

Sharing Insights on Local Gang Culture

Kaine hosts roundtable discussion on gang violence.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Eduardo Chandias Almendarez had witnessed a malicious wounding perpetrated by MS-13. Almendarez told the police and stepped forward as a witness. On Nov. 28, 2015, Almendarez was stabbed 96 times and his dying body was dumped into a drainage pipe in Arlandria.

It's a grisly story, but one repeated frequently throughout Northern Virginia. Another MS-13-related incident took place a few miles away less than one month earlier. Crimes related to MS-13 and other gangs have plagued the region for years. On May 16 in Alexandria's City Hall, U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine brought together a panel of local social workers, law enforcement officers, and a T.C. Williams student who experienced life with MS-13 first hand to dis-

cuss the problem.

The student from TC started the discussion by trying to help the adults understand where gang culture comes from. The student, whose identity was withheld, lived in the Chirilagua neighborhood of northern Alexandria and said it's commonly known to be owned by MS-13. Also known as Mara Salvatrucha, MS-13 was a gang that originated in Los Angeles in the 1980s but is now spread across the United States and Central America.

"People make a face of fear or surprise when you say you're from Chirilagua," said the student. "You have to be careful of what type of clothes or hats you wear, what types of letters, what types of colors. You don't know who you will find in the street. People are scared to walk in the streets or to go into the parks after six."

The student says people join the gang when they feel that they



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Mayor Allison Silberberg (left) and U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine with a panel of local students, social workers and law enforcement professionals.

don't fit into the community.

"There are people who have nothing to eat and nowhere to live," said the student. "They have no security, but they feel it with these people."

Kaine's meeting comes a week in advance of the full

Presidential budget being delivered to the Senate. Though he hasn't seen the final document, Kaine says what they've heard from summaries is a discussion of reducing non-defense spending by \$54 billion. Kaine repeatedly pointed to this topic and asked

local officials how a cut in federal subsidies to Department of Justice programs would impact their abilities to prevent gang violence. For some, that meant a tighter crackdown on immigration and enforcement.

"My wife is an educator, so I understand the idea that every kid is [savable]," said Detective Ken Compher of the Fairfax County Police Department's gang unit, "but that's not true. Not every kid is savable. We're getting kids in from other countries who have killed people. They're being exploited by these gangs. Not every kid who crosses the border is bad, but also not everyone is a good kid."

The student agreed that adults already involved with the gang entering the country and influencing children is a major part of the problem.

"Adults come here and spread the virus of MS-13," said the student. "It starts as young as 6 or 7 years old. People go into the gang because they feel like they have

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Council Approves New King Street Hotel

Despite neighbors' opposition.

Hot on the heels of Hotel Indigo opening in Old Town, a new hotel is looking to come to the other end of the King Street corridor. At the May 13 City Council meeting, the council unanimously approved the conversion of an office building and parking lot at the corner of

King Street and Harvard Street into a mixed use development. The new structure will include a 124-room Hyatt Centric Hotel, as well as 10,400 square feet of office space and 2,500 square feet of retail currently scheduled to be a restaurant. Valet underground parking will be provided under the structure for hotel guests and surface parking behind the building for the office.

The project comes with streetscape improvements along King and Harvard streets, as well as investments into affordable housing, bikeshare, and public art, but local residents were more concerned about how the parking and traffic changes will affect the character of the small neighborhood on the northern side of the building. As part of the approval, the building received a reduction of 38 parking spaces.

"This project is going to take nine on-street spaces," said resident Keith Anderson. "With \$180,000 of voluntary contributions divided by nine is \$20,000 per parking space. At \$20,000 per parking space, let me put myself first in line [to buy one] ... We're selling ourselves short. Parking is a mess."

Following concerns expressed by neighbors at the council meeting, deliveries to the building

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PHOTO BY VERNON MILES/GAZETTE PACKET

Concept rendering of the new mixed-use development.

Slow but Steady

Police, public officials, clergy nurture budding coalition.

BY DAN BRENDEN
GAZETTE PACKET

Public and religious leaders in Alexandria met May 3 for a third Police-Clergy Breakfast to deepen collaborative relationships and services to the city.

The initiative began "about a year and a half ago ... after all that was happening across the country in terms of intensified race relations and some of the incidents in

various cities like Ferguson, Baltimore," said the the Rev. David Gortner of Virginia Theological Seminary.

Gortner, together with Deputy Police Chief Shahram Fard, organizes the meetings. "There was deep concern for, how can we secure the common good a little bit more strongly? And one of the many ways that we thought about ... was, can we secure a stronger relationship between clergy and

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Appreciative Farewells for Superintendent Crawley

Leaving Alexandria City Public Schools for George Mason University.

BY VERNON MILES
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After four years at Alexandria City Public Schools, Superintendent Dr. Alvin Crawley is going to college. On July 28, Crawley will be leaving his position as superintendent of ACPS to accept a position at George Mason University as a professor in the graduate school for education. Crawley has been superintendent for four years defined largely by efforts to deal with rising enrollment and decaying school buildings.

Parents in ACPS reflected on Crawley's tenure as superintendent. John Lennon was co-chair of the stakeholders committee that drafted ACPS 2020, the long-term strategic plan approved by the School Board in 2015. Lennon said in his work with Crawley he found him to be an outgoing and professional educator with a unique ability to work well both children and adults.

"He's someone I've grown to respect a great deal on the job," said Lennon. "He's tried to address all of these problems comprehensively. I've come to appreciate his willingness to connect with the public school community."

Joy Cameron, president of the Alexandria Parent Teacher Association Council (PTAC), said Crawley's strength has been as a communicator between the schools and the community.

"He has always been really great about reaching out to PTAC and making sure we're involved in various endeavors," said Cameron. "It's been a new era of good, strong data that he's backed up a lot in his discussions. It's important to have that solid

data to present to the council when advocating on behalf of the school system ... Under the previous superintendent, there was a bit of a cloud that continues to raise up when you're advocating to City Council."

Crawley came to ACPS in 2013, becoming interim superintendent after a succession of two controversial superintendents. Superintendent Rebecca Perry was bought out of her contract and removed from ACPS by the School Board in 2008. Her replacement, Morton Sherman, was also bought out of his contract in 2013 after an auditor's report exposed the "dysfunctional environment" in the budget office.

"One of the things that I think is fair to say about ACPS, [it] has been allowed through variety of reasons, not all related to superintendent, to deteriorate," said Lennon. "Buildings are falling into disrepair. That has had an effect on educational programs and the morale of licensed professionals in the schools. I watched all of this as a parent. I've been impressed by his willingness to look to the future. He has been able to recommend to the School Board all kinds of fixes that need to be put in place."

Lennon noted that this hasn't come without its own share of controversies. On May 4, the City Council passed a \$242.6 million budget in operating funds and debt services for FY 2018 and Capital Improvement Plan allocation of \$373 million over 10 years with \$19 million for FY 2018 projects. This still leaves ACPS with a \$2.1 million gap. Add/delete sessions for the school budgets will be held on May 18 and May 23, at 7 p.m. in the School Board's meeting room at 1340 Braddock Place to discuss narrowing this gap.

"The most recent CIP plan for renovating schools has caused quite a bit of consterna-



Superintendent Dr. Alvin Crawley.

tion among taxpayers who don't like the idea of property tax increases, but those of us in public schools are willing to see this as investment," said Lennon, noting that part of his faith in seeing this as an investment is inspired by Crawley's dedication to data-driven investments. "He has a long-term outlook, more than some of the superintendents I've worked with in the past. He's a good long-range planner."

While Crawley would not comment on the school system under previous superintendents, he noted that there were several major areas where he tried to make progress in the school system. Crawley said he tried to cultivate strong relationships between the schools and the local community. Part of that was committing to a strategic plan and a long-term Capital Improvement Plan with support from the community. Crawley noted that the CIP not only works to address capacity issues over the next 10 years but helps to modernize schools.

The council also began the process of creating a Joint City-Schools Facility Investment Task Force to review the CIP and make recommendations for prioritization of funding. \$11 million was approved and held in contingency. Crawley said the task force will help to plan over the long term, and that he hopes it takes into account the assessments and analysis from the schools when it looks at school priorities.

"It's a different dynamic," said Crawley. "[The results] are yet to be seen. It's a new venture for both the city and the schools. There will be lessons learned."

The new Joint Facilities Task Force will be one of several new challenges and opportunities Crawley will hand off to his yet-unpicked successor.

Crawley said his replacement will need to be able to manage relationships with the community and to be able to work with and understand the diversity of ACPS. The next superintendent will also need experience and understanding of fiscal management and an understanding of how to handle

large scale capital projects, according to Crawley.

Cameron agreed that understanding long-term planning is going to be critical for the next superintendent.

"I think that we're going to need someone who is familiar with the type of work that needs to be done," said Cameron. "We do have a significant capacity issue, construction is going to be a big topic. It's going to be important to be flexible in our approach to what schools look like."

That flexibility goes beyond just the physical locations and appearance of the schools. Cameron said the new superintendent is going to have to lean into the early college program and the various multicultural programs aimed at the school district's diverse population. Primarily, Cameron says the parents need a superintendent who will include them in communications.

"[The next superintendent is] going to have high expectations from parents in the area," said Cameron. "There are a lot of parents who expect a lot from our school system. Interaction and feedback from the superintendent are critical. [We are] in an urban setting, but we do have a small town feel, and we do expect access and conversation."

Cameron said that Crawley had helped include parents more in the conversations about schools. She praised his "Coffee and Chats" sessions with parents and noted that he changed many of the meetings on issues to evenings instead of earlier in the day to give parents a chance to be involved.

When Crawley departs, he leaves behind a school system undergoing transition. Maury Elementary School, Cora Kelly School for Math, Science and Technology, Mount Vernon Community School, and T.C. Williams High School are all changing principals in 2017. Crawley noted many of the positions are being filled with existing staff.

"This is an opportunity to be excited about

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Celebrating Bike to Work Day

The City of Alexandria will celebrate the annual National Bike To Work Day on Friday, May 19 to promote bicycle commuting as an affordable, efficient, and environmentally-friendly way to get to work. Alexandria residents will be among the thousands of area commuters cycling to work and participating in special events around the city and throughout the region.

Participants can register at www.alexandriava.gov/GOAlex for activities at one of four Alexandria pit stops:

- ❖ Old Town/Market Square (301 King St.), from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ Del Ray (2704 Mt. Vernon Ave.), from 6 to 9 a.m.
- ❖ Carlyle (300 John Carlyle St.), from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ Mark Center (directly across from

4825 Mark Center Dr.), from 7 to 9 a.m.

GO Alex, the city's resource for transportation alternatives, will sponsor the Market Square/City Hall pit stop.

This year, the Market Square stop will feature a bus or trolley that cyclists can use to practice loading and unloading their bikes; games and giveaways; and a chance to win prizes donated by local businesses and sponsors, including DASH, Port City Brewing Company, Bicycle Pro Shop, Massage by Marc, Spokes Etc., and Wheel Nuts Bike Shop.

Free refreshments will be provided by Bruegger's Bagels, Sugar Shack, Trader Joe's, Misha's, Harris Teeter and MOM's Organic Market. For more information about Alexandria's Bike to Work Day events, visit www.alexandriava.gov/GOAlex or call 703-746-4084.



