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From left are Wilmer Gonzalez, Yenmy Gabriella Martinez, Gov. Terry McAuliffe, and T.C. Williams Principal Jesse Dingle.

La Bienvenida a Alexandria

McAuliffe visits TC's International Academy on first day of school.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

The students arrived at T.C. Williams High School by school bus or by car. Gov. Terry McAuliffe arrived via helicopter parked on the lawn. The opening day of school for T.C. Williams High School on Aug. 6 was an occasion marked by a visit from state officials. The visit highlighted T.C. Williams'

International Academy, which hosts more than 600 international students with limited proficiency in English.

According to Superintendent Dr. Alvin Crawley, the program is designed for students who are new to the country. 2016 marked the first year a class graduated from the international academy. The graduation rate was largely assisted by the 2016 implementation of the ACT WorkKeys Reading for Information test as a substitute for the Standards of Learning (SoL) test.

According to Joan Wodiska, a member of the Virginia Board of Education, the change is a small one that has made a large impact on the lives of students.

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Operatic Volume

Arrest of an Old Town opera singer amplifies questions about city's noise ordinances.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Busking is the act of performing in public, typically singing or playing music, in exchange for a gratuity. Anyone visiting Old Town Alexandria late at night has likely seen buskers along King Street, whether they're playing folk songs on guitar or hymnals on a glass harp. While buskers are a staple of Old Town for many, Alexandria has a history of struggling with their presence in the developing city. Those tensions came to a head on Friday, Sept. 2 when an opera singer in Old Town was arrested for violating city noise ordinances.

According to Crystal Nosal, public information officer for the Alexandria Police Department, a police sergeant approached Krista Monique Clouse and asked her to turn off the bluetooth speaker she was using to accompany her performance on King Street. Krista Monique Clouse refused and was arrested for violating city ordinance, a class 2 misdemeanor.

Nosal said Krista Monique Clouse violated 11-5-4 (b) in the city code. That code section reads as follows:



Krista Monique Clouse, Old Town Alexandria opera singer.

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New Chapter for Port City Brewing Company

The mayor, the governor, and the CEO of a brewing company walk into a bar ...

BY VERNON MILES
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Port City Brewing Company, an Alexandria-based brewery, is making a major step to increase its manufacturing capacity with the help of state and city funds. On Aug. 31, Port City CEO Bill Butcher sat down with Mayor Allison Silberberg and Gov. Terry McAuliffe for a drink. The choice of beer was Port City's Optimal Wit; the topic of conversation was a \$500,000 check from the State of Virginia and the City



Gov. Terry McAuliffe with a check to the City of Alexandria for \$250,000 presented to Mayor Allison Silberberg. The money from the state and city both go through the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership to Port City Brewing Company.

of Alexandria to help fund the expansion of Alexandria's Port City Brewing Company.

Half of the funding comes from the state's Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund, the

other half is matching funds from the city required by the state grant. The company, in turn, will buy 75 percent of its agricultural products from Virginia farmers and will pay \$300,000 back to the city over the

next five years in tax revenue.

The investment will fund an expansion of Port City's bottling and storage capacities. The funding helps pay for a 6,000-square-foot cold-storage warehouse down the

street and added brewing capacity. Part of the city funding is dedicated to building a new bikeshare station at the site and expanding

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'We Will Never Forget'

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

It was an unimaginable act of terrorism that took the lives of 13 Alexandria residents on Sept. 11, 2001. On Saturday, Sept. 10, the City of Alexandria will hold a ceremony to mark the 15th anniversary of what remains the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history.

The hour-long event, to be held in Market Square, will pay tribute to those who responded to the attacks and will feature remarks from Mayor Allison Silberberg and representatives from the Alexandria Police Department, Fire Department and Sheriff's Office.

The tribute will include the "Return to Quarters" bell-ringing ceremony and musical performances by the Alexandria Harmonizers and the City of Alexandria Pipes and Drums. The program is free and will be held rain or shine.

Remembering Alexandria's victims of 9-11

Spc. Craig Amundson, 28, was assigned to the Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel as a graphic artist and was at work at the Pentagon the morning of Sept. 11, 2001. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Meritorious Service Award.



Eddie A. Dillard, 54, was a passenger aboard American Airlines flight 77. He left behind a wife of 15 years, Rosemary, and one son, Edrick L. Dillard.



Captain Robert Dolan, 43, was working on the first floor of the Pentagon as head of the U.S. Navy's Strategy and Concepts Branch when American Airlines Flight 77 struck the building. He was a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and commander of the USS John Hancock.



Diane M. Hale-McKinzy, 38, was a civilian employee for the U.S. Army at the Pentagon. Born in Lithonia, Ga., she served in the Army for four years before beginning a career in civil service.



Bryan C Jack, 48, was on American Airlines Flight 77 when the plane struck the Pentagon,

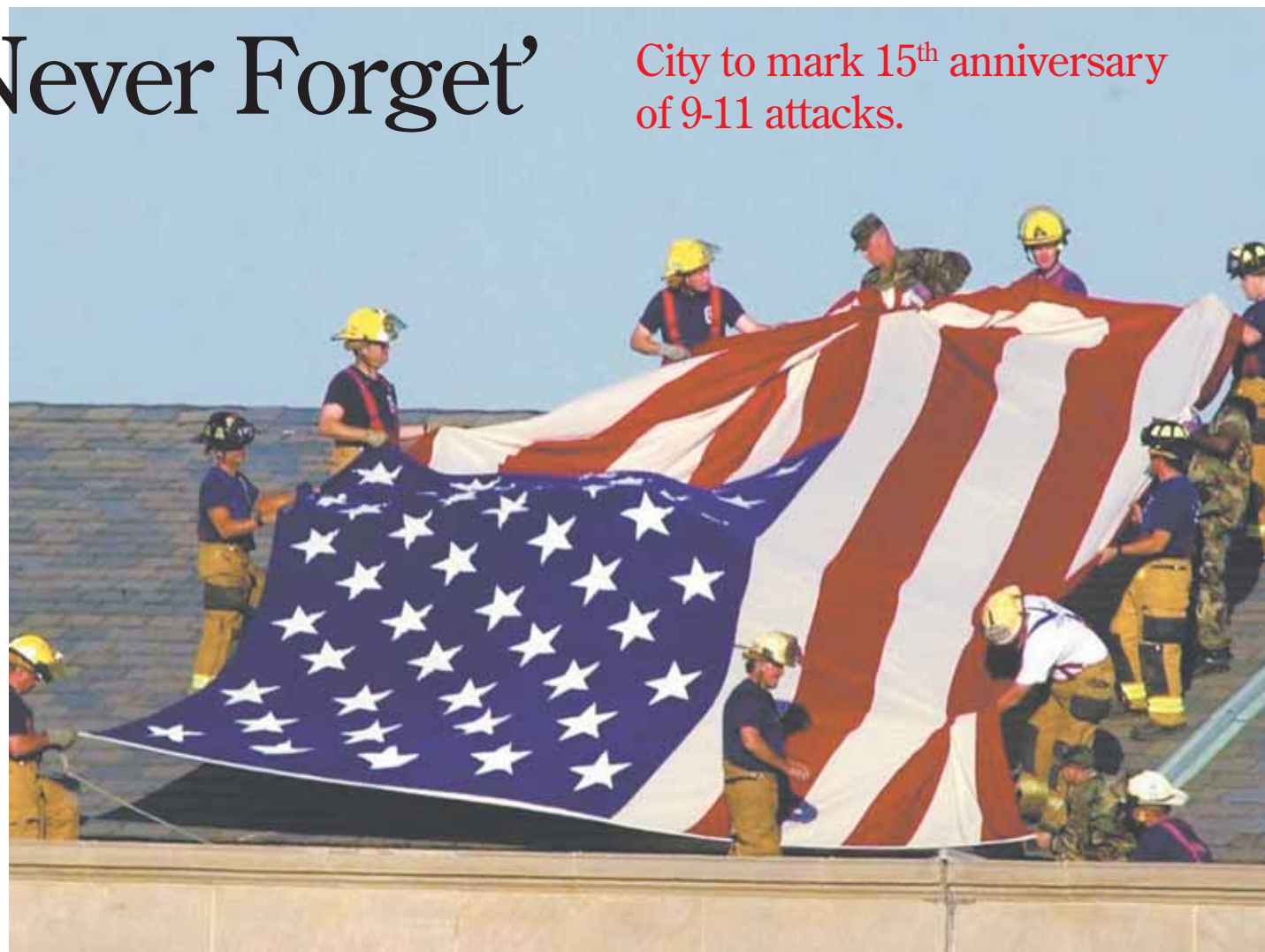


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Lt. Jim Morris, far bottom right, and fellow firefighters from Alexandria and Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Station 11 join soldiers atop the Pentagon to unfurl an American flag during rescue and recovery efforts Sept. 12, 2001. Morris's brother Seth died in the attacks on the World Trade Center.

where he worked as the head of the Defense Department's programming and fiscal economics division. Jack and his longtime companion, artist Barbara Rachko, were married on June 16, 2001, just 87 days before his death.



well as Catholic Charities.

Steven D. "Jake" Jacoby, 43, was the chief operating officer of Metrocall and a passenger on American Airlines Flight 77. A community leader, Jacoby sat on the board of Men Against Breast Cancer and was actively involved with the Camp Fantastic Special Love charity golf tournament as



Terence Michael Lynch, 49, was one of three consultants from Booz, Allen and Hamilton who perished during a meeting at the Pentagon. On the day of his death, he was attending a meeting to extend survivor benefits to military families.

Major Clifford L. Patterson, Jr., 33, was a native of Washington D.C. and graduate of St. John's College High School. In 1991 he graduated from Howard University as a Distinguished Military Graduate. He was working at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.



Cmdr. Robert Allan Schlegel, 38, followed his father and brothers in the Navy. Prior to being posted to the Pentagon, he was executive officer of the USS Arthur W. Radford, a 9,000-ton destroyer.



Retired Army Lt. Col. Gary F. Smith, 55, was at a meeting at the Pentagon when American Airlines Flight 77 struck. A resident of Wayneswood, Smith coached his daughter's soccer teams, kept time for the West Potomac High School track team and was a fixture at high school football games on Friday nights.



Norma Lang Steuerle, 54, was active in the Old Town community as a clinical psychologist and through Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. She was aboard American Airlines Flight 77 en route to visit a daughter in Japan and her husband Eugene, who was teaching a seminar in Singapore.



Sandra Carol Taylor, 50, worked as a civilian for the U.S. Army for 30 years and at the Pentagon for almost 10. She was a volunteer at the Hospice of Northern Virginia and at the time of her death was engaged to Timothy Dudgeon.



Meta L. Waller, 60, was a 12-year civilian employee of the U.S. Army at the Pentagon and was at her desk when the hijacked airliner struck the building. Named after her grandmother, the African American sculptor Meta Warrick Fuller, Waller received a master's degree in government from Harvard University and was active in civil rights affairs.



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Police Investigate Rape over Labor Day Weekend

According to Alexandria Police, a 24-year-old woman said she was raped by a man with a gun at the pool she worked at in the 200 block of South Pickett Street. The incident happened on Sept. 3 and was reported to police around 2 p.m. The woman is a lifeguard at the pool. No other people were present during the incident.

The assailant was described as a white

man in his mid-30s, tall and thin, with short hair and dark eyes. Police said he was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt, light-colored jeans and a blue baseball cap at the time of the assault.

"We're hoping we'll be able to develop a composite," said Crystal Nosal, public information officer for the Alexandria Police. "The assailant was unknown to the person. If he was known, he wouldn't have ap-

proached it the way we did. Stranger sex assaults are rare in the city, and for one to happen in the middle of the day at a public location is alarming."

Nosal encouraged citizens to be aware of their surroundings and to call the police if they feel suspicious.

"If you feel like someone is lingering, we're more than happy to come out and talk to people," said Nosal. "A lot of times people

will tell themselves 'you're making a big thing out of nothing' and they talk themselves out of calling the police."

Police have asked anyone with information about this incident or the assailant to contact Det. Helsa Richmond with the Alexandria Police Department at 703-746-6613.

— VERNON MILES

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NEWS

Responding to Hepatitis Outbreak

Exposures have ended, but symptoms may still manifest.

