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Irish dancing is presented by the Laureen O'Neill-James Dancers at the Saint Patrick Irish Hooley March 13 at the Basilica School of Saint Mary gymnasium.



Jose Canales, center, with granddaughters Angelic and Angelika Guadalupe enjoy the Irish Hooley March 13 at the Basilica School of Saint Mary.



Irish Embassy Counsellor Finbar Brown, right, is joined by members of the Ancient Order of the Hibernians at the Saint Patrick Irish Hooley March 13 at the Basilica School of Saint Mary. Standing from left: Keith Kettell, Chris Robertson, Sister Aniliza Juan, Father Edward Hathaway, Laureen O'Neill-James, Frank Fannon, Brendan Cooney and Finbar Brown. Sitting in front: Bridget Hoffman and Sarah Grace.



Laureen O'Neill-James with grandson Robert James III.



Kyle Earnest.

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Irish Hooley raises funds for Christ House.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Leprechauns and shamrocks were on full display as more than 400 people turned out for the return of the Saint Patrick Irish Hooley March 13 at the Basilica School of

Saint Mary.

Hosted by the Alexandria Ancient Order of the Hibernians, the event made its return after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Pat and Bernadette Troy came up with the idea for the first Irish Hooley in March of 2016," said Ken Wolfe, vice president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. "We joined with Saint Mary's and have been sponsoring the event ever since."

The sold-out event was a fundraiser for Christ House, a program of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Arlington, which provides food

to the hungry, shelter to the homeless and clothing to those in need. An \$8,000 check was presented to Sister Aniliza Juan, Christ House's volunteer coordinator, on behalf of the Basilica of Saint Mary and AOH.

"The purpose of the event is to celebrate Saint Patrick, who was

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PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

Archbishop Borys Gudziak and Ukraine Ambassador to the U.S. Oksana Markarova appeal for aid to Ukraine March 15 at the National Press Club.

'A Full-Scale Genocide' Ukraine appeals for worldwide aid.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

As Ukrainian flags fly across the city in support of the Eastern European nation, Ukraine's Ambassador to the United States made an urgent appeal for aid while condemning Russia for its invasion of her country, calling the situation a "full-scale genocide of the Ukrainian people."

"We clearly have evidence that Russians are not actually targeting our armed forces," said Oksana Markarova during a March 15 press conference in Washington. "They are targeting civilians. They are killing children, pregnant women. They are killing elderly. This is a clear case of genocide."

Markarova was joined by Archbishop Borys Gudziak of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and chairman-elect of the U.S. Catholic bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development.

"Russian President Vladimir Putin did not invade Ukraine out of concern that NATO would encroach on his borders," Gudziak said. "It's being attacked because it's a democracy and it has the disease of freedom of the press, freedom of religion, elections, a vital civic society. All of this is a dan-

gerous virus for autocracy. For oligarchic kleptocracy and for what Putin stands for."

On Wednesday, Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskyy addressed Congress from the capital city of Kyiv in an appeal to the U.S. to do more to help his nation.

"Remember Pearl Harbor, terrible morning of Dec. 7, 1941, when your sky was black from the planes attacking you. Just remember it," Zelenskyy said. "Remember Sept. 11, a terrible day in 2001 when evil tried to turn your cities, independent territories, into battlefields. When innocent people were attacked, attacked from air, just like nobody else expected it, you could not stop it. Our country experiences the same every day. Right now, at this moment, every night for three weeks now."

Markarova warned that "nothing is off limits to Russia."

"They are attacking the civilians, they are trying to exterminate Ukrainians," she said. "This is a humanitarian catastrophe of massive proportions with the loss of life, three million refugees, and the need for basic necessities."

Markarova noted that the war between the two countries has existed for eight years — since 2014, when Russia annexed the

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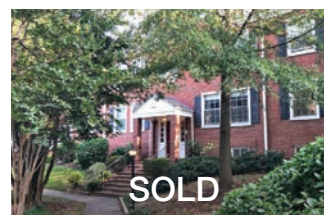
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A Government Divided

Lawmakers end session with little to show and no budget.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Members of the General Assembly session ended their legislative session last week without passing a budget or any marquee legislation, an indication that divided government is less effective now than it's ever been.

The last time Virginia had a divided government, Republicans and Democrats came together to expand Medicaid. This year, though, partisan tension led to trench warfare in subcommittee meetings that ended in a political stalemate.

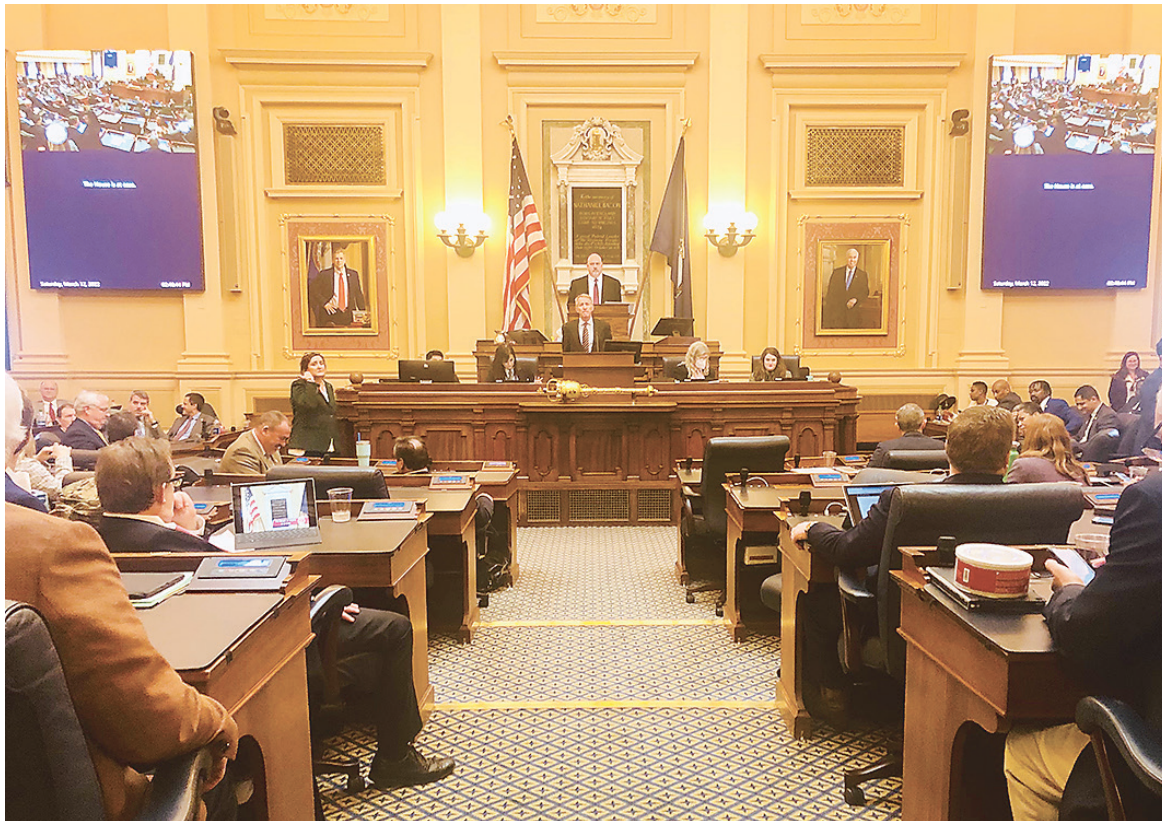
"A generation ago, centrist Republicans and centrist Democrats would get together and basically tell the extremists in both parties how things were going to go in Virginia," said Stephen Farnsworth, director of the Center for Leadership and Media Studies at the University of Mary Washington. "That's not the composition of today's legislature, where you have very few persuadable Democrats and very few persuadable Republicans."