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BULLETIN BOARD

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

THROUGH JUNE 4

Temporary Public Art Project. Artists are invited to apply to create art for the Duke Street Pedestrian Concourse. Located south of the King Street Metro Station, the tunnel connects the Metro station and the Carlyle neighborhood. Applications will be accepted through Sunday, June 4. See www.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=4429.

THROUGH JUNE 16

Renaming of Center. The public is invited to provide comment on a proposal to rename the Cora Kelly Recreation Center as the Leonard "Chick" Armstrong Recreation Center. Those interested in providing comments will be able to record their comments by email to jack.browand@alexandriava.gov, subject line: Leonard "Chick" Armstrong Recreation Center, or by mail to Recreation and Parks, Attn: Jack Browand, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria VA 22314. The City Council Naming Committee will review all comments received or postmarked by Friday, June 16.

REUNION PLANNING

Saint Mary's Academy class of 1967 is holding its 50th reunion Sept. 22-24 in Alexandria. Organizers haven't located all classmates and hope to have them present in September. Contacts are Patty Hagan, 703-742-8137 or pattyhagan13@gmail.com, and Sue Adamson Mairena, 817-903-3528 or mairena2@att.net.

THURSDAY/MAY 18

Orientation for Adult Learners. 5-6:30 p.m. at

Northern Virginia Community College's Alexandria Campus, in the Bisdorf Building, Room 158. NOVA-Alexandria is located at 5000 Dawes Ave. The Summer 2017 New Student Orientation for Adult Learners was organized by the Alexandria Campus Student Services Department as part of the campus and college GPS initiatives to provide opportunities, information and resources for the Alexandria Campus' adult learners population and to encourage student success at NOVA. Visit www.nvcc.edu/alexandria/index.html.

Networking at the Spa. 5:30-7 p.m. at Salon Amarti & Spa, 1010 King St. Relax, unwind and enjoy light snacks and refreshing cold beverages while networking with other businesses and non-profit professionals. Members \$10, non-members \$25, members at the door \$25. Visit www.alexchamber.com/ for more.

Public Hearing. 7 p.m. at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. The Park & Recreation Commission will hold a public hearing to receive information and recommendations from staff on the applications received for the FY2018 Community Matching Fund. Following the public hearing, the Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting. Contact Dana Wedeles, Acting Principal Planner, RPCA at Dana.Wedeles@alexandriava.gov or 703-746-5491.

Public Meeting. The Alexandria Electoral Board will hold a public meeting from 7 to 8 p.m., to receive comments on a proposal to add a new voting precinct at Potomac Yard. The meeting will be held in the community meeting room at the Station at Potomac Yard, 650 Maskell St. A map showing the proposed precinct boundaries and polling location is available at www.alexandriava.gov/Elections. Those unable to attend the May 18 meeting may submit

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'Service Above Self' Rotary honors community leaders.

The Rotary Club of Alexandria honored six individuals for their service to the community at the organization's Charter Night celebration held April 8 at Belle Haven Country Club.

The evening commemorated the 89th anniversary of the founding of the club, which was established on March 14, 1928, and is part of the Rotary International network of 35,000 clubs worldwide.

Awards were presented to both Rotarians and non-members who best exemplify the Rotary motto "Service above Self." Recipients include: Distinguished Rotarian award - Tom Hook; Rotarians of the Year - Mary Lee Anderson and Christine Friedberg; Gordon



Mayor Allison Silberberg, left, stands with Rotary Club of Alexandria honorees at the club's Charter Night April 8 at Belle Haven Country Club. With Silberberg are Gant Redmon, Mary Lee Anderson, Christine Friedberg, Gerry Cooper, Susan Grandy and Rotary Club of Alexandria President Tom Roberts.

Peyton Jr. Community Caring Award (non-Rotarians) - Gerry Cooper, Community Volunteer, and Susan Grandy of Open Table;

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— JEANNE THEISMANN



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Inventors Hall of Fame inducts Class of 2017.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET



Inductees Dr. Carolyn Bertozzi (Bioorthogonal Chemistry) and Dr. Frances Ligler (Portable Optical Biosensors) at the Illumination Ceremony.

Innovations ranging from Band-Aids to bioorthogonal chemistry were recognized May 3 as 15 new inductees were honored during the 2017 Illumination Ceremony at the National Inventors Hall of Fame Museum at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

"Each year, we induct a new class of industry pioneers into the National Inventors Hall of Fame who have conceived and patented innovations to further our nation, and this year's class is no exception," said National Inventors Hall of Fame CEO Mike Oister. "This year's Inductees have provided solutions to life's common problems and as a result, they've enhanced our lives."

The 2017 class and inductees from previous years were recognized during the "Greatest Celebration of American Innovation," a two-day event that gathered innovators from around the world.

"I am humbled and honored to be in such great company," said Frances Ligler, 2017 Inductee and inventor of Portable Optical Biosensors. "As an inventor who has enjoyed making things from my earliest childhood years, I look forward to partnering with the National Inventors Hall of Fame to inspire the next generation of creative scientists and engineers, especially young women who aspire to be inventors in their own right."

The 2017 inductees to the National Inventors Hall of Fame include: Iver Anderson – Lead-Free Solder; Donald Arney – Bambi Bucket for Aerial Firefighting; Carolyn Bertozzi – Bioorthogonal Chemistry; Eli Harari – Floating Gate EEPROM and System-Flash; Marshall Jones – Industrial Lasers; Frances Ligler – Portable Optical Biosensors; Tom Leighton and Daniel Lewin (Posthumous Inductee) – Content Delivery Network; Earle Dickson (Posthumous Inductee) – Band-Aid Adhesive Bandage; Harold "Bud" Froehlich (Posthumous Inductee) – Alvin Deep-Sea Submersible; Haren Gandhi (Posthumous Inductee) – Automotive Exhaust Catalysts; Howard Head (Posthumous Inductee) – Laminate Ski; Oversized Tennis Racket; Beatrice Hicks (Posthumous Inductee) – Device for Sensing Gas Density; Allene Jeanes (Posthumous Inductee) – Dextran Production; Xanthan Gum; and Augustine Sackett (Posthumous Inductee) – Drywall.

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BUSINESS



Sorakrit Poolchuay, manager of Mai Thai.



Jamey Turner, performing his glass orchestra.



Dave Nicholas, a managing partner and co-founder of Vola's Dockside Grill, in the attached Hi-Tide Lounge.

Along King Street from the Waterfront

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

First in a periodic series.

Every storefront in Alexandria has a story. Up and down King Street, workers in local restaurants and retail work to provide services and industry that keep Old Town active, while entertainers bring life to the streets. Block by block, the Gazette Packet shares their stories.

BLOCK BY BLOCK

MAI THAI

When Sorakrit Poolchuay looked at the Alexandria waterfront 13 years ago, he saw opportunity.

"It started with the waterfront," said Poolchuay. "We thought this area was a good neighborhood, with lots of tourists."

Poolchuay and some associates were part of the founding of Mai Thai, a Thai restaurant at the very end of King Street.

Over the years, Poolchuay said the clientele has swelled to include tourists from around the world. Poolchuay said his most proud moment was when they got a review in from Germany saying that, if you come to Alexandria, to go to Mai Thai.

"I was so proud," said Poolchuay.

And yet, throughout the years, it's been

the local clientele that has remained steady. Poolchuay said in the beginning of summer lots of tourists come through and the restaurant is very busy, but as winter sets in the tourism starts to taper off. Poolchuay says it's then when they see a lot of their loyal customers coming in, keeping the business going through the lowest tourist seasons.

"I've seen people who have come in here for 13 years," said Poolchuay. "We have a guy, Craig, I see him every week."

VOLA'S DOCKSIDE GRILL

Vola's Dockside Grill opened Aug. 25, 2016, after a two-year development process. Dave Nicholas, a managing partner and co-founder of the restaurant, said there was a visible need for an affordable full service restaurant at the end of King Street.

"We're very casual," said Nicholas. "Our silverware comes in bags. We have brown paper towels at the tables. Our concept is better seafood in a basket. We wanted to give it a shack feel. We're catering mostly to the local crowd. We're not aiming to be a tourist trap."

In picking a name for the location, Nicholas said they found former City Manager Vola Lawson's influence throughout the city was something that had come up over and over again. Nicholas said it was a name lo-

cal residents knew, so they adopted it to honor Lawson.

Originally, the part of the restaurant facing South Union Street was going to be closed off as private dining. However, Nicholas said that corner has some of the best people watching in Alexandria. The side room was rebranded as Hi-Tide Lounge, a local cocktail bar.

The development process faced some challenges, however. The space had no hood system, so no food could be cooked on an open flame. Nicholas said they had to negotiate with the two stories of office space above them to run a shaft up through the building to install the kinds of grills the restaurant would need. Installing the hood was the piece of the project Nicholas described as the most challenging.

Then there was the issue of Vola's opening in the fall.

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1 VOLA'S DOCKSIDE GRILL
101 N Union St, Alexandria, VA 22314.

2 MAI THAI RESTAURANT
King St, Alexandria, VA 22314

3 JAMEY TURNER'S GLASS ORCHESTRA
at the corner of King St. and S. Union St.

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make a menu and change our entrees to feel hardier."

But now that summer is finally coming around, Nicholas said Vola's is ready to fully embrace that original summer concept. At Vola's and Hi-Tide Lounge, Nicholas says the restaurant is kicking off a frozen drink program, playing around with ideas like frozen sangria.

One of the largest changes coming to King Street is the proposed development of an Old Town Business Improvement District. While Nicholas recognizes it will bear an additional cost for local businesses, he said he believes it will help the city look more attractive and vibrant.

THE GLASS ORCHESTRA

Before Vola's. Before Mai Thai. There was Jamey Turner. He doesn't have a brick and mortar location, but for 25 years, Turner has been setting up his glass orchestra at the end of King Street.

"This is one of the most incredible sounds," said Turner. "Working with glass is my favorite sound in the whole world. It's just extraordinary. You get very close to a pure sinewave. It's surreal."

Turner first heard the sound when he was 6 and his father played the glasses at the dinner table. Though he was always musically inclined, Turner said his turning point towards playing the glasses came when he discovered one of the Beethoven pieces he was playing on the clarinet had originally been composed for the glass orchestra in 1814. Over the years of working with the instrument, Turner has also become an expert in the history of the glasses, noting that over 400 pieces of music were composed to be played on glass.

There's a science to the instrument as well. Turner says he only uses distilled water. The molecules are tighter and it's easier to produce a sound than with tap water.

His favorite part of playing is when he can introduce someone from far away to the instrument. One morning in May, Turner encountered a group of tourists from Korea. Turner played a popular, traditional Korean song that he knew and one of the women in the group started crying.

"It's very profound," said Turner. "It's something you could never do with clarinets. Something about this sound is so pure."

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William Wiard IV is honored as one of the "30 Under 30" in the country for 2017 by Realtor Magazine. Honorees are chosen for demonstrating business success, professional leadership and community involvement.

Wiard is the only managing broker in the class, and among the top in company/team sales volume with nearly \$290 million in sales and 537 sides in 2016. The Old Town Alexandria office he manages was recently recognized as having the top sales volume in the Weichert Company for 2016.

