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Hometown Heroes

Lyles brothers receive keys to the city.

By Jeanne Theismann Gazette Packet

ayor Justin Wilson welcomed the return of world champion sprinters Noah and Josephus Lyles to their hometown with the presentation of a key to the city Oct. 10 in Market Square.

Born and raised in Alexandria, the brothers were inducted into the Alexandria City Public Schools Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 8 and attended the celebration in their honor in Market Square where Wilson praised both their athletic accomplishments as well as advocacy for mental health awareness.

"We're here not just because of your athletic pursuits, but for what you have done using your platform as an athlete to speak out on mental illness and raise awareness of that," Wilson said. "That advocacy is not just important, that advocacy saves lives.'



Olympic bronze medalist Noah Lyles speaks after he and his brother Josephus were honored Oct. 10 in Market Square.

A heavy favorite to take home the gold, Noah Lyles won the bronze medal in the men's 200-meter at the Tokyo Olympics last summer and was hailed for publicly talking about his struggles with mental

"I did not realize the impact I had on everybody when it came to mental health until I came back from the Olympics and everyone was talking about it," said Noah Lyles. "I go to therapy quite often and never thought of my moment of being vulnerable of being so heroic. It was just a moment in the everyday life of Noah Lyles."

Noah, 25, is a 2016 graduate of what is now Alexandria City High School. Twentyfour-year-old Josephus graduated in 2017. Following his performance at the Olympics, Noah set a 200m U.S. record of 19.31 at the World Championships in July in Eugene, Ore., the third-fastest in history. Josephus set a personal record in the 200m by running

under 20 seconds as part of the U.S. National team.

The brothers turned pro following their high school graduation and now live and train in Clermont, Fla. Noah praised his family



Mayor Justin Wilson, right, presents a proclamation and keys to the city to brothers Josephus and Noah Lyles on Oct. 10 in Market Square.

"Hopefully I will be remembered ... as the person that continues to leave a generation better than when he came."

— Olympic bronze medalist Noah Lyles

for his success.

"I have my brother to thank for being up here today," Noah said. "He's been with me on this journey this whole time. A lot of people think that it was my dream to go to the Olympics, but it was Jose-

phus' dream to go to the Olympics, it was his dream to turn pro out of high school. I just went along for the ride and for that, Josephus, I will always thank you."

Noah followed with praise for SEE LYLES BRORHERS, PAGE 7

Kathy Lorton exits the stage after being inducted into the 2022 ACPS Athletics Hall of Fame for cheerleading, T.C. Williams class of 2000, Oct. 8 at Alexandria City High School. Lorton was among 24 individuals and two teams honored at the ceremony.

Class of 2022 Hall of Fame

ACPS honors city athletes.

By Jeanne Theismann Gazette Packet

thletic excellence of more than 70 decades was cele-

brated as Alexandria City Public Schools held the induction ceremony for the 2022 Athlet-Oct. 8 at Alexandria City High School.

From Dearcey "Dee" Campbell and Joe Hensley from the George Washington High School

class of 1944 to world champion sprinters Josephus and Noah Lyles of T.C. Williams class of 2016, 24 individuals and two teams were

honored at the ceremony.

"Today we are honoring all the inductees," said Athletic Hall of Fame committee chair Aly Khan Johnson Sr. "The Lyles brothers, Dee Campbell -- this is a community rich in athletic skills but also in academics. We have great student athletes reaching back to the 1945 basketball team at GW to the 1977

"This is a community that ic Hall of Fame honorees is rich in athletic skills but also in academics."

> — Athletic Hall of Fame committee chair Aly Khan Johnson Sr.

> > basketball team at TC Williams. It's an honor to have them come back."

Other inductees included the

late Naomi Lewis Brooks, who was honored for her basketball career at Parker-Gray High School where she graduated in 1951.

"My mother set records that still stand today," said Marquita Brooks. "One thing I am certain of - had my mother been born in a different era she would

> have been an Olympian, no question about it."

> The late Dee Campbell was a dual sport athlete at GWHS. He began coaching the Hammond boys crew team in 1959 before taking over the T.C. Williams girls team in

1975. Campbell was inducted for his extraordinary record of winning regional, national, and SEE ACPS, PAGE 6



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HISTORY

Young Turk from Alexandria

Armistead Boothe led a group of war vets in the General Assembly who took on the Byrd Machine.

