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## GWHS Historic Marker Unveiled

Alumni reflect back on high school years.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Alumni from as far back as the class of 1941 gathered July 23 for the unveiling of the Virginia State Historical Marker recognizing the historic significance of George Washington High School, now GW Middle School, on Mount Vernon Avenue.

Bud Mayo, a past president and current board member of the GW Alumni Association, helped the organization spearhead the process of obtaining the historic marker.

"It is exciting to be here today erecting a Virginia State Historical Marker," Mayo said. "We see these types of markers all across the state and I thought it was time we had one for GW."

Located on Mount Vernon Avenue, the building was erected in the early 1930s, opening in the fall of 1935 with a student body of 1,200 and faculty of 35.

Today it serves as one of Alexandria's two public middle schools but its history as a whites-only high school during segregation is detailed in the historic marker.

Built in the Art Deco style with funding from the New Deal program, the building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Alexandria's public schools were integrated in 1965, the same year T.C. Williams High School was opened. GW was integrated and remained a 4-year high school



Vice Mayor Amy Jackson, right, poses with George Washington High School alumni at the July 23 unveiling of the Virginia State Historical Marker on the grounds of what is now GW Middle School.

until 1971 when Alexandria's secondary schools were reorganized.

At 99 years old, Walter Hammersley, class of '41, was the oldest alumni in attendance.

"What I remember about my time here is concentrating on trying to get out," Hammersley said. "Then the war came along and I went off to fight. After I returned, I have been living in the area ever since."

Other attendees reminiscing included Walter Loftin, GWHS class of '48.

"Meeting all the girls – that was the best part of going to school here," said Loftin, who went on to serve as a substitute teacher in Al-

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Roxann Patrick, GWHS class of 1969, unveils the historic marker July 23 on the grounds of what is now GW Middle School.



Walter Hammersley, GWHS class of 1941, with grandson-in-law Matthew Johnson, granddaughter Nonnie Johnson and daughter Kathleen  
Walter July 23 at GW Middle School.



PHOTO BY JOANNE CARUSO FOR THE GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria native Noah Lyles, left, stands on the podium with the U.S. Men's 4x100 relay team at the World Athletics Championships July 23 in Eugene, Ore. Earlier in the meet Lyles set a new world record in the men's 200-meter race with a time of 19.31 seconds.

## Racing Into History

Lyles sets a new American 200m record.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Ever since he starred in track at what is now Alexandria City High School, the 200-meter race was a specialty for Noah Lyles. On July 21, Lyles claimed his place in history with a new American men's record of 19.31 seconds, beating the decades old mark by 0.01 seconds set in 1996 by Olympian Michael Johnson.

Competing for Team USA at the World Athletics Championships in Eugene, Ore., Lyles easily won his race, leading a sweep for American runners with Kenneth Bednarek and Erriyon Knighton taking second and third with times of 19.77 and 19.80, respectively.

Lyles' 200m time is now the third-fastest in history, behind only Usain Bolt's 19.19 in 2009 and a 19.26 run two years later by Jamaican Yohan Blake.

Johnson, who was at the event as a commentator for the BBC, went down on the

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# Belle Haven on the Green

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# Financing the Rampage

Economic toll of gun violence is more than \$14 billion a year for Virginia.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

All those school security measures to harden your local elementary school add up. So do trips to the emergency room and the multiple surgeries needed to address gunshot wounds. While the human tragedy of gun violence often grabs headlines, the economic toll continues to mount with each mass shooting. According to Everytown for Gun Safety, the annual cost to Virginia is more than \$14 billion a year.

"We will pay this price tomorrow, the next day and every day thereafter until we, as a nation, decide to address this epidemic," said U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8). "From health care to education, business development to housing, the toll of gun violence is borne by survivors, their families and our entire economy."

As chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, Beyer recently led a hearing titled the "Economic Toll of Gun Violence: How Our Nation Bears the Cost." The hearing examined how the increasing scourge of gun violence in America is a financial drain on school systems and emergency rooms, diverting money away from other priorities to respond to the immediate crisis posed by the increase of mass shootings.

