, September 28th at 1:30 pm at the Basilica of Saint Mary, 310 South Royal Street in Old Town Alexandria. Erin will be interred in a private ceremony at St. Mary's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Animal Welfare League at AlexandriaAnimals.org or to Heroes.org, which is an organization dedicated to aid families of law enforcement officers and firefighters who have died in the line of duty in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

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Jean H. Wilkerson, 92, of Alexandria, passed away at Alexandria's Inova Hospital on Friday, September 13, 2019.

Jean was born on September 26, 1926, in Rapidan, Va., and was preceded in death by her parents, Allen M. And Myrtle C. Hopkins and by her husband, William Wilkerson.

Jean's family moved to Fredericksburg, Va., in the 1930's and she attended James Monroe High School where she was the valedictorian of her graduating class. She graduated from Mary Washington College in 1946 and was also valedictorian of that class. After college she began work as an elementary school teacher in Alexandria, Va., and taught for over 25 years before retiring. She married William Wilkerson in 1946 after he returned from WWII. William served as Director of the District of Columbia Unemployment Compensation Board until his death in 1980. Jean enjoyed her volunteer work as the Librarian for Farlington United Methodist Church, Alexandria, for many years after retiring from teaching. She continued her work as the Librarian until two years ago when an illness kept her from continuing.

Jean is survived by her brother, Gerald Hopkins and sister-in-law, Linda, Harrisonburg, Va.. She is also survived by her devoted caretakers Helen Staton and Deborah Opoku as well as her Fairlington United Methodist Church family.

A graveside service will be held 2pm Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Fredericksburg, Va.

Legals

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Announcement to Prenatal/ Obstetric Patients of the Alexandria Health Department

This public notice is being made in accordance with Code of Virginia 54.1-2405, concerning the transfer of patient health records in conjunction with the closure of a practice.

Effective November 4, 2019, the Alexandria Health Department (AHD) is transferring the provision of healthcare for prenatal/ obstetric patients to Neighborhood Health. Neighborhood Health will provide prenatal/ obstetric healthcare at Casey Health Center, 1200 N. Howard Street, Alexandria, VA 22304.

With this change, prenatal/ obstetric patients have two choices:

Option 1 - Transfer prenatal/ obstetric clinical care to Neighborhood Health (and continue to receive prenatal care at the Casey Health Center). Neighborhood Health staff will put patients (who are not already their patients) into their system after papers are signed allowing AHD to provide the medical records to Neighborhood Health.

Option 2 - Transfer care to another prenatal healthcare provider of your choice. With this option, tell AHD who your new healthcare provider will be. AHD will send them a copy of your medical records after you sign papers directing AHD to do so.

Visit the Casey Health Center (1200 N. Howard Street, Alexandria VA 22304) and advise AHD staff of your choice above.

There will be no charge to you for copying and sending one copy of your health records to Neighborhood Health or the healthcare provider of your choice.

Patients may contact AHD at 703-746-4821 or Neighborhood Health at 703-535-5568 with questions regarding this.

An expert is someone who knows some of the worst mistakes that can be made in his subject and how to avoid them.
-Werner Heisenberg

Medicare Is In The House



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

More like in my wallet. After worrying for the past 18 months about possibly losing my health insurance, I finally hit pay dirt – and it didn't hit back.

I have received my Medicare card and after I "disenroll" from my interim "Obama Care" within the next week or so, I will officially join the ranks of the millions who have insured their health – so to speak, with the Federal Government.

No more will I if-and-or-but about hospitals, doctors ("medical" actually) and prescription drugs (parts "A," "B" and "D" for those of you unfamiliar with the alphabet soup). Dental and vision coverage I'm not so sure about, but at present, I can live with the coverage that I know I have now because the worst case scenarios have been addressed.

And, as a former insurance broker, solving and/or protecting against worst case scenarios was always my main concern.

To invoke "Speedy" from those long-ago Alka Seltzer commercials: "Plop, Plop, Fizz, Fizz. Oh, what a relief it is." And even though I'm not plopping or fizzing, I am effervescent nonetheless at my arrival.

