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'This Is the Sound of One Voice'

Thousands gather in unity to honor latest victims of gun violence.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE GAZETTE

Thousands gathered at Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church on Tuesday evening, Oct. 30, answering an invitation to "all neighbors, friends, interfaith and community partners to our service of solidarity, community and comfort."

All ages, all walks of life, all faiths, all ethnic backgrounds, they filled the Temple's main sanctuary, adjacent meeting rooms, social hall and livestreaming venues to honor the lives of those lost at the mass shooting at Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pa. on Oct. 27, and at a Kroger grocery store in Louisville, Ky., just days before, and to seek comfort and healing by coming together.

Senior Rabbi Amy Schwartzman, Cantor Michael Shochet, Cantor Rachel Rhodes and others expressed their "heartfelt gratitude and welcome" to the thousands who "came together despite any differences" to demonstrate their common humanity.

Before beginning the service, Shochet called on the attendees to "turn to each other and introduce yourselves."

Schwartzman, who led much of the service, repeated that call, with the reminder that the many faiths represented there shared the mandate to "welcome the strangers among us, to stand together.

"This is the America we affirm tonight," said Schwartzman. "This is the America we work to reclaim."



PHOTO BY ANDREA WORKER/THE GAZETTE

Unity in Faith. During the service for the victims of the Temple of Life and the Kroger store shootings, the hosts at the Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church invited the representatives of the many faiths who had gathered in unity to come forward and "stand as one."

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Rescue at Sea: 'A Brotherhood of Survivors'

WWII veteran recalls rescue at sea.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

Shivering in the frigid waters of the North Atlantic, Philip Lundeberg struggled for hours amid the ocean swells as the U.S.S. Frederick C. Davis slipped quickly into the murky waters below. It was April 24, 1945, and the Davis had just been torpedoed by a German U-boat, becoming the last warship sunk in the Battle of the Atlantic.

"The torpedo's sudden impact was quite a shock," Lundeberg said from his home in Alexandria. "There were desperate efforts to find some direction in a darkened ship and then the surreal experience of simply walking into the water from a deck already submerged."

Lundeberg was just 22 years old

at the time, a Navy Ensign and the youngest of only three surviving officers aboard the Davis when it was hit less than a week before the end of fighting in Europe during World War II.

The Frederick C. Davis had been deployed to the western Atlantic in early 1945. The ship served as a coastal convoy escort and anti-submarine patrol and in mid-April joined a special surface barrier force formed to protect the Atlantic coast from the threat of German submarines during Operation Teardrop. It was one of these, U-546, that hit the Frederick C. Davis on the forward port side.

Within minutes, the ship broke in two and efforts to preserve the buoyancy of the stern, where the damage was less and the majority of survivors were located, failed. Her survivors — only 27 out of a

crew of 192 — abandoned the ship, with a loss of 115 men.

"I think I was in shock," Lundeberg said of the hours it took for survivors to be rescued. "We did our best to murmur words of encouragement to each other but we could still feel the rumbling of depth charges below us."

The U-546 was sunk by combined fire of five other U.S. destroyers. Her captain, Paul Just, and most of her crew were rescued by American vessels and taken to Argentia Naval Station.

"We had no inkling for years of the ordeal Capt. Just and his men

would endure at Argentia," Lundeberg said. "We were dimly envious of the crew of U-546 as they were spirited off to Newfoundland."

Lundeberg would go on to spend more than 40 years in military service, completing his doctorate at Harvard University and teaching at the U.S. Naval Academy before being hired by the Smithsonian Institution in 1959. He rose to the position of curator in the National Museum of American History and over the years organized reunions of the survivors of the Frederick C. Davis.

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Philip Lundeberg with his wife Eleanore and son Karl at his home in the Wayneswood section of Alexandria. Lundeberg will receive the Distinguished Patriot Award from the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce on Nov. 8.

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WW II Sherman Tank, named the "Cobra King," was the first American tank to break into the besieged town of Bastogne on Dec. 26, 1944, during the Battle of the Bulge.



The WW I Renault FT-17 Tank, named the "5 of Hearts," was used by the American Expeditionary Force in October 1918, commanded by Sergeant Arthur Snyder in an attack on the German lines near Exermont, France.

Museum of U.S. Army Coming Soon

Artifacts, personal accounts and Army history will be part of the museum's attractions.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE GAZETTE

It took an M-48 Patton tank to break the German siege at Bastogne in World War II during the "Battle of the Bulge." That tank, known as the "Cobra King," will be one of many artifacts that will make up the National Museum of the U.S. Army in Fort Belvoir.

"It's the actual tank," said Col. Dave Fabian, a retired Army colonel who is the chief of staff and director of communications at the Army Historical Foundation. "A great Army deserves a great museum," he said.

The National Army Museum will occupy over 80 acres at Fort Belvoir, along the southern stretch of the Fairfax County Parkway, just outside of the main base. According to museum officials, the main building will be approximately 185,000 square feet and display selections from 15,000 pieces from the Army Art Collection and 30,000 artifacts, documents, and images. There will be six galleries that cover a different period in the Army's history starting with the Revolutionary War and ending with the most recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Other notable artifacts include a bible from the Bataan Death March, a French FT17 tank from World War I, a Bradley Fighting Vehicle from Desert Storm, and a landing craft from D-Day that was found on one of the surrounding isles off Europe. All the artifacts had survived the elements and weren't from other museums, so many haven't been on display anywhere.

The Army has 40 accredited museums around the country but they are focused on a certain element of the Army, and not on the larger picture. "This will be the flagship museum," Fabian said, "it celebrates selfless service and personal sacrifice."

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Construction crews have a majority of the outside completed, but there is much to do on the exhibits, artifacts and technology inside.

A Medal of Honor Garden will honor those who have received this distinctive award for valor.

There is also plans for a parade field, banquet space, veteran's hall and a Path of Remembrance made of commemorative bricks.

The proximity to the historic home of General George Washington the U.S. Army's first commander-in-chief, adds a historic

angle that is hard to replicate. "The National Museum of the United States Army, under construction at Fort Belvoir, Va., will provide a new destination for those touring historic sites in the Washington, DC area," said Susan Smullen, the museum's public affairs officer.

The total price tag for the museum is estimated at \$200 million, with funds coming from the public in the form of individual,

corporate and foundation donations, along with the Army's funding of \$20 million for the building's design, \$25 million for the exhibits and galleries, and \$34 million for the site preparation. The Army has also donated the 84 acres at Fort Belvoir for the museum site.

The construction is 92 percent complete. The expected opening date is sometime in 2020.



Students, preschool through sixth grade, are given grade-specific colored t-shirts to have their laps marked on. The t-shirt has 25 laps as the goal. SLES Principal Dr. Maureen Marshall marks fifth grader Edom Birhane's t-shirt.



Sixth graders also participate in the Rock 'n Run, but unlike the rest of the school, they raised money to fund their class events such as a team building day in the fall and a class lock-in.

Stratford Landing PTA Event Raises \$90,000

The Stratford Landing Dolphins participated in their 6th Rock 'n Run on Friday, Oct. 19, an annual event the PTA hosts to raise funds for the school.

Students and families donated to boost classes to prize levels that include Reading to Therapy Dogs,

a DJ at Recess, and an Inflatable Obstacle Course. Students participated by running laps. Incentives also included prize levels that put money directly back into individual classrooms, such as Book Fair Bucks, Class Choice money and Rainy Day Prize Packs.

To add to the fun, Principal Dr. Maureen Marshall and Assistant Principals Shirley Shannon and Christine Prahll will be "slimed" by all 759 students on prize day for beating their school-wide goal.

This year, the run raised \$90,000 which will be used to pay for two

field trips per grade, technology, books for classroom libraries, Discovery Garden and STEAM class materials, among other items.

Robyn Jones, one of the sponsor chairs for the event, said, "We were blown away by the willingness of our local community spon-

sors to not only contribute donations at the different sponsor levels, but also their eagerness to join in the fun of Rock 'n Run and be there in person to see all of the excitement first hand." The event attracted nearly 40 community sponsors who donated between \$100 and \$5,000.