> By Michael Lee Pope GAZETTE PACKET

n some ways, Alexandria was the home of the forces who worked against the conservative political organization that ran Virginia politics for most of the 20th century. Starting after the conclusion of World War II, the city was represented in the House of Delegates by a young war vet by the name of Armistead Boothe. His actions in the coming decades in the House of Delegates and the state Senate would shape the forces of history by pushing back against the Byrd machine to increase state funding for public education and slowly dismantle Jim Crow institutionalized racism.

A native of Alexandria, his father was president of the First National Bank in Al-

exandria and leader of the Democratic Party. Boothe graduated from Episcopal High School and the University of Virginia before becoming a Rhodes Scholar studying law at Oxford University. From 1939 to 1942, he served as city attorney of Alexandria although he resigned that position to become a naval air combat intelligence officer in the Pacific Theater during the war. Like many other young war vets of the era, Boothe ran for office in the election of 1947.

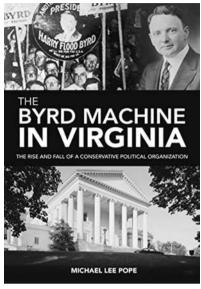
"The Young Turks — it's not known who put that tag on them — represented something so far as

recent legislative sessions are concerned," explained Richmond Times-Dispatch political reporter James Latimer. "They generally were within the organization, yet didn't hesitate to challenge its dictums."

Boothe was leader of the pack, which included Stuart Carter of Botetourt County, George Cochran of Staunton, Griffith Dodson of Roanoke, Walter Page of Norfolk and Julian Rutherfoord of Roanoke. As a group, they were able to force a vote on a resolution to allow a referendum on Virginia's controversial poll tax. It was a relic of the Jim Crow era that didn't seem to make sense anymore, although the Byrd Machine relied on the poll tax as a way to perpetuate its power. The Senate Privileges and Elections Committee killed it with a five-to-four vote, but it was clear the group was wielding a new sense of power inside of a rickety old

"I shook the tree, but somebody else picked up the apples," said Delegate Robert Whitehead, leader of the liberal faction of House Democrats.

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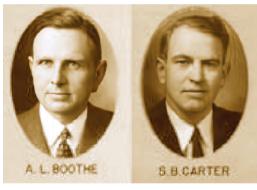


Book Launch

This story is an excerpt from "The Byrd Machine of Virginia: The Rise and Fall of a Conservative Political Organization." You can get a signed copy at the book launch, when author Michael Lee Pope will talk about the book and sign copies. The book launch is 7 pm on Oct. 20 at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street.



Armistead Boothe is flanked by two young supporters during his 1961 campaign for lieutenant governor.











Library of Virginia

The Young Turks, left to right: Armistead Boothe of Alexandria, Stuart Carter of Botetourt County, George Cochran of Staunton, Griffith Dodson of Roanoke, Walter Page of Norfolk and Julian Rutherfoord of Roanoke.

"The tree of good government can flourish better if its roots are sunk more deeply in the ground and spread over a wider area, rather than being nurtured from a limited source."

— Delegate Armistead Boothe, 1954

Young Turks was a budget standoff that literally stopped the clock, pausing the hands of time in the House chamber at 11:22 pm to prolong the session past the witching hour. At issue was a \$1 million appropriation to give teachers a pay raise of \$50 a year. For a state that was famously stingy with funding public education, it was a move that signaled new priorities for a new era. In a late-night confrontation, one of the senators threatened Delegate Dodson of Roanoke.

"One well-known senator went so far as to warn him that his father would lose his job as clerk of the House unless Dodson switched his vote," explained historian Peter Henriques. "Such pressure simply made Dodson firmer in his opposition to the governor's budget."

Governor John Battle called all of the Young Turks into his third-floor office at the Capitol one by one, twisting arms and laying on the pressure late into the evening. Shortly after 3 a.m., the Young Turks lost and the raises for teachers were rejected. Undoubtedly, the delegates were tired and exhausted. But they could declare a kind of victory by bringing attention to the racist poll tax and the retrograde education spending. Their efforts certainly caught the attention of editorial boards and reporters.

"The group, full of something akin to college spirit and often better organized than

the leadership, has refused to go stand in the corner," wrote political reporter Charles McDowell in the Richmond Times-Dispatch. "Anybody who hasn't heard them coming has only been listening out of one corner of his ear."