Republicans swept all three statewide offices last year and seized control of the House of Delegates. But Democrats remain in control of the Senate, where they were able to block Republican efforts to roll back environmental and gun control regulations, and block Republican efforts to add restrictions on abortion. Similarly, Democrats' efforts to expand access to voting and ditch Virginia's unconstitutional ban on gay marriage were blocked in the Republican-controlled House.

"Governor Youngkin may have organized himself a bit later than his predecessors, and so he didn't have time to develop a legislative agenda and then work the legislature to accomplish parts of that agenda if he could," said Quentin Kidd, director of the Wason Center for Public Policy at Christopher Newport University. "What Governor Youngkin chose to focus his time and energy on could not get through the Senate, and he was unable to work much with Democrats in the Senate to get compromises."

PERHAPS THE BIGGEST clash was over money. The difference between the Senate budget and the House budget was an unprecedented \$3 billion. House Republicans want to eliminate the grocery tax while Senate Democrats want to keep part of it. House Republicans want to delay an increase in the gas tax while Senate Democrats say that money is needed to finance transportation projects. The biggest budget gap is over the

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House Speaker Todd Gilbert came into office wanting to deliver on the governor's campaign promise of tax cuts. But now those tax cuts are on hold as House Republicans and Senate Democrats remain divided on the budget.

idea of doubling the standard deduction to the state income tax, which would cost \$2 billion. The governor campaigned on the issue, and House Republicans want to move forward with it now. Senate Democrats want to study the idea and possibly move forward later.

"Reducing state revenues by such a large

helping those most in need.

But supporters of doubling the standard deduction say this form of tax relief would help more people because the vast majority of tax filers chose the standard deduction instead of itemizing. Besides, they say, tax relief is needed now and in future budgets.

"Yes, it's a long-term tax cut. That's the

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amount in a way that would be ongoing could jeopardize future state budgets because it's unclear what the economy might look like in a future budget," said Chris Wodicka, senior policy analyst at the Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis. "So there are a lot of unknowns."

Critics of doubling the standard deduction argue that it doesn't help those most in need, people at the bottom end of the income spectrum. They say that the Senate approach of creating an earned-income tax credit would be a more effective way of

point. That's the value of it," said Stephen Haner, senior fellow at the Thomas Jefferson Institute. "People will know that year after year after year, there'll be more and more of their income they don't have to pay income tax on. We pay sales taxes. We pay excise taxes. We pay lots of other taxes. So the income tax is one where I think they could do a break this year."

SENATE DEMOCRATS began the session boasting about how they would form a "blue wall" to reject the Republican agenda, and

they were successful up to a point. But there were cracks in the so-called blue wall. The most notable was a bill inspired by Fairfax County parents who were upset about their children reading Toni Morrison's Pulitzer-prize winning book "Beloved." The bill requires school divisions to notify parents when they plan on teaching sexually explicit material. Former Gov. Terry McAuliffe vetoed that bill when he was in the Executive Mansion. Now Gov. Youngkin is poised to sign it.

"This last election proved that parents want a say in their child's education," said Sen. Amanda Chase (R-11). "And we as a General Assembly and the Senate need to respect the wishes of parents instead of pushing what the government thinks is best for their kids."

Democrats also failed to block an effort to strip the Air Pollution Control Board and the Water Control Board of permitting authority. The effort began after a permit for a compressor station in Chatham was denied last year, leading many to question the idea that citizen-led boards should have the authority to decide who gets a permit and

who doesn't. Now a bill stripping permitting authority from these two citizen-led boards is on the governor's desk, even though rejecting this bill was a top priority for environmentalists.

"You have a board who makes a decision, not necessarily due to the science or the facts as we have seen in the past and they don't have to explain themselves," said Sen. Richard Stuart (R-28). "So this bill actually opens up the transparency of these decisions in my opinion."

The Air Pollution Control Board meets and votes in public, although its members sometimes make controversial decisions. Its decision in December to deny the compressor station in Chatham may end up being the death knell for permitting authority of citizen-led boards. Unfortunately for the Water Control Board, its members were caught in the crossfire. Lawmakers decided to strip them of permitting authority too. The vote in the Senate was 32 to 8.

"The State Water Control Board makes its decisions based on the public record after full public input and full public deliberation, which has been included. But also a public vote," said Shelton Miles, former chairman of the Water Control Board. "All of that happens with transparency in public. That's not going to happen if this bill passes."

ALTHOUGH THERE were no marquee bills that arrived on the governor's desk, lawmakers were able to accomplish some smaller

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Irish Hooley Raises Funds for Christ House

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sent to Ireland by Pope Saint Celestine as a missionary,” Wolfe said. “Saint Patrick found Ireland heathen and left it Christian, dying in 464. The Hooley offers our local community a time to get together to enjoy Irish food and drink, Irish dancing and Irish music. Most importantly during Lent, it is a time for almsgiving, when all of the proceeds from ticket sales and sponsorships go to Christ House.”