Speaking to the community aspect of the event, Stephanie Fultz, Rock 'n Run chair said, "Rock 'n Run is our first big school event of the year. Speaking with one of the new parents, they were overwhelmed at this event and it really allowed them to feel connected to the school early on in the year and see how much support is given to the students at this school. The students also learn about a community mindset since they raise funds as a class to earn group prizes. The students have to learn to rely on each other and their community to help them reach goals, and as a class they are excited at each new level."

Sara Jefferies, SLES PTA Board member, said, "We are so very fortunate to have a school community and a network of volunteers who feel so passionately about putting resources into the school. Over the past 6 years, we've been able to use Rock 'n Run money for paving a running track, buying a library of iPads and Kindles for student use, providing our less fortunate students with snacks and other necessities, and hosting events like our Talent Show, STEAM nights, and multicultural nights. Putting a nice chunk of money into the school, at the beginning of the school year, every year, for 6 years means that we have met many needs that seemed unattainable before."



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Dave Speed, one of the sponsors of the coat drive, helps 4-year-old Adonis choose some books at the Oct. 26 coat and book distribution day at Penn Daw Fire Station 11.



Caring Angels Therapy Dogs and their handlers were on hand for children to pet prior to returning to school.

Keeping Children Warm

Firefighters distribute coats, books to local charities.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

Penn Daw Fire Station 11 held its annual Firefighters and Friends coat drive distribution day Oct. 26, with more than 3,000 new coats and 500 new books going to 80 schools, shelters and nonprofits throughout the county.

New Fairfax County Fire Chief John Butler and his wife Rhonda were on hand to greet more than 200 Head Start preschoolers, who were assisted by a firefighter, police officer or volunteer in selecting their own new coat and several books. The remaining distribution was done through representatives of various social services and school representatives. "This is pretty impressive," said Butler of his first Firefighters and Friends coat drive distribution. "It is the epitome of many worlds colliding - elected officials, volunteers, public servants. You can see the eyes of the children just sparkle with enthusiasm." Sponsors of the drive include: Operation Warm and the Alexandria-based nonprofit InspireLit, who provided several new books for each child. Caring Angels Therapy Dogs and their handlers were on hand for children to pet prior to returning to school. "We believe a new winter coat can be more than a coat," said Fairfax County Fire Battalion Chief Will Bailey, organizer of the event and Firefighters and Friends founder. "It builds self-esteem and tells a child 'You are worth it and we care.'"

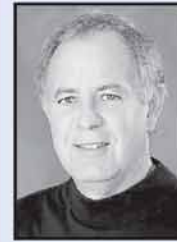


Melissa Davis helps 4-year-old Genesis show off her new coat at the Firefighters and Friends coat drive distribution Oct. 26 at Penn Daw Fire Station 11.



Firefighters and Friends founder Battalion Chief Will Bailey, left, with new Fairfax County Fire Chief John Butler and his wife Rhonda Butler.

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More than 50,000 Fairfax County residents have already voted, and you can join them between now and Saturday, Nov. 3, if you qualify for one of 20 reasons.

Absentee voting continues to be very busy. Last Saturday, Oct. 27, alone, 3,746 in-person voters voted at one of 10 absentee in-person voting locations.

EDITORIAL If you can't vote early, make a specific plan about what time you will vote, who you will go with or meet at the polls. Don't let the end of the day sneak up on you.

Polls are open on Election Day, Nov. 6, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you are in line by 7 p.m., you have the right to vote, no matter how long it takes.

Vote early, in-person absentee, by appearing in person by 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3

If you qualify for any of about 20 reasons to vote absentee, there is no reason to wait until Election Day Nov. 6 to vote.

One of the 20 reasons is if you might be working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day, which could be most of us on a bad traffic day. Check the Virginia Department of Elections list to see if you are eligible: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html>

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On Constitutional Birthright to Citizenship

For all its snarkiness and grandstanding, this still may be of interest to our readers:

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"Mr. President, your new Executive Order ending citizenship for children born in the U.S. is patently unconstitutional. I am sending you a copy of the Constitution. Knowing your aversion to reading, I have highlighted the 14th amendment for your convenience. We abide by this sacred text in America."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Environmentally Important

To the Editor:

In an Oct. 25 letter ["Redeveloping 8800 Site"], Karen Pohorylo argues that a proposed townhome development in the floodplain at 8800 Richmond Highway will improve the site environmentally.

Ms. Pohorylo and proponents of this development seek to compound the past abuse and neglect of this property by rationalizing that the property is so environmentally damaged and non-functioning that developing it is the only solution. They argue that environmental protections don't apply.

She claims that a floodplain study concluded that the area is not now a functioning floodplain and has no effect on the actual floodplain.

That's false. According to the floodplain study, the floodplain covers most of the property. The study makes no conclusions about the functionality of the depicted floodplain. This proposed project would permanently remove

two acres of the floodplain by filling it with 41,000 cubic yards of fill.

The county's Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance protects land adjacent to Dogue Creek from development in order to reduce erosion and buffer the creek from polluted stormwater runoff. Stream buffers filter pollutants, absorb runoff and protect water quality. The protections of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance apply to damaged as well as pristine streams, and they apply to the entire 8800 Richmond Highway

site. The county is currently spending millions in taxpayer dollars to correct past wrongs and restore streams that were harmed by past development. It makes no sense to support a project that would fill in Dogue Creek's buffers and build over them.

The developers' project would also violate the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan's protections of the county's stream valleys from development. The largely undeveloped Dogue Creek stream valley is a rare jewel, a series of watery natural areas that provide ecological services, open space, wildlife corridors and native habitat in a very developed area. County

policy says that development in such areas should be allowed only in extraordinary circumstances, and only when there would be net environmental benefits. No one has offered an extraordinary circumstance justifying this development. The applicant has not demonstrated that it improves the natural resources there.

Placing 41,000 cubic yards of fill in the floodplain and building 43 townhomes on top will result in a loss of wetlands, the floodplain and vegetated lands that buffer Dogue Creek. It goes against the environmental provisions and the development vision for the Richmond Highway Corridor offered by the Embark Plan, passed by the Board of Supervisors only last year. County engineers and experts unanimously, and rightly, oppose this development

The developers' self-serving argument that building in the floodplain and protected lands adjacent to Dogue Creek will result in environmental improvements is false and should be rejected by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