They would meet every night at the Hotel Richmond, directly across the street from Capitol Square. Eventually, they were able to elect more Young Turks to the House and increase appropriations for education. By the mid-1960s, the courts outlawed the poll tax. Walter Page left the House to take a job as a judge in Norfolk. Armistead Boothe and Stuart Carter eventually moved over to the Senate. These days, their greatest legacy is pushing for reform to the Byrd Machine while being active participants of the Byrd Machine.

"I think this is a very healthy thing for the state and for the organization itself," explained Boothe in 1954. "The tree of good government can flourish better if its roots are sunk more deeply in the ground and spread over a wider area, rather than being nurtured from a limited source."

Ken Harvey to Speak Oct. 19 at ODBC

Alexandria Sportsman's Club Football Night features NFL legend.

en Harvey, a four-time Pro Bowler and one of the "80 Greatest Washington Football Players," will be the featured speaker at the Alexandria Sportsman's Club's annual Football Night Oct. 19 at the Old Dominion Boat Club.

Originally from Austin, Texas, Harvey attended U.C. Berkeley and was selected for the first round, 12th overall, of the 1988 NFL draft by the Arizona Cardinals. He played six seasons there until signing with the Washington Football Team in 1994. He was selected to his fourth straight NFL Pro Bowl in 1997 and ended his career with 89 sacks, averaging 8.6 per season.

Harvey retired just prior to the start of the 1999 season. In 2002, he was honored as one of "80 Greatest Washinton Football Players." Shortly after receiving that honor, he was chosen and inducted into the "The Washington Football Club Ring of Fame at FedEx Field." He was nominated five consecutive times for the NFL Hall of Fame.

charismatic motivational speaker, Harvey focuses on helping young people become compassionate and philanthropic leaders. He is the author of several books and screenplays and co-authored a children's book with American actor, artist, and former American football player Terry Crews. Currently he is a marketing associate for Fellows Financial group.

Harvey will present the ASC Athlete of the Month awards to Alexandria City High School and Alexandria Recreation athletes.



Washington football great Ken Harvey will be the featured speaker at the Alexandria Sportsman's Club meeting Oct. 19 at the Old Dominion Boat Club. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public. www.alexvasports.org

The Sportsman's Club meeting will be held Oct. 19 at the Old Dominion Boat Club, 200 Strand Street, with complimentary dinner and refreshments beginning

at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.alexandriavasports.org.

- Jeanne Theismann

We Don't Deserve To Be Demonized

We all know about the anti-trans legislation being pushed by Youngkin. This is for the supporters, for everyone who isn't sure or just doesn't care:

You can ignore it but there's bigotry in Virginia and from your support or inaction, you're stoking

the flames. I'm one of the many trans teens in Virginia and this legislation is just another sign not only are our rights in danger all over

the world but in my state. This legislation isn't going to save anyone. It won't protect children from sexual assault or keep the "perverted trans kids" away from your kids. The only thing it's guaranteed to do is kill trans people.

Whether at the hands of bigots encouraged by the hysteria or even at our own hands in our desperation to escape this hell it's creating, this legislation will kill us. But we're not disappearing. Genocide has never eradicated queer people and never will. If it could,

don't you think we'd be gone already? You think your legislation can do what lynches and beatings couldn't?

We're not staying silent. We're not monsters. We don't deserve to be demonized just because you don't understand our identities. You're trying to control us as if you'll manage what your bigoted predecessors failed but we all know things are changing. Even ACPS is pushing back.

Let me be clear: each death of a trans person following this legislation is murder. Each of you who write this legislation, each of you who claim neutrality or quietly agree, are all complicit in that. But if there's one thing that I can guarantee about all this, it's that no matter what you do, from hate crimes to rallies to legislation, we will never disappear.

Our existence is not your deci-

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New plaque: "With gratitude and repentance, we honor the enslaved people whose skills and labors were unjustly used to help build the Old Presbyterian Meeting House sanctuary, flounder house and Elliot house."

New Plaque: More Complete History

ing in Old Town Alexandria at 321 S. Fairfax Street strives to give a more complete record of the building of the historical church, including the work of enslaved people. The meet-

he plaque just mounted ing house was originally built on the Old Presbyterian in 1775 in the Early Republic Meeting House build- style, but was largely destroyed by fire in 1835. It was rebuilt in 1836.