The afternoon featured perfor-

mances by local Irish musician, Pat Garvey; the Boyle School of Irish Dance; the O'Neill James School of Irish Dance; and the City of Alexandria Pipes and Drums. Traditional Irish fare, including shepherd's pie, fish and chips, and corned beef and cabbage was catered by Murphy's Grand Irish Pub.

Father Edward Hathaway greeted the crowd and later participated in a rousing rendition of the traditional Irish favorite “The Unicorn Song.”

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“The Hooley offers our local community a time to get together to enjoy Irish food and drink, Irish dancing and Irish music.”

— Ancient Order of the Hibernians VP Ken Wolfe



Bridget Shea Westfall with sons Jameson and Patrick.



Kerry Marter and mom Jean Marter enjoy traditional Irish corn beef and cabbage.

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Ukraine Appeals for Worldwide Aid

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Crimean peninsula from Ukraine. She asked for more weapons and defense, humanitarian assistance, and sanctions.

Gudziak added to Markarova's remarks, calling for armored ambulances, medical supplies, cyber protection, “massive humanitarian aid” and defensive aid.

Following Zelenskyy's address to Congress, Sen. Mark R. Warner (D-VA), Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, released a statement, saying: “I



A Ukrainian flag outside 1307 King Street is one of many on display across the city in support of the Eastern European nation under attack from Russia.

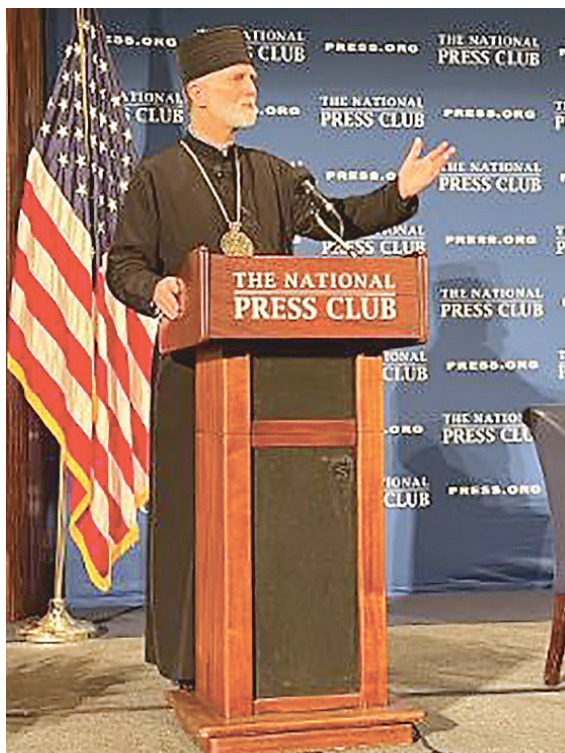
was incredibly moved by President Zelenskyy's words this morning and by the powerful images of the destruction inflicted on the Ukrainian people as a result of Russia's indiscriminate attacks on civilian targets. We should heed President Zelenskyy's call for additional defensive aid including anti-tank weapons and anti-aircraft missiles and for new sanctions on those responsible for supporting the Russian government's barbaric invasion of a peaceful and sovereign neighbor.”

The Rotary Club of Alexandria is collecting donations to be distributed through the 60 Rotarian groups located in Ukraine.

“They told us ‘don't send stuff,’” said Rotarian Donna Wilson. “They said they can get what they need but they need the funds to pay for it all.”

Donations can be made through www.alexandriarotary.org or by contacting Jeff Kohne at jeff.kohne@kwccpa.com.

Markarova ended her remarks, saying, “We have a saying in Ukraine: ‘If Russia stops shooting, the war will stop. If Ukraine stops shooting today, our country will disappear. So it's totally up to Russia.’”



The Most Rev. Borys Gudziak, metropolitan archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Philadelphia for the United States, makes an urgent appeal for aid to Ukraine March 15 at the National Press Club in Washington.

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2022 Women's Leadership Forum. 8-10 a.m. At the Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria. Presented by The Goodhart Group, the forum will bring together women (and men) at all stages of their careers for a morning long program designed to provide interactive discussion, inspiration and professional development. Cost is \$70 for Members | \$90 for Prospective Members | \$325 for 5 Pack of Tickets | \$675 for a 10 Pack of Tickets. Register here: <https://thechamberalx.com/event/womens-leadership-forum>

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An Evening At River Farm: Celebrating Conservation Heroes. Changemakers: Safeguarding Our Trees Webinar, a virtual discussion with leaders in forest protection. Learn from dedicated champions of Virginia's tree preservation and regeneration organizations, why safeguarding our trees is vital to land conservation, and what you can do to help. Guest speakers will include: Melody Starya Mobley, Retired USDA Forest Service Forester; EcoAction Arlington Board Member, Commissioner Forestry and Natural Resources Commission; Ann Jurczyk, Virginia Director of Outreach and Advocacy, Chesapeake Bay Foundation;

Margaret Fisher, Plant NOVA Natives. Register here: https://us06web.zoom.us/join/https://us06web.zoom.us/join/webinar/register/WN_I112y4x6Q-07Tug8kwTe4w

NEW PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION

The City of Alexandria will unveil its newest public art installation, “I Love You,” in Alexandria's Waterfront Park (1 Prince St.) on March 25. This new temporary installation by Roberto Behar and Rosario Marquardt of R&R Studios is the fourth in the “Site See: New Views in Old Town” annual public art series. The installation will be on display through November 2022, and accessible from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Commissioned to create an original installation for the location, Behar and Marquardt focused on the community-building possibilities of public art. “I Love You” captures the public's imagination in a celebration of friendship and camaraderie in the heart of Alexandria.

The installation features the words “I Love You” illuminated in pink neon lights. Mounted 15 feet high, the scripted letters will bathe visitors in a soft pink hue. Visit alexandriava.gov/PublicArt for more information about the “I Love You” public art installation and the Site See public art series.

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'Nowruz' Celebrating the Persian New Year.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Residents of the Watergate at Landmark gathered March 12 to participate in the traditional Persian New Year celebration called Nowruz, officially set to begin on the first day of Spring.

"Nowruz celebrates what is generally referred to as the Iranian New Year but it is also celebrated by many nations," said organizer Zohreh Khoshnamak. "It has been recognized by the United Nations and by Congress."

This was the second Nowruz celebration and was sponsored by the Watergate at Landmark Youth Committee.