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OPINION

Those Boring, Beautiful Basics

BY STEVE MUTTY
ALEXANDRIA SEAPORT FOUNDATION

In a small floating workshop on our waterfront, Alexandria Seaport Foundation operates an apprentice program for at-risk young people, ages 18-24, using the traditional craft of wooden boat building as a platform for developing work skills and good work habits. Apprentices come to us with a variety of backgrounds and circumstances that have prevented them from living up to their fullest potential; they leave us with a greater degree of self-worth and preparedness to lead productive lives in our community.

Further inland, in our Middle School Math program, we are using project-based learning in the Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes at Alexandria middle schools to elevate students' proficiency in math. This raises their overall confidence level and unlocks their desire to learn and excel in their studies, especially the STEM disciplines. Similar to the apprentice program, our success is measured by the many great success stories of the young people we serve.

So, here's what we've discovered along the way; first, the more you teach, the more you learn yourself; second, and no less important, "you can't teach it if you don't live it." Put another way, we always need to "practice what we preach." Third; and most importantly, never

forget the basics!

If you're thinking at this point, "tell me something I don't know; I'm looking for some fresh ideas in this column," then you might be slipping into the trap that we all face in this day and age — in our zeal to innovate, we forget, or worse, we deliberately skip over many of the basics that form the foundation of our mission and programs.

In our case, as ASF continues to refine its programs from year-to-year, we seek new ways to break through to our young people to make the programs more relevant to our changing world. And when you undertake an exercise like that, there is a risk that in the process of innovating, you will take your eye off the basics. We have to continually remind ourselves that the young people who enter our apprentice program have often had their lives turned upside-down; their self-confidence and self-worth has been dashed and they are looking for a solid foundation upon which they can rebuild their lives.

What makes up this so-called "solid foundation"? You guessed it — the basics. None of the following qualities are unfamiliar. And, because familiar and boring often go hand-in-hand, here are some of the boring, beautiful basics we try to practice in our organization and instill in our client young people:

❖ **CIVILITY** – first and foremost, respect for self; then, respect for fellow apprentices / students, your teachers, mentors and managers; acting in an even-tempered manner, being co-

operative and open to new ideas, being tolerant and welcoming to different cultures and points of view.

❖ **CONSISTENCY** – showing up on time, displaying consistency of character and integrity, being reliable, "living what you teach."

❖ **CURIOSITY** – simply, curiosity is the spark of learning.

❖ **PURPOSEFULNESS** – making a plan and sticking to it, letting your actions be a reflection of your personal values, not procrastinating, finishing what you start, challenging yourself.

❖ **DETERMINATION** – not allowing obstacles to throw you off track, allowing your vision and purpose to be a motivator, staying positive.

❖ **EXCELLENCE** – striving to improve yourself, and help others to improve.

❖ **AGILITY** – being resourceful, having the ability to modify your thinking and your actions to meet changing conditions, having the self-confidence to accept failures as a means of improving and strengthening yourself.

Go back and read the qualities above. Not so boring! When applied consistently and purposefully, they spell success — individually and institutionally. And that's a beautiful thing!

Steve Mutty is executive director of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, a 501C(3) non-profit organization dedicated to changing the lives of at-risk young people while operating a wooden boat shop and promoting maritime heritage on Alexandria's historic waterfront.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Revenue Trumps Community?

To the Editor:

On Saturday, May 13, the City Council was presented with an

item seeking approval for a 6-and-half level, 124-room hotel, with an 80-seat restaurant, and 24 offices for bookkeepers and accountants. These bookkeepers and accountants presently occupy a building beside the very old and beautiful

one being demolished for this new development. The hotel will be a high class Hyatt.

Across the street from the hotel is the Hampton Inn and within a block there is also a Hilton as well as a Lorian. Behind the Hilton is a large time share. With the Hyatt Hotel this totals five hotels and extended stays. The City Council, all seven members including Mayor Allison Silverman, approved this disaster.

A petition opposing the hotel was circulated through the immediate four block area gathering at least 300 signatures from businesses, home owners, renters and others. Six citizens who live on or near Harvard Street spoke out against the hotel, but were only provided three minutes to air their grievances. Their opposition concerned the conversion of Harvard Street to a two-way street, the destruction of the Naval Association building which is almost 100 years old, chopping down of four mature city trees, damages that may occur to town houses on the odd side of the street, and the limited off-street parking proposed by the developers for hotel guest parking, office

parking and restaurant parking. The present open air parking lot located at the corner of Harvard Street and King Street will be excavated for a one-level underground garage below the hotel.

The garage is totally insufficient. The city planners and council permitted them to not only reduce the parking requirement for the hotel part from 0.7 to 0.45 spaces per room, but also allowed them to retain the "zero" parking requirement for the restaurant at the same time.

The developers are providing only 80 parking spaces with two set-aside for hotel management personnel. Employees will not be provided with parking. They are expected to be dropped-off, or come by bus or rail.

If the project is successful, where are all of the guests in the hotel and restaurant going to park? They will park on Harvard Street and other close by streets where they can park for free. A developer at the meeting indicated that employees will not be permitted to park on neighborhood streets. The question is: How will the developer enforce this rule?

Making this an even greater con

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Spirit Day

Grace Episcopal School students celebrated Spirit Day on May 11 by participating in a Walk for the Homeless to support the ALIVE! House. ALIVE! is the largest private safety net for the needy in the city of Alexandria. In an effort to show awareness of the need to help those less fortunate, students walked three laps around the school. Grace Episcopal School made a donation to help the ALIVE! House serve the community.

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OPINION

Working Toward His Dream

BY GERI BALDWIN

I recently had a chance to have a conversation with Stanley Waddell, a young gentlemen with a goal of becoming a chef. Often we would speak and I'd ask him to say "Hi" to his mother for me.

At times Stanley would talk of food and how he loves cooking, so I asked him, "Have you ever thought of writing a cookbook?"

SOMETHING TO SHARE ...

Stanley replied it was something to think about since he was familiar with such a variety of dishes from Louisiana, North Carolina and different countries.

So I asked, "How long have you been cooking?" He said since the age of 12. He learned from his grandmother who taught for 25 years in schools in North Carolina.

He said his goals are to strive to be one of the best, to be inventive as a chef, and to remember "the first impression is the best impression." He believes no one should pre-

pare or serve food to anyone that he or she wouldn't eat.

And his favorite dish? Baked or grilled stuffed pork chop with broccoli and cheese over long grain brown rice.

As a vegetarian, I had to ask Stanley what was his view on vegetarian dishes. He said there's so many people becoming vegetarians, he favors a dish with broccoli, carrots, celery over white rice with a special sauce.

He's a cook at The Royal Restaurant located 734 North Saint Asaph St. It's all teamwork, he said, working together, preparing entrees, the special of the day, etc.

He once helped cater an event years ago for former City Councilwoman Alicia Hughes when she was running for election and had a chance to meet her mother.

Beyond cooking, he also loves the arts, softball, baseball, bowling and listening to music, jazz, R&B and gospel music.

Geri Baldwin is a community activist living in Alexandria.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Jeannette Reyes, of Alexandria, graduated from Kent State University recently with a Bachelor of Science from the College of Communication and Information.

St. Stephen's students **Sam Dubke** and **Jacob Reinsdorf** were National Merit Semifinalists this year, who placed in the top 1 percent of more than 1.5 million students took the 2015 PSAT/National Merit Scholarship qualifying test. These seniors will continue on in the National Merit Scholarship competition, and Finalists will be announced in early 2017.

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OPINION

'A Plan for Pets' Can Make All the Difference

BY BARBARA S. MOFFET
ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE OF ALEXANDRIA

Do you have a cat or dog or other animal whom you cherish, a pet who is part of your family? What would happen to him or her if you suddenly died or became incapacitated?

That is a situation commonly faced by the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA) when called to a home where the owner has died with pets left behind. "Usually, we have no information about the number or type of animals in the home and have to go in to search the premises, hoping that we have found all of the pets inside," said AWLA Executive Director Megan Webb. "When we do rescue these animals, we often have to start from scratch to learn their specific medical and behavioral needs."

Webb said when she walks through the AWLA shelter, she can often tell which animals have come because their owners have died. "These animals were very bonded to their owners and will shut down for a long time. We work to make the shelter a wonderful place, but it's still a shelter. It's so

much better for pets to have a plan in place that was created by their owner beforehand."

To address this need, the AWLA has developed A Plan for Pets, which allows people to register their pets with AWLA, providing extensive information about them and designating a guardian to step in if needed.

AWLA board member and attorney Rachel Baer, Esq., who is Of Counsel at Needham Mitnick and Pollack PLC, says A Plan for Pets is groundbreaking. "I know of nothing like it in Virginia," she said. Baer points out that Virginia law treats pets as property, meaning that the animals can languish in legal limbo for months while the AWLA attempts to contact the owner's next of kin or the administrator of the owner's estate and then waits for them to decide whether the AWLA can take ownership of the animal. A Plan for Pets streamlines this process for Alexandria City residents who don't have a chosen individual to be their pet's new owner. Using the AWLA's transfer agreement, city residents can name the AWLA as the pet's new owner if the resident passes away so that the AWLA has the immediate authority to make decisions for

the pet, such as placing it in foster care or up for adoption.

If you have a pet, here are some of the key recommendations in A Plan for Pets:

- ❖ Ensure that your pets are licensed and microchipped for identification and wear a collar with a tag for identification.

- ❖ Choose someone who is willing to take care of the pet if something happens to you.

- ❖ Meet with a lawyer to set up a durable Power of Attorney document giving your chosen caretaker the authority to care for your pets and make decisions about medical care. Without this document, Baer says, owners run the risk that the veterinarian might not release a pet's medical records or allow the caregiver to make medical decisions. In addition, a durable Power of Attorney can give the caretaker the authority to use your money to pay for your pet's care.

- ❖ Make sure pets are included in your estate plan and discuss your plan with a financial planner.

- ❖ Register your pets (if you are a City of Alexandria resident) with the AWLA so all information about them is easily available to AWLA Animal Services Officers and the shelter.



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A cherished pet like a dog can benefit from the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria's "A Plan for Pets," which ensures proper care for pets in the event of the owner's death or disability.

- ❖ If you are a City of Alexandria resident and do not have an individual who can care for your pets if you pass away, consider naming the AWLA as the legal guardian of your pets in the event of your death, using the AWLA transfer agreement.

Baer and Webb are leading a series of free informational workshops about the Plan; the next workshops will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 18, and at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 20, both at the AWLA shelter at 4101 Eisenhower Ave. Go to www.alexandrianimals.org/a-plan-for-pets and click on the link to register.

Philanthropy for You and Me

BY BETSY MICKLEM
ACT FOR ALEXANDRIA

Warren Buffett and Bill and Melinda Gates don't get to have all the fun anymore. It used to be that only the rich could have private foundations and use them for their charitable giving. Now thanks to something called a donor advised fund, philanthropy is easier than ever. There is no need for extra accounting and legal fees, or to file a special tax return. Donor advised funds are like a charitable bank account where you control when and how much you give to the nonprofits you care about anywhere in the world. Best of all you get a tax deduction when you put money in a donor advised fund and then you can decide which nonprofits to support whenever works best for you now or later.