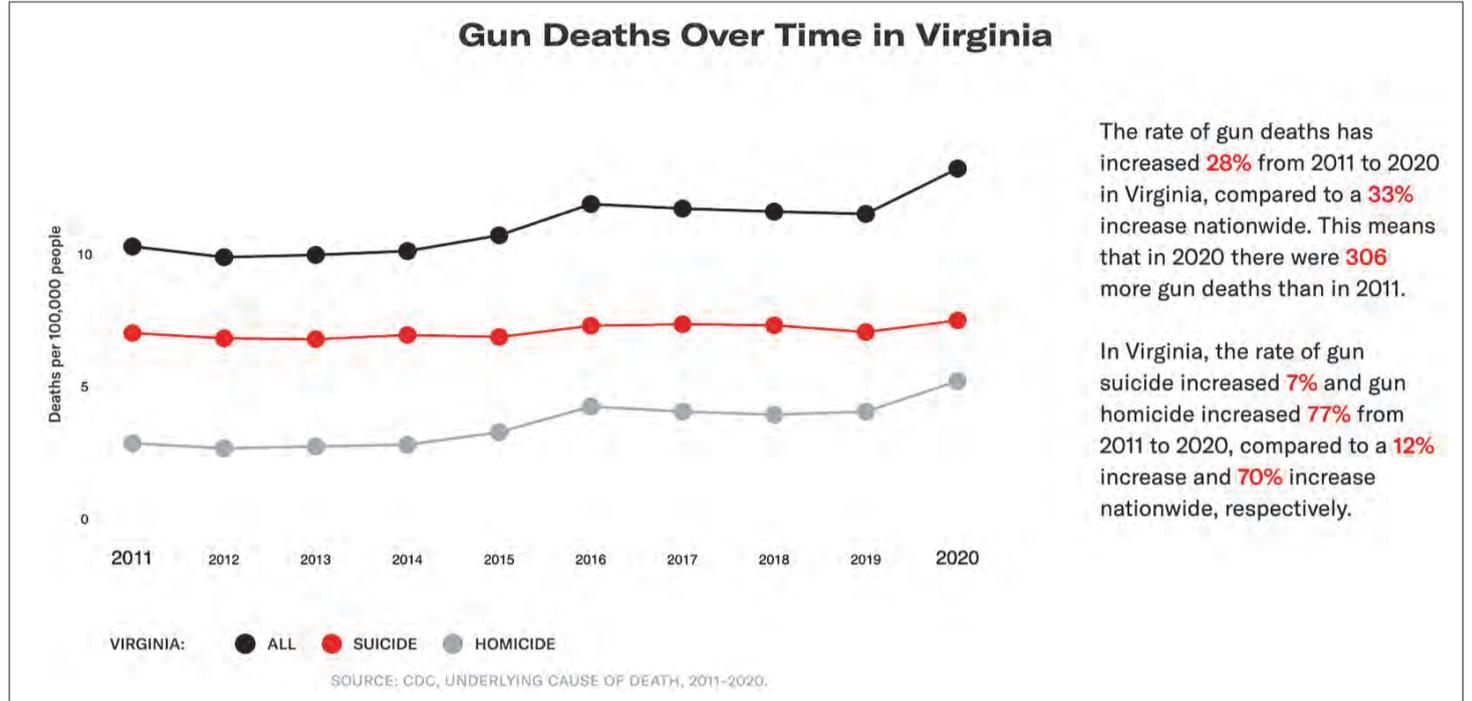


Beyer

"If you talk to any school superintendent, mayor or trauma surgeon in a town that has experienced a shooting, they can produce a long list of costs that extend far beyond the immediate items we are counting," said Sarah Burd-Sharps, senior director of research at Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund. "These include costs to address the trauma of children who don't want to return to school, costs to neighborhood businesses and home values."

**GUNSHOT WOUNDS** pose a significant challenge to emergency rooms, and the long term strain on health-care premiums is spread out across the system. A recent study from the Government Accountability Office found that firearm-related injuries account for 50,000 emergency room visits each year with an average cost of \$1,500 each. And that's just the initial visit. Those emergency room visits are followed by 30,000 more hospital stays at an average cost of \$31,000 each. Total cost: more than \$1 billion.

"Unsurprisingly, treating gunshot wounds is far more expensive than treating other kinds of violent injuries, such as stab wounds," said Dr. Chethan Sathya, director of the Center for Gun Violence Prevention at Northwell Health. "Patients who require long term care because of their firearm injuries see skyrocketing costs, and the cost is borne by both public and private insurers."



The rate of gun deaths has increased **28%** from 2011 to 2020 in Virginia, compared to a **33%** increase nationwide. This means that in 2020 there were **306** more gun deaths than in 2011.

In Virginia, the rate of gun suicide increased **7%** and gun homicide increased **77%** from 2011 to 2020, compared to a **12%** increase and **70%** increase nationwide, respectively.

In his testimony to the Joint Economic Committee, he pointed out that the initial costs of firearm injuries are three times more expensive than other injuries. He pointed to studies showing firearm injuries are five times more expensive than motor-vehicle injuries, and children with gunshot injuries are more likely to need expensive medical imaging than those with other injuries.

He also presented research showing that the cost of caring for serious gunshot wounds is increasing in part because fatalities after surgery are increasing while admissions for gunshot wounds are increasing. "As other parents are helping their kids get ready for school in the morning, picking them up from soccer practice in the afternoon, and cooking them dinner at night, my fellow doctors and I will still be here, rushing to meet ambulances," said Sathya. "We'll continue to do everything in our power to save as many children as possible, one surgery at a time."

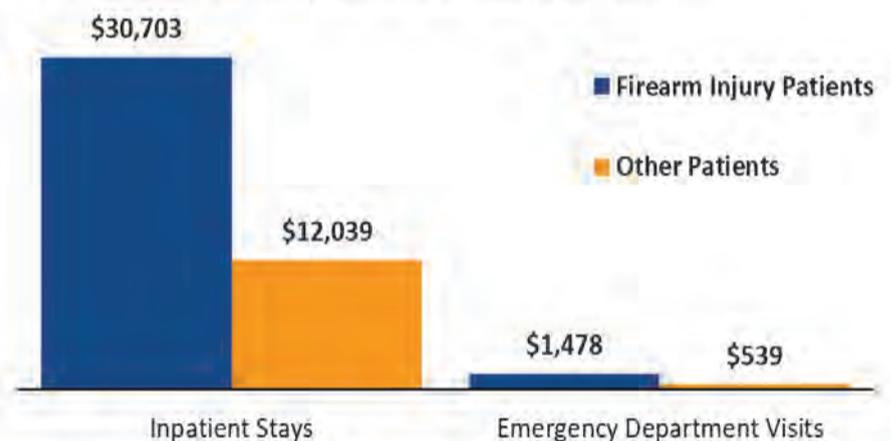
**SCHOOL SYSTEMS** across Virginia are also taking a financial hit as they spend increasing amounts of money to protect students from the threat of gun violence. Last year

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alone, the federal government spent more than \$3 billion to help schools upgrade security in anticipation of more gun violence.

## Firearm Injuries Cost Over Two Times More Than Other Hospital Care

Average cost of initial hospital care by injury type, 2016-2017



Source: Government Accountability Office, *Firearm Injuries: Health Care Service Needs and Costs*



And that's a threat that is not expected to decline anytime soon. The total is expected to increase 8 percent each year indefinitely. The recent bipartisan legislation to address gun violence last month includes \$1 billion for schools to create "safe and healthy learning environments," as well as an additional \$300 million for training and equipment that can help during a threat of violence. "For children exposed to a fatal school shooting in their local area, antidepressant use increases significantly for years following an incident," said Beyer. "Students that experience these incidents experience more frequent school absences and have a greater chance of repeating a grade, and they are less likely to graduate from high school or attend college."

Although the Joint Economic Committee

compiled a massive amount of research and data for the hearing last week, Beyer also pointed out that the existing research probably underestimates the toll. Since 1996, federal funds have been prohibited from going toward advocating or promoting gun control.

He said that provision, known as the Dickey Amendment, prevents the Centers for Disease Control from using federal money to conduct gun violence research. As a result, he said, the true scope of the problem is unknown and probably much greater than estimated.

"We need a national health care fund for gun violence survivors that is paid for by taxes on gun and ammunition manufacturers and consumers," said Paul Friedman, founder of the gun-violence prevention group Safer Country. "It would cover all medical bills, both physical and mental, for survivors."

# Diane's Journey: The Face of a Rare And Aggressive Cancer

Unknown to most, it takes lives quickly.

BY NEGLEATHA JOHNSON  
SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE PACKET

**O**n June 16, my sister Diane would have celebrated her 70th birthday in living color with music, fun, and lots of great food in the backyard of her Atlanta-area home. She would have whisked herself to some exotic place afterwards, after all, she was far more adventure-seeking than I will ever be.

But instead of celebrating such a wonderful milestone, my sister, Diane Jones, is no longer with us. She passed on May 29, 2016, as a result of her painful journey with Uterine Leiomyosarcoma Cancer (uLMS).