"This is for all our neighbors in trying to bring together different nationalities," Khoshnamak said. "This event is not religious, it is

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Kambiz Behbahani points to objects signifying the first day of spring during a traditional Nowruz celebration of the Persian New Year March 12 at the Watergate of Landmark.



Zohreh Khoshnamak and Mimi Nippold stand before a traditional Persian rice dish of Tachin during the Nowruz celebration March 12 at the Watergate at Landmark.



In lieu of an outdoor fire, a guest jumps over a candle as part of the Nowruz ritual celebrating the New Year March 12 at the Watergate at Landmark.



Guests gather for a photo in front of a table of ritual objects during the Nowruz celebration March 12 at the Watergate at Landmark.

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Community Resources for Older Adults

BY MARGARET SHETLER
NUTRITION PROGRAM COORDINATOR

As an Age-Friendly Community, the City of Alexandria has a commitment to its older adults, with various programs supporting the well-being, safety, and independence of older Alexandrians. Access to these critical services makes it possible for older adults to remain in the community and age with dignity. To learn about what Alexandria has to offer, register for Senior Services of Alexandria's (SSA) March 17 Workshop on Community Resources

for Older Adults to stay home and live independently.

The workshop will cover SSA's life-sustaining nutrition programs and other services, including Meals on Wheels, Groceries-to-Go, and the Friendly Visitor program.

There will also be a discussion about the Commission on Aging's Age Friendly plan, which is being updated to reflect the current and future needs of older adults in the community.

The Age Friendly plan (2019-2021) was created in 2018 after Alexandria became the first community in Virginia to be accepted

to the AARP/World Health Organization's Network of Age Friendly Communities.

The plan focuses on the needs of older Alexandrians, with a wider goal to create a livable community for all ages. Topics covered in the plan include social inclusion, housing, transportation, health and community services, and civic participation and employment. Workshop participants will have an opportunity to give their input and share perspectives on what would make Alexandria a more Age Friendly community.

The "Community Resources for

Older Adults" workshop will be held virtually via zoom on Thursday, March 17th at 10 am. Don't miss this informative event and the opportunity to join an important discussion on the needs of older adults, and how they can be supported by the community. To register go to www.seniorservicesalex.org or call 703-836-4414, ext. 110. This workshop is part of SSA's Senior Living in Alexandria Speaker Series, an educational and informative program where experts and speakers share their expertise on different topics relevant to older adults.

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Celebrating the Persian New Year

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our New Year and is celebrated by different countries on March 21. We started it two years ago so everybody can come and see how we are celebrating our New Year and the beginning of Spring."

According to Khoshnamak, more than 300 million people from northwest China, India, Afghanistan, Iran, Turkey and Egypt celebrate Nowruz on the Spring equinox, symbolizing renewal.

"It is a joyous celebration filled with flowers, sweets and the sound of laughter of children," she said.

Central to the celebration is the Haft-sin or Haft-seen table, an arrangement of seven symbolic items whose names start with the letter "s," the 15th letter in the Persian alphabet.

"All the Persian ladies have cooked this delicious food," said Watergate resident Pat Espinet. "Zohreh runs herself crazy putting everything together but this is a lovely gathering to bring different cultures together."

Candle jumping took the place of outdoor fire jumping to bring good health and fortune in the New Year and an activity corner was set up for younger attendees.

"As the UN declaration says, Nowruz promotes values of peace and solidarity between generations, is a time of reconciliation and neighborliness, and contributes to cultural diversity and friendship among people of different communities," Khoshnamak said. "That is what we try to do here."

Young attendees enjoy children's activities during the Nowruz celebration March 12 at the Watergate at Landmark.



Guests enjoy the Nowruz celebration March 12 at the Watergate at Landmark.



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nounced it will celebrate the grand opening of its Carlyle-Alexandria store at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 11. Wegmans Carlyle-Alexandria is an 81,300 square-foot supermarket located at 150 Stovall St. in Carlyle Crossings off Eisenhower Ave, just outside of Old Town Alexandria.

The new store will employ 450 people in full- and part-time jobs. Recruitment began in September and is ongoing for remaining part-time positions and select full-time positions. Available jobs span departments throughout the store, including sushi, pizza, prepared foods, deli and charcuterie, cheese, seafood, grocery stockers, and cashiers. Job seekers may apply online at jobs.wegmans.com/Carlyle-Alexandria or call (571) 473-5090.

ALEXANDRIA TO OPEN SPACE AT TORPEDO FACTORY

The City of Alexandria will be accepting resident artist applications for studio space at the Torpedo Factory Art Center (105 N. Union St.) beginning March 1. Individuals or groups of up to four artists are invited to apply for the studio jury for a three-year lease in one of the available studios. The deadline to apply is April 19.

Visual artists at all levels of their respective careers, who are over the age of 21, are eligible to apply for the 2022 studio jury. The fee is \$45 for new applicants or applicant groups, but will be waived for current resident artists and individuals for whom the fee is a barrier. Artists can apply to be a resident artist with a three-year lease or to become an artist pro tem

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Some Animal Shelter Workers Affected by ‘Compassion Fatigue’

BY BARBARA S. MOFFET
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When Tony Rankin hears the term “compassion fatigue,” he recalls a time working at an animal shelter in Arkansas when there weren’t enough resources to save a litter of puppies that had a deadly infection.

“I can recall feeling that, because I cared so much, I suddenly felt very overwhelmed with the work,” said Rankin, who is now Chief Operating Officer of the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. “I started using a lot of dark humor and became callous about things I used to care about. Compassion fatigue definitely can affect relationships with family and friends.”

Rankin’s encounter with compassion fatigue is a common experience for animal shelter workers. “Compassion fatigue is the physical, psychological and emotional impact of helping others, often through difficult situations,” said AWLA Executive Director Stella Hanly. “It is different from burnout or a person exhausting their capacity to care. Compassion fatigue stems from repeated exposure to traumatic events and can cause a person to grow numb to situations that would otherwise affect them deeply.” Animal shelter staffers are thought to experience this condition at similar rates to those of health care workers, she said.

To combat this problem, the AWLA emphasizes “compassion resilience,” encouraging staff members to focus on taking personal care of themselves to stay ahead of the concerns of compassion fatigue. Staff are encouraged to recognize the symptoms of stress and

work on developing outlets such as relaxing with family and pets and engaging in a hobby — before any fatigue sets in. Managers are also observing their staff for any signs of concern so they can emphasize focusing on mental health.