BY VERNON MILES
 GAZETTE PACKET

Anyone who dined at Tropical Smoothie Cafe around Aug. 9 may still be at risk for Hepatitis A. According to the Virginia Department of Health, a Hepatitis A outbreak has been traced to imported strawberries served at Tropical Smoothie Cafe. As of Sept. 2, there have been 37 cases in Northern Virginia, but experts say that number could still rise.

According to Julie Painter, professor of global and community health at George Mason University's College of Health and Human Services, symptoms of Hepatitis A could take up to six weeks to appear. Painter says Tropical Smoothie Cafe customers infected with Hepatitis may not have experienced any of the symptoms yet. Painter said those who have been exposed to Hepatitis

A need to be treated with a vaccine or immune globulin before symptoms manifest.

State officials say exposure to the strawberries has ended, but the threat lingers.

"We believe exposures have stopped, but people should still watch their health," said Diane Woolard with the Virginia Department of Health. "Anyone who suspects they might have Hepatitis A: Don't work as a food handler."

"The disease is always out there on some level," said Woolard. "The disease is spread through fecal/oral transmission. If someone is sick, it comes out in their stool. That can spread if someone doesn't wash their hands properly."

According to Woolard, an outbreak of this scale is uncommon.

BULLETIN BOARD

THURSDAY/SEPT. 8

Business Competitiveness Summit. 7 a.m.-9 a.m. at United States Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. \$45 for members, \$60 for non-members. Visit web.alexchamber.com/events to register.

Simpson Park Feedback Wanted. 7 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA) invites the public to learn about the process for the park and playground renovation and provide feedback on a final concept for the site. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

Putting an Herb Garden to Bed. 7-8:30 p.m., Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Find out which herbs should be pruned, pulled, protected and brought inside. Advance registration requested at mgnv.org. Questions, telephone 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony. 5 p.m. in

"Something must have happened on a large scale," Woolard said.

Woolard said people exposed to Hepatitis A may experience no symptoms at all, but others may have a fever, become tired, vomit or not want to eat. These are common disease symptoms, but what Woolard says sets Hepatitis apart from other diseases is the yellowing of the skin or eyes, and the discoloration of urine or stools. According to Woolard, this means the liver has experienced damage.

There are three Tropical Smoothie Cafes in Alexandria, but sources of the hepatitis outbreak in the northern Virginia region were not identified by individual franchise locations. Mike Rotondo, CEO of Tropical Smoothie Cafe, said in a public statement that the strawberries were immediately removed from all cafes as soon as the source was found and new strawberries were sourced to each of the cafes.

"Eat Better, Feel Better" is not just a marketing slogan, it's a promise and it's something I believe in very dearly," said Rotondo.

"We believe exposures have stopped, but people should still watch their health."

— Diane Woolard,
 Virginia Department of Health

"Recently, some strawberries may have made their way into our supply chain that could challenge that concept. I sincerely apologize for any issues that this may have

caused for any of our customers ... We take this issue very seriously. Your health and your safety is our top priority."

Still, some say rebuilding trust in the brand at a local level could take time.

"For businesses trying to recover from a crisis like this, being transparent and communicating clearly about the steps they intend to take to fix the problem and being sincere about wanting to make things right are crucial to rebuilding trust in their customers," said Matthew Shaner, professor of marketing at Mason's School of Business. "Managers should also understand that rebuilding trust takes time. A crisis might fall out of the news cycle in a few days, but winning back customers is a long-term commitment."

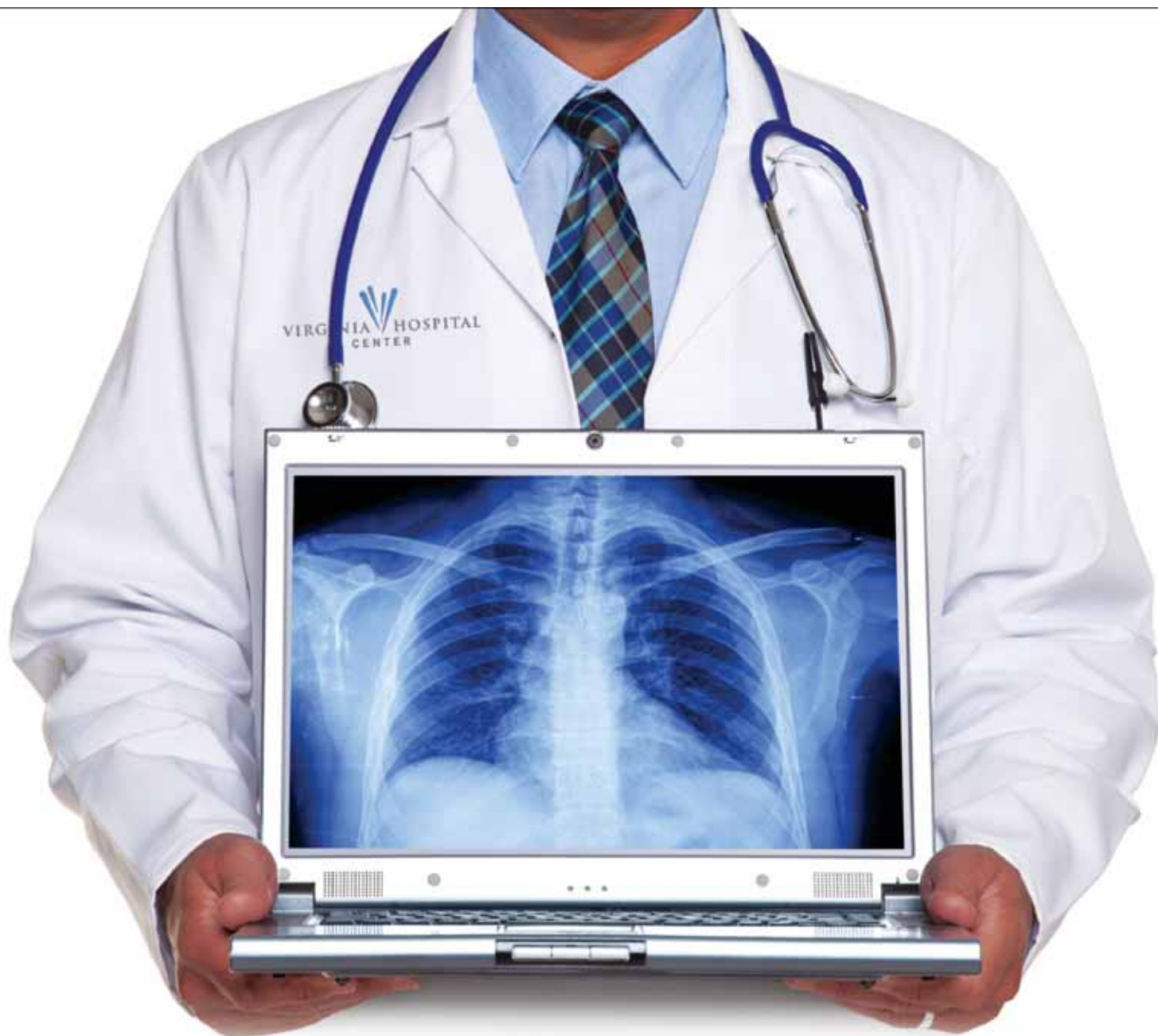
Market Square, 301 King St. The City of Alexandria invites the public to a ceremony to mark the 15th anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001. Call the Office of Special Events at 703-746-5418 or 703-746-5592.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 11

Historic Marking. 2 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road. The National Society of Colonial Dames Seventeenth Century, Jamestown Chapter, will place a historical marker at Trinity United Methodist Church to celebrate the church's establishment on Nov. 20, 1774. Visit www.trinityalexandria.org or call 703-549-5500.

MONDAY/SEPT. 12

Constitution Week. Mayor Allison Silberberg will sign the official Proclamation commemorating Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23, 2016, in Council Chambers at City Hall at 11 a.m. This marks the 229th birthday of the United States.



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PEOPLE

Gonzalez Creates Art as a Team

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

“O.K. everyone, out on the field.” Arms grab trumpets, clarinets, with a shoulder harness for the drum. Band members head out the door, down the steps and onto the end of the football field at T. C. Williams High School on a hot first school day of the year.

Carlos Gonzalez, head band director, says, “The football coach agreed to share the football field today during their practice so we can practice with the band, too.” A football pass comes sailing down the field and is caught at the edge of the band.

PEOPLE AT WORK

Forty-three band members take their place in rows of four. “Back. One, two, three, four, five, six. On your toes.” Gonzalez adds, “Get your head in it. It’s the first day of school.” Gonzalez walks up and down between the rows inspecting for instrument position and exact place in their row. “I want to hear a concert F. A somber sound drifts across the field.

Gonzalez says they started practicing for this year when Band Camp began on Aug. 15. “So, we spent four hours outside every morning practicing marching fundamentals so we can make appealing shapes and play an instrument at the same time.” He adds that part of the routine is to include running, jumping jacks, stretching, arm circles so they can be strong and don’t sound tired when they play. “Everything is memorized from the movement to the music.”

“I look for a consistent step size, hat on the forehead the same for each band member. We need heels off the ground and toes up as high as possible for balance, the “roll step.” After lunch, there are three hours of music playing with the full band and breaking up into sections to practice with other trombones or flutes.

During the school year Gonzalez co-teaches three different band classes including concert band for less advanced, philharmonic band for more advanced 9th graders and some sophomores and juniors and wind ensemble which is an audition group. Marching band practices after school. He also teaches AP theory.

The marching band performs shows at football game halftimes beginning Saturday, Sept. 10 and also participates in several competitions. “We won six trophies last year at the Woodbridge competition.”

Gonzalez added, “One cool thing — we have been invited to perform downtown on Sept. 10 for the send-off ceremony for the U.S. Secretary of Education.”

Gonzalez says that the marching band has a different composition every year depending on which instruments the band members play that year. As a result, they seldom have the optimal mix of instruments for a band “although we are pretty close right now.” Currently the band has seven each of flutes, clarinets, trumpets and trombones, some drums, mallet players, a few others and a mellophone which is like a French horn but carries better sound on the field. “But this year no bassoons.” Gonzalez says, “our mix in any year means we have to be creative in the kind of music we perform.”

Gonzalez says he always wanted to be a teacher. “There are teachers in my family.” Then when he was a senior in high school, “my band director taught me my clarinet was a small part of something larger. I wanted to convey that and to teach it to others, to create art as a team.” He graduated in music education from James Madison University. Gonzalez admits it can be tough to play and march in formation at the same time while performing complicated patterns.

“But it definitely gets better the longer I am here.” He says there are a lot of unspoken things in a band.

“We are united even though there is a variety of talent. A lot is due to their student leaders. I try to provide a challenge and opportunities, and they take pride in their community.”

“O.K. We are ready to take your sections to different corners of the field and practice marching fundamentals.”



Carlos Gonzalez, head band director at T. C. Williams High School, walks between the rows of the players during after school band practice on the first day of school. He looks for uniform position, step patterns and synchronized movement.

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T. C. Williams band members practice with oboe and saxophone as they balance on their toes, step backwards, march forwards, stand at attention waiting for the next command from Senior Band Leader Carlos Gonzalez.



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Christopher Leibig at a book signing for his novel, “Almost Mortal.”

Leibig: Crime Novelist And Legal Defender

BY HARRY M. COVERT
GAZETTE PACKET

Christopher Leibig is well versed in the business of law. He is listed as one of the top 20 criminal attorneys in the country and practices his profession in Alexandria and other jurisdictions hereabout.

Since 2010 to the present, the Leibig law firm had been listed by US News & World Report, Washington Magazine and Laws.com as one of the top 100 law firms.

His expertise in courtrooms and lecturing on the law internationally has embellished his literary endeavors.

Leibig is also a novelist. His latest mystery, “Almost Mortal” hit book stores in May. The writer has held book signings local and around the state. His publisher, John Koehler of Koehler Books, accepted on his behalf the 2016 Next Generation Indie Book Awards which was distributed in May at Book Expo America (BEA) in Chicago.

The Indie Book Award is for “Best Religious Fiction.” Leibig’s book is actually a crime novel that touches on religious history and the Bible. Historical characters such as Che Guevara and Fidel Castro appear in the book. It has been submitted for competition for the National Book Award and the Chanticleer Book Award for 2016.

“Almost Mortal” features a young public defender, Sam Young, planning to help a priest by keeping a confessed murderer from another serial killing.

Leibig earned his undergraduate degree at Georgetown



Leibig

(1992) and legal education at the College of William and Mary Law School. He served six years in the

Alexandria public defender’s office.