Donor advised funds are simple to set up and easy to manage. You can request donations, access your funds online and there is no tax reporting to be done. There is no set up fee but usually there is an annual cost of 1 percent annually of the assets in your fund. All the big mutual fund and investment companies offer donor advised funds but you have a great local option with ACT for Alexandria, a community foundation. Our donor advised funds are identical in every way but we have our roots right here in Alexandria. We are locally based, but you can give anywhere you want.

One couple with an ACT donor advised fund has lived in Alexandria for well over 30 years, having raised three kids who are now grown and gone. He practices law here and she is retired from a career with the federal government. They have had a donor advised fund with ACT for the last five years and have supported more than over two dozen local charities using their donor advised fund, working with ACT to identify local nonprofits that they had not known much about before. They enjoyed being part of the ACT for Alexandria grants committee,

reading grant requests from local nonprofits seeking grant funds. Annually ACT for Alexandria awards grants totaling \$75,000 but typically receives requests for more than \$200,000. Being part of the grants committee enables donors like this couple have the opportunity to learn more about local nonprofits and their specific needs. After reading the grant applications they decided to partner with ACT to support some of the requests from their donor advised fund.

Another ACT donor advised fund holder couple have lived in Old Town for 15 years. They decided to set up a donor advised fund to simplify their life. In the past they gave to many charities and had to keep good records for their CPA to include on their tax return. Now they make one donation to their donor advised fund at ACT for Alexandria and all their contributions come from the donor advised fund throughout the year. ACT keeps all the records and their CPA only needs to report one donation, making it simple and easy.

Donor advised funds are not new. In fact there is over \$70.7 billion of charitable assets in donor advised funds according to the Manhattan Institute. If your financial advisors have not discussed donor advised funds with you then ask them why. It might make sense for you too. Donor advised funds are a philanthropic tool for the rest of us. And you can support nonprofits you care about much like Bill and Melinda do. Contact us at ACT for Alexandria to learn more about our donor advised funds and the work we do.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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cern, the conversion of Harvard Street to a two-way street close to King Street will remove an additional five parking spaces from the immediate neighborhood inventory.

At the meeting, a disproportionate amount of time was given to the developers to present their case to the council and answer the council's questions than was given to the local citizens in opposition. Is this democracy? It seems that the city is overwhelmed with a desire to bring in additional taxes and revenue regardless of the local impact of the development and the desires of the local citizens. They continue to give away the city to outside developers because they are unable to manage a city efficiently and properly and constantly need more revenue.

When will this disaster stop in this city? It will stop when we rid ourselves of the current administration and elect council members and a mayor who are friendly to the wishes of their constituents and the community at large.

Jim Melton
Alexandria

Where Were The Police?

To the Editor:

Sunday, Mother's Day, was a beautiful day and a delight to be

outside enjoying this special day.

That is unless you were trying to navigate the corner of King and Union streets in Alexandria! It was chaotic — many cars, bicycles and many pedestrians but no police to help people navigate this packed corner.

Pedestrians crossed freely everywhere close to the corner — the use of crosswalks was obviously an infringement on their perceived right to cross the street when and where they wanted.

Bicycles, not bothered by any sense of courtesy, just plowed through — did they stop at corners? You jest — of course they did not!

But of course cars stopped — well they slowed down to a crawl at the intersection but if they didn't get their front end into the intersection, when could they cross, so stopping was not common (nor was courtesy on display).

So why weren't the police there to help?

I think I can predict on a pretty holiday in Alexandria, there will be significant pedestrian, bicycle and auto traffic at this specific corner. I am confident the city and police understand this as well.

What I don't understand is why won't they help relieve this congestion? Why not a stop light if police resources are overtaxed (no pun intended).

R Alan McCurry
Alexandria



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OPINION

Marathon Mom

How running helped me build an organization that serves 10,000 children.

BY BROOKE CURRAN
FOUNDER AND CEO RUNNINGBROOKE

I started running when I was a mom of three young children. At first it was a way to find time for myself and to have something just for me. I didn't know at the time that I would eventually run more than 100 marathons, or that it would encourage me to launch a nonprofit that now helps 10,000 underserved kids in Alexandria.

Running gave me focus, self-confidence and a sense of purpose and well-being that I hadn't had before. It encouraged me to look into how I could use running to give back to our community. In doing so, I learned that research shows that running was not only having a positive effect on my physical health, it was also boosting my emotional health and changing my brain.

According to the book "Spark: The Revolutionary New Science of Exercise and the Brain" by John Ratey, "physical activity sparks biological changes that encourage brain cells to bind to one another. For the brain to learn, these connections must be made." And "Exercise provides an unparalleled stimulus, creating an environment in which the brain is ready, willing and able



Brooke Curran uses running to raise funds for underserved children.

to learn."

Not only was this true for me, but it also translates into real results when we look at students and exercise. As reported in "Spark," when an exercise program was added to a junior high school in Titusville, Pa., the standardized test scores rose "from below the state average to 17 points above

it in reading and 18 points above it in math." The teachers also noted the psychosocial effects, with "not a single fist fight among the 550 junior high kids" since the program started.

Those results are powerful. I want all of Alexandria's kids to have the same experience: greater focus in class, a sense of pur-

pose, increased self-confidence and to use exercise to activate their brains to do better in school.

In 2009, I founded RunningBrooke. We have helped more than 10,000 underserved kids gain access to physical activity through playgrounds, programs and grants. Kids across the city are moving more, reporting improved emotional health and doing better in school.

We have accomplished a lot and we have a lot more left to do.

On June 7, RunningBrooke will hold its second Move2Learn Summit. Charlene Burgeson, executive director of Let's Move, Michelle Obama's initiative to fight childhood obesity, will look at how small changes within schools and grassroots organizations can make a real difference in child outcomes. Joined by experts from Alexandria City Public Schools and local government, and youth fitness specialist Preston Blackburn, the Summit will explore the simple steps that you can take to get kids moving and spark learning.

I am honored to host this accomplished panel of nationally recognized experts. We encourage everyone to learn more and to join us on June 7. Registration can be found at www.runningbrooke.org.

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A Year and Counting

BY QUAMEER REDDICK-PARKER

When I met Jaylen, he was 7 years old. We have been working together for over a year now as we started in February 2016. I have seen many changes in him and it has been a pleasure to work with him. Jaylen's reading has gotten better in regards to pronunciation and comprehension. His overall confidence has improved and he is more excited to read now than he was in beginning. I have also been able to connect with Jaylen's family, which has also been a pleasure. We celebrated his birthday party together this past September.

In the beginning, Jaylen was somewhat shy. What I noticed in the beginning was his lack of confidence in reading and spelling. Needless to say, he's improved on all matters. The books that we mostly read are books that were provided to me through Wright to Read. We enjoy these books, because we get to work on our vocabulary and the stories are informative, many of them involving history. We like to discuss key points in the stories and we also answer questions related to the stories.

MENTOR OF THE MONTH

Jaylen especially likes super hero books. One of his favorite books is a Batman book.

Aside from meeting at the library, we go to the movies, McDonald's, Chuck E Cheese, or go grocery shopping together. Recently, we visited the Mount Vernon Trail to skip rocks in the Potomac. We also participate in the Wright to Read activities. Jaylen especially enjoyed the board games afternoon where he wanted to show everyone his skills at UNO. As for myself, I enjoyed the Scavenger Hunt event in Old Town, as well as the Planetarium event at T.C. Williams High School.

It is a joy to interact with Jaylen and the other kids during the events held by Wright to Read. I want to thank Luisa and the Wright to Read family for this great opportunity. It has been one of the greatest experiences of my life.

FROM STUDENT, JAYLEN

My volunteer, Mr. Quameer, and I have been working together for over a year. We read Batman and Star Wars books and also read short stories from a workbook. We read any fun and interesting books. Mr. Quameer has helped me with my reading and also with my math. We worked on the times table. He tells me to face my fears, be respectful, be appreciative and to listen to adults. He teaches me to be a



Quameer Reddick-Parker with Jaylen

gentleman and always to respond with yes and no.

I enjoy when we do fun things together. Recently, we went to McDonald's and then we went on a trail. Mr. Quameer told me it's the trail he runs. After that we saw a pond and he showed me how to skip rocks on the water. We tried to see who could go the farthest. I also enjoyed when we went to the movies and saw the newest Star Wars movie and going to Chuck E. Cheese. I enjoy my experience with Wright to Read, because they do fun field trips. We went to a planetarium where I learned about stars and enjoyed when we played board games. It was fun when I got to beat the adults at games. Mr. Quameer deserves to be the Mentor of the Month, because he has helped me learn to read and for all the fun experiences we do together.

Wright to Read is a member of the Alexandria Mentoring Partnership (AMP). AMP was created in 2006 to ensure that quality mentors and mentor programs are available for Alexandria's youth and young adults in need. To learn more about Wright to Read, visit www.wrighttoread.org or to learn more about AMP, visit www.alexandriava.gov/Mentoring.

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Shred smoked pulled pork butt for first sandwich layer ...



Slice specially-made smoked Texas beef sausage ...



Cover with three-cheese sauce ...



Mound with colorful coleslaw ...

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Sweet Fire Donna's Mixes Up the Barbecue

Meet Chef Andres Lazo.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

Andres Lazo pulls a 5.5 pound pork butt out of the Southern Pride smoker where it has been smoking "low and slow" since 10 p.m. yesterday. Two Texas beef sausages have been smoking alongside for 45 minutes. Donna Anderson, owner of Sweet Fire Donna's on John Carlyle Street with her husband Mike, says, "We have the sausages made especially for us by Logan's Sausage Company on Wheeler Avenue."

The pork butt had been rubbed with a dry spice mixture including "all kinds of spices" like chipotle pepper, paprika, garlic salt, salt and pepper and more. Anderson says, "We have the spice mix made for us, too."

Lazo says he sprinkles on about half an ounce of the dry rub because he doesn't want to overpower the meat.

Lazo pulls on his black plastic gloves and begins pulling the pork into shreds. "I will put half a pound of the meat as the first layer on the Bubba Mike sandwich. The buns are baked fresh by a local bakery the night before. This is the customer favorite." And he pulls out a framed magazine article, "It was voted the best sandwich by Northern Virginia Magazine in 2014." His own



Andres Lazo, chef at Sweet Fire Donna's, with co-owner Donna Anderson

favorite? "It's hard to say because I taste everything every day to be sure of quality control. Maybe the chicken or the brisket or the turkey or"

Lazo adds, "I do a lot of specials with a new one every day."

Anderson says, "we have a lot of people who come in 5-7 days a week so we try to offer them something different." She continues, "we have a regular following. We're the only place around here that has hot food that can be ready in 20 minutes which is

good because people are on their lunch hour."

Lazo says he gets a lot of ideas for his specials by watching cooking shows on TV and then adding his own twist. "I always add a little touch of barbecue like my pork lasagna or my smoked salmon on Friday with a honey-spice glaze."