Diagnosed with this rare and aggressive disease in January of 2015, Diane never, ever stopped fighting. As her "baby" sister, I had the privilege of walking closely by her side throughout her fight. She was in and out of the hospital more times than I can remember and my countless trips to be with her, by any and every mode of transportation possible, were small inconveniences compared to what she was facing.

Uterine Leiomyosarcoma Cancer shares the stage with other rare and aggressive cancers in the category of Sarcoma Cancer. These are cancers of the bone and soft-tissue with more than 52 sub-types. The funny thing is that when Diane was diagnosed, no one in the family had ever heard of these cancers. Yet, when it was all said and done, when her battle was graciously done, we knew more about Sarcoma cancers than we cared to at the time.

We learned early on that uLMS is often misdiagnosed as fibroids, which was the

case with my sister. She honestly thought that she was dealing with fibroids that had grown out of control in number and in size. The bloating, spotting and the fullness shortly after starting a meal did not ring any particular bells of concern for Diane or her doctor.

She was scheduled for a partial hysterectomy in 2014 but Diane was waiting to take part in the Affordable Care Act beginning January 2015. By that time, what she and her doctor thought were fibroids "on steroids" turned out to be uLMS. It shook all of us to the core. I still and will forever remember singing to her in the examination room when she got the diagnosis. She cried and I sang. That's all either of us could do in that moment. But that was just the beginning of many tears and songs.

As her self-proclaimed medical advocate, I made it my business to make sure she was taken care of, that the doctors knew that this African American single woman was not alone, and that she knew and never had to wonder if her family was going to leave her to fight alone. That was not going to happen.

Staying with her during her many hospital stays became a lesson in not only how to speak the language needed to get the information we needed to help her, but it taught me how to make the day clothes become night clothes. On many days, there just wasn't enough time to begin fresh and ultra clean, because my many trips to her hospital bathroom after my overnight stays were for crying and praying, with little to no time to groom myself the way I needed to. Those were hard days.

Six years later, the memories are still way



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Negleatha Johnson, right, with sister Diane Jones, left, and a niece paddleboarding on the Potomac in 2015. Jones died the following year of Uterine Leiomyosarcoma Cancer.

too fresh even now. I still recall, after more difficult news, more throwing up and endless bouts of diarrhea, when Diane put her head on my shoulder, while we both sat on her hospital bed, and she asked me, "When will this ever be over?"

As time passed, her vitals began to shift. It wasn't long afterwards that her Sarcoma Specialist, Dr. Gina D'Amato, shared that Diane's time with us was short. Soon, both Diane and I found ourselves taking a ride to in-patient hospice in the hospital vehicle. I made a short video of that ride as I knew that it was the last time the two of us would ever ride together again. After a little over a week in hospice, she was transferred to at home hospice where we and other family members tried to get in as many laughs as possible. But nothing seemed that funny. That combination of laughter and tears is a strange cocktail. The tears seemed to win out every time.

On Friday, May 27, 2016, after having made the 13-hour train ride back to North-

ern Virginia and being home for less than an hour, I got a phone call that I needed to come back. Diane had taken another turn. In less than 24 hours, I was in Diane's bedroom with our mother and other family members. There she lay on her bed, looking nothing like the vision of energy and joy and fashion that we had come to know and love. She was quiet at that point and never uttered a single word, again.

How I miss her voice. Yet her life continues to speak volumes. I did my best to speak on her behalf about the beauty of her life when I gave her eulogy. It was by far the hardest thing for me to do, but I knew that her life and our time together had to be shared.

July is Sarcoma Awareness Month. Please take a moment to learn more about this disease at [www.sarcomaalliance.org](http://www.sarcomaalliance.org)

Dr. Negleatha Johnson is a recording artist and founder of Life Waters Ministries. Since 2015, she has held annual benefit concerts to raise awareness and funds for sarcoma cancers. [Lwministriesonline.org](http://Lwministriesonline.org)

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

### CELEBRATE NATIONAL FARMERS MARKET WEEK, AUG. 7-13

Fairfax County Farmers Markets will join farmers markets across the nation in celebration of National Farmers Market Week, August 7-13. Farmers Market Week highlights the role of farmers markets in supporting healthy communities, stimulating local economies, and supporting local farmers. The mission of the Fairfax County Farmers Markets is to provide residents access to locally grown products and create market opportunities for area farmers and food produc-

ers. Join us as we celebrate the contributions our local farmers and food producers to the Fairfax community!

Visit each of the 10 farmers markets August 7-13 to support local farmers and businesses, learn how to prepare fresh ingredients at our cooking demonstrations, participate in fun & educational activities, listen to live music, and enjoy delicious foods from local producers. Farmers Market Week is also Bike to Market Week in Fairfax County. We invite you to bike to your local Fairfax County farmers market. To find a safe route, see the Fairfax County Bicycle Map. While you're at the market, stop by the Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling (FABB) table to learn about safe biking strategies and more.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

(SNAP) EBT cards can be used at select Fairfax County Farmers Markets. Thanks to partnerships with Virginia Fresh Match, FRESH-FARM, Cornerstones, Arcadia and Britepaths, you can use your EBT card at the McCutcheon/Mount Vernon, Annandale, Reston and Lorton Farmers Markets. We DOUBLE SNAP benefits so you can purchase fruits and vegetables for free!

Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/farmers-market-week](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/farmers-market-week) for the Farmers Market Week schedule and list of activities.

### TUESDAYS/ AUGUST 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Simpson Park Demonstration Garden: Tuesday, 10 - 11 a.m., Simpson Park Demonstration Garden, 420 E. Monroe Ave., Alexandria. When

Mother Nature can't do it all... Simpson gardeners step in to offer a helping hand. Our Lagerstroemia indica were hit with bark scale so we hand-picked, brushed the trunks and squashed them. The Silphium perfoliatum in the Berm was infested with red aphids which we knocked off with a jet spray from the hose. In the Pollinator bed the Witch Hazel Hammamelis virginiana was hit with Phyllosticta hamamelidis a fungus which causes brown lesions on leaves and dieback. We removed the infected leaves on and below the plant. Thanks to EMG Gerry Smolka the pool of stagnant water which accumulates in the well of a Crapemyrtle in the Shade Garden has been emptied through her ingenious use of a turkey baster! And Denise Dieter added a mosquito dunk as an additional deterrent when we are not available to empty the ever

wet well. Free. Contact [mgnv.org](mailto:mgnv.org) for more information.