Joe Miench, the AWLA’s Behavior and Training Manager, experiences highs and lows daily, as most of the animals he works with require extra attention and support. He recently took on a dog named Floyd who had been transferred in from West Virginia and was terrified. “Because of his extreme fear, he had to be carried off the truck and then wouldn’t come out of his crate,” Miench recalled. Weeks of intense work with Floyd warmed him up to the point he could be leashed for walks, and he eventually was adopted by a loving couple.

Miench approaches his work with an eye toward finding the proper mental balance. “You have to have compassion in order to help the animals,” he said. “But compassion is also the thing that can be the most detrimental. If you aren’t able to separate yourself from the animals you work with or find the right coping mechanisms, you can get stuck in seeing only their suffering. It can spiral down and be extremely difficult to get out of.”

Miench said he experienced full-blown compassion fatigue in a previous job. “At first I thought I was normal and just tired. But I decided to dive into some hobbies, including woodworking. Like my job, woodworking involves some problem-solving, but it’s different. No one is going to be negatively impacted if I use the wrong screw.” Exploring activities outside of work helped Miench once again

feel ready to face the highs and lows of the sometimes stressful environment.

Joanna Fortin, who directs community-facing programs including the AWLA’s Pet Pantry, often extends her compassion beyond the animals in the facility. “So many of the people who come to us needing help for their pets are also facing food insecurity and housing struggles themselves,” she said. “A few weeks ago someone emailed me to say that support from the Pet Pantry had allowed them to finally become food secure, both for themselves and their pet. It’s very emotional to hear that because you know that the humans in the family have been facing challenges just as daunting and real as the pets.”

Compassion fatigue can often stem from seeing the worst of things happen, seemingly on a daily basis, and reports of progress from community members help AWLA employees experience some of the best. Employees in the Community Programs group, Fortin said, work to create those successes by putting people in touch with the resources needed for both their families and their pets. “Our shared successes and the positive outcomes for the animals and families we work with enable us to continue this work,” she said.

Fortin says she sometimes recognizes signs of compassion fatigue in her staff and responds by helping them navigate difficult situations. When she notices that a staffer seems worn down, struggling to summon empathy or unable to protect themselves from sad situations, “I suggest they take 20 minutes and cuddle a puppy or go out on a walk with one,” she said. “Sometimes it’s the animals themselves who can be the remedy



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Animal Welfare League of Alexandria Chief Operating Officer Tony Rankin and Coco, who was later adopted. Rankin encourages staff to develop outside interests to help head off compassion fatigue.



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An Animal Welfare League of Alexandria staffer readies pet supplies as part of the shelter’s Pet Pantry operation. The pantry supports pet owners who are experiencing financial need.

for the problem.”

The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria is a local 501(c)(3) organization that operates the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, Alexandria’s only open-access animal shelter. In response to the global pandemic, the AWLA has estab-

lished a virtual adoption process and is operating a Pet Pantry that provides pet food and supplies to community members in need. The AWLA also offers assistance to Alexandrians with questions about wildlife and animals in the community. More information can be found at AlexandriaAnimals.org.

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Woodlawn's 2022 Needlework Show, Common Threads: Connecting People, Families, and Communities, Past and Present, in person. At Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. The 59th Annual Woodlawn Needlework Show's theme "Common Threads" focuses on the threads in life that connect us as a community and the commonalities that exist among all people, as demonstrated through the pursuit of craft. Every day except Tuesdays. For more information on the theme and submitting work, www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org. Call 703-780-4000 or email woodlawn@savingplaces.org

MARCH 4-26

Flora & Fauna Exhibit. At Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Features art that explores the interdependence of plants and animals, combining art with science. Exhibit is open at Noon, Thursdays - Sundays, from Friday, March 4 to Saturday, March 26. It closes at 6:00 pm, except Saturdays it is open until 9 p.m. Visit the website: <https://delrayartisans.org/2022/01/flora-fauna/>

MARCH 10-MAY 5

Solo Art Exhibition. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. At Art & Framing, 694 N. St. Asaph St., Alexandria. Art & Framing will be home to the exhibition "Works from Nature's Jewel Tones: Paintings by Kathleen Callery. The show features 20 of Callery's works. The jewel tones found in nature have been the main inspiration for these paintings--Kathleen Callery.

MARCH 10-APRIL 17

Forces Fleeting. At The Athenaeum Gallery, Alexandria. Opening Reception, Sunday, March 13, 4 — 6 p.m. Artist Talk, Saturday, April 9 at 2 p.m. Forces Fleeting is a mixed-media exhibition of new works by artists Nikki Brugnoli and Anne C. Smith, in the first joint installation by the two longtime friends and collaborators. In very different ways, both women explore the transformative power of landscape, with Brugnoli's gestural screenprint drawings on mylar and wood panels and Smith's dark pencil drawings on stained linen.

FRIDAY/MARCH 18

The American Civil War's Impact on Modern Medicine. 6 p.m. At Lee-Fendall House Museum, Alexandria. Learn more about how the American Civil War changed the medical field, from life-saving discoveries to the ways in which women participated in the medical profession like never before. Please call 703.548.1789 or email contact@leefendallhouse.org.

SATURDAY/MARCH 19

Spring Craft Fair. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. At Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Indoor Craft Fair and Silent Auction featuring 80 plus artists/vendors selling all handmade crafts. Free kids craft corner hosted by KidsCreate Studio, huge silent auction. Extensive selection of autographed sports, movie and music memorabilia, gift certificates, Capitals and Nationals tickets, artist silent auction. All proceeds go to support the Hayfield Senior class.