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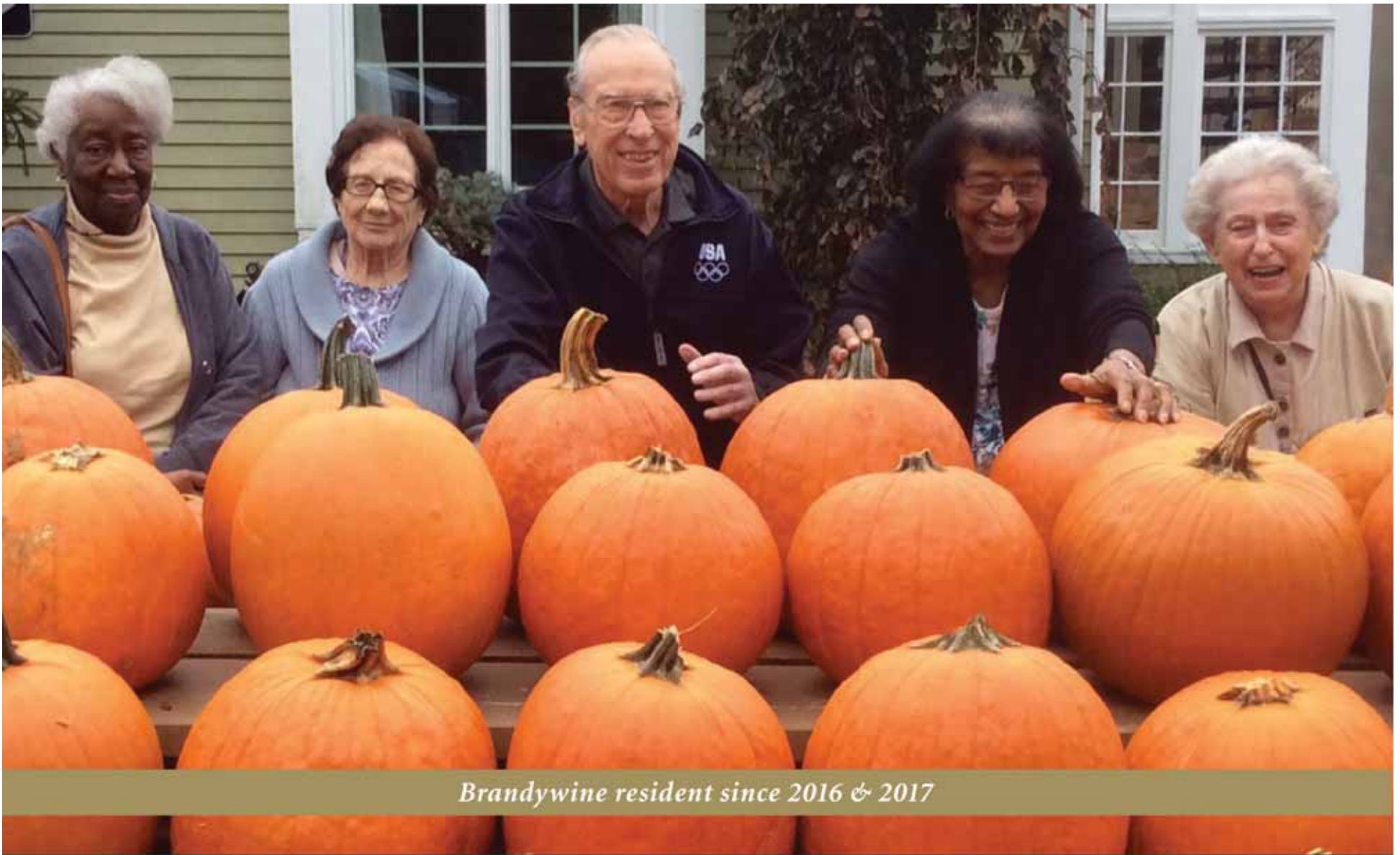
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FOOD DRIVES

Scouting for Food. Starting Nov. 3, Scouts will post reminder flyers to homes throughout area, then return to collect non-perishable food items that will nourish the area's hungry on Nov. 10. Scouting for Food is held every fall prior to Thanksgiving. Local food banks rely on it to stock their shelves for the upcoming holiday months, when food demands are the greatest. Items in highest demand include: canned protein (tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter); soups and stews (beef stew, chili, meat-based soups); 100 percent fruit juices (all sizes); grains (pasta, whole grain pasta, rice, brown rice, boxed macaroni and cheese); cereals (multi-grain, low sugar cereals, oatmeal); canned vegetables; canned fruits; condiments; and hygiene products (diapers, toilet paper, tissues, soap, toothpaste). Visit www.ncacbsa.org for more.

Food for Fines. Nov. 1-30. Fairfax County Public Library will be hosting a food drive called "Food for Fines." Canned goods and other non-perishable items collected during the drive will be donated to Food for Others, a not-for-profit food pantry and food rescue operation that serves Fairfax County. Each item donated will erase \$1 from a patron's overdue fines up to a maximum of \$15. Customers may donate even if there are no fines accrued. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/food-fines for more.

SATURDAY/NOV. 3

Coaching Clinic. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Ft. Hunt Little League Park. West Potomac Baseball presents a free "Coaching Clinic" for all FHLL volunteer coaches. Contact Coach Jimmy Linza of West Potomac Baseball at 703-268-9209 or visit forhuntslittleleague.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 7

Seminar on Senior Volunteerism. 9:30 a.m. at the headquarters of New Hope Housing, 8407 Richmond Highway E, Suite E, Alexandria. RSVP Northern Virginia will hold a seminar on senior volunteerism. RSVP, the region's largest volunteer network for people 55-years-old and better, provides individualized support to seniors who are seeking their ideal service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria. Free and open to the public. Email RSVP Volunteer Specialist Carly Hubicki at chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org or call RSVP at 703-403-5360. To learn

more about RSVP, visit www.rsvpnova.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 10

Call for Volunteers. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at UCM, 7511 Fordson Road. Join in to help stock the UCM Food Pantry for the winter months. Scores of volunteers are needed to help sort and organize food received during the annual Scouting for Food collection. Great for groups of all ages welcome (under age 14 with at least one supervising adult). Visit www.ucmagency.org/ucmevents for a link to sign up or find more information.

MONDAY/NOV. 12

32nd Annual Caregivers Conference. 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King St., Alexandria. 32nd Annual Caregivers Conference: Finding Hope & Harmony in Caregiving is presented by the Northern Virginia Dementia Care Consortium. \$35. Register online at www.eventbrite.com/e/32nd-annual-caregivers-conference-finding-hope-harmony-in-caregiving-registration-48699561700. View or download the conference brochure at alz.org/media/nca/documents/NOVA_Dementia_Care_Consortium_Conference_2018.pdf

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 14

Volunteering With Passion and Purpose. 1-3 p.m. at Sherwood Hall Library, Meeting Room 4, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Join a workshop designed to help match skills, hobbies and passion with volunteer opportunities in the community while learning about GrandInvolve - which uses a volunteer's skills and experience to help students succeed in school. Email info@grandinvolve.org for more.

FRIDAY/NOV. 16

Medicare 101. 1-3 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Learn the facts about health insurance for older adults. Registration required, call 703-531-2905, TTY 711. Find out more at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/OlderAdults and click on Insurance Counseling-VICAP.

SATURDAY/NOV. 17

Park Bench Dedication. 10 a.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Parks and recreation icon William "Bill" Beckner, who died earlier this summer, will be honored as a park bench is dedicated in his memory at Huntley Meadows Park. A

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Why Aren't More People Voting?

BY PAUL KRIZEK
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)



America was founded on the ideal that our government "... should be of the people, by the people, for the people ..." (as Lincoln famously reminded the country during his Gettysburg Address). However, this ideal only works if every citizen exercises their right to vote. Unfortunately, our country has one of the lowest voter turnout rates among developed democracies in the world.

COMMENTARY According to Pew Research, only 56 percent of the voting age population participated in the 2016 election and in the last midterm election in 2014 only 36 percent of people voted nationwide. These statistics beg the question, why are voting rates so low in the country that is seen as a shining example for democracy around the world?

Recently, we have witnessed a number of underhanded, frankly nefarious attempts to restrict voting access across the country in order to disenfranchise certain voters. In North Dakota, there is a new voter I.D. law

which requires voters to present their current residential address. As someone who has spent a lot of time on Indian Reservations I can tell you that this is a ridiculous and clearly racially targeted restriction. Few people have a street address on many reservations. Even the UPS driver knows this and is able to find homes using traditional landmarks and knowledge of the community. These barriers to voting go back years, and it wasn't long ago that in South Dakota the tribal elections would have to take place on a separate day than the federal ones in order to force tribal members to come into the nearest town, often hours away, to vote in one election, and then again, to vote in the other on the following week. Now, we have this new discriminatory requirement for a residential address so that American Indians will once again be denied the opportunity to have their voices heard.

Unfortunately, there are numerous examples of voter suppression across the country. In Ohio, thousands of voters were "purged" from the voter rolls for not voting for six years. In Georgia, voters are being "purged" for little things like not having matching signatures. I don't know about you but my signature doesn't necessarily look the same from day to day, let alone year to year. These laws aren't aimed at combating voter fraud but are aimed at

making it as difficult as possible to vote. A study by Loyola Law School found that between 2000-2014 there were 35 credible cases of voter fraud out of over 834 million ballots! Instead of trying to combat a problem that doesn't exist, we must try to fix the very real problem of low voter engagement. One of the key factors in turnout rates is voting access laws at the state level. There appears to be a direct correlation between how easy it is to vote in each state and how many people come out to vote. Here in Virginia, we have a lot of work to do to make it easier to vote. A recent study by Northern Illinois University ranked Virginia as the second most difficult state to vote in, behind only Mississippi. This ranking is based on voter access laws within states, i.e how easy a state makes it to vote. For example, does a state have no excuse early voting? Do they require photo identification to vote? Do they have automatic voter registration? Unfortunately, in Virginia, we fail on every count. We are one of only 13 states that does not have some period of no excuse early voting, and we neither have automatic voter registration nor same-day voter registration (the deadline to register to vote was Oct. 15) and a photo ID is required to vote.