In his criminal practice he has defended 13 murder cases including five capital cases with only one going to trial.

His other books are “Saving Saddam” in 2008, republished in 2014 under its original title, “The Black Rabbit,” and “Montanamo” in 2010.

Leibig and other local attorneys have become popular lecturers on American law around the world. In April

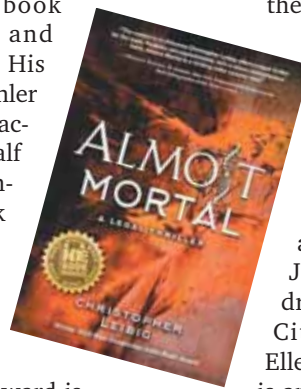
the team spoke at Aarhus University in Denmark. Lecturers included

Leibig and Alexandria attorneys Joni Robin, Andree Moseley, Cary Citronberg and Ellen Shultz. Shultz

is an investigator for the Federal Public Defender in Alexandria. They discussed police shootings in the U.S., the death penalty, and presidential nominee Donald Trump’s immigration policy.

On Nov. 8, Election Day, the Alexandria attorneys will fly to Germany to discuss American criminal law and policy. They will speak at Humboldt University in Berlin. Humboldt University is the alma mater of Karl Marx, Otto Von Bismarck, and Albert Einstein.

The team has spoken to law students also in Scotland, Ireland, Trinidad, The Bahamas and Jamaica.



PEOPLE

Faces of Hunger

Stories from a church's "pop-up" grocery.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

*Third in a series on
childhood hunger in Alexandria.*

Christ Church operates a weekly "pop-up" grocery on Thursday mornings for those in need of food assistance. The church also offers financial assistance as well as free flu shots and nurses from Marymount who give health screenings.

"There are more first timers here than usual," said Melanie Gray, director of outreach at Historic Christ Church on Washington Street.

Gray looks around the elegant church library where clients wait for their turn to choose their groceries accompanied by a volunteer. Young and old, Black, White, Hispanic, wheelchair-bound and mobile. "I only see one homeless person here. Everyone else has housing. There are so many different stories," she said.

Akuah Yang, with her 3-year-old daughter Shay Johnson, said, "My story is short and I want to tell it. I am a new student so I'm not working full-time anymore. That's why I reached out for resources in Alexandria." Yang says that she lived in a homeless shelter until her daughter was six months old. The shelter helped her get an apartment. "I've been on my own for two years. There was a time when I was hungry before the shelter. I was really skinny. So, I haven't been hungry in a while. But it was really, really hard." Yang adds that this is her first time at the Episcopal "pop-up" grocery. "I used to go to Cora Kelly Elementary School but they cut me off because my income got too high. I got cut off Medicaid, too. But now I'll reapply." The line to choose groceries hasn't started to move yet, and she has to leave to take her daughter to daycare. "But I'll be back another time," she said.

Pedro Salas said, "This is my third or fourth time here at the food pantry. I have family here but they don't help. I don't have enough money to buy groceries — don't get a lot from Social Security."

He says that before this he would buy whatever he could for himself and his wife. "But I never was hungry; God always provided." He says he doesn't look for anything special here, just whatever they can give him. "I'm grateful."

Raymond Ellis will head for dialysis after he has picked up his groceries. "I've been



PHOTO BY SHIRLEY RUHE/GAZETTE PACKET

Akuah Yang and 3-year-old Shay Johnson

coming here on and off for the last two years since I got sick," he said. "I'm on a fixed income now."

He says he was in Army intelligence for 23 years and then became a long-haul truck driver. But he had his first heart attack in 1997, closely followed by another and then arthritis set in. Ellis says he has lived off savings for many years since he was put on disability but the savings recently ran out and now he comes to get food assistance.



RIKKI GEORGE/GAZETTE

Raymond Ellis

Ellis has a family of four to feed and he has to be careful what he eats due to his dialysis. "I have to wash the syrup off the canned fruit. I like to find turkey or fish if they have it. They had a lot of chicken and I got tired of that." But he says it helps with the grocery bill. He adds that he gets a military retirement check and it paid for his daughter's college education. But now is quite a switch for him from his long career where he could provide and live on his savings.

Sheila Frazier came to pick up her groceries after her substance abuse counseling. "I go every day and also to AA meetings."

Frazier feeds six children including one of her sister's and helps out an elderly neighbor. She says she has been coming to the "pop-up" grocery since "oh, about 2013." She will walk



SHIRLEY RUHE/GAZETTE

Sheila Frazier

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Gov. Terry McAuliffe visits the English II class in T.C. Williams' International Academy.

Governor Visits TC

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"The SoL was creating a barrier to graduation," said Wodiska. "Early this winter, students came to the state board and shared stories of sitting for the SoL 5, 6, or 7 times and being unable to pass. That test was standing between them and a diploma. WorkKeys offers a rigorous, high standard, but one that removes cultural colloquialism and prepares students for workplace readiness."

Wilmer Gonzalez, from Guatemala, graduated from the International Academy earlier in 2016. Gonzalez and Yenmy Gabriella Martinez, a current student from El Salvador, spoke to the governor and visiting officials about their experiences in the program.

In his home country, Gonzalez said he'd had to stop going to school at 12 to work at a construction job. After a hard journey, Gonzalez eventually joined his father in the United States. On his first day at TC, Gonzalez said he was overwhelmed because he didn't speak English. But Gonzalez said teachers reached out to him and helped him learn the language. Gonzalez spent four years in the International Academy, but still found it difficult to pass the writing SoL, even after five tries. He received a letter at home say-

ing that if he did not pass the SoL, he would not be able to graduate. Gonzalez hid the letter from his family because he was afraid they would worry. But when the WorkKeys test was accepted by the Virginia Board of Education, Gonzalez was able to pass the test. He said it was still difficult, but the WorkKeys only requires students to write a three-paragraph essay rather than the SoL standard five.

"With the WorkKeys test I was able to achieve my goals," said Gonzalez. "I was able to graduate."

McAuliffe praised the School Board for its acceptance of the WorkKeys test as an SoL substitute and praised the students for their hard work in the classroom.

"We visited two international academy classes, and it was truly incredible," said McAuliffe. "Not all students in the Commonwealth have the opportunities these students have. Very few schools in the country are doing what we're doing here."

Many of the students in the classroom were quiet, many still learning conversational English, but others expressed enthusiasm for the International Academy program and life at TC.

"It's great," said Mohammed al Hajjar, "We get to learn about all different languages and cultures."



Gov. Terry McAuliffe with T.C. Williams library staff.

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OPINION

Back to School

Conversation and listening:
top priorities for back to school.

Don't be afraid. Asking questions with respect and listening to the answers is one of the most important things we can all do as we head back to school.

Parents, go ahead and ask your students what they think about what's happening at school, what their plans are. Listen to the answers. Parents, go ahead and ask teachers about expectations, motivations and their philosophies and approaches on teaching. Attend back-to-school night if you can. Figure out how you will communicate with teachers.

Students, indulge your parents for five min-

utes a day. Answer a question or two. Share something interesting that happened during the day. Try to tell them why some things make a difference to you.

GRATITUDE: An excellent way to help wrestle back-to-school concerns into perspective is to count blessings and consider how to help someone wrestling harder things.

Hundreds, possibly thousands, of students headed back to school this week in Northern Virginia are experiencing homelessness. In Fairfax County, you can find ways to volunteer

to help homeless students by contacting the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, 703-324-9492.

EDITORIAL SAFETY: We do know to slow down in school zones, watch for darting pedestrians, stop for school buses with flashing lights. Buckle seatbelts. But probably the most important conscious step you can take for safety on the roads around schools and everywhere else is to resolve not to engage in distracted driving. Put your phone down. Students, talk to your parents about this; they could be at risk.

Why Do Some Want Virginia To Be One of the Most Repressive States?

Two states allow absentee voting from prison.

Clearly that is not where we are headed in Virginia. But the restoration of voting rights moves Virginia towards the mainstream.

Virginia is one of four most restrictive states with lifetime bans on voting for those convicted of felonies.

Fourteen states automatically restore voting rights once the individual's term of incarceration is over, and two states allow absentee voting from prison.

Gov. Terry McAuliffe deserves praise for his efforts to restore voting rights for former felons who have served their sentences. He has

been thwarted at every turn by Republican members of the General Assembly, who don't appear to be done with their efforts to prevent people who have paid their "debt to society" from returning to normal, engaged lives in the community.

"If we are going to build a stronger and more equal Virginia, we must break down barriers to participation in civic life for people who return to society seeking a second chance," McAuliffe said. "We must welcome them back and offer the opportunity to build a better life by taking an active role in our democracy."

Earlier this year, the Maryland General Assembly restored the vote to all convicted fel-

ons immediately upon their release from prison. Previously, people convicted of felonies in Maryland had to complete all parole and probation before they were able to vote.

MEANWHILE, for all Virginia voters, the deadline to register to vote for the Nov. 8 general election is Oct. 17. You can verify your voter status at <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>. This is especially important to do if you have moved or have not voted recently.

In person absentee voting begins Sept. 23.

— MARY KIMM

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Forgotten Pedestrians

To the Editor:

Just recently, the Redfin Corporation ranked Arlington as the third in a list of the 10 most walkable communities in the country. However, Alexandria was not on the list, although it is considered by some to

be one of the most walkable communities in the U.S. The most defining characteristic of a walkable city is its density. Alexandria is indeed one of the densest cities in the U.S., since we have 9,500 citizens per square mile. The experts say that a density of 4,500 per square mile

is considered to be at the top of the density chart.

However, for this level of density, we must plan an environment that is safe, attractive, and comfortable for all of our numerous neighborhoods throughout the city. In extremely dense Old Town, most residents have a short walk to restaurants, schools, retail establishments, churches and so on. In order to maintain a safe environment in this area and continue to reduce dependence on automobiles, the streets must be safe for pedestrians. The streets in the Old and Historic District were laid out when the city was founded in 1749, so automobiles should not exceed posted speed limits, and the city should be mindful of ways to accommodate pedestrians and bicycles traffic.

Unfortunately, the city staff that oversees the various pedestrian/bicycle citizen work groups and commissions appears to place the needs of bicycle riders before those of pedestrians. This is a very shortsighted stance, since it negates the benefits of density, and detracts from the safety and welfare of pedestrians.

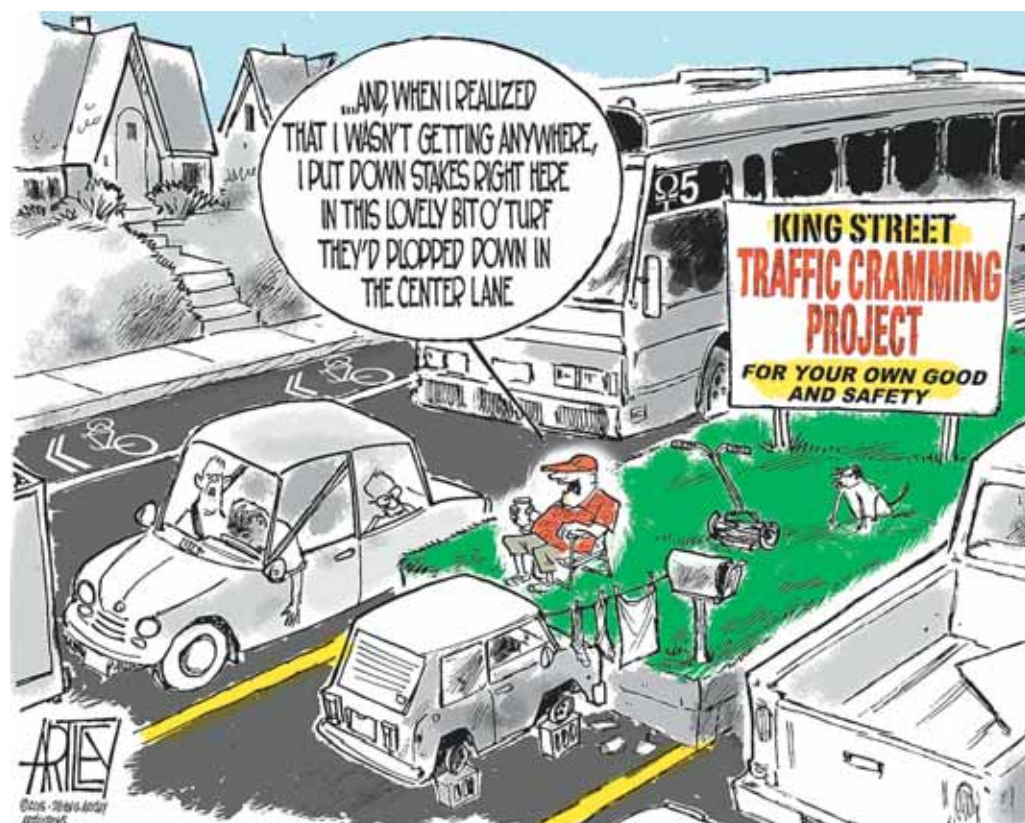
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Unusual Enforcement?