> A bell tower was added in 1843 and granite entrance stairs were installed in 1853. (Wikipedia)

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News

Senior Technology and Avoiding Scams and Fraud

By Margaret Shetler Manager of Community Outreach

id you know that scams targeting older adults are on the rise? According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Elder Fraud Report, in 2021 there were 92,371 victims of fraud reporting a total of \$1.7 billion in losses. Compared to 2020, this is a 74% increase. Scammers are constantly finding new ways to target older adults, but there are ways to fight back. Staying informed and knowing the resources available can help you be equipped if you do encounter a scam. Technology, though helping us to stay connected with friends and family, can often make us more vulnerable to scams. However, there is new, secure technology specifically designed with older adults in mind.

Seniors Services of Alexandria's Senior Living in Alexandria monthly Speaker Series will cover these two very important topics: Senior Technology Programs and Preventing Scams and Fraud. Join us in person Oct. 20 at 10 a.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke Street. Local experts will share about the latest scam topics and resources to help you be proactive, feel supported, and have a voice. Hear from an AARP Fraud Watch Network specialist and Fairfax County's Silver Shield on how to recognize a scam and what to do if you suspect fraud.

Speakers will also highlight new, easy to use devices that can help you stay connected to your community and loved ones and

open opportunities in all aspects of vour life — health care, education, fitness, and more. A representative from Senior Planet and Older Adults Technology Services (OATS), an affiliate of AARP, will discuss senior technology.

SSA's very own Tanya Edwards, Director of Companion Programs, will talk about the GrandPad, the latest technology for older adults that is user friendly and secure.

For more information and to register, please call Senior Services of Alexandria at 703-836-4414, ext. 110 or visit our website at www.seniorservicesalex.org. The event is free and open to the public. Senior Services of Alexandria's Senior Living in Alexandria Speaker Series presents monthly educational and engaging programming relevant to older adults.

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Bulletin Board

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ACPS Honors City Athletes

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international championships and the ACPS rowing facility is named in his honor.

Shirley Marshall-Lee was a foursport athlete at Parker-Gray High School. Shortly after her graduation in 1956, Marshall-Lee took up scuba diving and became a charter member of the National Association of Black Scuba Divers. Over her 40-year diving career, she located and documented slave shipwrecks in collaboration with the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Other inductees include Fred Borchelt, Yolanda Brown, Lisa Diggs-Moore, Sherri Funn, Robert Garda, Kathy James-Lorton, John Johnson, Rodney Johnson, Bobby Jones, Anne "Missy" Kilpatrick, Marie McKeon Zack, Barry Mountain, Stephanie O'Toole, Lydell Scott, Carl Turner, Ezra Whorley, Eryk Williamson and Doug Yates.

The teams inducted were the 1945 George Washington and the 1977 T.C. Williams high school boys basketball teams. The 1945 GWHS team is the high school's only team to win a state championship while the 1977 T.C. Williams team was named by MaxPreps as the greatest Virginia high school basketball team of all time.

Robert Garda, a basketball inductee from the GWHS class of 1957, spoke of the legacy of fellow inductee Joe Hensley.

"Everyone knew of Joe Hensley," Garda said. "He was 13 years ahead of me but we all knew about his reputation and looked up to his records."

Anne "Missy" Kilpatrick, a track



Inductee Rodney Johnson, track and field, TCW class of 1997.



Retired Gen. Leo Brooks, center, and family members celebrate the induction of the late Naomi Lewis Brooks, basketball, Parker-Gray class of 1951.



Inductee Shirley Marshall Lee, scuba diving, Parker-Gray class of 1956.

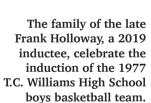


Inductee Yolanda Brown, right, track and field, TCW class of 1994, with Lucresha Murphy-Tate and Rashada Grimes, nieces of inductee Barry Mountain, track and field, TCW class of 1979.

and field athlete from the TC Williams class of 1991, summed up the feelings of those being honored.

"It is a proud moment for ev-

eryone," Kilpatrick said. "I worked very hard in high school and it's nice to have some acknowledgement."





Inductees Carl Turner, football, TCW class of 1974, and Anne "Missy" Kilpatrick, track and field, TCW class of 1991, with Hall of Fame member Rodney Bridges, track and field, TCW class of 1989.