Going forward we must prioritize making Virginia a leader in voting rights. This process started with Governor McAuliffe

allowing felons who have paid their debt to society to regain their right to vote. Next, we need to institute automatic voter registration. Delegate Bagby of Richmond introduces a bill every year to institute automatic voter registration only for it to die in committee. Yet, I remain hopeful that we can get this measure passed in the near future.

Additionally, I have introduced legislation to institute no excuse early voting for senior citizens and believe people of all ages also should have this opportunity. It can be difficult to get to the polls on Election Day. Dropping kids off at school, getting to work, fighting through rush hour traffic, picking kids up from school or practice and preparing a good dinner doesn't leave a whole lot of time left to vote before 7 p.m. No excuse early voting allows folks that have busy lives to plan out a day to vote that works best for them. I am hopeful we will be able to enact some of these reforms soon and turn Virginia into a voter-friendly Commonwealth and increase electoral participation. Remember there is nothing more fundamental to our democracy than exercising our right to vote and we should not inhibit, stifle or suppress that right. All across the globe there are millions of people that don't have the right to vote for their leaders. Many people still die fighting for that opportunity.



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Help Finding Carjacking Suspect

Detectives are asking for the public's help identifying a carjacking suspect and finding a stolen Toyota SUV. The incident happened Sunday morning, Oct. 28, around 2:45 p.m. at the Wells Fargo Bank, located at 6300 block of Richmond Highway.

A 29-year-old woman was at the ATM when she was confronted by a man armed with a knife. After taking the victim's money, he shoved her to the ground and jumped in her car, which she had left unlocked and running. He drove away southbound on Richmond Highway. The victim was not injured from the assault.

The stolen SUV is a red 2003 Toyota Rav4, with Virginia license plates UYS-6082. It has damage to the rear bumper and faded paint on the front of the vehicle. It is possible the license plates have since been removed or replaced with other tags. The suspect was described as 6'2", wearing a black ski mask, grey hoodie and grey construction gloves.

Anyone with information about the carjacking or the whereabouts of the stolen car is asked to contact Detective Hoffman of our Major Crimes Bureau at



A red 2003 Toyota Rav4, with Virginia license plates UYS-6082, was carjacked on Sunday, Oct. 28.

703-246-7800. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by visiting <http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org>, or calling 1-866-411-TIPS.

They can also be sent in via text by texting "TIP187" plus the message to CRIMES (274637). Text STOP to 274637 to cancel, or HELP to 274637 for help. Message and data rates may apply. Anonymous tipsters are eligible for cash rewards of \$100 to \$1000 dollars if their information leads to an arrest.

CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported by the Mount Vernon District Police Station.

ASSAULT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT: 8257 Richmond Highway (Red Carpet Inn), Oct. 28, 6:25 p.m. Officers responded for a drunk woman in the hotel. Officers arrived and saw several men trying to prevent her from hurting herself. In the process, an officer saw her kick a toddler. While taking her into custody she bit an officer in the arm. Concerned for her level of intoxication, she was taken to the hospital where she assaulted several nurses.

The 18-year-old woman from Alexandria was charged with malicious wounding, assault on law enforcement officer, child abuse, battery against a health care provider, underage possession of alcohol and obstruction of justice.

ROBBERY: 5735 Telegraph Road (Cleaners & Tailor), Oct. 27, 10:17 a.m. A 35-year-old man from Washington D.C. walked into the store and took money out of the register. When the victim confronted suspect, he punched her in the head. The victim yelled for help and a citizen took immediate action. The citizen held on to the suspect until the police arrived on scene. The suspect was arrested and charged with robbery.

ROBBERY: 7800 block of Audubon Ave, Oct. 22, 4:49 p.m. The victim was walking on Audubon Avenue when she was approached by two men. They displayed a knife and forcibly took her purse. The men were described as black, around 6' feet tall, 150-180 lbs, wearing dark clothing. They were last seen running towards an apartment complex on

Audubon Avenue. The victim was not injured.

OCT. 29 LARCENIES
3100 block of Clayborne Avenue, license plate from vehicle
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6600 block of Potomac Avenue, license plate from vehicle

7700 block of Richmond Highway, tools from business
8200 block of Richmond Highway, wallet from vehicle
3700 block of Shannon's Green Way, jewelry from locations

OCT. 26 LARCENIES
7700 block of Richmond Highway, bicycle from location
8600 block of Shadwell Drive, wallet from location

OCT. 25 LARCENIES
3800 block of El Camino Place, bicycle from residence
5900 block of Mount Eagle Drive, lamp from residence
5800 block of North Kings Highway, candy from business
6000 block of Richmond Highway, ring from residence
6700 block of Richmond Highway, costumes from business
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ONGOING

Pink Hat Protest Paintings.

Through Nov. 4 at The Art League Gallery, 105 North Union St., Studio 21, in the Torpedo Factory, Alexandria. Through encaustic wax paintings, Julia Dzikiewicz expresses her perception of rising racism, misogyny, and violence in the United States. Dzikiewicz creates her immense, evocative paintings with encaustic wax, an ancient and archival medium, by fusing layers of beeswax, pigment, gesso, and resin. Visit www.theartleague.org or 703-683-1780.

Art Exhibit: Seeing the Light.

Through Nov. 6, gallery hours at Broadway Gallery, 5641-B General Washington Drive, Alexandria. "Seeing the Light: Virginia Landscapes and Beyond," is a solo exhibition by Bradley Stevens. His style is contemporary realism—rooted in classical training, yet boldly depicting the modern world with his penetrating eye.

Young at Art Exhibition. Through Nov. 8, Monday-Friday, 5-10 p.m. at the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St., Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-746-5560 or email durantcenter@alexandriava.gov.

Rooms: a Rock Romance. Through Nov. 11, Thursdays and Fridays at 8, Saturdays at 3 and 8, Sundays at 3 and 7 p.m. at MetroStage in Alexandria. The play is set in Glasgow in the 1970s. Monica, an ambitious singer-songwriter meets Ian, a reclusive rocker. They quickly become entangled creatively and romantically with their music and their quest for stardom taking them from Glasgow to London and ultimately New York City. A gritty rock musical exploring the universal desire to escape and create, to love and explore. Tickets are \$55. Call the theatre at 703-548-9044 or visit www.metrostage.org.

THURSDAY/NOV. 1

Yacht Haven Garden Club. 10 a.m. at Mount Vernon Yacht Club, Tarpon Lane, Alexandria. The Yacht Haven Garden Club will host a meeting with a program by Mary Van Dyke, Master Gardener, on "Selecting Ground Covers." New members are welcome. Visit www.facebook.com/yachthavengardenclub.

Music Makers. 4 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. Free class goes from Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29. Practice your rhythm by making music as a group with percussion instruments. Ages 6-8. Visit www.alexlibraryva.org.

Art of Dancing With Fire. 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Free. An artist talk with fire performance professional Kyle Rasmussen and her colleagues from Incandescent Entertainment and Peculiarity Productions. Learn about what motivates fire performers from how they practice to how they express themselves through this dynamic medium. They will also discuss their equipment and how they stay safe. Discussion will be followed by a demo performance and The Art of Dancing with Fire exhibit and reception in the lower gallery of the Athenaeum. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

All Saints' Evensong. 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St., Alexandria. Free. All are welcome to honor All Saints' Day with Evensong at St. Paul's. Enjoy transcendent choral music, light candles in memory of loved ones, donate to Alexandrians in need, and



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stay for a casual reception. Contact Grant Hellmers at grant@stpaulsalexandria.com.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 1-3

She Kills Monsters. 7-9:30 p.m. at Kogelman Theatre, 6500 Quander Road. The play focuses on Agnes Evans as she journeys through the

Dungeons and Dragons world in attempts to reconnect with her sister Tilly. In the aftermath of Tilly's death in a car accident Agnes feels obligated to learn about her sister through the Dungeons and Dragons notebook that Tilly left behind. Written by Qui Nguyen, *She Kills Monsters* tells the touching story of an unlikely commonality bringing

two sisters together. \$10. Visit westpotomactheatre.org or call 703-718-2500.