To the Editor:

Krista Monique Clouse, a talented and award-winning opera singer, has been singing on the streets of Old Town Alexandria for the

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OPINION

Help for Alexandria's Uninsured

BY TIM LOVAIN
COUNCILMEMBER



COMMENTARY

There is a widespread misimpression that the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare") basically guaranteed health insurance for all Americans. Sadly, that is not the case, especially here in Virginia.

Obamacare tried to raise the income eligibility level for Medicaid coverage to 138 percent of the federal poverty level or \$1,070 a month for an individual (\$2,795 for a family of four). The Supreme Court, however, ruled that states must have the option to accept or reject this higher eligibility level. Thirty-one states have accepted this option and will receive 100 percent federal Medicaid funding for three years and 90 percent thereafter.

Virginia is one of the 19 states that have rejected this Medicaid option. To make matters worse, Virginia has one of the stingiest Medicaid programs in the country. In Virginia, non-disabled, childless adults are ineligible for Medicaid and parents are only eligible if their income is less than \$10,908 annually for a family of four.

As a result, about 5,500 Alexandrians don't have health insurance. A large percentage of them are the "working poor" who play a critical role in our economy. They put off getting health care, often at hospital emergency rooms, until their health problems become much worse and harder to treat.

I have concluded that Alexandria needs to step up to address this continuing and serious challenge. Our award-winning local community health center,

adults with 1,500 health care visits. The council also restored cuts to dental services for the uninsured. We paid for this additional spending through an 11-cent increase in the local cigarette tax.

As a complement to this effort, I am proud to support the Free Community Health Fair that will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at George Washington Middle School. Major Health Fair partners include: Neighborhood Health, the Alexandria City Public Schools, the Medical Society of Northern Virginia, ACT for Alexandria, Kaiser Permanente, the Alliance for Alexandria's Uninsured, the Dental Society of Northern Virginia, and the A. Roy Heron Global Foundation for Community Wellness.

This Health Fair is designed to benefit Alexandria's low-income uninsured residents through health screening and services that will get them into a system of care, especially with Neighborhood Health. It will facilitate, and not substitute for, followup primary care services.

Ideally, Virginia should accept the Obamacare Medicaid option. In the meantime, Alexandria should play a major role in providing health and hope to Alexandria's uninsured.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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past six years. Throughout this time frame, many people have had the opportunity to hear her melodious voice and she has, undoubtedly brought pleasure to many. Focused on her singing, Ms. Clouse has caused no problems during her performances.

It all changed on Friday, Sept. 3, however, when, at approximately 9:45 p.m., Ms. Clouse was approached by police and suddenly asked to shut off her Bluetooth speaker that provided orchestral accompaniment to her singing and was told she was in violation of a city ordinance. Ms. Clouse refused more than once and explained to officers it was a vital component of her performance.

Subsequently, Ms. Clouse was placed under arrest, handcuffed and taken to the station where she was booked and charged with a noise violation under the city code and was given a date for a court appearance later in September.

This whole episode has caused significant public and international attention. News of her arrest has reached far and wide — from the White House to the United Kingdom to Brazil and other faraway places. Though the

police were doing their job and following the law, this sudden enforcement of this ordinance leads one to pause and ponder.

Ms. Clouse has been singing for years without a problem, and the police have passed her by on numerous occasions. So, why now do the police confront her? Why is this ordinance suddenly being enforced?

If the former mayor, Vola Lawson, were alive today, she assuredly would be unhappy with the negative press that this incident has brought to the City of Alexandria. Moreover, she would likely have had some compassion regarding Ms. Clouse's performance and would probably have preferred a more amenable resolution to the evening — the culmination of which has certainly put the City of Alexandria on the world map and not at all in a good way.

Karen L. Bune
Arlington

more risible than Vice President Biden's former economic advisor who parrots the liberal line about Democrats' economic policies helping the poor and middle class. Maybe they did so under FDR or LBJ, but not lately. Income inequality has risen to an unprecedented level under the Obama presidency as the "Occupy" movement attests. The White House and Senate were in Democrat hands when the Obama Administration forcibly removed the Occupiers. How quickly did Hillary Clinton reject Bernie Sanders' call to reinstitute the Glass-Steagall Act while asset values and stocks climb under Obama, yet wages stagnate? Today's \$100,000-plus annual income voter is more likely a Democrat. Who are these folks trying to fool?

Dino Drudi
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Democrats' Focus

To the Editor:

Local politicians have been given their talking points in the presidential contest, but none

Must Elections Be This Way?

To the Editor:

Well this is another election year and it seems like it never fails to be everywhere. In print, on the

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WELLBEING

Inquiring about Vaccines

Strategies for asking another parent if their children are vaccinated.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE PACKET

As a new parent, Joy Baatin admits to being protective of her young son. In addition to guarding her son from household hazards such as electrical outlets and chemicals, she wants to protect him from catching a contagious disease from an unvaccinated playmate. But it's not easy to talk to other parents about vaccination, since it has become a controversial topic.

"I won't be so bold as to ask another [parent]," said Baatin, of Bethesda. "I respect that it's a matter of choice. But I wouldn't knowingly let my son play with a child who hasn't been vaccinated."

Like Baatin, many parents of young children feel uncomfortable bringing up this question. However, researchers point to outbreaks of measles in recent years. The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that there were 189 cases of measles in 2015 and 52 in 2016 as of Aug. 15.

For that reason, it is a good idea for parents to become informed about which of their children's friends have been vaccinated, particularly for children with weakened immune systems or infants who are too young to be vaccinated. The importance outweighs the awkwardness of raising this question, and it need not be a difficult conversation to begin.

"I think it's important to recognize that, particularly when it comes to decisions about how to raise our children, certain issues are going to be sensitive," said Carolyn Lorente, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria. "It's also important to recognize that we all have different perspectives and opinions."

Approaching this topic with genuine interest in learning another parent's point of view can help quell any discomfort about engaging in this conversation.

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— Carolyn Lorente, Ph.D.,
Northern Virginia
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"Asking what they think about vaccines to get their opinion is a nice way to start the conversation," said Lorente. "It allows you to begin from a point of curiosity rather than judgment."

In addition to withholding judgment, maintaining an open mind and keeping conversations light-hearted and straightforward is key. "If you are able to actually avoid passing judgment and respect another parent's perspective and point of view, that will come across in a conversation," said Karen Bronco, LCSW, a psychotherapist in Arlington.

Lorente's personal experience in discussing vaccines with one of her friends reinforced her belief that parents should educate themselves about vaccinations before having a discussion on the topic.

"My friend said that she wasn't going to vaccinate her kids," said Lorente. "I asked her what she'd read about vaccines so that I could understand her point of view. As a professional, I like to look at authoritative sources when it comes to making decisions for my children. With social media it's getting harder and harder to determine what those sources are, but I start with well-respected organizations such as the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)."

Informed decisions can be made after educating oneself about the scientific research and debunking myths about vaccines, Lorente said. One reason that parents might choose to forgo vaccinations is the now discredited belief that there is a link between vaccines and Autism spectrum disorder.

Researchers say that it is helpful for parents of vaccinated children to know if their child's playmates have received their vaccinations. "There is still some slight risk even if your child is vaccinated, as no vaccine is 100 percent effective," said Tony Yang, ScD., associate professor of Health Administration and Policy at George Mason University in Fairfax. "Research shows vaccination reduces the probability of infection substantially, but not perfectly."

As with other difficult conversations, such as asking the parents of one's child's playmates whether they own a gun, the approach and attitude parents take can make the difference between a stressful or productive conversation.

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From left are Eduardo Mantilla-Torres, Dr. Basim Khan, Richard Merritt, and Dan Haskins.

Neighborhood Health Receives \$10,000

Dan Haskins and Richard Merritt, co-chairs of the Alliance for Alexandria's Uninsured, presented a check for \$10,000 to Neighborhood Health's CEO, Dr. Basim Khan and Eduardo Mantilla-Torres, outreach and enrollment manager at Neighborhood Health, on Aug. 12 in support of expanding Neighborhood Health's capacity to provide

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Changing Lives, One Mentor at a Time

BY KHALILAH UMMAH
ALEXANDRIA CENTER DIRECTOR
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This week, students across Alexandria – and across our country – are “back to school,” a phrase which undoubtedly conjures up a wide range of emotions, images, and memories. Think: first day jitters, school lunches, and homework. For me, though, “back to school” invokes the image a unique type of person: a mentor.

I started playing basketball at a young age, and I knew early on it was my sport. In seventh grade, I met a woman named Jan and she quickly became the best coach I ever had. She taught me that basketball went beyond the court and that it could shape all aspects of my life. In addition to being a basketball coach, Jan was a college professor — so academic achievement was always a priority for her student athletes. Basketball became the outlet, the motivation, and character-builder that I needed while figuring out who I was in middle school. Jan was able to create this experience for me because she knew how to approach each player as an individual and



helped instill tenacity in us on the court and in the classroom. Basketball and Jan played a large role in forging who I am today as a leader and how I approach difficult situations. To this day, many years later, Jan is still a friend and mentor in my life — and someone about whom I often think as I work with middle schoolers

myself.

Education, of course, is about a lot more than curricula and classes. It's about a broader process of youth development, a journey through which young people form their identity and build skills for the classroom and beyond. One of the key ingredients in that development is having mentors, both formal and informal, who can help a child navigate what can often be difficult years of youth and adolescence.

Coaches, teachers, and the many adults who mentor young people are indispensable to every community, especially Alexandria. The positive effect has been demonstrated not just in anecdotes like my own, but also in sound social science research. Mentoring leads to a wide range of positive

outcomes: improvements in grades and attendance, decreases in bullying and fighting, and increased interest in attending college. When students have mentors, they are exposed to a broader range of backgrounds, careers, and life paths. Their sense of self and possibility expand.

Simply put: mentoring changes lives. Yet right now, data shows that one in three young people will grow up without a mentor.

Fortunately, you don't need to be a trained teacher or a coach to become a mentor. In our city, there are a number of ways for local residents to positively impact the life of a young person right here in Alexandria. I encourage you to take a look at The Alexandria Mentoring Partnership (<https://www.alexandriava.gov/Mentoring>) for a variety of mentoring opportunities. And, if like me, you want to help students thrive through those tricky middle school years, where too many students fall off track for high school graduation and college, please take a look at my organization, Higher Achievement (www.higherachievement.org/volunteer). It's not too late to sign up to be a mentor for this school year.

Who knows, you may be the image that a young person in our city, years from now, imagines when she hears it's time for “back to school.”

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screen and airwaves, both in the USA and other places, but even now it is worse with the internet. Being so difficult to avoid makes it sickening. Now this does not mean that I care not, yes I do care, then why do I have to be constantly reminded of it all the time, everywhere that I am?

What is even more important to me is the expense which is caused by all of this, that of running campaigns and putting on conventions. Now let me make myself clear that I am referring to everyone on both or all parties. Can you think of any area in which you would like to see more government spending? How about just having your taxes reduced? Well suppose all the money which is spent on these political machines was put towards this perhaps we would be better off, also the so-called leaders would have more time to put towards actually doing these things which they are elected or appointed to be doing.

Let us look across the Atlantic Ocean where Britain has just elected a new leader and the decision was made in only about two weeks. I have heard that the most which they are given for this is three weeks. Of course the want-to-be leaders there do not go around to every county and shake hands trying to look better than another, most of the campaigning would be done through the media. Therefore much less time, effort and money is required, as opposed to our system here. Would it not be possible for us to do the same thing here in the USA?

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Old Town, Alexandria

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OPINION

Providing Affordable Housing

Making a difference to 44 Alexandrians.