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

ACPS- Help Provide Meals to Children. Alexandria City Public School (ACPS) will provide two days worth of breakfast and lunch meals with a snack pack free for any enrolled ACPS student on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Friday distribution will include a meal(s) for Saturday. Volunteers will meet at various schools to assist with packing boxes and loading buses with boxed meals. Then, volunteers will ride the bus along to distribute the meals while on site at a few ACPS mobile pop-up locations. Click on each location to sign up: Francis

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# Lyles Sets a New American 200m Record

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field to congratulate Lyles, who wasn't even born until a year after Johnson's run at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

"When Michael congratulated me, I was shocked," said Lyles after the event. "We have chatted on Twitter but I have never interacted. I felt like it was one generation meeting another generation."

The record-breaking run was redemption for Lyles, who was expected to take gold at last summer's Tokyo Olympics but took bronze instead.

He credited the difference to having his family and friends in Eugene cheering him on.

Due to pandemic restrictions, Lyles' mother and brother Josephus Lyles, who also represented Team USA in the 100m relay at the championships, had to watch the sprinter compete in Tokyo at a watch-party at Alexandria City High School.

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— Noah Lyles after setting a new 200m American record

Lyles went on to collect a silver medal as part of Team USA men's 4x100m relay.

"Nothing wrong with a silver especially when you give 100 percent," Lyles said on Twitter. "I'm proud of these guys and we will only get better with time."

Just days earlier, Lyles celebrated his 25th birthday on July 18, saying on Twitter, "I made it to 25 years old today! A mark that for African Americans is a big milestone. By this time in a Black man's life we are either put in jail for life, killed in gang related events, or killed just for the color of our skin. So when I say glad I made it to 25 I mean it!"

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Alexandria Dept. of Community and Human Services-

Volunteer Guardian. Looking for individuals who can assure the well-being of an incapacitated Alexandrian living in an Assisted Living Facility or Nursing Facility. Volunteer Guardians are appointed by the Court to make decisions for older Alexandria residents who have lost the capacity to understand the consequences of their decisions. The volunteer will visit the resident monthly and follow the person's wishes as much as possible. [www.volunteeral-alexandria.org](http://www.volunteeral-alexandria.org)

Alexandria Families for Safer Streets - Executive Assistant to AFSS Board of Directors. The agency is seeking an executive assistant to help coordinate a diverse group of tasks necessary to keep us on track and moving forward. Someone with office manager skills would be the ideal candidate. [www.volunteeral-alexandria.org](http://www.volunteeral-alexandria.org)

ALIVE! Volunteers are needed to assist with multiple programs relating to their Food Program, ALIVE! House, and Alexandria Eviction Prevention Partnership Program will distribute food at Mobile Pop-ups and Truck to Trunk events, etc. <https://www.volunteeral-alexandria.org/ALIVE>

Assistance League of Northern Virginia is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that feeds, clothes and provides reading assistance and books to children in need. Assistance League's programs touch the lives of hundreds of children in Fairfax and Prince William Counties and the City of Alexandria. There are many volunteer opportunities for community members to contribute to helping those in need. To learn more, email [info@alnv.org](mailto:info@alnv.org), or visit [www.alnv.org](http://www.alnv.org).

Join Friends' Board. Those who care about mental health, the Alexandria community, and collaborating with fellow residents to make sure

the City's most vulnerable residents have a chance to thrive, then consider joining the Board of Friends of the Alexandria Mental Health Center. The Friends Board is an all-volunteer group of residents that oversees the administration of one of Alexandria's top mental health charities. Friends has no paid staff, so Board members, working on average 10 hours per month, share the day-to-day work needed to accomplish its goals. Interested candidates should email [FriendsofAMHC@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsofAMHC@gmail.com).

STEM Professionals Needed. Help assist K-12 STEM teachers as part of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's STEM Volunteer Program, [stemvolunteers.org](http://stemvolunteers.org), during the 2018-19 school year. In the 2017-18 school year, there are 85 volunteers in 6 Northern Virginia school districts. Contact Don Rea at 571-551- 2488, or [donaldrea@aol.com](mailto:donaldrea@aol.com).

Volunteer Adult Mentors Needed. Help assist the Department of Family Services' BeFriendA-Child mentoring program. The mentors provide opportunities for companionship, guidance and support to children who have been abused and neglected, or who are at risk of abuse and neglect. Contact Ibrahim Khalil ([Ibrahim.khalil@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Ibrahim.khalil@fairfaxcounty.gov)) at 703-324-4547.

ALIVE! offers numerous programs that aid low-income families in Alexandria that rely on volunteers: monthly food distributions, furniture, houseware and emergency food deliveries, and community food drives. Individuals, families and groups are encouraged to participate. Students can earn community service hours by participating. Visit [www.alive-inc.org/volunteer.htm](http://www.alive-inc.org/volunteer.htm) or contact the Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteers@alive-inc.org](mailto:volunteers@alive-inc.org).

Volunteer Drivers Needed. Drivers needed by the American Cancer Society to take cancer patients to treatment in Northern Virginia. To volunteer, call 1-800-227-2345 or go to [cancer.org/drive](http://cancer.org/drive).

RSVP, a volunteer network for seniors

seeking service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria, offers a wide array of opportunities for volunteers 55 and older. RSVP volunteers enjoy flexible schedules, free accident and liability insurance while serving, optional mileage and meal reimbursement and are invited to volunteer group projects and social gatherings. To sign up for an upcoming orientation, email Carly Hubicki at [chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org](mailto:chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org) or call RSVP at 703-403-5360. To learn more about RSVP, visit [www.rsvpnova.org](http://www.rsvpnova.org).

Mentors Wanted. Two creative programs that help transform the lives of Alexandria's preteens are seeking volunteer mentors. SOHO, which stands for "Space of Her Own," and "Space of His Own," serves vulnerable fifth graders in Alexandria. The programs pair men and women with youth in need of positive adult role models, to help support and guide youth in making healthy choices and succeeding in school and in life. Visit [www.spaceofherown.org](http://www.spaceofherown.org) and [www.spaceofhisown.org](http://www.spaceofhisown.org). For more information on how to become a SOHO mentor, contact Sarah Maroney at [sarah.maroney@alexandriava.gov](mailto:sarah.maroney@alexandriava.gov) or phone at 703-746-4687.

Farmer's Market Volunteers Needed. To volunteer for the Farmer's Markets, email Brian Morreale, [brianmorreale@gmail.com](mailto:brianmorreale@gmail.com)

Arts and Crafts Festival. Volunteers are needed on June 10 to help with the event including: greet and check-in vendors, children's area, clean up and tear down and beer tent. Shifts are available between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Visit [www.volunteeral-alexandria.org/](http://www.volunteeral-alexandria.org/) for more.