Lesa Diggs-Moore, track and field, TCW class of 1991, and Robert Gordon, football, basketball and track and field, GWHS class of 1957, wait to be inducted.





Members of the 2022 ACPS Athletic Hall of Fame gather for the induction ceremony Oct. 8 at Alexandria City High School.



Roxann Ontko Patrick holds the plaque for the 1945 George Washington High School boys basketball team.



Athletic Hall of Fame committee chair Aly Khan Johnson Sr., left, congratulates inductee John Johnson, track and field, TCW class of 1973.

News



Josephus and Noah Lyles, at left, pose for a photo with Mayor Justin Wilson, mom Keisha Bishop, and stepfather Mark Bishop following a ceremony honoring the Lyles brothers Oct. 10 in Market Square.



Josephus and Noah Lyles pose for a photo with the ACHS band at the Oct. 10 ceremony in Market Square in their honor.

Lyles Brothers Receive Keys to the City

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his mother, Keisha Bishop, the co-founder and president of the Lyles Brothers Sports Foundation.

"I'm very blessed to have a family that comes together and works for each other, and my mom especially was always there to back us up," Noah said. "She did her research to see that we were prepared to handle anything we did in the future. There are seven of us and my mom is the rock that holds everyone together."

Jim Gibson, voice of the ACHS Titans, served as master of ceremonies and speakers at the event included ACPS interim superintendent Melanie Kay-Wyatt, School Board chair Meagan Alderton, and ACHS principal Peter Balas.

"The commitment of the Lyles brothers to supporting students in the community that they were nurtured in is evidenced in the work put forth by their sports foundation," Balas said. "Even during

times of mental health challenges, which Noah has openly addressed, their foundation provided continuous opportunities for local youth to experience the physical and psychological rewards that can be gained while participating in activities that promote health and wellness in spite of challenges one might face."

Noah closed his remarks with praise for the support he and his brother have received from the city.

"Everyone here has always been there for us and that is why we always come back," Noah said. "You were the ones who supported us tooth and nail, championship after championship, moment after moment, the good and the bad. Hopefully I will be remembered not just as Noah the runner but as Noah the influencer, a philanthropist and the person who touched people's lives -- the person that continues to leave a generation better than when he came."

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OCT. 2-31

Bold and Fierce. At Van Landingham Gallery,
Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union
Street, Alexandria. Bold and Fierce, a new
juried membership show featuring artworks
by Diana Papazian, Joyce Zipperer, Samantha Shelton, Guido Zanni, Jennifer Brewer
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OCT. 6-NOV. 13

Woodcuts Exhibit. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Featuring works by Joan Mayfield and Ruth Trevarrow. Woodcuts is a mixed-media exhibition that focuses on different types of wood, how we view it, and its transformative properties as part of nature. Mayfield and Trevarrow came up with the concept for the show because they saw a lot of affinity for their individual work as a commonality in their practices. Artist Reception, Sunday, October 16, 4-6 p.m.; Artist Talk, Sunday, November 13, 2 p.m.

OCT. 7-29

"Return to Eating, Drinking, and Merriment" exhibit. At Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. The exhibit celebrates the return of food, drink, and the rituals and places associated with dining in a hybrid show combining a National Ceramic Show (juried by nationally recognized potter Jeremy Wallace) and a Regional Art Exhibit. Opening Reception: Friday, October 7, 7-9 p.m. Details: DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits

OCT. 11-17

Fall Book Sale – The Friends of the Beatley Central Library will hold their Fall Book Sale from Tuesday, Oct. 11 through Monday, Oct. 17.
Members' Preview on Tuesday, Oct. 11, 3 PM-7:30 PM (\$15 memberships available at the door); Wednesday, Oct. 12, 10 AM-7:30 PM; Thursday, Oct. 13, 10 AM-7:30 PM; Friday, Oct. 14, 10 AM-4:30 PM; Saturday, Oct. 15, 10 AM-4:30 PM; Sunday, Oct. 16, Half Price



Paws in the Park will take place at Oronoco Bay Park in Alexandria on Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022.