FRIDAY/NOV. 2

How to Stay Fit and Safe at Home. 10 a.m.-noon at Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria. SSA is teaming up with

the Northern Virginia Falls Prevention Alliance, Goodwin at Home and Fairfax County to educate us what we need to know as we age in order to live independently in our own homes. Topics include learning about how physical changes occur as we age and the increasing importance of exercise; fall prevention; proper use of medications; how to modify your home and tips on avoiding scams. RSPV online at seniorservicesalex.org/november-speaker-series-home-safety/ or call 703-836-4414, ext. 110.

Computer Basics Class. 10:15 a.m. at Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Free. Learn the basics of using a computer with an overview of Windows 7 and Microsoft Office 2010 applications. Also find out the best strategies for locating information on the Internet. Visit www.alexlibraryva.org.

"Dances Around the World." 6-10 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria. During the evening, you will take a spin around the world through dance and music. Featured Heritage Dance Groups include Boyle School of Irish Dance; Ethio-American Eskista Dance Group; Fairfax Chinese Dance Troupe; and the Royal Scottish Country Dancers. A "meet and greet" begins at 6 p.m. Light refreshments will be on hand, complements of the Office of the Arts. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. No experience is necessary. Children under 5 years old are free. Children must be accompanied by one adult. Reservations are \$9 per person. To purchase tickets, visit www.alexandriava.gov website, scroll to Durant Arts Center, click on First Friday: "Dances Around the World."

Art on Tap. 7-10 p.m. at The Art League Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center 105 N. Union Street, Alexandria. Admission: \$45. Enjoy local craft beers, original artwork and food at The Art League's annual Art on Tap. Craft beers from local breweries have been paired with a work of art from an Art League instructor. Local restaurants have chosen a brew/artwork coupling to serve as their muse to create the perfect complimentary appetizer. Visit www.TheArtLeague.org.

Opening Reception: "Connecting Threads." 7-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. The exhibit features the work of regional artists showcasing traditional and non-traditional ways to manipulate fiber and highlights narratives where textiles and fiber trigger nostalgia. See the exhibit and donate new towels for Carpenter's Shelter from Nov. 2-25. Visit www.DelRayArtisans.org/event/connecting-threads

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SATURDAY/NOV. 3

Horses & Hounds. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate. Watch a simulated fox hunt demonstration on the estate of the Father of the American foxhound. Unlike in Washington's time, no foxes will be hurt during this

Alexandria Symphony Presents World Premiere

BY MELINDA KERN
ALEXANDRIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra continues its 75th anniversary season on Saturday, Nov. 3, 8 p.m., at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center and on Sunday, Nov. 4, 3 p.m., at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. The ASO is celebrating its milestone birthday throughout the year along with the introduction of Music Director James Ross to the community.

The November program opens with two selections by Leonard Bernstein, the Overture to "West Side Story" and "Three Dance Episodes" from "On the Town." The performance comes on the heels of the 100th birthday of this legendary maestro, who was one of James Ross' most significant influences as a teacher and mentor. The ASO also presents Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 3 (commonly known as the Scottish Symphony) as a fitting prelude to Alexandria's annual Scottish Christmas Walk. "This music is episodic, craggy, scenic, lonely, and full of melodies that sound like folk songs," observes Maestro Ross.

Highlighting the concert is a world premiere cello concerto by Jessica Krash. Krash is a cutting-edge composer, resident of Bethesda, and long-time friend of Maestro Ross. "Jim and I have been friends since we were undergraduates at Harvard,

playing horn and piano recitals together," says Krash. "I am so thrilled and honored that he is interpreting and performing my piece." Krash collaborated throughout the project with Tanya Anisimova, who will perform as the cello soloist. The composition was supported in part by a grant from the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Prior to each performance there will be a pre-concert chat, offering insights into the music. On Saturday the talk will be held at 7 p.m. with Jessica Krash and James Ross, exploring the collaborative composition process. On Sunday Maestro Ross will present "As the Baton Swings" at 2:15 p.m., which is geared toward younger attendees and novice symphony-goers with Jessica Krash as a featured guest. Both talks are open to all concert attendees.

The Alexandria Symphony is a fully-professional orchestra drawing from the Washington, D.C. metropolitan region's wealth of musical talent. Many musicians perform with other orchestras and top military bands. The ASO performs Saturday evenings at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center and Sunday matinees at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Single tickets are \$20-\$80 for adults, \$5 for youth (18 and under), and \$10 for students (with ID). The ASO also offers senior, military, and group discounts. For tickets and more information, visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885.

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ENTERTAINMENT

5 Foodie Dates to Circle in November

BY HOPE NELSON

From artwork-and-beer pairings to a history of Thanksgiving throughout the annals of time, the food and drink docket stays incredibly busy during November. Here are a few of our top picks.

Art on Tap at The Art League, Nov. 2

Now this is a pairing you don't see every day: Craft beers intentionally paired with original pieces of artwork. Take in an array of both at the Art League's annual Art on Tap, which takes place Friday. To add a little more spice, participating local restaurants have each chosen a beer-and-art pairing to serve as inspiration for a special appetizer, so you won't come away hungry. 105 N. Union St. 7-10 p.m. \$45.

Tidings Ale Release Party at Port City Brewing, Nov. 2

Tis the season already? It's true. Port City releases its seasonal Tidings, a Belgian-style blond ale, this weekend. Borinquen Lunch Box will pull its truck around to provide some Puerto Rican fare for the festivities, which will extend into the night. The brew will be available throughout the holiday season and can be enjoyed on tap, in six-packs and in growlers and crowlers. 3950 Wheeler Ave. 3-10 p.m.

Novemberfest at Rustico, Nov. 3

Move over, Oktoberfest; Rustico's annual Novemberfest is on the way. The Slaters Lane mainstay is back with its 2018 rendition of one of its most fun events of the year. Featuring nearly three dozen Virginia breweries, including the red-hot Aslin as well as Ocelot and Hardywood Park, and a plethora of

beer styles as well as a hearty slate of food offerings from the kitchen, this is definitely a good way to kick the month off on the right foot. 827 Slaters Lane. Noon-5 p.m. \$25 in advance, which includes 20 food and drink tickets; \$10 at the door, with tickets sold a la carte.

Thanksgiving from 1621 to the Present at Lee-Fendall House, Nov. 10

Join food historian Joyce White as she takes participants on a tour of Thanksgiving traditions from early America to the modern day. From the 1600s celebration of "Harvest Home" to the Norman Rockwell ideology of the 1900s and beyond, with stops all along the way, White's presentation is sure to be informative, enlightening and entertaining. Plus, guests will have an opportunity sample Thanksgiving specialties from four centuries of celebration. 614 Oronoco St. 2-3:30 p.m. \$20.

Rock the Block: A Culinary Tour of Old Town, Nov. 14

Chow down on some of Old Town's favorite restaurants and help raise money for a worthy cause: It's a win-win. Supporting the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Rock the Block takes diners on a tour of King Street and its tributaries, ranging from Vermilion to the Hi-Tide Lounge and many stops in between. Participating restaurants will offer several small plates and specialty drinks; diners can work their way through the neighborhood and eat as much as they want (until the event ends, that is). 6-9 p.m. \$125 general admission; \$300 VIP.

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

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demonstration. Observe a cavalry demonstration on the 12-acre field before meeting the breeds that Washington loved so much. Learn about the role these animals played in the American Revolution and even meet Nelson, a horse similar to Washington's beloved warhorse. Included with general admission. Visit mountvernon.org/horseshounds.