Lazo cuts a Texas beef sausage in half lengthwise and then crosswise and places it on top of the shredded pork. He dips a ladle into a pot of cheese sauce and blankets the pork. Lazo has made the cheese sauce by blending chipotle peppers, onion, garlic and jalepenos and then sautéing them in butter in his steam kettle. "I put them on high heat for 20 minutes. It doesn't burn in the steam kettle. I use it for soups and everything."

The next step for the cheese sauce is to make a roux with a little bit of flour, heavy cream, milk, salt and pepper and cayenne pepper. "I cube the white American cheese and add it first because it takes longer to melt. Then I add the shredded mild cheddar and sharp cheddar and cook it another 20 minutes."

He squirts the barbecue sauce in a criss-cross pattern across the sandwich. Finally he mounds a brightly colored coleslaw on the top. "I have made the coleslaw with mayo, milk, chopped red and yellow peppers, red onion, shredded white and red cabbage and carrots. I add salt and pepper and celery seed." Finally the top bun is balanced on the layers and speared with a long toothpick of dill pickle slices. The



... Bubba Mike sandwich, Northern Virginia award winner

sandwich is served on a small cookie sheet.

Lazo says he has always liked the restaurant business. "I love to be in the kitchen." He was 16 years old when he started and has been the chef at Sweet Fire Donna's since it opened three and a half years ago. But he has been working with the Andersons in their other restaurants since 1984. "I learned a lot from the other chefs that trained me, and Mike Anderson taught me pretty much everything I know."

Anderson said they decided to try a barbecue restaurant this time because everybody loves barbecue. "We went to Memphis, Kansas City — a competition tour. And I'm from North Carolina where we have a vinegar-based sauce." She says that although everyone loves barbecue, there can be lengthy, heated discussions about which part of the country makes the best "so we tried to do a mix. You can get it all here."

CALENDAR

Submit entertainment announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

ONGOING

Singing the Blues exhibit. Various hours through May 21 at the Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St. Highlights the work of three featured artists Beverly Baker, Joanne Bast, and Laura Savage. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com or call 703-548-0935 for more.

Kiln Club Show. 7:30-10 p.m. through May 29 at the Scope Gallery, 105 N. Union Street, ground floor Studio 19. The "Better than Brunch: Mother's Day Originals" Kiln Club show. Call 703-548-6288, or visit scopegallery.org for more.

Gods, Heroes, and Fools. Various times through June 4 at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 21, 105 North Union St. Artist Lesa Cook sets

the Greek and Roman gods into a contemporary context in "Gods, Heroes, and Fools. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

"Master Class" on Stage. Through June 11, 7 p.m. at Metrostage, 1201 N. Royal St. Music direction by Joseph Walsh, featuring Ilona Dulaski as Maria Callas in Terrence McNally's valentine to "La Divina." Call 703-548-9044 or visit www.metrostage.org.

Native Plants, Herbs, and Heirloom Tomatoes. Various times through mid June at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church Greenhouse, 1909 Windmill Lane. Visit www.mvuc.org for more.

Costumes of Mercy Street. Through Sept. 1, at The Lyceum: Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington

St. To learn more about The Lyceum, visit alexandriava.gov/Lyceum or call 703-746-4994.

Gadsby's Tavern Museum Relics. Various times through Labor Day at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Learn the history of the museum, the purchase and see the original woodwork. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org for more.

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Wednesdays, through Dec. 14. Fresh local food, artisan crafts. Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mtvernonmkt.htm for more.

All the President's Pups. Saturdays 10 a.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon



Emil de Cou

On Saturday, May 20, an ASO concert with Emil de Cou, 8-10 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 E Campus Drive.

Highway, Mount Vernon. All the President's Pups Walking Tour, along the way, learn about George Washington's love for dogs, his dogs' unusual names, and his efforts to improve the quality of his hunting dogs through breeding. \$7. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

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

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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.

Pick-Up Hockey. Ongoing, Wednesdays and Fridays 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mount Vernon Ice Skating, 2017 Belle View Blvd. Play hockey with other hockey buffs, hitting slap shots and learning puck handling skills that the pros use. Players must have full equipment. 16 and older. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/mtvernon/ or call 703-768-3224 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

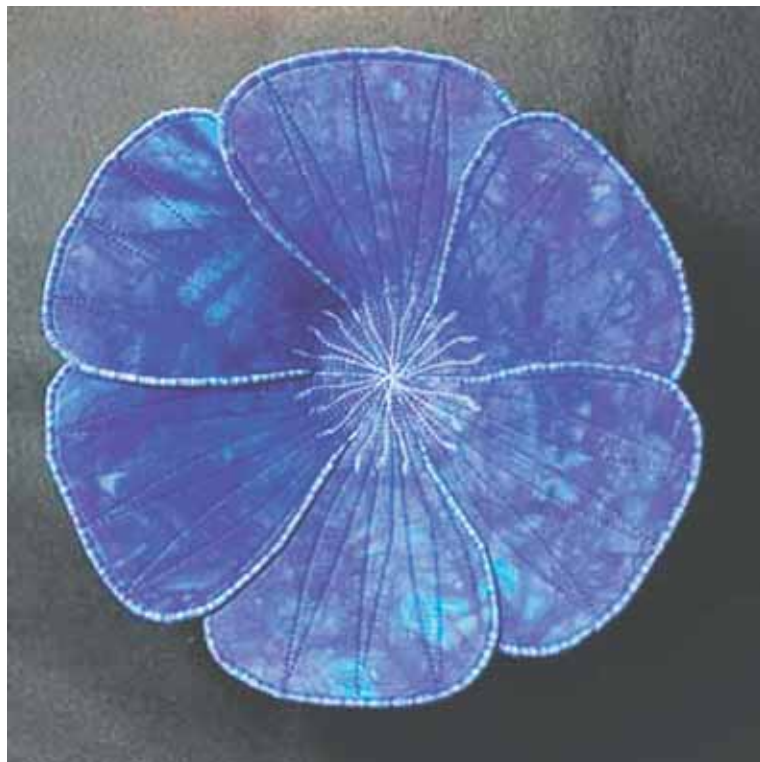
Alexandria's Nurses and Hospitals During the Civil War. Ongoing at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. An exhibit on the life of Clarissa Jones, a nurse at The Lyceum hospital during the Civil War. The true story of a nurse in Alexandria during the war, drawing parallels with characters portrayed in the 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.

Shield of Earth: Defending the Heart of the Union exhibit. Ongoing, museum hours Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays, noon-5 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road. Highlights of the exhibition include military passes issued by Provost Marshal's Office, construction tools, and original photographs of some of Washington's defenders. 703-746-4848 or www.fortward.org.

Who These Wounded Are: The Extraordinary Stories of the Mansion House Hospital exhibit. Ongoing, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. at the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Come see the site that inspired "Mercy Street," the new PBS' series inspired by real events that took place at Carlyle House. www.carlylehouse.org or call 703-549-2997

Color Disorder Exhibit. Ongoing, Thursday through Sunday, noon-4 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. at the The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. A joint exhibition of artists Katie Baines and Amy Chan who use diverse painting materials such as acrylic, gouache, airbrush and screen print to build energized abstract paintings. www.nfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

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.



Flora and Fauna

This purple flower bowl made by artist Floris Flam will be part of the Flora and Fauna Art show, May 23-June 25 at the Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com or call 703-548-0935 for more.

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

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 p.m. Second Thursday of every month. Visit nvfaa.org to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

The Monday Morning Birdwalk

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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.alexandriaarchaeology.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

Wake Up Wednesdays featuring The Pop Up Cafe. 7-9:30 a.m. on Wednesday's near the King Street Tunnel - Carlyle Entrance located near 2000 Duke Street near Motley Fool. The cafe will feature coffee, live music to help commuters start the day off right and donuts from Sugar Shack. maurisapotts@gmail.com

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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.

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www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for a schedule.

The Harmony Heritage Singers

(Mount Vernon Chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society), a daytime, a cappella, Chorus, rehearses on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, monthly, at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Newcomers welcome for fun or to book for a performance. Visit www.HHSingers.org, or call Bruce at 703-352-5271.

MAY 31-AUG. 25

Summer Theatre Camps. Various times at the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Preschool-8th graders can learn acting, musical theatre, dancing, improv, Shakespeare, film making. Visit www.thelittletheatre.com or call 703-683-5778.

JUNE 26-28

Civil War Mini-Camp. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. each day at Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, 4301 West Braddock Road. Camp participants will explore life during the Civil War through fun and educational activities such as drilling and marching, hands-on craft lessons, 19th-century games, and learning from guest reenactors. Ages 9-12. Call 703-746-4848 or visit www.fortward.org.

JULY 13-29

By the Seashore. 6-8 p.m. at The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. Produced by Arts on the Horizon. Using an imaginative mix of puppetry, movement, and sound, this sensory-filled production is specifically designed for babies and young toddlers. Visit www.artsonthehorizon.org for more.

JULY 17-21

Del Ray Artisans 2017 Summer Art Camp. All day at Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Ages 8-14 are invited to spend one week creating art and architecture, followed by a one-day gallery show. All art supplies and snacks are provided. Visit DelRayArtisans.org/event/Art-Camp-2017 for more.

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THURSDAY/MAY 18

Archaeology Social. 5-7 p.m. at The Light Horse, 715 King St. Join current Friends of Alexandria Archaeology members and city archaeologists for happy hour to learn more about to support the preservation of the city's archaeological heritage, and hear about the benefits offered to FOAA members. Free. Email Archaeology@alexandriava.gov for more.

FRIDAY/MAY 19

Bike to Work Day 2017. Registration — now open — is free and open to anyone who commutes in the region, from first timers to daily cyclists. All registrants will be entered in a regional bicycle raffle, and the first 16,000 to register and attend will receive a free t-shirt at one of more



Emil de Cou will be the guest conductor at the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra's season finale concert May 20 at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall.



Nicholas Hersh

ASO Season Finale May 20

Music director finalists announced.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

As the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra prepares for its season finale concert May 20, the slate of finalists to replace longtime Music Director Kim Allen Kluge has been announced.

ASO musicians will perform under the baton of NSO at Wolf Trap conductor Emil de Cou as the season ends with Dvořák's epic Symphony No. 9. Also on the program is Barber's virtuosic Violin Concerto with ASO's own Marlisa del Cid Woods and John Williams' Americana-inspired Overture from the 1972 film "The Cowboys."

The selected candidates to replace Kluge will conduct and program four pairs of concerts during the ASO's 2017-2018 season as their final audition.

The final candidates are: Michael Rossi, conducting Sept. 23 and 24; James Ross, conduct-

ing Oct. 21 and 22; José-Luis Novo, conducting Feb. 10 and 11, 2018; and Nicholas Hersh, conducting April 7 and 8, 2018.

More than 170 candidates from around the world submitted applications for the position held by Kluge for 28 years.

"The ASO is thrilled to announce the final candidates, one of which will be the ASO's next Music Director," said Ronal Butler, president of the ASO Board of Trustees. "The search committee received a qualified pool of applicants. These four finalists have unique backgrounds and fresh ideas to offer the ASO for its upcoming 75th Anniversary year and beyond."

Rossi is the founder and artistic director of the Miami Summer Music Festival; Ross is currently director of Orchestras at the University of Maryland and serves on the faculty at Juilliard; Hersh serves as associate conductor with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra; and Novo leads the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra as music director and conductor.