### SUPPORT GROUPS

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## Workers Must Benefit Too

BY: DELEGATE PAUL KRIZEK

I am a glass half full kind of person. As volatile as our economy is, I try to be optimistic, yet still realistic. And, with our COVID-economy in transition, I see the light at the end of the tunnel, especially for our workforce here in Virginia, even though it is unclear whether we are headed towards a recession in an attempt by the Federal Reserve to curb inflation with sharp interest rate hikes. So, even though the world may feel more chaotic than ever, I am determined to stay positive, and you should too, because we live in a wonderful community in the greatest nation on earth, where it is still possible to live the American middle-class dream. Yes, we have war in Ukraine, gas topping \$5 a gallon, and volatility in the financial markets. But the Ukrainians are persevering under tremendous odds, and with help from the West, gas prices have been dropping every day for well over a month, and the stock market is stabilizing. Most significantly, the labor market is tightening, and workers have the opportunity to flex their muscles by organizing to up their pay, improve their working conditions, and increase safety on the job. Moreover, during the 2022 session of the General Assembly earlier this year, we won the legislative fight to protect the good labor reform laws we passed in the sessions of

2020 and 2021 from getting repealed or watered down. For example, the minimum wage is still going up (In fact, this week marked the anniversary of when the federal minimum wage was last raised to \$7.25, which was too long ago

- 2009) from its current \$11 an hour to \$12 an hour next January 1st. Even more important for worker empowerment is that this week saw the Richmond City Council join our Northern Virginia jurisdictions (as already has occurred here in Fairfax County) to vote for providing its employees with the power to collectively bargain. I am also encouraged that Northern Virginia localities are passing ordinances requiring prevailing wages for construction workers and piloting Project Labor Agreements for our public works.

Indeed, we are amid a national labor resurgence. After decades of declining union membership, labor organizing is on the upswing. The reasons why are many, but it looks like workers are finally in a position to benefit. It's not that workers have not wanted better working conditions, higher wages, and better benefits before. But now you are seeing young people, especially, taking jobs to organize workers, like Starbucks' baristas are doing at over 250 locations across the country. Union representation



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petitions (to have the NLRB conduct an election to determine if the workers wish to be represented by a union) filed this fiscal year are up 58 percent, already far beyond the number from last year. In May, nationally, there were more than 11 million

job openings - 4.5 million more than before the pandemic. Currently, robust hiring is broad-based across all sectors of the economy.

Meanwhile, here in Virginia, we have a strong labor market, which has produced 61,000 jobs in the first three months since January, driving strong growth in payroll withholding to give our state budget a surplus. There were 113,000 more Virginians employed in April 2022 than there were in April 2021, an increase of 2.7 percent year-over-year. Payroll employment was estimated to have grown 3.2 percent in April versus the prior year. While Virginia has underperformed the nation in jobs recovered since the pandemic, ranking 47th overall, momentum is building. For the first four months of this year, Virginia ranked 16th among the states for employment growth.

The outlook for continued job growth is positive as more Virginians are returning to the workforce. After falling much more than the nation during the pandemic, Virginia's labor force par-

icipation rate has increased 0.9 percentage points since December. In Virginia, payroll employment rose 3.2 percent in April from April of last year. Employment in Northern Virginia rose by 3.0 percent, Hampton Roads rose 1.8 percent, and Richmond-Petersburg rose 2.1 percent. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.0 percent and stands at 1.3 percentage points less than a year ago. (All statistics are from the Secretary of Finance's May revenue report.)

So, it's no coincidence that we're seeing waves of support for unions. While companies are posting record profits, workers in essential industries have not seen their wages keep pace with inflation. According to the AFL-CIO's Executive Paywatch Report, in 2021 real wages for workers fell by 2.4%, while CEO pay rose by 18.2%. Labor unions give workers the opportunity to come together and bargain for wages and benefits that are fair for workers. The public knows that union members were at work during the worst of COVID, keeping our economy from tanking and dedicated to getting the job done. The bottom line is that this economy is giving workers a chance to balance the power dynamic between them and their employers by organizing and sharing with businesses their financial success. And this progress is long overdue.

### Letter at Large:

Global climate change is our reality and it is forcing us to rethink urban design to accommodate increased variability in the weather. Part of rethinking design will be attempting to channel and control water. However, the idea that funding should be spent

on building flood walls or levees in a drained flood plain does not represent sound decision making. The time and money spent

on these projects would be better served designing communities and controlled flood zones, as opposed to maintaining unsustainable systems well past their environmental due.

In the case of the flood control measure discussed in the last issue of the Mount Vernon Gazette, the overarching premise that flood walls and a levee system will protect communities in and around Bellevue from increased flooding

is mis-guided. The Bellview community sits on a drained marsh/flood plain. Portions of the plain are below river level requiring the building of canal networks. Flooding occurs simultaneously from

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### Life and Struggles after Roe

DELEGATE KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM

The history of our country has been one of ever-evolving rights and freedom to fulfill the promises contained in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. The one notable exception occurred last month when the Supreme Court overturned the Roe v Wade decision of almost 50 years ago that had given women some control

over their reproductive health decisions. It was, as so many have cried out in horror, the first time the Supreme Court had taken back a right that had been granted to citizens! The decision was concurred in by justices who had lied to get confirmed in their positions by saying that the issue of abortion was settled law.

Vice President Kamala Harris came to Virginia last Saturday to hold a roundtable discussion with

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# The Potomac River Is Healing, but Problems Remain

River groups hope to open beaches for swimming along the Potomac.

By GLENDA C. BOOTH  
THE GAZETTE PACKET

While the Potomac River is no longer “a national disgrace,” as then-President Lyndon Johnson decried in 1965, it still faces challenges, two river stewards told a July 20 gathering of 40 at Alexandria’s Athenaeum.

The river’s water quality grade rose from a D in 2010 to a B- in 2020, reported Hedrick Belin, President of the Potomac Conservancy, adding, “There is still work to do.”

Nancy Stoner, President of the Potomac Riverkeeper Network (PRK) credited the 1972 federal Clean Water Act for much of the river’s improving health and commended Alexandria for being on schedule to meet the 2025 deadline for the \$454.4 million River Renew project, an initiative designed to keep 140 million gallons of untreated sewage out of waterways each year.

**Challenges Loom**

Despite some advances, “There is one glaring red mark,” Belin warned, stream-side trees. “In fact, forested buffers, as we call them, received a flat-out F in our report card,” he cautioned.

Trees, shrubs and other plants near waterways help filter out pollution, stabilize stream banks and keep streams and rivers cool in hot weather. Without riverside vegetation, silt, sediment, trash and other pollutants flow into rivers during rain storms.

“Currently there is a real supply chain issue around having enough trees to plant,” Belin said, offering two solutions. The Conservancy helped persuade the Maryland General Assembly to finance the planting of five million trees over the next 10 years and to require that at least 10 percent or half a million trees be planted in underserved communities.