Classic Car Show. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at River Farm, 7931 E. Boulevard Drive, Alexandria. Meet at River Farm for cars, food, and fun. Registration: \$20 per show car. Spectators: \$5 (walk-in or bicycles, kids under 12 free); \$10 (per car). For more information, email development@ahsgardening.org. Proceeds benefit the American Horticultural Society and its headquarters, River Farm. Email development@ahsgardening.org. Visit the website www.ahsgardening.org.

Tour of Friendship Firehouse Museum. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at 107 South Alfred St., Alexandria. Take an in-depth guided tour of Friendship Firehouse Museum and learn about the Friendship Fire Company's firefighting procedures and equipment, as well as the different roles the organization played in serving the community. The Friendship Fire Company, established in 1774, was the first fire company in Alexandria. Today the Friendship Firehouse, built in 1855, is a museum open to the public. The docent-led tour is for ages 10 and older. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 ages 10-17. Reservations are required, as space is limited. Purchase tickets at

shop.alexandriava.gov or by calling 703-746-3891.

Portside History. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Old Town Alexandria waterfront, 1 King St., Alexandria. Free. Explore Alexandria's waterfront history through free hands-on activities and pop-up displays presented by the Office of Historic Alexandria. On Nov. 3, visit the Ship's Company Chanteymen. Experience Alexandria's maritime history through song. Join the Ship's Company for nautical songs and hands-on maritime and navigation activities.

First Tour. 11 a.m. at Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen Street, Alexandria. Free. Come learn about the unique treasures held at the Local History / Special Collections the first Saturday of every month. Visit the website: www.alexlibraryva.org

"Bound to the Fire." 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal Street, Old Town Alexandria. Historical archaeologist and historian, Kelley Deetz, will discuss her new book, *Bound to the Fire: How Virginia's Enslaved Cooks Helped Invent American Cuisine*. Cost is \$12 per person and \$10 for FOAA/ASPBH members. Tickets may be purchased online at www.Alexandriava.gov/Shop.

Story Time for Little Historians. 11 a.m. at The Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria. Every first Saturday of the month at 11 a.m. the Alexandria Black History Museum will host a children's story time in the Alexandria Black History Museum. This week: *Baby Rattlesnake* bold by Te Ata. Join us for cultural stories and creative craft activities that

introduce world history and folklore. Explore the museum exhibits afterwards to learn about local Black History. For a limited time, complete the scavenger hunt for our special dollhouse exhibition and take home a prize. All ages welcome, but most suitable for children 4 - 7 years old. Admission is \$3 per person. Call 703-746-4356.

Tea with Lady Washington. 2-3 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon. Step back in time and join "Lady Washington" for high tea at the Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant. Learn about the art and social history of enjoying the refined beverage while being served fine tea and light fare. \$35 per person. Visit mountvernon.org for more.

Betsey Mason's Letter. 2 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Associate Curator Jessie MacLeod, from George Washington's Mount Vernon, will provide a presentation: "Thank God it is now in your hands": Unpacking Betsey C. Mason's Letter to John Augustine Washington III. MacLeod will connect Mason's letter with a key journal entry by Magistrate John Augustine Washington III on the 1845 trial of five enslaved men from Huntley for trespassing. Call 703-768-2525.

Country-Western Dance. 7-9:30 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss Street, Alexandria. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will hold a dance. Lessons, 6-7 p.m. Open dancing, 7-9:30 p.m. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles of all ages welcome. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a

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paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit www.nvcwda.org.

Raven's Night. 7:30 p.m. at Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. \$25. This modern take on the traditional masquerade ball celebrates life. The theme for 2018 is Momento Mori, so get ready to be transported to another realm where other-worldly beings come to visit and entertain you. Raven's Night: Momento Mori 2018 includes three events woven into one: world-class dance performances at The Cabaret Macabre; a dinner concert featuring live music; and a pre-show event combining an alternative World's Fair-styled exposition and sideshow, including Tarot card readings, magic and belly-dancing. Visit www.ravensnight.com

ASO Presents: Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 3 "Scottish." 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 East Campus Drive, Alexandria. The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, led by Music Director James Ross, celebrates the past and present of American music. Featuring Tanya Anisimova, cellist. Tickets: \$20-\$80 adult, \$5 youth, \$10 student. Visit www.alexsym.org or 703-548-0885.

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Fall Festival FUNdraiser. 2-5 p.m. at Agudas Achim Congregation, 2908 Valley Drive, Alexandria. Fall Festival Fundraiser benefitting Agudas Achim Preschool. There will be games, prizes, crafts, bounce house, face painting, a petting zoo (from 2-3:30 p.m.) and music by Alexandria's Rainbow Rock Band (starting at 3:30 p.m.). Email: preschool@agudasachim-va.org. Visit the website: www.facebook.com/events/470913836727081/

ASO Presents: Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 3 "Scottish." 3 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. With pre-concert talk at 2:15 p.m. The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, led by Music Director James Ross, celebrates the past and present of American music. Featuring Tanya Anisimova, cellist. Tickets: \$20-\$80 adult, \$5 youth, \$10 student. Visit www.alexsym.org or 703-548-0885.

Nordic Fiddlers Bloc. 7 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. The Nordic Fiddlers Bloc is a fiddle trio from Norway, Sweden and the Shetland Islands whose use of harmony, rhythm, riffs and bass lines creates a sound that leaves the listener enthralled but at the same time dumbfounded that the sound only comes from three fiddles. Tickets \$18/advance; \$20/door. For tickets, visit www.focusmusic.org/buy-tickets. Contact Herb Levy at Herb@FocusMusic.org or 703-380-3151.

MONDAY/NOV. 5

Open House and Master Class. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Metropolitan School of the Arts' Academy, 5775 Barclay Road, Alexandria. Hosting an Academy Open House and Master Class, led by world-class performers, soprano Nova Y. Payton, and Melissa Rector from Koresh Dance in Philadelphia. The master class will focus on voice and performance as Payton works with some current Metropolitan School of the Arts students. Afterwards she will sing, then have a question and answer session. The master class is free, but only open to prospective Academy students accompanied by a parent. Registration is required at www.metropolitanschoolofthearts.org or call 703-339-0444.

Poetry Workshop. 6:30-8 p.m. at www.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM



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Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria. "Building Cultural Bridges" with Wendi R Kaplan, Poet Laureate. At these workshops, poetry can be read and written. The Poet Laureate and literary programs are part of the Office of the Arts, a division of the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities. The workshops are free; to register, RSVP at poet@alexandriava.gov or contact Cheryl Anne Colton at 703-746-5565 or cheryllanne.colton@alexandriava.gov, or visit www.alexandriava.gov/Arts.

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Sparkle and Glow: Holiday Show. At Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, located in Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Free admission. The Gallery shines with holiday spirit – unique gifts to give, lovely pieces to wear, and enchanting and decorative works for the home. Themed work will be eligible for recognition by the jurors. Non-themed work may also be exhibited. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 7

Dino-vember. 4 p.m. at Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen Street, Alexandria. Free. Simple STEAM activities with a dinosaur theme. All materials supplied, no registration required. For children ages 5 and up. Visit the website: www.alexlibraryva.org.

Film Screening: "Sergeant York." 7 p.m. at Alexandria History Museum at Lyceum, 201 South Washington St., Alexandria. Screening of the 1941 film about World War I hero Alvin York starring Gary Cooper and directed by Howard Hawks. During a reception before the screening, World War I re-enactors will be on hand with examples of the equipment soldiers carried and they will periodically play music on an original early 20th-century phonograph. The evening will also include brief commentary regarding the life and career of Sergeant York and how it is portrayed in the film. Light

refreshments, beer, and wine available for sale. Purchase tickets at Alexandriava.gov/Shop or by calling 703-746-4994.

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 7-11

Friends Book Sale. At James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria. Free. Friends First Choice Night on Wednesday, Nov. 7 from 3:30-8:45 p.m. Discover great books for sale for bargain prices, and support your local library. Email amurray@alexlibraryva.org. Visit the website www.alexlibraryva.org.