Paws in the Park

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison Street, Alexandria. Formerly known as Alexandria Love Your Pet Day, Paws in the Park brings together shopping, music, dining and, of course, adorable adoptable animals. And best of all, all proceeds benefit animals across your community through the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA). Enjoy dozens of vendors; dining from Port City Brewing Company and Big Cheese; entertainment from Uno Dos Tres Andres and Bill Cabrera and Company; and meet animals from a variety of regional rescues. Visit PawsintheParkVA.com.



The Friends of the Beatley Central Library will hold their Fall Book Sale from Tuesday, Oct. 11 through Monday, Oct. 17.

Day, 1 PM-4:30 PM; Monday, Oct. 17, \$10 Bag Sale, 10 AM-2:30 PM. \$4 or less, unless specifically marked: hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books, and media. All genres. Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA; info: 703-746-1702; www.beatleyfriends.org.

OCT. 14, 21, 28

Death Comes to Carlyle House. 6 to 8 p.m. At Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N Fairfax St., Alexandria. arlyle House presents an exhibit on mourning practices in the 18th-century through the experiences of the Carlyle household, mourning the death of town founder, John Carlyle, in September 1780. Reservations are required as space is limited.

FRIDAY/OCT. 14

Late Shift: Masquerade at Torpedo Factory Art Center. 7 to 10 p.m. At Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Put on your favorite fall colors, sip your pumpkin-spice latte and enjoy the cooler weather during this fall masquerade. Costumes are optional but highly encouraged. Best dressed attendees will win a special prize. Featuring DJ sets with all your favorite October and Halloween-themed music.

SATURDAY/OCT. 15

Discovering Alexandria Architecture Walking
Tour. 10 a.m. At Carlyle House Historic Park,
121 N Fairfax St., Alexandria. Alexandria
has grown from a small town in the 18th
century to a bustling small city in the 21st
century. Discover Alexandria by looking at
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. Visitors are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes for this 1.5 hour guided tour.
The tour is held rain or shine unless there is
severe weather.

SATURDAY/OCT. 15

Old Town North "Chalk Walk." 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Montgomery Park, 901 N. Royal St., Alexandria. The Old Town North Alliance will be sponsoring the first annual "Chalk Walk" through multiple sites in Old Town North. Artists will be positioned throughout the neighborhood and will create works of art either on flat plaza surfaces or on building walls. Walk attendees are invited to see the artists in action or visit finished works. Beverages including beer and food trucks will be available at Canal Center Plaza. The event also features a dedicated Kid Creation area.

SATURDAY/OCT. 15

Craft. Brew.: Coffeehouse Edition! at Torpedo Factory Art Center. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Admission: \$15 includes one beverage and

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HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS IN ALEXANDRIA

NIGHTLY IN OCTOBER

Alexandria Colonial Tours' Ghost & Graveyard Tour. Fridays and Saturdays in October from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. and 9 to 10 p.m. Admission: \$15 for adults; \$10 for children; free for children under 6 years old. Tours meet at the Alexandria Visitor Center, 221 King Street, Alexandria. Follow a colonial-costumed guide by lantern light for an engaging history tour on Alexandria's original Ghost & Graveyard Tour. During this entertaining tour, you'll hear ghost stories, legends, folklore, unsolved mysteries, omance and angry gh looking for revenge.

OCTOBER THRU DECEMBER

Nightly Spirits. Thursdays through Sundays from 7:30 to 10 p.m.; 8:30 to 11 p.m. Admission: 21 and over at \$25 plus tax. Tours meet at The Alexandrian, 480 King Street, Alexandria. Sip a local beverage and listen to the secret and spooky lore of Alexandria's haunted past. Hear tales of the ghosts that wander the streets of Alexandria and haunt local establishments. These tours are for individuals ages 21 and over. Haunted private tours are also available for all ages.

OCTOBER 14, 21 AND 28

Death Comes to Carlyle House. 6 to 8 p.m. Admission: \$12 per person. At Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N Fairfax St., Alexandria. Carlyle House presents an exhibit on mourning practices in the 18th-century through the experiences of those who occupied the Carlyle household, mourning the death of Alexandria's

co-founder, John Carlyle, in September 1780. Reservations are required as space is limited.

OCT. 15 TO NOV. 5

The Little Theatre of Alexandria Presents "Design for Murder." Wednesdays through Sundays at 8 p.m. Admission: \$21 to 24 per person. At The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. Murder, romance and comedy are the three best ingredients for a fun, suspense-filled evening of theatre. This fast-moving, highly tense whodunit treats the audience to a remote mansion, a sleazy blackmail er, a trench coat-clad detective and even a dark and stormy night. A oncewealthy mother and son struggle to keep up appearances at the old mansion, but when a maid is murdered, everyone becomes a suspect.