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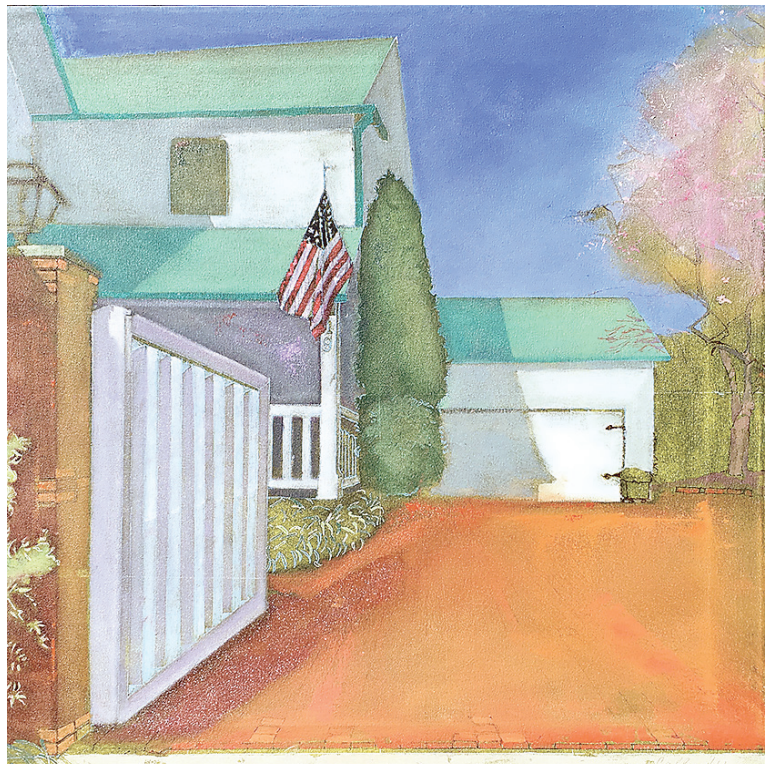
Brandenburg, Vivaldi & Tango. 7:30 p.m. At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 South Pitt Street, Alexandria. Members of the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, led by Music Director James Ross, present an evening of music by Bach, Vivaldi and Piazzolla in the intimate setting of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Hear Baroque renditions with principals from the ASO featured as soloists. Cost: \$45. Visit the website: <https://alexsym.org/performance/brandenburg/>

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Plant Swap/Adoption Event. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. (16-Adult) Green Spring Gardens is hosting a plant swap/adoption event. Bring your unwanted houseplants, cuttings and containers to swap with others or put up for adoption. A lecture, a gardening Help Desk, educational displays, and glasshouse tours are included. Leave with new plants, containers, new garden friends and expert advice. \$15 per person. Code 1AT.DYJT. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

SATURDAY/MARCH 19

Flowers Everywhere! 6:30-8:30 p.m. At Del Ray Artisans Gallery in the Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Have you always wanted to try your hand



A Solo Art Exhibition featuring paintings by Kathleen Gallery will be held March 10-May 5 at Art & Framing in Alexandria.

at floristry? Learn how to level up grocery store arrangements. You'll get to bring home your masterpiece after the workshop. Details: <https://delrayartisans.org/workshops/#event=flowers-everywhere>

At George Washington Masonic Memorial, Alexandria. The Alexandria Choral Society will present Dan Forrest's Lux: The Dawn from on High. Experience the hope of dawn and the promises of light during ACS's annual gala and

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APPETITE

Off the Menu: Restaurant News and Notes All Along King Street

BY HOPE NELSON
GAZETTE PACKET

As warmer weather takes hold, the streets of Alexandria are coming alive with new growth – and new eateries. Here are three that deserve a housewarming party this month.

Bob and Edith's Diner Opens on King Street

Diner fans, rejoice: The newest outpost of legendary local diner chain Bob and Edith's has opened its doors at 1743 King St. From eggs to omelets to pancakes and waffles, the venerable diner has all your breakfast and brunch needs covered, and then some: Come around later in the day and you'll find a lunch and dinner menu teeming with pork chops, country fried steak, fried chicken, liver and onions and more.

Foxtrot Opens in Old Town

Yearning for a cup of coffee, a grab-and-go snack, a gift or even a libation? Foxtrot, which just opened at 701 King St., is just the place. From the District's Vigilante coffee to an array of avocado toasts, from breakfast tacos to hearty lunchtime bowls, the eatery has offerings for almost any palate (and dietary lifestyle).



Almond croissant at Fresh Baguette.

Come a bit later in the day and enjoy a tasty beer or wine to wash everything down.

Fresh Baguette Opens

There's a new baguette in town! The Fresh Baguette has opened for business at 1101 King St. with plenty of carby goodness just waiting to be brought home. From croissants to quiches to, yes, a vast array of baguettes, the Fresh Baguette has everything you need to add a bread boost to your day.

Hope Nelson is the author of "Classic Restaurants of Alexandria" and owns the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at www.kitchenrecessionista.com. Email her any time at hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.

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silent auction performance, under the direction of ACS Artistic Director Brian J. Isaac. This program features the Washington Metropolitan Youth Orchestra, directed by David Weigert. Following the performance, ACS will host its annual silent auction. Visit alexandriachoral-society.org.

SATURDAY/MARCH 19

Discovering Alexandria Architecture Walking Tour. 10 a.m. At Carlyle House Historic Park, Alexandria. Alexandria has grown from a small town in the 18th century to a bustling small city in the 21st century. Join in a tour of Alexandria and explore looking at the various Architecture styles that adorn the city streets and make it one of the best places to live and work. Reservations are required as space is limited. Please wear comfortable shoes for this 1.5 hour guided tour. Tour is held rain or shine unless there is severe weather. Call 703-549-2997 or email carlyle@nvrpa.org.

MARCH 20, 27

Outlander Tours. 11 a.m. to noon. Celebrate the March premiere of Season 6 of Diana Gabaldon's beloved "Outlander" series with an Outlandish Tour of the Apothecary Museum. Tour this historic apothecary and learn about a few of the herbal medicines—such as cascara and dauco seeds—that were featured in Diana Gabaldon's "Outlander" novels. The tour also touches on the roles of apothecaries and women in medicine in the 18th century. These tours are recommended for people ages 18 and older.

MARCH 22 TO APRIL 4

Outer Space. 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. At Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, 105 N Union Street, Alexandria. Extraterrestrials, galaxies, planets, and anything else beyond the sky are fair game for our artists' creativity. Themed work will be eligible for recognition by the jurors. Non-themed work will also be exhibited.

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The City of Alexandria proposes to increase the current property tax levies.

1. **Assessment Increase:** Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments for new construction, or improvement to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property by 4.75 percent.
2. **Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment:** The tax rate which would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be \$1.075 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate."
3. **Effective Rate Increase:** The City of Alexandria proposes to advertise a tax rate of \$1.115 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the advertised tax rate would be \$0.040 per \$100, or a 3.73 percent increase. This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase." Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.
4. **Proposed Total Budget Increase:** Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of the City of Alexandria (including the General Fund and all Special Revenue grant funds and other sources) will decrease from last year's budget by 1.2 percent.
5. The City proposes to continue an additional tax rate of \$0.20 per \$100 for all properties that have been classified in the Tier I Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District.