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Book Discussion. 7 p.m. at Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Free. Join author Joseph Esposito as he talks about his book "Dinner in Camelot: The Night America's Greatest Scientists, Writers, and Scholars Partied at the Kennedy White House." Email amurray@alexlibraryva.org.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 8-11

Alexandria Film Festival. Four-day festival features 60 filmmakers and 70 films. The celebration begins Thursday, Nov. 8 with a free program of six short films, screening outdoors at Waterfront Park in Old Town. The Free Flowing Musical Experience will kick things off at 6:30 p.m., with the shorts beginning at 7 p.m. AMC Hoffman 22 Theater (206 Swamp Fox Road, Alexandria) and Beatley Central Library (5005 Duke St., Alexandria) serve as the principal venues with more than 60 filmmakers presenting films over the festival weekend. With 50 premieres of short and feature-length films, the festival features films from around the world including Canada, France, India, Lebanon, Spain, South Africa, United Arab Emirates, the U.K., and the U.S. Local filmmakers will screen new work and several directors, producers, actors and crew will take questions from the audience. See full program details at AlexFilmFest.com. Ticketed shows can be found at

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“Seeing the Light: Virginia Landscapes and Beyond,” is a solo exhibition by Bradley Stevens. His style is contemporary realism—rooted in classical training, yet boldly depicting the modern world with his penetrating eye. Reception is open to the public, and light refreshments will be served. Through Nov. 6, gallery hours at Broadway Gallery, 5641-B General Washington Drive, Alexandria. Visit www.broadwaygalleries.net for more.

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AlexFilmFest.Eventbrite.com for \$12 or \$15 at the door. An All-Fest pass is also available for \$50 at AlexFilmFest.Eventbrite.com or \$70 at the door. Visit AlexFilmFest.com.

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Used Book Sale. At Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Come shop the selection of thousands of books and DVDs priced starting at just \$.50. The \$5/bag sale is Sunday from 1-3 p.m. Become a Friend of the Library at friendsofduncanlibrary.org and shop a special preview on Wednesday, Nov. 7. Cash and credit cards accepted. Hours are Thur. 10-6:45 p.m., Fri. 10-5:45 p.m., Sat. 10-4:45 p.m., and Sun. 1-3 p.m. Visit the website: www.friendsofduncanlibrary.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 9

Alexandria After Work Concert Series. 6-8 p.m. at the Lloyd House, 220 North Washington St. The Folklore Society of Greater Washington and The Office of Historic Alexandria sponsor a concert on the second Friday of the month with locations rotating between the Murray-Dick-Fawcett House, Lloyd House, and The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum. Concert features Cold Chocolate. \$15 suggested donation for the musicians, light refreshments available, and a cash bar. Visit www.fsgw.org for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 9-11

“Shrek – The Musical.” Hours are Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. at Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane, Alexandria. Join Mount Vernon Community Children's Theater for “Shrek – The Musical.” Featuring 46 area youth ages 8-18. Hilarious and charming – fun for the whole family. \$14. Visit www.mvcc.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 10

Pancake Breakfast. 8-11 a.m. at Pema's Restaurant, 8430 Richmond

Highway, Alexandria. The Mt. Vernon Evening Lions will be having a Pancake Breakfast – A perfect way to treat a Veteran. Adult \$10; children 12 and under \$3. Contact Reba Morse at 703-339-7099.

Environment Expo. 8 a.m.-noon at Walt Whitman Middle School, 2500 Parkers Lane, Alexandria. The Environment Expo: Saving the Earth One Person at a Time will feature an Exhibit Hall with a variety of County agencies, service providers and educators, informational and hands-on workshops and screenings of the film “Hometown Habitat.” The goal of the Expo is to educate and inform residents on environmental challenges that we all face on a daily basis, including ones that are unique to the Mount Vernon area given our proximity to water and the many industrial facilities nearby. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/environment-expo-saving-earth-one-person-time.

Bird Walk. 9-10:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Wander through the autumn gardens where birds are making their preparations for the cold winter ahead. Bring field glasses, if you have them, and Green Spring will provide a bird search sheet. Warm up with some hot cider and talk with your guide about the birds you see and hear. Cost is \$10 per person. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring.

Craft Fair. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at First Christian Church, 2723 King Street, Alexandria. First Christian Church invites you to unwrap the holiday season by shopping at its craft fair/pancake breakfast. Visit the website www.fccalexandria.com.

Civil War Tours. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Fort Ward Museum will offer soldier-led tours of historic Fort Ward in honor of Veteran's Day. Tours are free, and will begin in the Museum. The tours will be conducted by an interpreter who will portray a Union army veteran reminiscing about his military service at Fort Ward during the Civil War. Participants will learn

about Civil War veterans' organizations, the history of Fort Ward, army life in the Civil War Defenses of Washington, and the design and construction of Civil War forts. Highlights include the reconstructed Officers' Hut and ceremonial entrance gate, and the fort's fully restored Northwest bastion. Call Fort Ward Museum at 703-746-4848.

Veteran's Day Lecture. 11 a.m. at The Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Free Veterans Day lecture by C.R. Gibbs, “Come Out Fighting: How the Original Black Panthers and Other African Americans Helped to Defeat the Axis and Win World War II.” This presentation describes the gallant and inspiring story of the nation's first African American armored unit. Organized during the Second World War, this unit rose above racism at home and skepticism on the battlefield to become one of the most hard-hitting, courageous outfits in the United States Army. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum for more.

Autumn Fest Beer Festival. 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Pizzeria Paradiso Old Town, 124 King Street, Alexandria. This season's festival features 21 brews from 21 Virginia-based independent breweries. The festival has no entrance fee but guests can purchase drink vouchers for \$15 which include three 6 oz. beer samples and a free Autumn Fest glass. The event will also feature entertainment for the whole family like corn hole, giant Jenga, and board games. Pizzeria Paradiso's non-profit partner, Art Works Now, a local organization which provides arts programming for the community, will have mini-pumpkin painting for a suggested donation of \$5.

AAUW Meeting. 2 p.m. at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Free. American Association of University Women Mt. Vernon Branch presents AAUW Then and Now with Suzanne Gould, AAUW Archivist and Historian. Learn about AAUW's founding story and work throughout its 137-year history. Be inspired by AAUW's history of

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Taste of Thanksgiving History. 2 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House, Alexandria. Food historian Joyce White will give a lecture and tasting program that explores the political, social, economic, and cultural traditions that have made Thanksgiving the truly American holiday that it is. Attendees will learn how Thanksgiving has transformed itself over time from the celebration of Harvest Home as practiced by the Plimoth Plantation settlers in 1621, and discover how the holiday has been influenced by prominent figures such as George Washington, women's magazine editor Sarah Josepha Hale, and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Tickets are \$15 per person for this 90 minute program and are available at www.leefendallhouse.org.

Author Talk. 2 p.m. at Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Author of *Raising America's Zoo*, the story of the National Zoo's shift from a Victorian-era menagerie to its current day center for animal conservation, research and education. Email Anton Murray at amurray@alexlibraryva.org

Thanksgiving 1621-Present. 2-3:30 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco Street, Alexandria. This program explores the traditions that have made Thanksgiving the truly American holiday that it is, followed by samples of Thanksgiving food from four centuries. Tickets \$15. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org.

SATURDAY-MONDAY/NOV. 10-12
Colonial Market & Fair. Hours are

Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Monday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon. Features dozens of America's historic craftspeople and plenty of family fun. Colonial-attired artisans demonstrate 18th-century crafts and sell traditional wares such as food, woodcarvings, metalwork, furniture, and more. Performers charm audiences with music and entertainment, including an 18th-century air balloon, a magician, and a puppet show. Mount Vernon's historic interpreters will demonstrate how to make chocolate using an authentic colonial recipe and traditional methods. Visit mountvernon.org/colonialfair.