Alexandria Colonial Tours' Ghost & Graveyard Tours take place nightly in October in Alexandria.

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all crafting materials. At Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Enjoy a morning of caffeinated crafting! Sip a delicious coffee from local spot Misha's Coffeehouse and Roaster while making a decoupage apothecary jar to take home. "Craft. Brew." takes place at The Art League Gallery, located inside the Torpedo Factory Art Center.

OCT. 15-23

Old Town OysterFest. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Various restaurants in Old Town Alexandria. Throughout the week, restaurants, bars and boutiques will feature oyster and Guinness pairings. There will be a shucking contest among restaurants. The event is sponsored by Daniel O'Connell's Irish Pub and Restaurant and Guinness.

SATURDAY/OCT. 15

Made in Ethiopia DMV Trade Fair. 12 to 9 p.m. Durant Art Center, 1605 Cameron St. Alexandria. Nova Connections presents "Made in Ethiopia DMV 2022 Trade Fair," a multi-sector trade fair that features Ethiopia's most recent products and services as well as rich Ethiopian traditional music.

SUNDAY/OCT. 16

Arcadia's Fall Fun-Tacular. 1-4 p.m. At Woodlawn Plantation and Pope-Leighey House in Alexandria. Pack up the family and join Arcadia at Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House for an afternoon of fun! Stop by for free self-guided family tours of Woodlawn. In addition, they'll also be welcoming the Fairfax County Children's Business Fair as young entrepreneurs share products they have designed and made themselves for purchase. Entrance for this event is free and most games are included!

SUNDAY/OCT. 16

Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic. 3 p.m. At George washington Masonic National Memorial, Alexandria. Featuring Erin Freeman, conductor | Meredith Riley, violin and Britton Riley, cello Joel Thompson: Act of Resistance Daron Hagen: Symphony No. 6 'Moviola' - *world premiere* based on Orson Welles 1938 silent film comedy Too Much Johnson Brahms: Double Concerto in A minor, Op. 102

TUESDAY/OCT. 18

Military Bounty Lands. 1-3 p.m. Via Zoom. At Hollin Hall Senior Center in Alexandria. Rebecca Whitman Koford will discuss what genealogists can learn from military bounty land documentation dating from the Revolutionary War to the Mexican War. Koford serves as executive director of the Board for Certification of Genealogists and director of the Genealogical Institute on Federal Records (Gen-Fed). Register by emailing contact-us@ mvgenealogy.org. Find out more about MVGS at www.mvgenealogy.

THURSDAY/OCT. 20

Old Town Art Walk. 5-8 p.m. At various locations in Old Town Alexandria. Enjoy a self-guided tour of Old Town Alexandria and explore the fine art and studio crafts found in art galleries and boutique shops on the third Thursday of each month,

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Time is **Telling**



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

After nearly three months of 24-7 focus on my brother's struggle to survive the effects of sepsis (and septic shock), the immediate, imminent danger seems to have passed. Passed into a daily grind of occupational, physical and speech therapies, all of which are monitored six to eight hours a day by a care giver who lends her assistance as well to assisting my brother with his activities of daily living. All of which are improving due to his commitment to get better. No doubt my brother has come a long way since his admission to SICU in mid-July and has progressed further and faster than those original doctors anticipated. Nonetheless, the path ahead is fraught with obstacles (not literally, although there are three sets of stairs inside his house and even two smaller ones outside just to get in).

My challenges are all too familiar to you regular readers: 13 years-plus living with non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV. Originally characterized as terminal," changed approximately three years ago to simply "incurable" after my diagnosis changed to papillary thyroid cancer, supposedly the "friendly cancer" because of its curability. For my situation, not so much, however. I'll spare you the details, most of which I've relayed in previous columns anyway. Not that I ever expected a health guarantee but given my parent's long lives (both lived into their mid to late 80s), I kind of figured that I'd live into my 80s as well. That being presumed; it turns out the facts are somewhat different. Initially, in Feb. '09, I was "prognosed" for "13 months to two years." After my re-diagnosis three years ago, I was given a new lease on life, sort of, until a procedure to rid the thyroid cancer from my body was unsuccessful and so I received an amended timeline/ prognosis: the prescription medication that I have been taking daily since Sept. '19 is effective for three years-ish. I'm now into the "ish" time.