A public hearing on the effective increase will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. The hearing shall be open to the public. The governing body shall provide persons desiring to be heard an opportunity to present oral testimony within such reasonable time limits as shall be determined by the governing body.

City Council Public Hearing:

The Webinar will open at 9:00 AM to allow individuals to join while the Public Hearing will begin at approximately 9:30 AM.

The April 23, 2022 Tax Rate Public Hearing Meeting of the Alexandria City Council is being held in the Council Chamber (301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314) and electronically. Members of City Council and staff are participating either in person or from a remote location through a video conference call on Zoom. The meeting can be accessed by the public in the City Council chamber, through the live broadcast on the government channel 70, streaming on the City's website, and can be accessed via Zoom by the following link:

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Public Comment will be received at this meeting: All persons wishing to speak before City Council must complete a Speaker's Form (see link above). If you have a prepared statement or written comments for the record, you may email it to the City Clerk at gloria.sitton@alexandriava.gov. Speakers are encouraged to submit their written comments to the City Clerk. When your name is called to speak, the Zoom host will prompt you to unmute your microphone. If you are participating via smartphone, press *6 to mute/unmute your microphone. You will be called on by your name or the last 4 digits of your phone number when it is your turn to speak. When you are finished speaking or at 3 minutes (whichever comes first), you will be muted again. If you would like to submit a written comment, you may use the "Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Input" form: <https://www.research.net/r/AlexandriaVA-FY2023BudgetInput>

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Jonathan Corie Hale passed away on Feb. 11 at the age of 63. Corie had been battling congestive heart failure and insomnia; he is now at peace. Born in Worcester, MA to Priscilla Ordway and the late Corie Hale, Corie is survived by his mother; three sisters; three nieces; and one nephew. Corie attended Virginia Tech and earned his business degree and his MBA at George Mason, while working full-time in telecommunications. He then worked as an IT contractor, most notably serving as a network specialist for the Department of Justice. Corie loved drawing, writing poetry, music and the arts, basketball, baseball and running. His outrageous sense of humor, energetic outlook on life, and loyal and generous nature will be missed by all. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association or American Humane Society. A memorial service will be held at a later date.



"Coach" Bill Blair died peacefully at the Fairfax Hospital on March 9, 2022. He was 95. He was born on January 4, 1927 in Roda, Virginia. He was captain of the Appalachia High School football team and when he was eighteen, he joined the Army, served in Iceland and was a veteran of WWII. When the war ended, he enrolled in Tennessee Wesleyan Junior College and played as Co-Captain of the team. His team mates nick-named him "Bull Blair" because of his fierce blocking and tackling ability.

The head coach of Wayne University in Michigan viewed Bill's tapes and told him to come to the school where he would receive a full football scholarship, Bill agreed and played football there and also got his B.S. Degree. Bill later received his M.A. at George Washington University. Mr. Blair began his coaching career at Coeburn High School in Va. and coached the basketball team to its first championship. Bill moved to Luray, Va. and coached the Luray High School football team to an undefeated District Championship. At Midlothian High School, in Richmond, Va. he coached his second basketball championship. After moving to Alexandria, Va. he coached the famous T.C. Williams Titans to their first District Championship using the Penn State offense and defense. He was then appointed as the Alexandria City Athletic Director, a position he held for 12 years. During the "Remember the Titans" season final two games, Coach Blair was called back out of coaching retirement into the booth to call the plays due to the offensive coach's illness. The rest is history. After retiring he established the Driver Improvement Program, Inc. in Alexandria which he operated for 25 years. Each year he received an award from the National Safety Council and was recognized as one of the most successful programs in Va. He retired a second time in 2015 and turned his business over to his three sons. Coach was also a former member of the Springfield Golf and Country Club and an avid 10 handicapper, famous mainly for his short game, he made a hole in one at the par three 300-yard hole, something most golfers never do in their lifetime. Mr. Blair leaves his beloved wife, Betty Mabrey Blair, age 90, and they recently celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary.

He also leaves his three sons, Gregory Lee, William Preston III, and Thomas Allen, eleven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. All of Bill's brothers, Charlie, Walter, Roy, Jim, Buddy, his sisters, Stella, Marge, Madeline, Mattie Jean and his parents Sarah "Susie" Strong and William P., Sr. are deceased. Gathering will be held at Demaine Funeral Home, 520 S. Washington St. in Old Town Alexandria on Friday, March 25 from 5-8pm. Graveside services will be held Saturday, March 26 at 1pm at Mt. Comfort Cemetery 6600 S. Kings Hwy. Alexandria leaving from Demaine at 12:30pm. Friends and family are encouraged to be there to honor Bill, if possible. The family suggests in lieu of flowers, donations be made to one's favorite charity.

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By order of the Superior Court of New Jersey wherein Melissa Flores Justiniano, your spouse, is plaintiff and you, Dion Lllimani Soto, are defendant, you are required to serve upon William M. Candia, Esq., 608 Kennedy Blvd, Union City, N.J. 07087, either (1) a written appearance in accordance with R.5:4-3(a), or (2) an answer to the complaint, on or before the 19th of April 2022, and if you fail to answer or file a written appearance in accordance with R.4-3(a), a judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint, and further you shall promptly file the answer or written appearance and proof of service thereof in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, 595 Newark Avenue, Family Part, Jersey City, New Jersey, 07306, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure. Further if you are unable to obtain an attorney you may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling (732) 249-5000 or you may contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of Hudson by calling (201) 798-4708, and further that if you cannot afford an attorney you may communicate with the Legal Service Office of the County of Hudson by calling (201) 792-6363.

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Obituary

Orron Eugene Kee December 16, 1935 - March 10, 2022



Orron Eugene Kee, age 86, of Alexandria, VA, passed away on March 10, 2022, after a short battle with cancer. Orron was born on December 16, 1935, in Abilene, Kansas, to Ralph Maynard Kee and Helen Mae Davidson Kee. Orron is survived by his wife of 63 years, Judith Lear Kee (Alexandria, VA), children Brian Kee, Russell Kee (Laurel Janene), Emilie Pade (Bradley) of Springfield, VA, grandchildren Katrina Mueller Liebich (Trent) of Anchorage AK, Jason and Caroline Pade, Edwin and Oscar Lipinkas of Arlington, VA, great-grandchildren McKay and Ragnar Liebich, an aunt and several cousins.