This fall, the Conservancy will launch “Tomorrow’s Trees,” a program that will organize acorn and other hardwood seed collection that will then go to tree nurseries, providing what Belin called, “much needed stock. Today’s seeds will become tomorrow’s trees.”

At 18 sites, Potomac Riverkeeper volunteers monitor turbidity, pH, temperature and E. coli bacteria weekly from May to September by taking samples and analyzing them in their floating lab, the Sea Dog. Among other sites, the group collects samples at Oronoco Bay, Belle Haven Marina, Little Hunting Creek, Pohick Bay and National Harbor. Their online Swim Guide reports results for E. coli bacteria. The July 20, 2022, report found, for example, that the water at the marina “meets water quality standards,” but water quality at Little Hunting Creek, “failed to meet water quality standards.”

Showing a 1918 photo of swimmers on a three-tiered platform in Washington’s Tidal Basin, Stoner said that the network wants to make the river swimmable and to create public swimming beaches. The group’s website says that “the water is sometimes still too polluted for safe recreational use,” but asserts that some areas are “often clean enough to swim at public access points such as the Tidal Basin, Hains Point and Fletcher’s Cove.” They are advocating repeal of the District of Columbia’s swimming ban imposed in 1971.



Hedrick Belin, President of the Potomac Conservancy and Nancy Stoner, President of the Potomac Riverkeeper Network speak at the Athenaeum in Alexandria on July 20.



An Alexandria wastewater official explains the River-Renew project to keep untreated sewage out of area waterways.



On July 14, AlexRenew introduced the public to the German-made tunnel boring machine which they named “Hazel.”



A forum on the health of the Potomac River at the Athenaeum in Alexandria on July 20.



On July 14, Alexandria Mayor Justin Wilson christened Hazel by breaking a bottle of treated wastewater on the machine.



Paddlers on the Potomac River

PHOTO BY GLENDA BOOTH



Group paddling at Key Bridge.

POTOMAC RIVERKEEPER NETWORK



Historic photo from the Tidal Basin

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Cove.” They are advocating repeal of the District of Columbia’s swimming ban imposed in 1971.

She showed a slide identifying six possible sites for swimming beaches in the Washington region. In Virginia, possible sites are Jones Point Park, an area just north of Belle Haven Park and Gravelly Point Park. Site se-

Potential Beach and Potomac Swimming areas in the DC region



Map of potential public beaches

POTOMAC RIVERKEEPER NETWORK

Will We Swim in “Bathwater”?

Both speakers cited a warming planet as a serious threat. Rising temperatures make

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lection criteria include good water quality and publicly-owned lands, Stoner said in a follow-up call. The PRK released a swimmable Potomac report on July 23.

water warmer, Stoner said, and warmer waters hold less dissolved oxygen which can harm fish and other aquatic species. Belin also said that the warming atmosphere is bringing more extreme weather and flooding to the region. More severe storms dump more sediment and pollution into rivers. Droughts are becoming longer. A

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Conservancy 2021 report titled “Rising to the Challenge” examines what the warming climate means for the Potomac and the Washington, D.C., area.

The report says, “Washington, D.C., is coming off its hottest decade on record (2011-2019) and temperature rises have been observed in every state within the Potomac River watershed.” The study predicted that by 2080, “the number of days when the heat index tops 95 degrees Fahrenheit in the nation’s capital may double by mid-century and triple by 2080.”

During a July 2019 heat wave, “the Potomac River felt like bath water,” said the report, with a record water temperature of 94

degrees Fahrenheit at Little Falls.

Belin also said that the Potomac “has risen almost a foot in the last century, and it’s expected to rise another three feet by 2080.”

The Conservancy has enlisted the University of Maryland’s Dr. Sacoby Wilson to help address environmental justice concerns, Belin said. Wilson has written that racially-discriminatory housing practices, called “redlining,” have resulted in lower-income communities having fewer ecological amenities like tree canopy and green spaces, and more impervious surfaces which absorb and re-release heat. One study found an eight-degree temperature difference between redlined versus non-redlined areas.

Stoner urged cooperation. “We’re proud of what we’ve accomplished and if we continue to work together, we’ll have a cleaner river that everyone can enjoy,” she said.

The event also featured an art show titled “Potomac River Life” with 40 local artists participating and proceeds going to the artists and the Riverkeeper organization. The exhibit catalog is here: <https://www.nvfaa.org/potomac-river-life-catalog>.

Information:  
Potomac Conservancy, [www.potomac.org](http://www.potomac.org);  
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## OPINION

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the river rising, but also from the drainage of water from the surrounding communities into Dyke Marsh. Even the best designed flood wall and levee system can not compete with this kind of geography.

If there is concern about housing stock in and around this section of Northern Virginia, a suggestion for a solution comes in the form of the Route One corridor. Portions of the Route One corridor are significantly above the Potomac River and away from marsh land that accompanies it. Furthermore, there are already plans in the works for increasing mass-transit and multi-modal transit infrastructure in that space, which would lead to an overall decrease in the cost of living at these locations.

If the funds from the levee and flood wall project were to be divided into projects attempting to better utilize the Route One corridor, including but not limited to the development of multi-modal and mass transit systems, plus developing green infrastructure potential along Route One and in the

Bellview community, this would reframe the issue of global climate change and flooding into a potential regional economic driver.

It is easy to imagine a time in the not too distant future where land is allowed to go to prevent flooding in other spaces, combined with different kinds of urban farming programs, alternative energy generators, to create a community that is conscious of global climate change and is also using that change as a means to create a more healthy and sustainable future. This is the future that we must place our capital into. Not into preserving an antiquated understanding of place and design.

Northern Virginia has the opportunity to be a national leader in green infrastructure projects and reinvigorating an economy to benefit, not fleeing, from global climate change. The proposal at Bellview is flawed not only from an engineering sense but also from an ideological sense; and we, the community, vote no.

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## Criminal Conspiracy To Undermine Our Freedom

To the Editor:

The January 6th hearings have wound down for the moment but I won't forget what I learned — that what happened that day wasn't an isolated attack on our Capitol. It's part of an ongoing criminal conspiracy to undermine our freedom to vote and to choose our elected leaders.

Trump and his pals worked together to try to stop the peaceful transfer of power because the 2020 presidential election didn't go their way.

Now, they're working to make sure all of our elections go their way in the future, whether we vote in their favor or not.

Never before have we seen so many candidates running for office on a platform that

promises to destroy our democracy from the inside out. Worst of all, many of these right-wing extremists are looking to take over election administration, running for offices like secretary of state and county clerk. Once they're sworn in, many won't hesitate to overturn future elections if they or their MAGA allies lose.