For more information or to order tickets, visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885.



James Ross



Michael Rossi



Jose-Luis Novo

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than 85 pit-stops throughout Northern Virginia. Participants can register online at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org. Email Megan Goodman at mgoodman@mwccog.org, or call 202-962-3209 for more.

Golf Tournament Fundraiser. At Lansdowne Resort. Alexandria-based Christian Relief Services is hosting a golf tournament to support its Safe Places program providing safe housing for women and children fleeing domestic violence. Registration includes greens fees, lunch, dinner, prizes and gifts. Visit safe-places.org/golf-classic or call 703-317-9086.

Community Service Day. 12:30 p.m. at Ewald Park, 4452 Duke St. WEBAlexandria's Team of Volunteers will weed and plant at Ewald Park, 4452 Duke St. Call 703-772-6716 for more.

Capitol Steps. 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King St. A fundraiser to benefit the local Salvation Army. Visit give.salvationarmyusa.org for more.

Wax Museum Reunion. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. 1980's reunion of all that was Desperado's and The Wax Museum including Billy Price, The Original Keystone Rhythm band, The Bob Margolin Blues Band, The Good Humor Band and the Skip Castro Band. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 20

2017 Little Hunting Creek

Cleanup. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Little Hunting Creek, at three locations: Janna Lee Avenue Bridge, Creekside Village Apartments, Mount Vernon Shopping Plaza Near Duron Paints. Part of the Alice Ferguson Foundation's Annual Potomac Cleanup. Visit www.scottsurowell.org for more.

Annual Green Springs Plant Sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Plenty of native plants, plants for pollinators, shade and sunny solutions, and of course, master gardeners are available to help with selections and answer all plant questions. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

Archaeology Sidewalk Talk. 9:30-10:15 a.m. at Robinson Terminal South, 2 Duke St. Join City of Alexandria archaeologists for an in-depth conversation about recent discoveries at the Robinson Terminal South development. Call 703-746-4399 or e-mail **City Public Works Open House.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at at T&ES Office, 2900 Business Center Drive. Join the City of Alexandria in recognizing the contributions of public works professionals in the community. The city's Department of Transportation and Environmental Services will kick off National Public Works Week (May 21-27) by hosting its inaugural "We are T&ES" Open House. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/TES for more.

Whistle and Wild Pop Up Shop. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Kimpton Lorian Hotel and Spa, 1600 King St. A local online boutique specializing in curated, handpicked ready-to-wear apparel in the hotel's living room, fashionistas will find a selection of pieces that mix southern influences and mod city style. Visit www.whistleandwild.com for more.

Lecture - Contemporary African Immigration. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Dr. Nemata Blyden, a George Washington University professor talks about the Africans who arrived in the United States after slavery ended in 1863. Call 703-746-4356, or email

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Armed Forces Day Tour and

Concert. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tour of Fort Ward, the best preserved of the Union forts that defended Washington during the Civil War, followed by a concert of Civil War music by the Federal City Brass Band on the Museum lawn. Call 703-746-4848 or visit www.fortward.org for more.

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Civil War Firefighting Walking

Tour. 1-3 p.m. at the Fire Station, 107 South Alfred St. Explore Alexandria's Civil War firefighting history on the "We've Been Burned: Alexandria Firefighters During the Civil War" tour. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov or by calling 703-746-4994 or 707-746-3891.

Architectural Walking Tour. 2-4:30 p.m. Details about start location and reception address will be provided to all registrants. Architectural Walking Tour of Rosemont followed by a garden reception at a private home \$20. Visit

www.visitalexandriava.com/ or call 703-746-4554 for more.

Taste of Mount Vernon. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane. Restaurants are featured. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/ or call 703-780-7518.

Country-Western Dance. 6-9:30 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St. Lessons at 6 p.m. and dancing at 7. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Visit www.nvcwda.org or call 703-860-4941.

New World Symphony. 8-10 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 E Campus Drive. Conductor Emil de Cou presents Dvořák's Symphony No. 9. Written as both a tribute to his immigrant roots and his adopted homeland, this American-inspired work borrows from Native American song, African American spirituals, Scottish melodies and Dvořák's own Czech folk traditions. \$20-\$80 adult, \$5 youth, \$10 student. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/.

MAY 19-20

Music Through The Ages: Gospel and Barbershop. 6-9 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. "Fairfield Four" will headline the two days and will be singing in the traditional African American a cappella gospel style. The Music Through the Ages is partnering with ALIVE!, and Hunger Free Alexandria to host a community food drive. Bring a nonperishable food item to the concert and help the hungry in Alexandria's community. \$5 per person, per day and at the door tickets are \$10 per person per day. Call 703-746-5588 or emails cherylanne.colton@alexandriava.gov.

MAY 20-21

Herb Thyme Workshop. Saturday 10 a.m.-noon, Sunday 1-3 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. Step behind the scenes into Mount Vernon's production greenhouse with horticultural staff and plant a herb container. \$60. For ages 16 and older. Visit www.mountvernon.org/herbthyme for more.

SUNDAY/MAY 21

Health and Wellness Fair. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Cameron Station, 200 Cameron Station Blvd. Learn how to kickbox, Power Nutrition, ancient healing methods and improve the skin. Free.



In Concert

The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band performs at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. on Sunday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. \$45. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

3 Ways to Pack Your Picnic Basket

BY HOPE NELSON
GAZETTE PACKET

By all estimations, spring's final chill departed with a whoosh last week-end. This frees Alexandrians up for one important thing: Picnicking. When you're short on time but long on motivation, stop by any of these three spots to pick up a meal suitable of a comfy picnic basket and a day in the sun (or a night under the stars).

The Italian Place, 621 Wythe St.

This relative newcomer to Old Town has all the fixings you might need for an al fresco day out of the kitchen. From subs to salads to decadent desserts, you've got a one-stop shop of Italian goodies at your fingertips here.

The Eva Italian sub offers up mortadella, salami, and provolone cheese with an array of vegetables for a hearty, filling meal; the Adriana Caprese with mozzarella, tomato, basil, and pesto gives a meat-free option to those eschewing salami and the like. Or go all-out and order the Nonnie's Meatball sub with The Italian Place's sought-after meatballs. Whatever you do, don't forget to pick up a bombolini or two for dessert; the Italian crème-filled doughnuts are a delicacy not to be missed.

Hawwi Ethiopian, 1125 Queen St.

Hawwi resides in a little café on the corner of Queen and Fayette streets — a perfect spot to swing by and pick up your picnic meal on the way out for the evening. At first blush, Ethiopian may not seem to be the most picnic-friendly of foods, but think about it: This style of cuisine is typically eaten with one's hands, much like a traditional picnic buffet, and the menu is just as varied.

Order a couple of lentil sambusa — at least one sambusa per picnicker — to get the meal started and then it's time to plan for the main course. For a night outdoors with friends, you'll definitely want to select from the combinations to get the most bang for your buck. The Vegan Sampler is a great way to en-



The Italian Place offers an array of sandwiches to pack in your picnic basket.

sure everyone has something to eat; teeming with nine different vegetable dishes, it's a veritable tour of Ethiopia on a plate. Or add one of the meat-centric combinations to expand your choices further: Hawwi offers five "regular" combos, plus a Super Combo and a Queen Combo, from which to choose depending on the number in your party.

Sam Phao Thai Cuisine, 1019 King St.

Located between Patrick and Henry streets, this beloved Thai restaurant has much more than in-house dining going for it. Indeed, the portability of its meals makes it an excellent candidate for picnic fare.

Order some garden rolls for pre-dinner munchies — fresh veggies wrapped in rice paper, these rolls are light and airy and won't weigh you down for the main course. Then get on with the business of dinner itself; Sam Phao won't let you down here either. Feeling like you need to carb-load? Go with the Pad See Ew with your choice of protein; the wide rice noodles are stir-fried with egg and broccoli in a soy sauce, and the dish is at once light and filling. And don't dismiss the curries; the panang curry is one of the best you'll find anywhere in the city and alongside some rice makes for a wonderful, portable picnic dinner.

Hope Nelson owns and operates the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at www.kitchenrecessionista.com. Email her any time at hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.

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the police of the city? So that there's ... watching out for each other, but also ... being accountable to each other."

This particular initiative centers on policing, though Gortner wants to enhance the faith community's cohesion and posture toward the wider community in general. Toward that end, he is cataloging local faith institutions' human service ministries and connections with outside groups. Data collected so far (see chart) indicates that most faith institutions in Alexandria make donations and provide "direct service." Fewer engage in "advocacy" and "direct action" — activities which try "to address some of the 'upstream' issues," said Gortner.

He asked participants at the breakfast to share perspectives and brainstorm new connections, using his catalogue as a primer. He asked them to discuss both challenges and strengths they see in the wider community, as well as what their respective organizations are doing to "touch ... public life."

A variety of clergy participated, although many Episcopal and all Catholic clergy were absent due in part to conflicting diocesan commitments. In general, "lower representation of [Roman Catholic] congregations and of some other traditions is not for lack of effort. All were directly invited, where we had contact information," said Gortner. Other participants included Police Chief Michael Brown and other senior officers; Sheriff Dana Lawhorne; Mayor Allison Silberberg; and the executive directors of ALIVE and Casa Chirilagua, local nonprofits.

Participants raised numerous topics, including immigration and housing.

"With the immigrant communities, one of the things that has bubbled up for folks in those communities is a level of fear that they hadn't experienced before," said Gortner.

Fard noted both an increase in Immigration and Customs Enforcement "presence" and fewer calls to the police from immigrant-concentrated communities. Others also indicated widespread confusion about how ICE fits into the city's law enforcement landscape. "There is some misconception out there that we're going to go out there and enforce immigration laws," said Fard.

While Alexandria "is not a 'sanctuary jurisdiction,'" it will not go "beyond what is

required by state and federal law," according to the city's web site. The city "will neither make inquiries about nor report on the citizenship of those who seek the protection of its laws or the use of its services," including public school enrollment. "Alexandria police officers do not request immigration status ... when making stops or interacting with community members." And "Alexandria does not participate in ICE raids or arrests."