BY JANE HESS COLLINS
COMMUNITY LODGINGS

I'm sorry. We have nothing available right now." I hear this end of a phone conversation from our property manager, Erika Orozco, several times a day. When other staff members answer the phone they often find themselves listening to a caller plead with them to find an apartment. Sometimes the caller is single, and sometimes they are part of a family of six or more. Always, the desperation in their voice is unmistakable.

"I'll put your name on our waiting list," we tell callers, "but it may take months or years before something becomes available." These words are always heartbreaking to say. We don't want to give false hope. By federal law, an affordable housing occupant is not required to move should their income exceed the threshold established each year by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Once a family has moved into an affordable housing unit, they may stay for many years.

Alexandria, like many high-income areas of the country, has an affordable housing shortage. According to the City of Alexandria's 2013 Housing Master Plan, the difference between the number of affordable housing units and the number of qualified Alexandrians exceeds 4,000, meaning that over 4,000 Alexandrians whose annual income qualifies them for affordable housing must pay full market rate. And today, three years later, those numbers are still accurate, according to Eric Keeler, the division chief of Program Administration for the City of Alexandria's Office of Housing.

Community Lodgings offers 38 one-, two- and three-bedroom affordable housing units to qualified individuals and families, as well as six transitional housing units. While we can only help just over 1 percent of low-income Alexandrians, we know we



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Eric Lopez, Community Lodgings' building engineer, replaces the bathroom tile as part of a complete bathroom renovation in a Community Lodgings affordable housing apartment.

are helping those most in need. A family of four in Alexandria must earn no more than \$65,160 to be eligible for affordable housing, and most of our residents earn about \$25,000 annually.

Once residents move into one of our apartments, it is important that they feel at home with us. Our two maintenance staff are updating six kitchens and 28 bathrooms in our Elbert Avenue complex, and this fall we plan to renovate six apartments on Notabene Drive located above our Fifer Learning Center, in addition to adding a new affordable housing unit.

"Decent housing is important to build strong communities," said Lynn Thomas, executive director of Community Lodgings. "Community Lodgings provides an opportunity for kids to thrive while knowing they have a safe place to call home."

Interested in helping out with the renovations? If you are a skilled and professionally trained plumber, landscaper, or carpenter, Community Lodgings would welcome your volunteer help. Contact Erika Orozco at 703-549-4407.

Jane Collins is the Community Lodgings communications/volunteer manager. Contact her at jcollins@community-lodgings.org or 703-549-4407.

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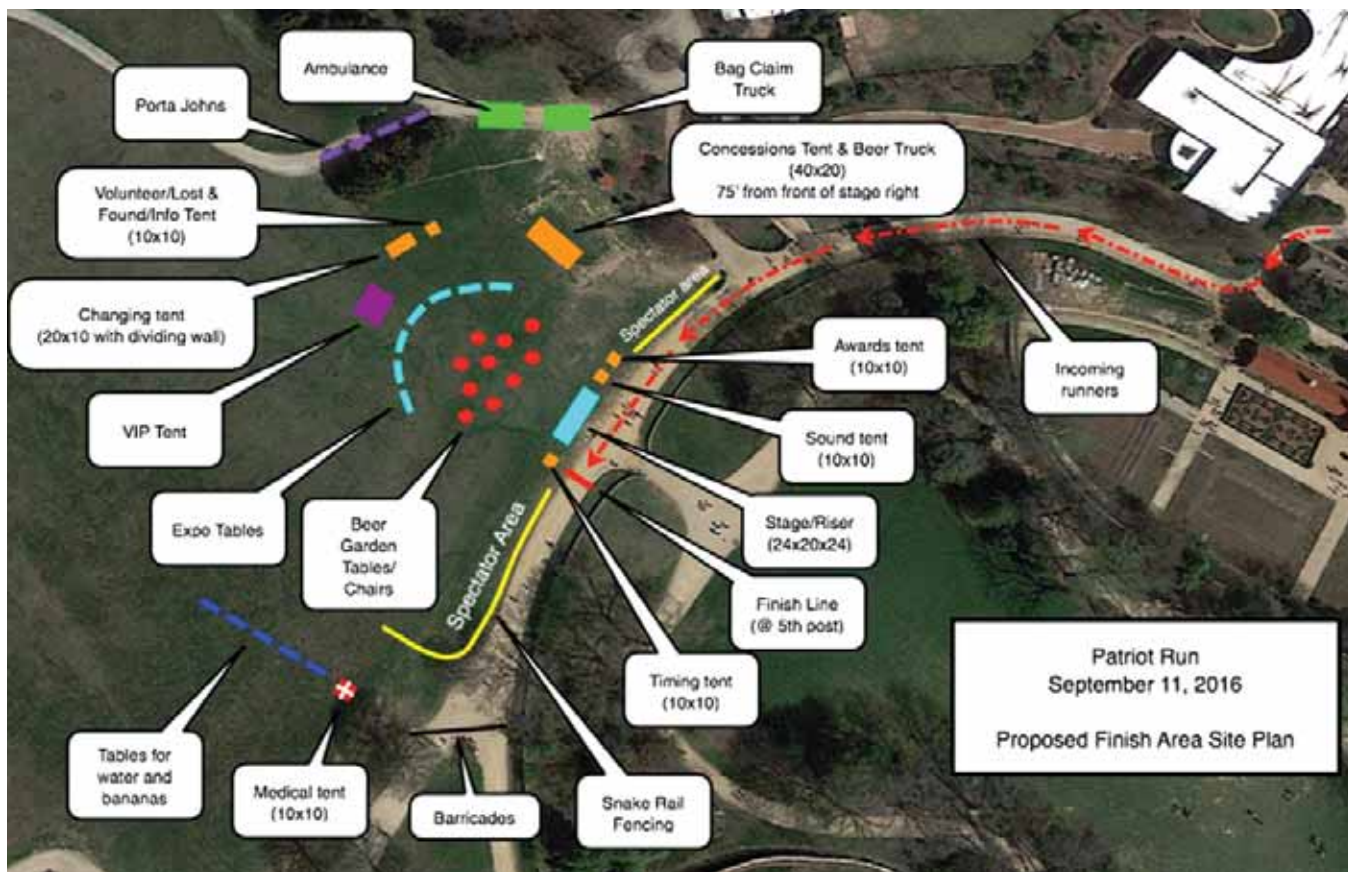
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Clerk of the Circuit Court Edward Semonian administered the oath of office on Monday, Aug. 29, to the Alexandria Sheriff's Office's new recruits in a courtroom ceremony. Sheriff Dana Lawhorne congratulated the deputies and asked family members to join him as he presented their badges, and Commonwealth's Attorney Bryan Porter also addressed the recruits. The new deputies started their formal training later that same day. Above are (from left) Lawhorne with new deputies Andrew Schrinel, Zackary Trad, Michael McGhee, Jamar Waithe, Corey Bryant, Samuel Browning, Jamison Hart and Joel Kang.



Map of the George Washington Patriot Run

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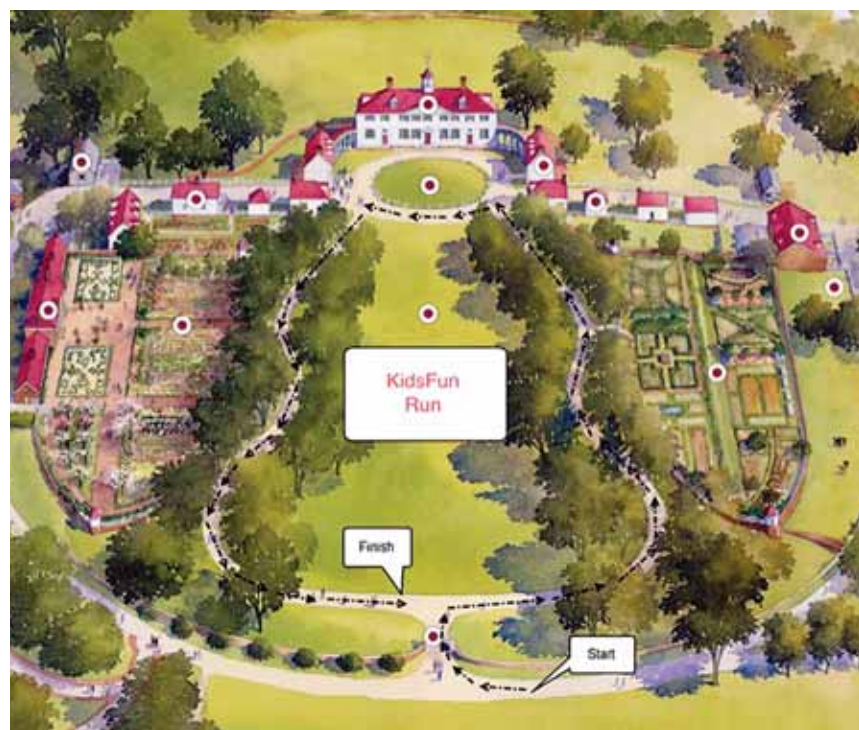
Join in George Washington Patriot Run this Sunday.

Thanks to Lockheed Martin's sponsorship, runners will have the opportunity to participate in the first-ever USA Track & Field-certified road race to enter the historic property at George Washington's Mount Vernon. On Sunday, Sept. 11, the George Washington Patriot Run will host thousands of runners for 5K and 10K races beginning at 8 a.m.

Organized by the Alexandria George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee and George Washington's Mount Vernon, the race will take runners along the scenic George Washington Memorial Parkway. They'll finish the race inside the bowling green walls in front of the historic Mount Vernon mansion, less than 200 yards from Washington's front door.

"We're excited to be working with Mount Vernon to host this unique event," said Joe Shumard, chair of the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee. "This will be a wonderful event for the entire D.C. area — particularly the Alexandria community — to showcase our connection to George Washington."

The \$50 race registration includes admission to Mount Vernon, a race t-shirt, and a finisher medal. Those wanting to access the finish line on the grounds of Mount Vernon will be required to purchase a spectator ticket for a special discounted price of \$10,



Map of the "Fun Run," a free race for children 11 years and under.

which also provides access to the grounds and activities at Mount Vernon.

The awards ceremony begins at 9:30 a.m., and both runners and registered spectators can enjoy food, drinks, and music nearby.

"We're also hop-



Patriot Run 10K Finisher Medal

ing families will join us and register for the 'Fun Run,' a free race for children 11 years and under," said Shumard. The "Fun Run" — scheduled to start at 10 a.m. right after the awards ceremony ends — will be held near the finish line.

See mountvernon.org/run for more details and to register.

Who Are Our Patriots?

By JOHN D. SIMS
COLONEL, USA, RETIRED

For many months, a group of Alexandria citizens have been working with officials at Mount Vernon Estate to create a run that celebrates patriotism at the George Washington Patriot Run (10/5k). There is no more fitting location and patriotic symbol than at the home of one of our Nation's greatest patriots, Gen. George Washington. Also significant is the date selected as 9-11-16; 15 years after the most significant terrorist attack on American soil. During the planning, I've had the opportunity to reflect about who we call "patriots" and what it means to be "patriotic."

In October 2001, Congress enacted Sept. 11 as "Patriot Day" as a National Day of Service and Remembrance of the 2,977 individuals killed during the terrorist attack that year. Fifteen years later, our nation continues commemorating this day with a variety of events and activities that focus on "service" and "remembrance." Through events such as ceremonies, wreath-laying, service projects and sporting and social events, we come together as communities to remember, but also heal from the attacks on 9-11-01 and the wars that followed.

As a former Army officer who spent a career in the military, I had a narrow view of who patriots were. In most cases, I believed them to be folks like me, serving in the military or firefighters, police officers or first responders. Essentially, those who had committed to defending the Constitution or providing security and safety for our citizens. As I've matured, I've come to realize that my definition was incomplete and inaccurate. I now know that each of us can (and should) be patriots regardless of occupation. I now understand that while "veteran" and "patriot" are not synonymous, "citizen" and "patriot" could be. I think it comes down to intent and choice.

So how do each of us become patriots? First of all, there is no aptitude test for patriotism. You don't take a physical fitness test or shoot a weapon to be one. No enlistment, no contract and no uniform required. What is required is a strong commitment to the values that our nation was founded on: freedom, liberty and justice for all. Patriots don't have to believe that the U.S. is perfect, but they do have to do their part to make their communities and our nation a better place. Patriots can be critical of their governments and policies, but they also help to find solutions that improve life for citizens. In essence, being a patriot is about intent and action. I now believe that every citizen has the right and indeed a responsibility to be a patriot.