Visitation: Saturday, March 19, 2022, from 4 - 7 pm at Demaine Funeral Home, 520 S. Washington St, Alexandria, VA. Service: Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 1 pm at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA, with a commitment at Mount Comfort Cemetery immediately following. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society, MVPCC, or The Little Theatre of Alexandria.

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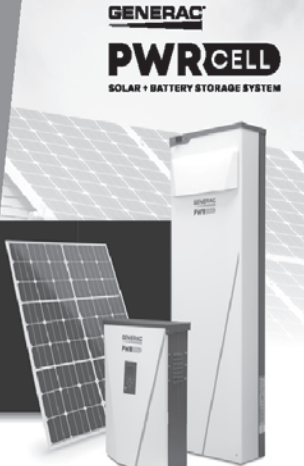
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Nothing Sensational Here

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Can I admit to a lack of sensation? It might sound a bit odd, but I don't feel like I have cancer. Furthermore, when I go to a medical facility to have one thing or another done, I never feel as if I'm on a slippery slope, health wise. Naively or not, what I most think and feel about whatever procedure or diagnostic scan I'm having or prescription drug I'm ordering, is that I'm at a certain age, over age 65, where some of the parts don't work as well as they used to, and a tune-up, so to speak, is merely the cost of doing business, if you know what I mean? The older one gets, the more difficulties there are getting from here to there – and everywhere in between; with varying hurdles at almost every step (more so if there's a bend-over involved). For some inexplicable reason, I don't see the cancer issue as the extremely serious and complicated problem that it is. I just see it as another day alive and in semi paradise (especially considering my original two-year prognosis).

And though I joke when referring to being in paradise, compared to the "terminal" diagnosis I was initially given by my oncologist, specifically: "13 months to two years," in late February 2009, it's impossible for me to consider any blip on my health radar now as anything but amazing good fortune that I'm still even blipping. As in I'm still alive being able to experience any blips/symptoms. (The presumption being that one doesn't feel symptoms when they're dead, so my thinking is, if I'm still feeling; then I'm still in the game, and it's a game I very much want to continue to play.) Honestly though, none of it really bothers me, too much.

For a while, back in early 2009 when Team Lourie was trying to assimilate the "terminal" diagnosis I received: (stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer), it was difficult to see a future. Heck, it was difficult to see a present – which by the way, had just been taken away. But my attitude then, as it remains so today, is a kind of blissful ignorance while respecting and adhering to the many medical steps I regularly take. I mean it's serious, of course, very serious. Still, I do my best to compartmentalize the bad and try to live my good life going forward; as if nothing has been taken away.

Thinking back, thirteen years ago, when I was initially diagnosed, seems like an eternity, another lifetime, one might say. Considering I'm now living in year 14 after being told I might not make it to year two, and perhaps you can appreciate how little – and even some big things, don't bother me nearly as much as one might imagine. Having dodged a bullet (a hail of bullets, actually), I don't feel as if I'm on shaky ground. Quite the contrary. I feel like I'm on hallowed ground. I've not been to the mountain top or seen a burning bush, but I have lived a life I had no expectation of living.

I may not be "The Iron Horse" (Lou Gehrig), but I feel very fortunate, nonetheless. Life has gone on. Amazing.

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NEWS

A Government Divided

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wins. One was from freshman Del. Elizabeth Bennett-Parker (D-45), who successfully passed a bill that expands the ability of local governments to engage in virtual government. Bennett-Parker has been working on this issue since she was vice mayor of the Alexandria City Council, and now she's finally been able to navigate her way through concerns of the Virginia Press Association and the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council.

"Over the course of the pandemic, when we had virtual meetings, I think we saw a dramatic increase in participation," said Bennett-Parker. "It's important to women and other people who can't be in person all the time."

Her original bill would have allowed city councils and boards of supervisors to meet virtually. But when the bill was under consideration in the Senate, senators stripped out local government bodies that had authority to make binding decisions. So that means boards of zoning appeals or school boards would not be able to meet virtually, but advisory bodies would.

"This does not apply to town councils. This does not apply to school boards," said Sen. Jennifer Boysko (D-33). "This is for boards and commissions that are not elected bodies. And I can tell you from my locality, they've been begging for this. It's hard to get people to agree to serve on some of these boards and commissions and advisory councils."

ANOTHER WIN FOR LAWMAKERS is a bill brought to them by a bipartisan pair of

teenagers. The bill, now on the governor's desk, would create a student advisory board that would present an annual report to the state Board of Education. The legislation was the brainchild of the Virginia Bipartisan Civic Engagement Coalition, a group of high school students who got together and started advocating for the idea.

"We saw decisions made during the covid era where we felt students weren't being very well represented in these discussions, in these conversations," said Matthew Savage, a teenage Democrat who helped create the coalition.

"Therefore you had these people making decisions that impact us more than they do anyone else and we weren't really being involved."

The original idea was to add a non-voting student member to the board of Education. But as the bill moved through the Senate, it changed into a bill creating an advisory body that would make an annual report to the Board of Education.

"We don't want someone to be sitting on the Board of Education just as a resume-builder and not actually represent the students across the commonwealth," said Brady Hillis, a teenage Republican who helped create the coalition. "If there's a group of them that annually report to the Board of Education, the Board of Education is going to hear those concerns and it's going to make more of an impact than just one non-voting student advisor every year that goes to the quarterly meetings of the Board of Education."

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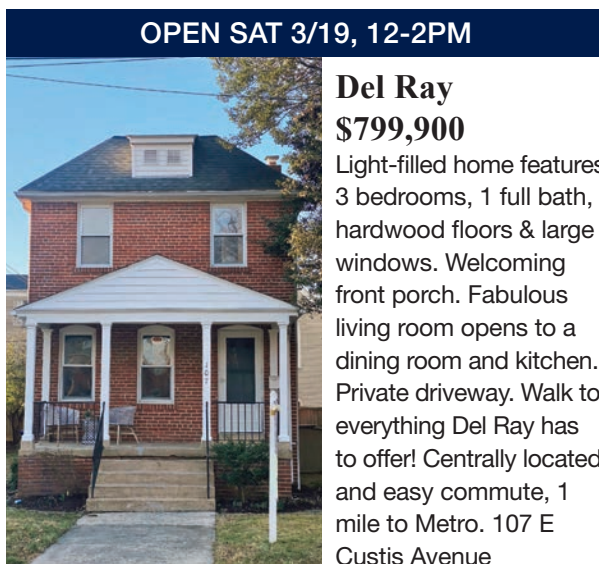


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