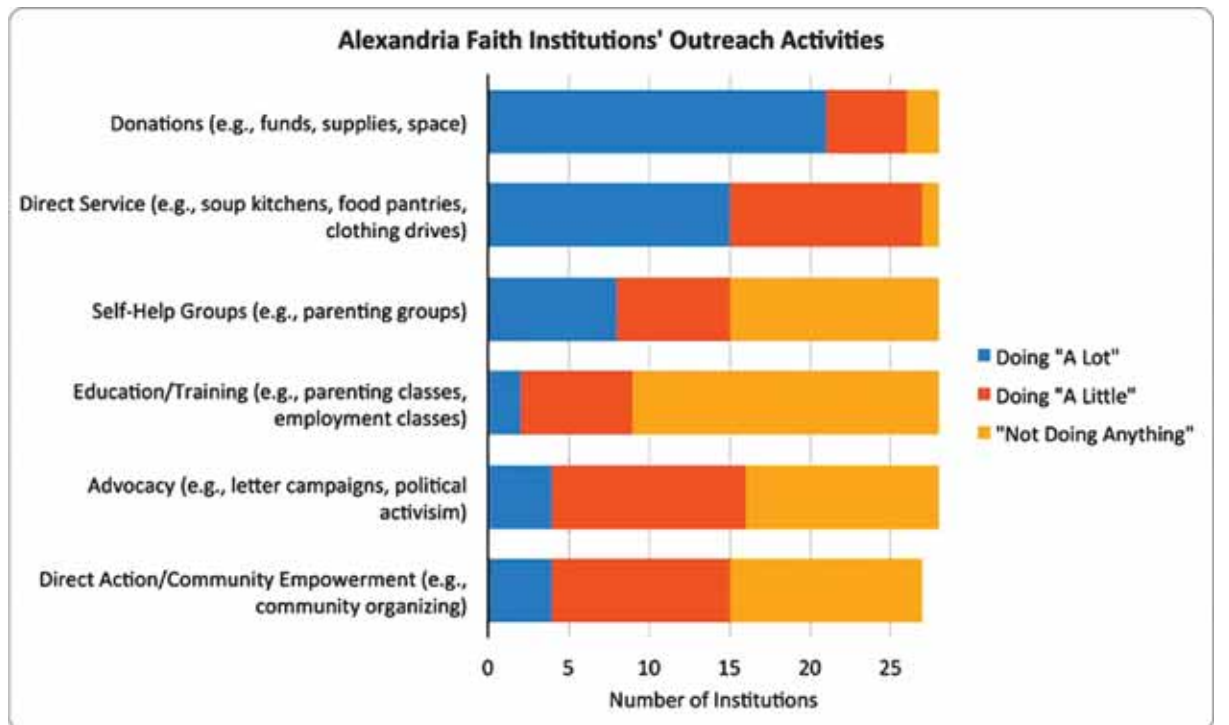
Still, changing the "mood" of fear in the city is the "the toughest task right now," said Lawhorne.

Clergy themselves are on edge. One participant noted uncertainty about legal protection and obligations with respect to pastoral confidentiality.

"Probably the place we're not being able to touch the most ... [is] the West End," said Fard.

Tim Vandewalle, a concerned citizen, suggested the police could tap neighborhood congregations in order to improve their relationships with segments of disproportionately low-income renters. Dawnielle Miller of Casa Chirilagua added: "There may not be a lot of institutional churches [on the West End], but there are a lot of 'house churches,' so I think it's a matter of identifying where those places are ... particularly among the Hispanic community."

Brown agreed, saying, "My mission for [the police] in this program ... is that we find all the home churches and places of worship that we don't normally find ... and we use that as a means of communicating with the residents of the city, and also as a listening vehicle for us."



Types of outreach in which local religious institutions are engaged. Institutions catalogued to date include an ecumenical mix of 27 congregations and one religious school. Data gathered by Virginia Theological Seminary's Office of Church & Community Engagement, headed by the Rev. Dr. David Gortner.

Police Lt. Ed Milner suggested that police might also make inroads with immigrant communities by arranging visits to non-English religious services, which many congregations host.

PARTICIPANTS ALSO discussed housing-related challenges, especially where mixed-income housing is steadily replacing public housing, causing lower-income people to move. Silberberg said this shift is somewhat intentional, because mixed-income housing is "safer ... gives people a sense of transition ... [and] demonstrates our commitment in the city to diversity and to having a balance."

Mixed-income redevelopment increases diversity at a specific site. But a February report from the city indicates "decreasing racial and ethnic diversity in the Braddock Road, Old Town, and Arlandria neighborhoods" overall.

Gortner said faith institutions could help the community break down barriers and cope with transition. Regarding Fairlington

Presbyterian Church's plan to build affordable housing on its West End property: "Already there's some foment in the neighborhoods about ... density and impact on the schools." While "some of those are important concerns to raise," others "are concerns that often come up with ... [a] 'Not in My Back Yard' [outlook] ... So how do we help bridge those conversations and dive into, what are the deeper concerns at stake for people?" For public housing residents, "Even just having to move out while an area is being redeveloped, there's a sense of being unsettled. ... How do we help our churches provide a way of connecting with people around that time of unsettledness?"

"It is so very easy for any of us to kind of get ... focused in our own kind of 'pod' and 'universe,'" said Gortner in closing. "And so finding ways to commit time out to connection is part of the work that really is ahead for all of us as community builders."

Any groups wishing to participate should contact Gortner at 703-461-1758 or dgortner@vts.edu.

New Hotel Approved

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must end at 9 p.m. rather than 11 p.m. "These are [your] neighbors," said Mayor Allison Silberberg. "This is where they live or sleep, and you're coming through [with delivery trucks]."

The council included the change in delivery hours as a condition for approval, and Councilwoman Redella "Del" Pepper said she was hopeful that the new development would improve rather than detract from the character of the neigh-

borhood.

"It isn't that we're going to wipe out all of this," said Pepper. "They are making an effort to incorporate what's there. They've really tried to do the best they can. I think it's going to be a great addition."

— VERNON MILES

Location of the new mixed-use development.



Safety in the Water

Water Safety Month designed to educate public in advance of summer swimming.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

During the month of May, National Water Safety Month, water safety educators are waging a month-long campaign to educate the public about responsible water practices before the start of summer. The campaign is designed to help prevent drowning and water-related illness and injuries.

"The most important tip from swim experts [is] to have your child in perpetual swim lessons," said Gina Bewersdorf, who owns Goldfish Swim School in Reston. "Situations will always arise in which we or our children are around water, [like] at a friend's pool party, vacation near a lake, or a boating trip, so learning the necessary skills to stay safe is vital. It only takes a second for a child or adult to unsuspectingly fall into a body of water."

Constant adult supervision is the first and best way to prevent accidents in and around water, says Lisa S. Grepps, director, Marketing & Communications, The Association of Pool & Spa Professionals in Alexandria. She also recommends additional safeguards to help prevent children from gaining unsupervised access to a pool or spa or to warn of a child's presence. "But don't get lulled



Learn to swim no matter the age. This is one of the best ways to be safer in and around the water.

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into a false sense of security with barriers and other devices as they are just backups to the primary means of accident prevention which is constant adult supervision," said Grepps.

Keeping a cell phone nearby to make a call to 911 in case of an emergency and avoiding swimming at the first sign of bad weather are two tips that Ann Thompson of Ann's Aquatics in Bethesda offers to her students and their parents. "I tell parents that certain flotation devices are great, but they are in no way a replacement for responsible adult supervision," she said. "And the supervision should be undistracted.

Don't get lost in a conversation or a phone call and divert attention away from your children, not even for a second. If you leave the pool area, no matter how brief the period of time, take the children with you."

In addition to learning to swim, Bewersdorf recommends making sure that children are taught water safety skills as well as how to perform CPR on both adults and children. "We recommend a child enroll in swim lessons as early as possible [and] year round, not just during the warmer months. Persistent swim lessons are proven to be incredibly beneficial in order to keep these life-saving skills sharp" she

said. "We offer classes as young as four months old in which the parents are constantly with their infants. This gets the child used to simply being in and around water and they learn simple safety skills."

When choosing a pool, check for an on-duty lifeguard. In cases where a lifeguard is not available, look for accessible safety equipment such as a rescue ring or pole.

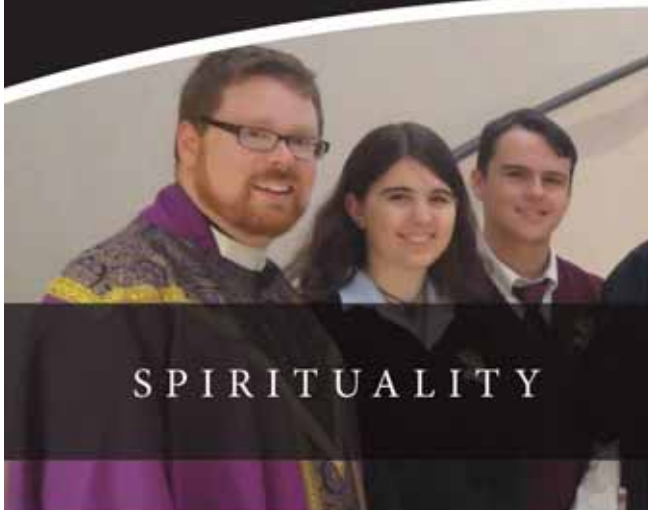
"We want people to have a safe and fun time swimming and that's why [we] issue permits to all public pool facilities and routinely inspect them to ensure they are being operated in a safe and healthy manner, in accordance with Fairfax County Code," said Martin A. Thompson, Environmental Health supervisor for Fairfax County. "It's also important that swimmers take steps to maximize the health benefits of swimming while minimizing the risk of injury or illness to themselves and others."

Thompson advises adhering to other safety guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) which include looking to see if the drain at the bottom of the deep end is visible, staying out of the pool if you have diarrhea, covering any open wounds with waterproof bandages, showering before entering the pool and only using flotation devices that are Coast Guard approved.

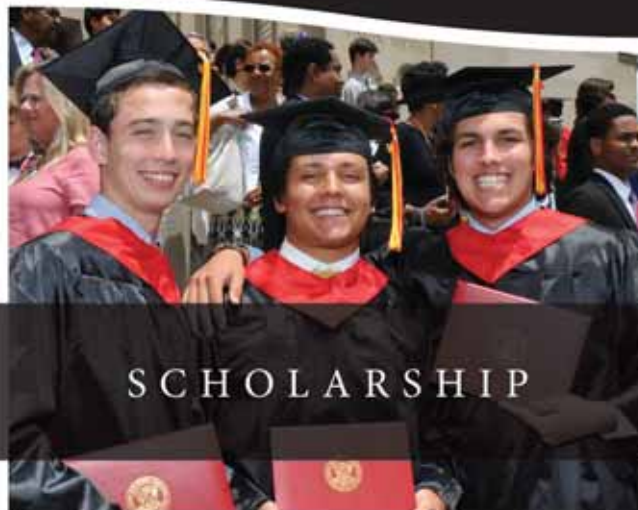
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ASC To Honor High School Athletes

13 to receive scholarship awards.

JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

A total of \$26,000 in scholarships will be presented by the Alexandria Sportsman's Club to 13 high school athletes at the organization's 62nd annual Athlete of the Year banquet May 30 at the Westin Alexandria Hotel.

This year's scholarships were made possible through a matching funds contribution from local philanthropist Marion Moon, who has dedicated the awards to the memory of her son, Rick Moon, who died suddenly in 2013.

"The youth of our city were important to Rick," Moon said. "So I decided to do a matching funds drive to generate more money and help high school students go to college."

These young people are the ones we need to invest in. They're the ones taking care of our world when we are gone."

Former Washington Redskins co-captain and Super Bowl XXVI MVP runner-up Brad Edwards will be

the keynote speaker at the event. A second round draft pick and nine-year veteran of the NFL, Edwards is currently the assistant vice president and director of athletics at George Mason University.

The ASC dinner will recognize the 2017 outstanding Alexandria high school Athletes of the Year. Additionally, Jon Peterson, chairman of the Executive Committee of The Peterson Companies, will be inducted into the ASC Hall of Fame.