But this is my obstacle, as it has been going on nearly 14 years. Nothing new, but it sure gets old, slowly. A cancer diagnosis upsets every thought/ plan you had concerning your "road to find out," to quote Cat Stevens, concerning your future (heck, your present, too). And not that I didn't share this feeling with my brother, quite the opposite in fact. Other than my wife, Dina, he was my go-to resource. But now, given his own health challenges and his own cancer diagnosis to boot, we've sort of become equal partners. Not in crime, but in the methodology of surviving. Now, we're on the same team, if you get my meaning: both having been diagnosed with cancer. And it's this shared burden that binds us together more than we ever imagined. (When you've had two healthy parents who lived well into their 80s, you don't anticipate having your own health problems at younger ages than ever afflicted them. It's a presumption, sure, but doctors will often learn a great deal about your prospects by asking about your immediate family history:

mother, father, siblings.)
Even though my brother is five years older than me, I never imagined him dying before me. As an older, big brother, I looked up to him. He took care of me. He couldn't possibly die before I do. This feeling became even more prevalent after I was diagnosed with lung cancer. Now I had a perfectly good explanation/understanding of why I was going to predecease him. Not that I was happy about it. Hardly. It just seemed the normal order of things, in my chronological life, anyway. Yet, after his recent health struggles and near-death experience (sepsis is very often a killer and extremely difficult to overcome), I'm forced to consider that my brother might die before my time, despite my issues. And this awareness/revelation has weakened me. Seeing him fight for his life every day in SICU as I did for nearly six weeks was a life-changing experience, especially as a younger brother who looked up to and was somewhat dependent on that olde brother.

Now that he's home recuperating and rehabilitating as vigorously as he can, he is - to me, anyway, establishing his bona fides. He is not letting his recent health struggles/challenges negatively affect him at all. He has accepted his deficits and is working every day to overcome them. And even though he can't walk without the assistance of a walker, his goal is to do so. Though he may not be able "to leap tall buildings in a single bound" (or even walk up a few steps) he is my superman and I'm proud to share all our burdens together. And due to his tireless efforts to get better, once again, I don't feel as if he's going to predecease me; and in an odd way, that's extremely comforting to me.

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May to October. The stroll is a great activity after an early dinner, or before enjoying a meal at one of Old Town Alexandria's restaurants. The Old Town Art Walk is presented by the Old Town Business Association.

OCT. 21-22

Vietnam War Symposium. At the National Museum of the United States Army, 1775 Liberty Drive, Fort Belvoir. This event will take place from 1-4 p.m. on Friday, October 21 and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, October 22. Join historians, veterans and educators for this two-day symposium which will look back at the Vietnam War era and the Soldier experience. Visit the website: https://tickets. thenmusa.org/Info.aspx?EventID=62

SATURDAY/OCT. 22

Tour de Mount Vernon 2022. Meet Up at the Workhouse Arts Center for a Community Bike Ride. The 7th Annual Community Bike Ride will be on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., starting and ending at the Workhouse Arts Center. The Tour de Mount Vernon brings cyclists on a fun ride through the southern and central portions of the Mount Vernon District including a scenic route through Fort Belvoir. The route consists of paved roads, paved trails and has several challenging sections. Ride monitors and Fairfax County Police help with directions and keep everyone safe. Details and registration: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/tour-de-mount-vernon-2022

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At 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. All shows are at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com. Contact The Birchmere at 703-549-7500 or www.Birchmere.com.

OCTOBER

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

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

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

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

in Friends' Board mental health, the Alexandria community, and collaborating with fellow residents to make sure the City's most vulnerable residents have a chance to thrive, then consider joining the Board of Friends of the Alexandria Mental Health Center. The Friends Board is an all-volunteer group of

residents that oversees the administration of one of Alexandria's top mental health charities. Friends has no paid staff, so Board members, working on average 10 hours per month, share the day-to-day work needed to accomplish its goals. Interested candidates should email FriendsofAMHC@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

Farmer's Market Volunteers Needed. To volunteer for the Farmer's Markets, email Brian Morreale brianmorreale@gmail.com

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

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