On Sept. 11, as with every day of the year, each of us has a choice about how we will live our lives and how we will be remembered. Like Gen. George Washington and millions of citizens before us, through our words and deeds, let us choose to be patriots.

To join more than 1,800 fellow patriots for the George Washington Patriot (10/5k) Run at Mount Vernon on Sept. 11, register at www.mountvernon.org/run.

PEOPLE

Stories from a 'Pop-up' Grocery

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home to Braddock Station where she says the police walk through her area every day and every night. "I watch out for the kids who are outside even if they aren't my own."

She said there was a time when she was out there "druggin'." She was raped three times. She went to churches to get food. "Yeah I was hungry."

Frazier said, "When I was little, me and my brothers were in foster homes and my father was homeless. I got my own place now."

Frazier says she loves the greens and the other vegetables at the "pop-up grocery" and the children like them, too. But when she gets home with the sacks of groceries, the children rush over and spread everything out looking for oatmeal. "Do they rush me? Yeah they do."

Carter Land, a 25-year volunteer at Christ Church



Land is a lawyer on King Carter Road. He makes one-and-a-half-hour trips to volunteer helping people choose food and then he returns to work. Land observes that chicken and produce are very popular as well as but-

ter, eggs and cheese. "But people don't go in for bread."

He says he knows how many people are in each family and can help them choose what is allowed for their number from each table. Land used to help with the financial assistance. "I got to know people better there where we sat down and talked."

Evangeline Jones has been a volunteer "for 'bout two years." Chunks of gouda, packages of shredded cheddar and a box of feta sit beside cubes of butter and half cartons of fresh eggs on her table. She says on most days people can choose two of the items but today due to the crowd they can only choose one. She is also in charge of the bread table stacked with bagels, rounds of cornbread, and loaves of wheat bread.



SHIRLEY RUHE/GAZETTE

Melanie Gray, director of outreach and mission, Historic Christ Church on Washington Street



SHIRLEY RUHE/GAZETTE
Evangeline Jones, volunteer

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Exhibit: Kit Keung Kan. Through Sept. 18, gallery hours at The Athenaeum, 201 S. Prince St. Kit Keung Kan is a Hong Kong-American artist and physicist who interprets traditional Chinese landscape paintings with his passion for the art form as well as his experience in scientific study and research such as relational concepts and objective abstraction. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Face Off 2016. Through Sept. 23, gallery hours at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. Face Off 2016 is a live painting demonstration and exhibition of new works by artists Cindy Prociuous, Mia Bergeron and Elizabeth Floyd. Free. Visit www.principlegallery.com for more.

Exhibit: “A Solo in Abstract.” Through Sept. 25, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Artist Donna K. McGee works in large format abstract acrylics. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Exhibit: “Impressive Expressions: Patterning in Clay.” Through Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Scope Gallery, 105 N. Union St. See clay art that can be touched, held and brought home as a private collection. Free. Visit www.scopegallery.org for more.

Exhibit: “The Art of Politics.” Through Oct. 2, gallery hours at The Art League, 105 N. Union St. Through a street art aesthetic, artist Michael Fischerkeller offers a commentary on today's political, economic, and social issues. His stark yet elegant paintings span large canvases, the size and weight consistent with the gravity of the issues to which they speak. Using acrylic spray paint, a street artist's medium, Fischerkeller boldly and symbolically relays his message, as the “street” is most often and most deprived of social justice. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

Exhibit: “Explorations Part II.” Through Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center – Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Artists derive inspiration from contemporary explorations: Africa, the Amazon, North and South Poles, Mount Everest, and more. Free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com for more.

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Donna K. McGee uses richness of color to create atmosphere and form. See her new exhibit “A Solo in Abstract” at The Associates Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

various times at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. This is an adaptation from the novel “Blackberry Days of Summer” by Ruth P. Watson. Tickets are \$60. Visit www.metrostage.org for more.

Photo Exhibit: “Never Forget.” Through Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily at Multiple Exposures Gallery – Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. The photographs in this exhibit follow photographer Alan Sislen’s 15-year photographic journey beginning before 9/11, and continuing today. Free. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com for more.

“A (Mis)Perceived Physique: Bodyscapes by Three Women Artists.” Through Oct. 16, gallery hours at Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Target Gallery, the contemporary exhibition space for the Torpedo Factory Art Center, presents work by three women who use the female body to explore issues of equity, power, politics, and memory. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Exhibit: “Song of the Woods.” Through Oct. 24, gallery hours at Green Springs Garden – Historical House, 4603 Green Spring Road. Artist Mary Exline displays her abstract expressionist paintings. Free. Visit www.artis.com/maryexline for more.

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Art Making as Meditation with Kathryn Coneway. Second Wednesday of each month, 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Each session begins with a short reading and a brief introduction to materials. Silence for making and meditation lasts an hour followed by sharing images or insights gained through the process, if desired. Children able to participate in silence are welcome to come with a parent’s quiet supervision. RSVP not necessary for attendance, but helpful for planning purposes. Email info@centerforspiritualdeepening.org.

Mercy in Alexandria Walking Tour. Sundays at 1:30 p.m. at Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St. Experience an inside access tour of 19th century Alexandria. Inspired by the PBS mini-series “Mercy Street,” accompany a trained military historian through Civil War-era Alexandria and learn the actual history behind the TV show. Short tours are \$15, private tours for five are \$149. Visit www.dcmilitarytour.com for more.

The Lyceum: 175 Years of Local History. Ongoing, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. On view in the museum’s Coldsmith Gallery, the historical objects and images featured represent The Lyceum, the community at work, and commemorations and celebrations. Throughout the exhibition, visitors are invited to “be the curator” and think about why the various artifacts are in the museum’s collection, and about how tangible representatives of the past help tell the story of Alexandria’s history. Free. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org for more.

Medical Care for the Civil War

Soldier Exhibit. Ongoing at the Fort Ward museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. ongoing exhibit which features original medical instruments and equipment from the Civil War period and information on Union Army hospital sites in Alexandria. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/fortward for more.

Alexandria’s Nurses & Hospitals During the Civil War. Ongoing at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. An exhibit on the life of Clarissa Jones, a nurse at The Lyceum hospital during the Civil War. The true story of a nurse in Alexandria during the war, drawing parallels with characters portrayed in the PBS drama “Mercy Street,” with references to the experiences of other nurses, such as Anne Reading, who worked in the Mansion House hospital, and Jane Woolsey, who served at the Fairfax Seminary hospital. Admission is \$2. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/lyceum for more.

“Ancient Art of Movement.” 1 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Carmen Shippy, retired professional dancer, teaches a series designed for ages 50 and above. Movements are designed to strengthen core muscles and increase flexibility. Adjustments will be made for those with physical limitations. First lesson in the series is free for non-center members. To continue lessons, a yearly membership to all Senior Center programs is \$48. Call 703-765-4573 to sign up.

Flamenco Show. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at La Tasca, 607 King St. Watch dancers and guitarists perform traditional flamenco. Free to attend. Call 703-299-9810 or visit www.latascausa.com.

French Movie Night. Every Thursday, 7 p.m. in the back room of Fontaine

Caffe & Creperie, 119 S. Royal St. View a French film. Free, no reservation necessary. Call 703-535-8151 or visit www.fontainecaffe.com/reviews.html.

Their Fates Intertwined: The Lees of Alexandria in the War of 1812. Wednesday- Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Lee-Fendall House and Gardens, 614 Oronoco St. A new exhibit on the experiences of the Lee family in Alexandria during the War of 1812 examines the contributions of Alexandria’s citizens during the conflict that led to the writing of our national anthem through the lives of this iconic Virginia family. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789.

Alexandria Cars and Coffee invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina’s, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Owners of classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays 12-5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

National Inventors Hall of Fame Exhibit. Through November at The National Inventors Hall of Fame–USPTO campus, 600 Dulany St. The exhibit features the stories of Inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame who served their country during World War II and returned home to help build the nation with their innovations. Free. Visit www.inventnow.org.

Dinner for the Washingtons. 12 p.m. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

Second Thursday Music. Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 pm. Second Thursday of every month. Visit nvfaa.org to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

The Monday Morning Birdwalk takes place weekly, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free, requires no reservation and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park’s entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to Park staff during normal business hours at 703-768-2525.

Civil War Sundays. 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., #327. Learn more about the Civil War as it occurred in Alexandria. Find dioramas, newspaper articles and more. Free. Visit www.alexandriarchaeology.org.

Doggy Happy Hour. Starting April 5, Tuesdays through October 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Doggy Happy Hour at Jackson 20 and the Hotel Monaco Alexandria offers specials on cocktails and beers plus treats and water for canine companions. Free, but drinks sold separately. Visit www.monaco-alexandria.com for more.

Baseball Boat to Nationals Park. Departs from the Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St. The Potomac Riverboat Company offers baseball enthusiasts the chance to avoid the crowds and take a leisurely cruise

ENTERTAINMENT



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NYC-based Americana singer-songwriter Riley Etheridge Jr. will be releasing a new album, “Secrets, Hope & Waiting,” on Sept. 9, via Rock Ridge Music. Etheridge is celebrating the release with a tour, visiting Alexandria’s Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., with Leon Russell. Tickets are \$39.50. Visit www.thebirchmere.com for more.

from Old Town Alexandria to Nationals Park along the scenic Potomac River. Admission: one-way \$20; round-trip \$25 Monday-Thursday; round-trip \$28 Friday-Sunday. Visit www.baseballboat.com for more.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Olympic Champions Camp. July 25-Aug. 26, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. at Boys & Girls Club, 401 N. Payne St. The Olympic Champions Camp incorporates “Triple Play” to engage mind, body, and soul. Campers participate in reading, STEM, sports, meditation and more. Prices vary. Visit www.bgcgw.org for more.

Theatre Camp. Through Sept. 2, various times at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Offering a variety of camps for age 3 through 8th grade, covering creative play, acting, singing, dancing, musical theatre and improv. Sessions also include comedy, scene study, Shakespeare and drama. Tuition prices vary. Visit www.thelittletheatre.com for more.

Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. every third Friday at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Live music. Tickets are \$4. Call 703-765-4573.

Life Drawing. Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Drop-in for the session and bring supplies to draw or paint live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for a schedule.

Community Yoga. Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Sundays 7:30-8:45 p.m. at 532YOGA, 532 N. Washington St. Suite 100. No experience required to participate in weekly community class. Suggested \$10 donation. Visit www.532yoga.com.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 8

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Putting the Herb Garden to Bed. 7-8:30 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Topics covered will include what herbs to prune, pull, protect, and bring inside and herbs that can be planted in fall. Tips and techniques for using or preserving cut herbs will also be offered. Free. Visit www.mgnv.org for more.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 9

Gentleman Distiller: Whiskey Tasting & Dinner. 6:30-10 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount

Vernon. The evening begins with a reception at George Washington’s Distillery & Gristmill, where guests will get a first-hand look at how whiskey was produced in Washington’s time. The event continues on the estate with a brief talk by Mount Vernon’s resident distiller, followed by a whiskey tasting and seated dinner at the Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant. Tickets are \$125. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

The Cecilian Players. 8 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 1427 W. Braddock Road. Violinist Sonya Hayes, clarinetist Parker Gaims, cellist Igor Zubovsky and pianist John McCrary will perform a program including the Clarinet Trio of Robert Kahn and the Second Piano Trio of Saint-Saens. Free, but donations accepted. Contact John McCrary at jmccrary@blessedsacramentcc.org or 703-998-6100 x 103 for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 9-10

Port City Oktoberfest. Time not yet announced at Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Ave. Over the course of two days, enjoy live music, food trucks, plenty of lager, and more. Free. Visit www.PortCityBrewing.com/the-brewery/events for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 9-11

Hope Fest. Various times at Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. Find youth concert and community basketball game. Free. Email Info@cityofhopemetro.org for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

9/11 Heroes Run. 8:30 a.m. at Carl Sandburg Middle School, 8428 Fort Hunt Road. Honor our military and first responders and remember those who died on 9/11 and in the wars since. Registration is \$22.50-80. Visit www.911heroesrun.org for more.

Annual Sidewalk Sale. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Hollin Hall Shopping Center, 7902 Fort Hunt Road. Annual Sidewalk Sale featuring: Variety Store, 529 Consignment Shop, Initial Impressions, Pastry Shop. Call 703-765-4110 for more.