This year's ASC scholarship winners are: From Bishop Ireton HS – Eleanor Burling, Kayla Duperrouzel, Emma Klein, Aidan Phillips and Reilly Hughes; from Episcopal HS – Liza Banks Campagna; from St. Stephen's/St. Agnes – Kendall Discenza; and from TC Williams – Anissa Ashtaf, Patrick Clark, Nathaniel Ray, Matthew Sloan, Teyan Williams and Sam Zang,

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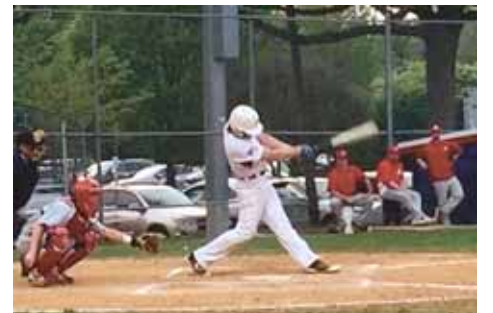
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SPORTS

TC Crew Claims Two More State Titles

Titan Boats finish Virginia State Championships with 5 gold medals.

The T.C. Williams Crew Team Men's First 4 and the Women's Lightweight Doubles battled the best boats in Virginia and claimed state titles and gold medals on the second day of the 2017 Virginia Scholastic Rowing Association Championship Series.

The Titans Women's Second 8 won the silver medal in a close finish, while the Women's First 8 claimed the bronze in a competition among the top women's boats in the state at the Occoquan Reservoir at Sandy Run Regional Park on May 13.

As the sun was setting on Saturday, jubilant TC rowers returned to the Dee Campbell Rowing Center on Madison Street with a TC boat tally following the two-day 2017 state championships that includes five gold medals, three silvers, and a bronze. Sixty-six TC athletes rowed to the medals dock to claim their prizes.

Race officials, coxswains (who get a safety briefing on course and weather conditions),



The TC Crew Team Men's First 4 with trophy.

rowers with early races, and crew supporters (who set up food tents) arrived at Sandy Run before dawn on Saturday.

Following morning heats, all five boats that TC brought to the competition advanced to finals.

Headwinds increased for the afternoon as Titan rowers began finals with the Women's Lightweight Doubles, featuring TC seniors Lauren Kelly and Cecelia Fernandez, racing as doubles for only the third time this

year. The Titan duo battled roughly evenly with rowers from Albemarle and West Albemarle down the first 3/4 of the 1500-meter course before raising the stroke rate and slowly taking and holding a determined lead.

In the last 200 meters, Kelly and Fernandez dug deep and called on years of conditioning to power their boat to victory with a time of 6:37.9, 3.1 seconds ahead of second-place West Albemarle and 5.7 sec-



TC Women's Double, Lauren Kelly and Cecelia Fernandez, VASRA gold medal winners, with Coach Shannon Hoff.

onds ahead of Albemarle. Their winning time also was 6.5 seconds faster than the winning time in the non-Lightweight

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Focusing on Gangs

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nothing else. They wake up and go home, and there's no parents because they're at work."

Fairfax County Police Captain Paul Cleveland noted that over the last five years, millions of dollars in earmarks to combat gang violence were disappearing and leaving police without the resources to tackle the problems.

"There is no magic approach," said Cleveland. "It's education, intervention, and enforcement. They all have to be funded the same. When one is underfunded it hurts the other two."

But much of the discussion focused around changes that need to happen at a local level. The student praised his teachers, who had worked tirelessly to help keep him away from the gang, but he also noted that there are systemic divisions in T.C. Williams.

"Everyone knows the school is divided," the student said. The first floor is for white students. The second floor is for black students. And the third floor is for Hispanic students. People don't feel like they belong and they're not comfortable. Then they go back to their Hispanic environment and feel that. You have people who are 19 or 20 years old who come to school and they don't want to study, they're forced to be there. They come in for the first class and then skip the whole day, and they often take other kids with them. I see this all the time."

Kaine asked the student how he had managed to avoid gangs and crime, and the student answered that he hadn't.

"I've hung out with MS-13 after school," the student said. "I used drugs. I was in trouble with the

police. It was social workers and teachers that saw potential, they see what we're capable of, and they started to make me think of what I wanted in life. A strong connection to teachers helps. Some teachers take their own time to go to your door and ask why you're not there in school."

Representatives from Tenants and Workers United, a grassroots organization dedicated to social and economic justice, said that working towards restorative justice in the schools and offering more academic support for undocumented students can help close the academic and social gap between these alienated students and their peers.

Joe Runquist, the Gang Unit coordinator for the Alexandria Sheriff's Office, said family responsibilities are what he sees most often pulling adults out of gangs like MS-13.

"For adults, it's about their future," said Runquist. "They have kids, they have families, they don't want to do this anymore."

For funding at a local level, Michael Johnson from the Department of Parks and Recreation said the city needs to work to make sure recreation programs aren't so costly that they exclude the students who need them the most.

"Program costs have priced kids out," said Johnson. "I don't want a fee attached to late night programs. That just sends kids back out onto the streets." Johnson reflected on some of the 2016 homicides in North Old Town where he said he saw people, who knew each other or were even friends who took pictures together, turn around and kill each other as a result of gang affiliations.

Crawley Moves on

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big changes in the school system," said Crawley.

In looking at the new leadership in the school system, parents seemed hopeful. Lennon said he was happy to see Peter Balas get the job at TC. Balas had previously

been a teacher, administrator, and executive associate principal at TC before moving to the Mount Vernon Community School. Lennon said Balas' experience across the school system made him an ideal candidate for TC.

"My outlook for the future of TC is positive," said Lennon.

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SPORTS

TC Crew

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Women's Doubles.

Then the six fastest Men's First 4 boats began their run at a state title, with the TC Men gaining a lane in the finals following a 13.3-second first place win over Stonebridge in their morning heat. As the rowers sprinted down the first 2/3 of the wind-swept course, the race settled into a two-boat race for first between the Titans and a talented crew from Mathews.

A screaming crowd watched the rowers' powerful legs and long, strong arms stroke the two boats to an exciting finish, with the TC Men pulling hard to seal the win with a time of 5:47.0, ahead of Mathews' 5:49.2 finish. Lake Braddock claimed the bronze with a time of 6:00.3.

"The Varsity 4 rowed a strong heat and an even better final," said TC Williams Coach Peter Hearing. "They rose to the occasion and put together their best performance of the season to capture the Virginia championship. I'm excited to see what they accomplish in the coming weeks."

The 2017 TC Williams Men's First 4 includes rowers Connor McGivern, Asher Elkins, Julian Depeyrot, and Jacob Souza, and coxswain Michaela Gleeson. They bring the Men's First 4 State Championship Trophy back to TC for the third time since 2011, the only school in the state to repeat in this category during that time.

The Women's Second 8 final also became a two-boat battle between TC and local rival National Cathedral School, both of which won their morning heats. The Titan 2V 8 brought strength, resilience, and esprit-de-corps to a pitched battle with NCS, who they bested by 1.1 seconds two weeks earlier at the Charlie Butt Regatta at Georgetown. In the end, NCS held on to win by .6 second over the Titans, who posted a silver medal time of 6:02.2. Georgetown Visitation won the bronze with a time of 6:13.2.

TC's last final of the day was in the premier Women's First 8 category, following the Titan 1V 8's first-place finish in their morning heat. This race also became a struggle between TC and rivals NCS and James Madison, which also won their morning heats. As they dashed to a fast finish, NCS held on for the win, followed by James Madison. The TC finish at 5:56.9 earned the Women's First 8 the bronze, and TC's fourth medal of the day.

On May 19-20, TC takes eight boats to the Stotesbury Cup Regatta on the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia, the largest high school rowing event in the world.

SCHOOL NOTES

St. Agnes senior **Adele Reardon** received the Alexandria Rotary Club's Youth Community Service Award in November.

Victoria Catalina Voellm, of Alexandria, has been appointed to the student leadership organization of cadre within the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) at Randolph-Macon Academy (R-MA).

This fall, Bishop Ireton Graduate **Heather Pearson** was inducted into Earth Sciences Honor Society at Susquehanna University.

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New To Some, Old News To Others



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

For those of you unfamiliar with my column: in Burke, Springfield, Fairfax, Fairfax Station/Clifton/Lorton, Mount Vernon and Alexandria, welcome aboard the Kenny train. I have been writing a weekly column for Connection Newspapers since December 1997 appearing primarily in our "Tuesday papers," as we call them: Vienna/Oakton, McLean, Great Falls, Reston, Oak Hill/Herndon, Arlington, Chantilly, Centre View and Potomac. The question has persisted among friends and family: Ken he continue to, as my older brother Richard jokes, "churn out this dribble?" Apparently so, if the last 19 and half years are any indication.

Back in the day when I first had to characterize my column for various local yearly Press Association editorial contests (of which I have won nearly a dozen awards), I would write "Everything in general about nothing in particular." A great friend of mine, Edward Faine, himself an accomplished author — of children's and jazz books, and a small press publisher as well, has described my columns as "Thoughtful humor and insightful commentary." Perhaps between these two quotes you'll get a sense of what you're likely to get from my weekly wondering.

And so it continued until June 2009. That's when I published my first column about a diagnostic process which had been ongoing since New Years Day which ultimately lead to a lung cancer diagnosis delivered to "Team Lourie" on Feb. 27, 2009 (you bet you remember the date). That column, entitled "Dying to Find Out, Sort Of," chronicled the process, excruciating as it was/is that one often endures attempting to determine the cause of a medical problem; in my case, a pain in my left-side rib cage which a day or so later, migrated to my right-side and eventually took my breath away — almost literally, especially when inhaling and/or bending over. This difficulty forced me off the couch and into my car for a drive over to the Emergency Room. Once the diagnosis was confirmed, I wrote another column entitled "Dying to Tell You, Sort Of" which detailed the findings of the nearly eight weeks the process took to specify my diagnosis: stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC). Out of the blue, I had become "terminal," as my oncologist described me, and given a "13 month to two-year" prognosis to boot. Surreal, which is a common description offered by many in similar situations, is how one feels after receiving news of this kind, and only begins to tell the tale of the change and evolution in the individual's life living forward into treatment and subsequently beyond into the great unknown.

This 'great unknown' is mostly what I have written about and published ever since; "cancer columns" (original I know) is what I call them. Occasionally, I will write a non-cancer column, one a month or so, depending on my experiences. These columns will address non-cancer issues of the day, ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous. Most recently topics have included the movie "The Exorcist," "Exercising a Demon," paying for things with a credit card: "Credit the Card," reacting to advertising for grass seed and riding mowers: "And So It Begins," and buying in bulk: "Bulky Boy," but never/well, almost never do I write about my wife, Dina; I have been warned.

Though the recurring theme of these columns is cancer, the content is rarely morbid or dare I say, self-indulgent, believe it or not. I try to make fun a very "unfun" set of circumstances. I'm still writing about life; now however, it's life in the cancer lane, a road unlike any I had ever traveled before. Nevertheless, I've gotten through eight years and nearly three months of it relatively incident free, save for a week in the hospital three and a half years ago. And yes, I am still undergoing treatment.

I hope you readers will be semi amused at the slings and arrows of outrageous misfortune upon which my columns are based. Please know: the significance of their content is not that it is me writing them, it is that cancer is being written about.

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