The only way we are going to protect our elections is to fight back and make our voices heard. If our vote wasn't powerful, insurrectionists wouldn't be working so hard to take our freedom to vote away. It's up to us to hold election deniers accountable at the polls and elect democracy defenders up and down the ballot on November 8th.

**Patricia Rowell**  
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## Life and Struggles after Roe

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state legislators and community organization members on the steps that need to be taken to overcome the ramifications of this unfortunate Supreme Court decision. She was adamant that the administration was going to be taking all the steps it could to get the standards in the original Roe decision to be written into federal law and to protect those innocent victims who in the meantime would be hurt by the reversal. She is also encouraging states to take action to protect women and their rights to control their own health care decisions. I was honored to be part of the discussion. The public part of the roundtable can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/fdrnGwCcSYs>

Virginia women legislators provided pointed testimony that their own daughters would have fewer rights than they did in growing up. At a time when women are achieving such incredible success in the business and political worlds this setback was unwarranted. A majority of members of the Democratic caucus in the House of Delegates are women. Virginia is the first state in the South to be a safe haven for abortion. That came about when Democrats controlled the legislature and the governorship.

It has not always been so.

In the half century since the Roe v Wade decision, the Republicans in the state put into place a number of measures designed to make it more difficult for a woman to get an abortion since they could not prohibit it outright. There was the requirement for an ultrasound examination that medical doctors testified was unnecessary, but the requirement was passed anyway along with waiting periods and counseling requirements. Already 15 states have passed laws to ban abortions, and the governor in Virginia has indicated support for a ban after 15 weeks without exceptions for rape, incest, or health of the mother.

In the years I have been in the legislature I have heard incredibly moving testimony as to why abortion as an option must be left in place. Real stories of rape and incest told by the victims, fetal abnormalities, and health threats to women are realities as well as the myriad of circumstances that women face in making decisions about their reproductive health — all of this makes it clear that the government must not make the decisions for them. Support and vote for candidates for office that will keep Virginia the safe haven that it is for women and their reproductive health decisions.

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# GWHS Historic Marker Unveiled

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exandria for many years.

Ed Semonian, retired Alexandria Clerk of the Court, graduated from GWHS in 1951.

"I have nothing but great memories of attending school here," Semonian said. "I had a wonderful time here, got a great education and wouldn't trade it for anything."

The school is known for several notable alumni, including

Willard Scott, '51; Jim Morrison, '61; Mama Cass Elliot, '61; Papa John Phillips, '53; and Korean War Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Francis C. Hammond, '51. Hammond was killed in action less than two years after graduating from GWHS. "I have so many favorite memories," said Ann Dodd Keller, class of '64. "I especially enjoyed the pep rallies and football games. There was just a great spir-



GWHS class of 1949 graduate Harvey Boltwood, right, talks with Louis Barnett, a 2003 graduate of GW Middle School.



GWHS class of 1960 graduates Phoebe Willoughby, Don Levinson and Betty Beagle at the July 23 unveiling of the Virginia State Historic Marker at what is now GW Middle School.

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Jean Weaver, right, GWHS class of 1964, leads alumni in a class cheer following the July 23 dedication of the school's Virginia State Historical Marker.

it here and a great school to go to."

One of the most famous football games took place in 1965, when an upstart quarterback named Joe Namath made his professional football debut for the New York Jets during an exhibition game against the Houston Oilers at the school's Memorial Stadium.

The high school's stadium, which already had a capacity of

nearly 15,000, was expanded to 25,000 and tickets sold for what at the time was the outrageous sum of \$6 to see the young star who had just signed the biggest contract in football history. While the Jets lost that day 16-21, Namath would lead his team to an upset 16-7 Super Bowl victory over the Baltimore Colts three years later.

"I always felt very welcome

here," said Millie Borchevsky Bobbitt, class of '58. "I made good friendships through the clubs I belonged to."

Said Dick Tansill, class of '64, "This is great. Clearly this building is historic in nature – just the fact that it is still here and still serving students. They knew how to build them back in the '30s."

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GWHS class of 1961 graduates Stan Durkee, Mary Sue Garner, Sandy Ranshaw, Randy Maney, and Mary Ellen File at the July 23 dedication of the high school's Virginia State Historical Marker on Mount Vernon Avenue.



GWHS graduates Doug Woolley, '64, Jon Miller, '66, Ed Semonian, '51, Bud Mayo '63, and Bill Cobb '63 at the unveiling of the school's Virginia State Historical Marker July 23 in Del Ray.

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## NOW THRU OCT. 17

**Hummingbird Photo Exhibition.** At the Historic House at Green Spring Gardens, Alexandria. For those who can't get enough of the beauty of hummingbirds, a group of local photographers are mounting an exhibition this summer. The title of the show is "A Bouquet of Hummingbirds," and it will feature works from more than 20 area artists and include hummingbirds from all over the Western Hemisphere. All profits from the sale of photos will be donated to the Friends of Green Spring, a non-profit organization devoted to maintaining the gardens and furthering public education and outreach.

## NOW THRU SEPT. 10

**Yoga Sessions.** 12-2:15 p.m. Yoga at the National Museum of the United States Army hosted by Honest Soul Yoga, 1775 Liberty Drive, Fort Belvoir. Honest Soul Yoga and The Army Historical Foundation invites you to take a moment to de-stress by enjoying an afternoon of yoga at the Museum. Join trained instructors for an afternoon of flow and sound meditation. After class, grab a coffee and some healthy snacks in the Museum Café or take some time to explore the exhibits.

## FRIDAY/JULY 29

**The Hot Lanes Jazz Orchestra** Performs. 7 p.m. At the Vienna Town Green, Vienna. Join them in a night of cool jazz. Free, outdoors.

## SUNDAY/JULY 31

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**Jane Franklin Dance: Watch the River Flow** will be presented Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022 at The Athenaeum in Alexandria.

## Jane Franklin Dance

Watch the River Flow. 7 p.m. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Watch the River Flow is inspired by artworks from NVFAA's current exhibit "Potomac River Life." Works explore the Potomac River, its vital role in the regional ecosystem. Artworks by Michael Gessner River Vessel, Eric Jackson LargeMouth Bass, Potomac River, 2022, Elizabeth Matthews Great Falls at Dusk, Alison Sigethy Freshwater Microverse and David Whitmore Extant motivate a response in movement. Ticket Link: <https://janefranklin.com/performance/watch-the-river-flow>

of Harry's wizarding world.

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The Parkinson's Disease Support Group of Alexandria meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 109, 1500 Shenandoah Road. All Parkinson's patients and caregivers are welcome.