Native Plant Sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Free. Visit www.vnps.org for more.

Beyond the Battlefield Walking Tour. 10 a.m. starting at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Discover the real-life stories and locations of soldiers, citizens, and former slaves that inspired the PBS drama “Mercy Street” in this walking tour of Old Town. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org for more.

Civil War Artillery Day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fort Ward, 4301 West Braddock Road. The program features reenactors from the 1st Connecticut Heavy Artillery, a Union regiment that was stationed at Fort Ward during the Civil War. The unit will interpret the duties and soldier life of typical artillerymen assigned to forts in the



FALL EVENTS

EXTRAORDINARY

Alexandria

14th Annual King Street Art Festival
September 17 & 18

Mount Vernon Colonial Market & Fair
September 17 & 18

75th Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour
September 24

Seaport Day 2016
September 24

2nd Annual Alexandria Live Music Week
September 30-October 8

21st Annual Art on the Avenue
October 1

A Mansion House Whiskey Tasting at Carlyle House
October 22

20th Annual Del Ray Halloween Parade
October 30

Art on Tap at The Art League
November 4

10th Annual Alexandria Film Festival
November 10-13

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Washington area. Activities will include cannon firing demonstrations in the restored Northwest bastion of the fort, artillery equipment displays, and camp life scenarios. Visitors can also view the Museum exhibit, "The Art of the Artilleryman in the Defenses of Washington," which features a variety of original equipment and personal items. Free. Visit www.fortward.org for more.

Lecture: "Bringing Them Home."

11 a.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. In honor of the second anniversary of Alexandria's Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial, genealogist Char McCargo Bah presents her research on the descendants of this Alexandria landmark. Bah, who served as the official genealogist on the cemetery project has found over 1000 people who are directly related to the contrabands buried at this historic site. Free, \$5 suggested donation. Call 703-746-4356 for more.

Tea with Lady Washington. 2-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Step back in time and join "Lady Washington" for a cozy fireside tea as she shares memories of her and the General's life as a young married couple, during the Revolutionary War, and at their beloved Mount Vernon. Following the program, guests are invited to a self-guided exploration of the estate and Mount Vernon's beautiful decorative arts collection. Tickets are \$35. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

25th Annual Crab Feast Dinner at Pohick Church. 3:30-6 p.m. at Historic Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. The menu will include crabs, fried fish, steamed shrimp, potato salad, pork barbecue sandwiches, corn, hush puppies, and hot dogs for children. The cost is \$30 per adult (ages 21 and older), \$15 for children ages 13-20 and children under the age of 13 are free. For tickets and more information contact Doug Smith at dsmith100@aol.com or call the church office at 703-339-6572.

Jonathan Edwards and Seldom Scene. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets are \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

SEPT. 10-21

33rd Annual Senior Olympics. Various times at various locations. Participants over 50 years old will participate in track and field, swimming, diving, tennis, table tennis, golf, miniature golf, ten pin bowling, Wii bowling, scrabble, duplicate bridge, cribbage, Mexican train dominoes, pickleball, racquetball, handball, volleyball, badminton, bocce, eight ball pool, cycling, horseshoes, yo-yo tricks, American style Mah Jongg, 5K run and more. Admission varies based on event. Visit www.nvso.us.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 11

The George Washington Patriot Run. 8 a.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Run the first USATF-certified road race to enter George Washington's Mount Vernon. Organized by Mount Vernon and the Alexandria George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee, the race will take runners up the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Return down the Parkway to trace Washington's footsteps through the historic area at Mount Vernon. Registration is \$50, spectator tickets are \$10. Visit www.mountvernon.org/run for more.

Reception: "Song of the Woods."

1-3 p.m. at Green Springs Garden – Historical House, 4603

Green Spring Road. Artist Mary Exline displays her abstract expressionist paintings. Free. Visit www.artisomaryexline.com for more.

Photo Exhibit Opening Reception: "Never Forget." 2-4 p.m. at Multiple Exposures Gallery – Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. The photographs in this exhibit follow photographer Alan Sislen's 15-year photographic journey. Free. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com for more.

"Through the Lens of a Father and Son." 5-7 p.m. at Mackie's Bar and Grill, 907 King St. Professional photographer Chester Simpson and his son, Daniel, have documented their trip to Thailand and Vietnam. The trip was following Daniel's year of teaching math and science in Thailand. Free. Visit www.mackiesbarandgrill.com.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 14

Pollinators Matter. 7 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Sam Droege, biologist and noted bee expert, U.S. Geological Survey, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, will give a talk on pollinators, their importance, status and threats. He will examine native bee populations and briefly explore the role of other less obvious pollinators such as butterflies, moths, beetles and hummingbirds. Droege manages the U.S. Geological Survey Bee Inventory and Monitoring Laboratory. He is one of the country's leading experts on pollinators. Free. Visit www.fodm.org for more.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 16

Garden Talk: Grow Beautiful Bulbs. 1:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Colorful bulbs can turn an ordinary garden into extraordinary. Planted in mass displays, small groupings or containers, they are a welcome sight in any garden. Learn from master gardeners about a variety of beautiful bulbs and how to plant and care for them. Admission is \$10 for county residents, \$12 for out-of-county residents. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/.

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FRIDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 16-17

Children's Consignment Sale. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday at Cameron United Methodist Church, 3130 Franconia Road. Call 703-971-7957 to become a seller, or email CUMC.CCS@gmail.com for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

Lush Autumn Container Workshop. 9:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. With creative help from horticulturalist Nancy Olney, pair colorful edibles and showy tender perennials for a lush autumn mix of container plants that are sure to grab attention. Admission is \$35 for county residents, \$37 for out-of-county residents, plus a supply fee. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/.

Scottish Heritage Outlander Day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Events will include three Scottish and Celtic storytelling performances during the afternoon, an appearance by the Granfling School of Highland Dance, a concert by the Devil's Tailors, and a bagpiper. Tours of the museum will include references to Outlander, the popular book series and television show. Tickets are \$7, \$3 for children ages 5-12. Visit www.novaparks.org for more.

Case Remodeling Seminar. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Case Mosaic Tile Showroom, 821 S. Pickett St. Case Design/Remodeling experts will help participants gain insight into the latest trends and different levels of kitchen and bath remodeling, as well as project timeframes and budgeting. Free. Visit www.casedesign.com for more.

Barley & Music Fest. 12-6 p.m. at John Carlyle Square Park. Attend the first annual Barley & Music Fest to find over a dozen craft breweries, music, and more. Admission to the festival is free, but drink tickets are \$15 for 5, additional tastes may be purchased for \$1. Visit www.barleymusicfest.com for more.

The Firefighter's Memorial. 1-2 p.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King St. As the Firefighter's Memorial reaches its 160th year, Friendship Firehouse Museum and Ivy Hill Cemetery staff will discuss how and why Ivy Hill Cemetery was chosen for the obelisk honoring seven fallen firemen, and how the tradition of honoring fallen firefighters has grown at this enduring memorial. Free. Visit www.alexandria.gov/FriendshipFirehouse or www.ivyhillcemetery.net.

Monarch Challenge. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Children age 5-11 will have a chance to make their way through the obstacles in the Monarch Migration Course as a caterpillar and finish the course as a butterfly. At this site-wide event, there will opportunities to run, sing, play games, and get creative while finding out what can be done to help monarchs. The cost is \$10 per child. Call 703-642-5173 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/>.

Book Signing: "David Has a Purpose." 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Pops Old Fashion Ice Cream, 109 King St. Author Inir Raissa Some will be on site. Call 571-445-2158 for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 17-18

Colonial Market And Fair. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway. Visit the 18th century at this colonial celebration featuring crafting demonstrations, puppet shows, military drills, and traditional food and music. Tickets are \$9-17. Children age 5 and under are free. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

Art League Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday at King Street Art Festival, Market Square (corner of King and N. Fairfax Streets). Patrons can purchase one of 1,400 hand-made bowls created by the talented artists of The Art League's ceramics department and enjoy a scoop of ice cream, all for \$15 per bowl, with the proceeds benefiting The Art League. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

King Street Art Festival. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday at King Street from Washington Street to the Potomac River waterfront. Outdoor Art Festival featuring multiple art vendors on King Street between Washington and Union Streets with over six blocks of artwork by more than 200 artists. Free. Visit

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ENTERTAINMENT



“Pieta, Daniela” by Carolina Mayorga

Exhibit Features Bodyscapes By Three Women Artists

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www.artfestival.com/cities/alexandria.

Kingstowne Area Arts Show. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 12-5 p.m. Sunday at Snyder Center, 6450 S. Van Dorn St. Work in a variety of media will be on display. Free. Visit www.kingstowneartists.org for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

Glencarlyn Library Garden AutumnFest. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at 300 S. Kensington St. Featured events will include free tastes of treats and drinks made from herbs grown in the garden, a naturalist with critters, a balloon artist, and Master Gardener-led mini-workshops. A wide variety of Virginia-grown sun- and shade-loving perennials, ferns, shrubs, and trees will also be available for sale. Free. Call Alyssa Ford Morel at 703-907-9318 or Judy Funderburk at 703-671-5310.

Outlander Tea. 12 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Celebrate Scottish Heritage at the oldest stone house in Alexandria, home of John Carlyle. Attend the tea and fashion show and specialized tour. Tickets are \$45. Visit www.novaparks.com for more.

Wine & Cheese Reception. 6:30 p.m. at St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church 8531 Riverside Road. There will be presentations on the spirituality of parenting, recovery from addiction, dealing with grief. Learn more about St. Aidan’s program offerings in the fall. Free. Visit www.staidansepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening for more.

SEPT. 18-24

ReelAbilities Film Festival. Various times and places throughout Northern Virginia. The 5th Annual ReelAbilities Film Festival: Northern Virginia, powered by the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia (JCCNV), is a lineup of award-winning feature and short films and a preview of guest speakers and special events. ReelAbilities is the largest film festival of its kind in the nation dedicated to showcasing films by and about people that experience a disability. Opening and Closing Nights: advance tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for JCCNV members, seniors (65+), and for groups of 10 or more, \$10 students with valid student ID. All tickets are \$20 the day of the opening and closing events. Other ticket prices

vary. Visit

www.northernva.reelabilities.org for more.

MONDAY/SEPT. 19

Tree Selection and Care. 7-8:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. This program will help analyze tree planting needs. Alexandria’s Arborist will discuss the City’s upcoming Fall Tree Plant Sale and answer questions. Free. Call 703-228-6414.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 20

Beating the Odds: Using Indirect Evidence to Solve Brick Walls 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Genealogist Vic Dunn talks about using various types of indirect evidence to “prove” relationships when direct evidence is lacking. Free. Visit www.mvgenealogy.org or call 703-768-4101.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 21

Antiques Club Meeting. 9:30-11 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Teresa Tkicik will demonstrate how we can evaluate pearls according to their qualities of size, luster, macre, shape, and color. Members should bring a few pearls from their collections for discussion, a 10x loupe or magnifier, a white light flashlight, and a centimeter tape measure. If not available, other members will share. Free. Call 703-360-4979 for more.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 22-25

Old Town Boutique District Shop & Stroll. All day in Old Town. Browse and shop, while collecting stamps at each location to be entered in a grand prize drawing that includes \$1,000 worth of gift cards. Additionally, buy a stylish event bag for more savings and goodies. Free. Visit www.oldtownboutique-district.com for more.

THURSDAYS/SEPT. 22-OCT. 13

Crybaby Art Studio. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. CryBaby Art Studio is an art class designed for parents with infants (0-1) to relax and exercise their creativity learning watercolor techniques each week with baby by their side. Registration is \$100 for

four-week series / \$25 per class (art supplies included). Visit www.metamorphosisaec.com.

SEPT. 22-DEC. 8

Thursday Mornings with Kathryn Conewey. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. The themes in the book, “The Artist’s Rule,” will be a foundation to share experiences with creative practice. Each session will begin with a quiet time and exploration of materials before transitioning to a discussion of the themes and practices outlined in the chapter. Participants should purchase a copy of “The Artist’s Rule” and read the introduction and first chapter prior to the first meeting. Registration is \$50. Visit www.staidansepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening for more.

SEPT. 23-NOV. 13

John M. Adams: “Current Interrupted.” Gallery hours at The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center at Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 E. Campus Drive. Free. Visit www.thefullempy.com for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 24

Civil War Talk. 12-1:30 p.m. at Washington Street United Methodist Church, 109 S. Washington St. Washington Street UMC will host a lunch talk on the church’s history as a hospital during the Civil War. The speaker will be church member Mark Tooley, who has written books and articles on the Civil War and church history. Free. Call 703-836-4324 for more.