Reaching milestones (even destinations, sort of) is a way I've measured and evaluated my cancer experience. Not that I keep a chart or even a calendar with Xs marking the days but "I've looked at life from both sides now" (heck, I've looked at life from all sides now – and in between, too) and my glass is still half full. I remain positive about my negative and despite having never having seen Joni Mitchell in concert (although I did have tickets to see her at Cole Field House in the '70s – once on stage however, she realized she was too sick to perform and stage right she went) occasionally her songs have spoken to me.

Right now, The United States Government is speaking to me in the form of a red, white and blue card. They are telling me that I have made it to the promised land, a land whose existence was proposed in 1965 and which became law in 1966 fulfilling promises made to all Americans who reach age 65 that health insurance is their right and not because they were privileged.

Nevertheless, I feel privileged to be "Medichere." For 10 years, 10 months and 20 days, dating back to late December 2008 when I first experienced the pain in my rib cage which precipitated my visit to the Emergency Room, I have been under the proverbial gun.

Sometimes, it's been holstered. Other times, it's been locked and loaded. So far, no shots have been fired, even though occasionally I've been in very close range.

I can't say for sure whether I thought I'd actually get here, but let's be realistic, we all had our doubts. But now it's time to gear up.

A tremendous weight has been lifted from my shoulders. All I have to do now is live with the fact that I have stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer, an incurable disease if there ever was one. But here I am, alive and reasonably well.

No more will I have to worry about who, what and where I'm going to be treated. From now on, I'm in charge. (Like Charles.) As a result, I feel as if I've regained a little control of my life.

And for a cancer patient originally diagnosed as "terminal," this control is an extraordinarily wonderful feeling.

I wish I could bottle it like "Brighto:" "Brighto, Brighto, makes old bodies new. We'll sell a million bottles, woo, woo, woo, woo, woo, woo." (The Three Stooges in "Dizzy Doctors," 1937.) And that's just the kind of silly enthusiasm I'll need living forward.

Hardly is the lung cancer I have on the run. I wouldn't even say I have it on the walk. A stagger, maybe. (Or maybe that's me who's staggering when I lose my balance because of the neuropathy in my feet.)

Cancer is an adversary unlike any other. It's going to do what it does. I doubt Medicare is going to scare it into remission.

Moreover, my not worrying about having health insurance anymore probably isn't going to have much effect on "the cancer" ("Forrest, Forrest Gump") either. The biggest effect will be on me, emotionally.

I just hope that's enough. Because I'm going to need all the ammunition I can muster.

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PHOTO COURTESY ALEXANDRIA SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Whitaker Weinburger, center, holds the hand of his sister Lakeland as they walk out of their West End home with mom Erin on Whitaker's 4th birthday Sept. 11. More than 100 yellow cars, trucks and buses surprised Whitaker, a cancer survivor, who loves the yellow Bumblebee character from "Transformers."

All the Buzz

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ning yellow rides, professional drivers who brought their brightest fleet vehicles, and all the neighbors and Charles Barrett families!"

A fan of the yellow Bumblebee character in the "Transformers," Whitaker was celebrating his first cancer-free birthday after being diagnosed with stage 4 neuroblastoma when he was 11 months old.

Whitaker's parents, Seth and Erin, wanted to do something special to celebrate the milestone so Erin put out a plea on social media for anyone with a yellow vehicle to come to Alexandria to surprise Whitaker for his one-mile walk to Charles Barrett Elementary School.

"He's been through multiple surgeries, many rounds of chemo, two bone marrow transplants, radiation, and antibody therapy," Erin said in her Facebook post. "He is stable and has been for about a year now. And we are ready to celebrate him!"

Her post continued: "He's obsessed with transformers, particularly Bumblebee, and we cannot pass a yellow car without him delightedly shouting "Bumblebee! So we had this idea that maybe, on the morning of his birthday when we leave to walk him to preschool, we could have our street lined with yellow cars." The post caught the attention of the Alexandria Sheriff's Office, who helped spread the word and posted a special call out for anyone with a yellow vehicle to help "transform" Whitaker's walk to school. To Erin's astonishment, the response was overwhelming. Well-wishers flooded the streets and greeted Whitaker with a chorus of "Happy Birthday."

Whitaker's story even reached Jeremy Levy, the actor who voiced Bumblebee in "Transformers: Cyberverse."

"The best part of my day. Whitaker got to talk on the phone with Bumblebee," said Levy via Twitter. "Or should I say, Bee got to talk to Whitaker, and let him know...he's his hero."

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