The Caregiver Support Group is facilitated by the Alexandria Department of Community and

Human Services Division of Aging and Adult Services. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at the Adult Day Services Center, 1108 Jefferson St., 4-5:30 p.m. Participants are full- or part-time caregivers providing care locally or long distance to a family member or friend. Participants share their experiences, provide support for each other and receive resources to assist them with caregiving. The next Caregiver Support Group meeting is June 7. For more information or to register, contact Jennifer Sarisky at 703-746-9999 or email [DAAS@alexandriava.gov](mailto:DAAS@alexandriava.gov). FACE Center Support Groups provide parents with a space to share

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## No Guessing



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I'm having a difficult time this week finding a topic to write about. I don't think it's writer's block, although after nearly 25 years a of publishing columns, I imagine it's possible. No, the problem is that the topic I want to write about weekly, whether it's cancer related or not, is what I feel. And this week, what I feel, I can't write about out of respect for the subject. I just can't discuss it publicly. I can only deal with it privately. If it were about me/my health, I'd feel free to elaborate. But it's not. And so, writing about what I couldn't write about seemed like a compromise of sorts. Given the intensity of my feelings right now, it would be impossible for me to write about anything else other than what I'm not writing about. I hope you all understand. If not, see this space in the future for an update. I'll try to be more clear next time.

Not that you all read my column for breaking news or Jack Anderson-type muckraking, but I know you expect honesty. And in this column, I am being honest. I just can't talk about what I'm not being honest about. I can only admit to remaining silent, on the advice of counsel you might say, and try to write between the lines in a way that communicates to you regular readers the weight I'm carrying. Though I am not alone is this burden, I can only mention, indirectly, how it's affecting me.

My late father used to say about me that I have broad shoulders, that I can take it. Well, the subject that I'm not talking about this week will definitely test my father's very reassuring assertion about his baby son. And in an odd way, though his statement goes back more than 20 years (he's been deceased since Dec. '06 and suffered his first stroke approximately 18 months prior), it's helpful to repeat it to myself and to write about it as well. Because what it is I'm not writing about is the fear of the unknown.

The unknown to which I vaguely refer is future feelings. I'm not exactly worried per se, as I've held up pretty well over these last 13 and a half years of being a cancer patient, and one who might have been misdiagnosed at that; and previous to my diagnosis, having both my parents die within two years of one another. Still, life goes on and it has gone on so I'd like to believe it will continue to go on even if this worst-case scenario plays out and reaches its ultimate end.

I remember when my father, the first of my parents to die, finally succumbed to his illness/age (he was 87). I was nervous and afraid how I'd respond, how I'd live my life without one of the most important influences in it. I survived it. But I think I survived it because my mother (another major influence in my life) was still alive, as she was for another two years until she succumbed to her illness/age (she was 86). However, when she died, my brother Richard I became orphans, as it were. That feeling of finality, the end of an era, both parents being deceased, never quite leaves you. There's always a missing piece, but it is sort of the natural progression of things, so over time, at least for my brother and I, you find a place for your grief and eventually wonderful memories come flooding back and you smile when you think of them.

Well, I'm trying to smile now. That's all I'm not going to say.

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## SENIOR LIVING



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Dawson Colman's daughter Alyssa teaches him how to use his phone to keep track of his daily water intake.

## Seniors Surviving the Heat

### Staying hydrated, remaining indoors can help prevent heat illness in older people.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

On a recent sunny and sweltering day, Dawson Colman parked his car and began to walk the three blocks to a restaurant in Old Town where he was meeting his daughter for lunch. By the time he reached the middle of the second block, the 82-year old had begun to feel nauseous and dizzy. He had to stop and text his daughter Alyssa Williams.

"I knew something was wrong, but I couldn't figure out why I suddenly started to feel sick. I never get sick," he said. "It felt like it came out of the blue."

"When he described what he was feeling, I knew right away that it was due to the heat," said Williams, who is a nurse practitioner in Vienna.

When temperatures soar, elderly people are more likely to fall victim to heat related illnesses than any other age group, according to the National Institute on Aging.

"Physically, the body of an older adult does not adjust as well as young people to sudden changes in temperature," said Lucy H. Caldwell,

Fairfax County Health Department. "Older adults are more likely to have a chronic medical condition that changes normal body responses to heat and are also more likely to take prescription medicines that affect the body's ability to control its temperature or sweat."

Nausea, dizziness and muscle cramps are among the symptoms of heat stroke, heat exhaustion and similar ailments, said Kurt Larrick,

Assistant Director, Arlington County Department of Human Services.

"Heat stroke is a life-threatening form of

hyperthermia [that] occurs when the body is overwhelmed by heat and unable to control its temperature," Larrick said. "Emergency medical attention is critical for a person with heat stroke symptoms, especially an older adult."

When it comes to recognizing and working to prevent heat-related illnesses, Colman's case serves as a cautionary tale. "No matter how healthy, energetic or self-sufficient you feel, don't underestimate the power of extremely high temperatures. You can go from feeling fine to feeling faint in minutes," said Williams.

When temperatures spike, hydration is your first line of defense, said Williams. "You have to drink water throughout the day even if you don't feel thirsty," said Williams. "I bought my dad a water bottle with a cross body strap, so he can have water with him at all times. I also downloaded a water tracker and reminder app on his phone to remind him to drink water throughout the day, even if he's not thirsty."

One way to beat the heat is to stay out of it.

"On hot and humid days, especially when an air pollution alert is in effect, older adults, particularly those with chronic medical conditions, should stay indoors in cooler places," said Larrick. "If at all possible, people without air conditioners or fans should go to places that do have air conditioning, such as senior centers, shopping malls, movie theaters and libraries."

When venturing outdoors, wear wide-brimmed hats, sunscreen and lightweight, loose fitting clothing made from breathable fabrics in light colors.

Stay connected to others or use a buddy system. "Check on neighbors, especially older adults," said Caldwell.

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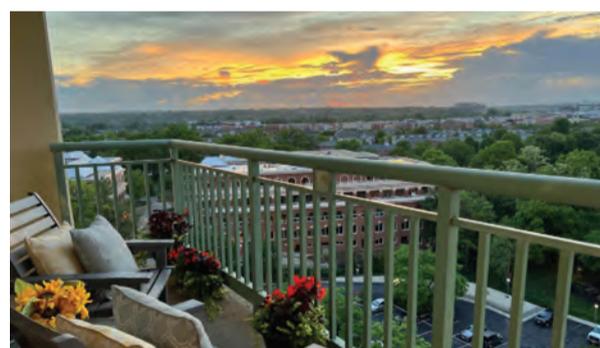
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