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Arrest Amplifies Questions about City's Noise Ordinances

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7 a.m. in such manner as to be plainly audible across property boundaries at a distance of 50 feet from the building, structure or vehicle in which it is located shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section, except such operation by a public service company or the city to restore and maintain services provided by it."

On Wednesday, a statement from City Hall noted that the case would not be prosecuted by the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. According to Craig T. Fifer, director, Office of Communications & Public Information, "The city has determined that this noise violation should have been first addressed with a civil notice of violation before escalating to a criminal arrest, and the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office has advised that this case will not be prosecuted. The city is reviewing this arrest and the general application of noise ordinances to street performers, so that performers, enforcement staff, and the community have a clear understanding of the rules. We want to ensure that everyone's rights are protected while also addressing neighborhood concerns and maintaining Alexandria's thriving street performance scene."

A few details of the arrest remain unclear. Larry Clouse, husband of the opera singer who was present for the arrest, said the officer issued verbal warnings but never issued a written order to cease or abate before Krista Monique Clouse was arrested. Section 11-5-12 of the city code states that a person who knowingly refuses or neglects to comply with any written order to cease or abate any violation of this chapter, issued by an authorized enforcement officer, shall be guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor.

According to Larry Clouse, Krista Monique Clouse performs to raise money for their rent, to help take care of their family, and to help pay the medical bills from Larry Clouse's cancer surgeries.

The Clouses admitted that they defied the police's order to turn the music down, but Larry Clouse said they were expecting to receive a citation that they could use to



PHOTO BY VERNON MILES / GAZETTE PACKET

Charley Coleman III, a street musician in Old Town Alexandria. Coleman has played in Alexandria for eight years. "The people here are kind and respectable; they don't look down on other people," said Coleman. "It's the people here that keep me coming out and playing."

challenge Alexandria's busking laws in court. Larry Clouse maintained that the music was not able to be heard more than a block away, he said the bars and clubs along King Street frequently play music at volumes that violate the noise ordinances.

"To me, this feels unconscionable," said Larry Clouse. "This is insanely wrong. She was illegally arrested, patted down in Old Town, and it was extremely aggressive behavior even though they were polite about doing it. She feels violated. I feel violated. And they did this in front of the people she's been serving for years. I cannot believe, as residents of Alexandria city, that we are being treated like this."

Krista Monique Clouse's arrest isn't the first conflict over busking in the City of Alexandria. In 1983, in the case of *Davenport v. City of Alexandria, Virginia*, a judge ruled that the city's ban on busking in the streets was unconstitutional. The ruling noted that buskers did not constitute a

safety hazard and noted, while it wasn't being considered as part of the case against busking, there was no basis for a ban on busking based on the noise factor.

In more recent years, the main conflict has been the push of Old Town buskers away from the redeveloping waterfront. Nosal said that some of the buskers performed closer to the waterfront on private property, where sound amplification was not an issue, but with the revitalizations on the waterfront the buskers have moved onto public property. Krista Monique Clouse has been playing in Alexandria for six years. Larry Clouse said she usually plays closer to the waterfront but that private businesses near the Torpedo Factory have ejected them, and other buskers from their usual spots near the waterfront.

Charley Coleman III, another street musician in Old Town, said recently the musicians have been pushed further away from the waterfront.

"It's more difficult to play on the waterfront now," said Coleman, who has played guitar on the streets of Alexandria for eight years. "I used to play up on a stage at the waterfront."

But then one guy came along a few years ago with a keyboard turned way up and ruined it for everybody."

But Coleman says he hasn't experienced the problems with the police that Krista Monique Clouse did. During the conversation, a police car drove past Coleman, who was playing with an amp outside city hall, without incident.

"I've played where she was and I never had any problems," said Coleman. "Just turn it down so you can't hear it up or down the street in that area, and you don't have any problem."

Nosal said it's unusual for a situation like the confrontation between Krista Monique Clouse and the police officer to turn into an arrest.

"Once it's explained to most people, they stop doing the action or they stop using the speaker," said Nosal. "It's like going out to a party and telling people they're being too

loud. Usually once it's explained, people stop doing that. It was not an issue of her singing, it was an issue of her using the speaker."

Diane Ruggiero, deputy director for the Office of the Arts, said the most important thing for buskers in the city is to understand the rules on where and how they can play their music.

"The challenge is that the area around the Torpedo Factory is private property," said Ruggiero. "For the public spaces, there are guidelines for what is allowed. In any situation, amplified sound is not allowed. For street performers, it's important to understand the ordinances on private vs public spaces," said Ruggiero. "They need to know the rules and regulations. One thing the city can work towards is having a sheet of paper that explains the guidelines. We can look into printing something like that, but we haven't been asked to yet. The buskers need that information."

Ruggiero said it's also possible for a busker, like Krista Monique Clouse, to receive a performance permit to use a sound amplification device, but Larry Clouse said the permits cost \$20 per performance and have to be scheduled 10 days in advance.

Mayor Allison Silberberg said the city will be reviewing the ordinance during the City Council sessions this fall. While she would not comment on an ongoing case, Silberberg said she believed buskers are a vital part of Old Town.

"These talented street performers are part of the draw of Old Town," said Silberberg. "We should preserve that role in the city. In conjunction with city manager and staff, we are looking at how to maintain [them as part of the] look and feel of our waterfront."

Krista Monique Clouse went back to Old Town on Saturday, the evening after the incident, and sang on the street again in the rain.

"We are residents of Alexandria," said Krista Monique Clouse. "We love Old Town. If nothing else comes out of this, I at least want to be the only person arrested in Old Town for making art."

State, City Investment

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bicycle parking to encourage ridership to the brewery.

"Port City is Alexandria," said Silberberg. "It gets to our core roots in manufacturing. This is unique to Alexandria and is an investment in our local businesses."

Currently, Butcher says the company's main challenge is its limited production facilities. Port City produces 17,000 barrels of beer each year, and the new facilities will allow production to grow to 50,000 barrels each year. The grant will



Bill Butcher, CEO of Port City Brewing Company.

environment project, specifically like one in Alexandria," said Todd Haymore, former Virginia Secretary of Agriculture. "I told him yes. I'm happy today that Port City has proven me right."

According to Stephanie Landrum, president and CEO of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, the local fund-

also bring in 26 new jobs over the next three years in brewing, sales, and marketing.

"In 2012, when we created the fund, I was asked by a delegate if the fund would ever go to finance an urban

ing partially comes from bond financing. Landrum says Port City is the second company, after Motley Fool, to receive this kind of incentive grant. Landrum says the city will recover its investment within two years through increased property and retail taxes.

"In the case of Port City Brewing Company, we found a state incentive program that had not been used in the more urban parts of Northern Virginia, and determined that [Port City] qualified for the program," said Landrum in an email. "The state program required a local match, so we worked with city staff and City Council to evaluate the economic impact of the project and identify the appropriate mix of in-kind and cash to meet the match requirement."

Frank Shafroth, director of the Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason University, says the city-funded growth of the brewery is likely part of a broader strategy

to add amenities to the city to draw in other businesses. Shafroth also noted that the investment in Port City aligns with the city's goals of trying to lean its tax base more heavily on its commercial and manufacturing sector rather than its residential base.

"Every city and county, and state in the country looks for and competes to bring in businesses that might enhance either a city or county's tax base or quality of life," said Shafroth in an email. "Think about Metro and the new Metro station coming, and the near riot of growth along the Route 1 corridor — over time it will not only provide for faster and easier transit for commuters, but will also enhance assessed property values, thereby likely offering the city an option to reduce assessed property taxes on all the rest of us."

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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID NUMBER 16-08-09

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking bids for HVAC Replacement at F.C. Hammond Middle School.

Sealed Bids with the notation ITB # 16-08-09, F.C. Hammond Middle School HVAC Replacement will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, Wednesday October 19, 2016. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Bids appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. ITB documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8162, or by downloading the ITB from the ACPS website at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financial-services/purchasing/>

All questions must be submitted before 3:00 p.m., October 6, 2016. If necessary, an addendum will be issued and posted to the ACPS web site.

A pre-bid conference/site visit will be held on September 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the address listed above.

No ITB may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the opening of bids except as may be set forth in the ITB.

ACPS reserves the right to cancel this ITB and/or reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in any bid.

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Judy Drewry Obit

Judith H. (Judy) Drewry, a resident of Alexandria since 1966, died peacefully on August 20, 2016. Born on September 27th, 1927, she was 88 years old.

An 18-year employee of Senior Services of Alexandria, Judy also spent a number of years on Capitol Hill as an assistant to Representatives James C. Davis and later to Representative George P. Miller and also spent four years in real estate.

A one-time member of the Women's National Democratic Club, she was an active participant in the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, the Senior Services of Alexandria Board of Directors, Alexandria Professional Women's Network; and at one time, the Campagna Center and the American Heart Association Board. She was named the APWN "Woman of the Year" for 2003, and received the City of Alexandria Commission on Aging "Annie B. Rose Lifetime Achievement Award" in 2004. She was given a proclamation of service by the City of Alexandria in June of 2009.

Born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Mrs. Drewry grew up in Miami, Florida where she attended the University of Miami, coming to the Washington area just after WW II in 1946.

Her husband of 27 years, John Metcalf Drewry, Capitol Hill committee Chief Counsel for nearly 20 years, died in January of 1978.

She leaves three children: Julianne Drewry Worden, her own daughter from that marriage, son James S. W. Drewry and daughter Patricia Drewry Sanger. She was preceded in death by son John T. Drewry.

She also leaves ten grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Services were held at 1:00pm, Saturday August 27 at Christ Church in Old Town Alexandria. Burial took place at Blandford Cemetery in Petersburg, VA on Monday August 29.

The family suggests that donations be made in her memory to Senior Services of Alexandria, 700 Princess Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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OBITUARY

David Warren Painter died on September 1, 2016, at the age of 65, in Alexandria, Virginia, where he was born and lived his entire life. He is survived by his loving wife, Judy Carter, his mother, Francis Irene Bounds, his sister, Carolyn Chosta (Joel), his nephew, Alec Chosta, his mother-in-law, LaVern Carter, and his brother-in-law, Michael Carter.

David was an avid supporter and loyal volunteer of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation. He loved to build wooden boats and sail them. He had a deep love and knowledge of the flora and fauna of the Eastern Shore, Alexandria, and the Shenandoah Valley, where he and his wife had a weekend home.

He was a deep thinker, an avid reader, and a lover of maps. He retired in 2005 after many years as a geographer and cartographer at the U.S. Geological Survey. More than anything else he will be remembered as a man who was devoted to his family, friends, and neighbors.

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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 16-09-01

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking proposals for a Human Resources System for ACPS Schools.

Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 16-09-01 Human Resources System will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, September 29, 2016. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Proposals appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8162, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPS website at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financial-services/purchasing/>

All questions answered will be posted as an addendum to the ACPS web site.

No RFP may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the opening of proposals except as may be set forth in the RFP.

ACPS reserves the right to cancel this RFP and/or reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities in any proposal.

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

YANINA TULL, Personal Representative
of VIKTOR CHORNY, Y.

Plaintiff,

Case No: CL 15001224

v.
Kathleen M. Cleland, M.D., et als.

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The reason for this cause is to notify Igo Chornyy and Genadij Chornyy who are persons having an interest in the estate of Viktor Chornyy of a hearing for the purposes of the approval of a compromise settlement in the above-referenced matter on or about September 27, 2016 at 9:00am in the Alexandria Circuit Court. An affidavit having been made and filed showing that Igo and Genadij Chornyy, interested persons in the settlement of the above referenced cause, cannot be found, and that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the persons to be served, and the last known whereabouts of Igor Chornyy was in Ukraine and the last known whereabouts of Genadij Chornyy was in Ukraine or Russia.

Upon consideration whereof, this Order of Publication is granted, and is ORDERED that the above-named interested persons do appear here on or before September 27, 2016 which date is no sooner than fifty(50) days after entry of this Order of Publication.

It is further ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four(4) weeks in the Alexandria Gazette newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Alexandria, Virginia and that a copy of this Order be posted at the front door of the courthouse wherein this Court is held.

Entered this 28th day of July, 2016.

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