SUNDAY/NOV. 11

Armistice Day Ceremony. 10 a.m. at Gadsby's Ballroom, 400 Cameron St., Alexandria. The American Legion Post 24 of Alexandria will be holding an Armistice Day ceremony. To commemorate the 100 years anniversary, an Alexandria City representative jointly with American Legion officers will unveil a new plaque that will be affixed to the side of the historical Post home to honor local World War I heroes. The event includes a brass ensemble, World War I historian as a guest speaker, and more to honor all those who served. Poppy flowers will be available as well as light refreshments at the Post 24 clubroom will follow the ceremony for all participants and attendees. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/historic/info/default.aspx?id=93363

Free Tours on Veterans Day. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Gadsby's Tavern Museum



"Women's March 2017," encaustic with crystals and led lights by Julia Dzikiewicz.

Pink Hat Protest Paintings

Through encaustic wax paintings, Julia Dzikiewicz expresses her perception of rising racism, misogyny, and violence in the United States. Dzikiewicz creates her immense, evocative paintings with encaustic wax, an ancient and archival medium, by fusing layers of beeswax, pigment, gesso, and resin. On exhibit through Nov. 4 at The Art League Gallery, 105 North Union St., Studio 21, in the Torpedo Factory, Alexandria. Visit www.theartleague.org or 703-683-1780.

was saved from destruction thanks to the efforts of American Legion Post #24. To honor this special connection, tours of the Museum on Veteran's Day will be free for all guests. Visit alexandriava.gov/historic.

AAUW Meeting. 2 p.m. at Cameron Station Clubhouse, 200 Cameron Station Blvd., Alexandria. The monthly meeting of the American Association of University Women - Alexandria Branch will meet. Elizabeth Barr-Brooks, J.D., Associate Vice

President, Fair Practices for Northern Virginia Community College will discuss the current state of Title IX. All are welcome. Visit alexandriava.aauw.net.

TUESDAY/NOV. 13

Alexandria Women in World War I. 7 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria. The Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities presents a lecture by Elizabeth Foxwell, editor of "In Their Own

Words: American Women in World War I." Featuring wine, desserts and light fare. Cost of \$10 per person supports ACSCC programs. For information and tickets, visit shop.alexandriava.gov. Contact AlexandriaCaenSisterCities@gmail.com or call 202-907-5941.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 14

Rock the Block. 6 p.m. on King Street in Old Town Alexandria. Rock the Block 2018 proceeds will benefit the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. Several of Old Town's hottest restaurants will open their doors for this inaugural event and whip up some tasty dishes and drinks. Call 703-837-6111 or visit www.rocktheblocks.org for more.

THURSDAY/NOV. 15

Historic Pohick Church Christmas Mart. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Pohick Episcopal Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. The Parish House and the Vestry House will be transformed into a festive Christmas atmosphere with rooms filled with Attic Treasures, a Consignment Shop, fresh baked goods, homemade candy and apple butter, and frozen casseroles made by the women of Pohick Church. Booths will feature the work of artisans showcasing handmade jewelry, stained glass, Christmas decorations and many other crafts. Colonial-attired ladies will serve luncheon at three sittings (11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m.) for \$13. The Docent Guild will be leading tours of the historic colonial church and the Golden Dove Gift Shop will be open. Admission to the Christmas Mart is free. Visit www.pohick.org or call 703-339-6572.

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Rescue at Sea: 'A Brotherhood of Survivors'

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C. Davis, U-546 and the rescue boats involved.

"There is a shared history of survivors of Frederick C. Davis and U-546 that has continued even after the passing of many participants," said Lundeberg, who noted that he became particularly close with the captain of the submarine that sunk the Davis.

"As a Naval historian, I got to know

"There is a brotherhood among survivors at sea. Friend, foe or rescuers, it becomes a close fraternity."

— Philip Lundeberg, WWII veteran and survivor of the Frederick C. Davis.

Capt. Just well," Lundeberg said. "He brought chunks of the Berlin Wall to one of our reunions to express his gratitude for what we did after the war."

One such reunion occurred over Memorial Day weekend in 1990. The Davis survivors joined with men from the U.S.S. Hayter, Flaherty and Varian rescue ships, together with 11 survivors of U-546.

"There were many memorable insights shared during these deeply private conversations," said Lundeberg, who added that all of the German survivors are now deceased.

Lundeberg, now 95 years old, lives with his wife of 65 years, Eleanore,



Philip Lundeberg aboard the U.S.S. Frederick C. Davis just weeks before it was hit by a German torpedo and sunk in the North Atlantic during World War II. Lundeberg was one of just 27 survivors.



Philip Lundeberg and survivors of the U.S.S. Frederick C. Davis warship struggle in the icy waters of the North Atlantic in April of 1945.

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in the Waynwood section of Alexandria. He said that he is unsure of how many Davis survivors are still alive.

"Perhaps there are only two or three of us left," said Lundeberg, who said his friendship with the German U-546 captain was not unusual. "There is a brotherhood among survivors at sea. Friend, foe or rescuers, it becomes a close fraternity."

Lundeberg will be presented with the Distinguished Patriot Award by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce at the Nov. 8 Salute to Veterans ceremony at the Carlyle Club in Old Town. For more information, visit www.alexchamber.com.

Philip K. Lundeberg, left, poses for a photograph with German Kapitänleutnant Paul Just at a U.S.S. Frederick C. Davis survivors reunion in Janesville, Wisc., on Memorial Day, 1990.



Arts' Academy Open House Features Master Class

Metropolitan School of the Arts' Academy is hosting an Academy Open House and Master Class, led by world-class performers, Washington, D.C.-native and professional soprano, Nova Y. Payton, and Melissa Rector from Koresh Dance in Philadelphia. The open house is Monday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Metropolitan School of the Arts at 5775 Barclay Road in Alexandria. The master class is free, but only open to prospective Academy students accompanied with a parent. Registration is required at www.metropolitanarts.org or call 703-339-0444.

The master class will focus on voice and performance as Payton works with some current Metropolitan School of the Arts students. Afterwards she will sing, then have a question and answer session. This is an opportunity to hear what a successful actress has to share about developing a career in musical theater and



Melissa Rector

the arts in Washington, D.C.

Payton has performed in international musicals, on television, and in countless regional theatre productions across the country. Boasting a prolific catalog of artist



Nova Y. Payton

collaborations, Payton has shared the stage with Stevie Wonder, Roberta Flack, Levi Kreis, Bobby McFerrin, John Michael Higgins, Yolanda Adams, Betsy Wolfe, Michael Uris and Anthony Hamilton.

Payton resides in the Washington, D.C. area, and has performed in more than 150 major cities in the U.S., as well as in Canada, Japan, Singapore, Saudi Arabia and Europe.

Rector is the assistant artistic director and dance instructor for Koresh Dance in Philadelphia, where she leads ensemble members in learning both original choreography and company repertory. Originally from West Virginia, Rector started dancing at a young age with Monica Folio. She graduated from the University of the Arts in 1993. She's been dancing with the Koresh Dance Company since 1991. She teaches a style of dance that blends modern jazz and Luigi technique. Her work has been performed at the Philadelphia Fringe Festival, the Annenberg Center, Drexel University, the Grier School and Brandywine Ballet. She frequently travels around the country to perform, teach master classes and set choreography for students.



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U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.) attended the service at Temple Rodef Shalom. Representing National Officials, Warner lit the candle in remembrance of victim Bernice Simon.

‘Sound of One Voice’

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Members of the Temple shared their religious home with elected officials from every level. U.S. Sen. Mark Warner was among the federal representatives. The Commonwealth’s contingent included a full complement of the region’s state delegates and senators, and a number of Fairfax County’s supervisors, including Chairman Sharon Bulova. Fairfax County Police Chief Ed Roessler was in attendance, as were officers from the McLean District station, including commander Capt. Alan Hanson.

As welcome as the presence of “those who serve us in so many capacities” was on the occasion, there were no political speeches on the night or calls to action other than to “be the blessing,” as Schwartzmann urged all to continue to nurture their common bonds.

In all, it was a simple ceremony. With only a piano and a violin as accompaniment, the cantors, the choir, and often-times the congregants sang songs

for healing and unity and listened and participated in prayers for the same, and for those in law enforcement.

After the candles were lit, the “Mourner’s Kaddish,” the traditional prayer to honor the deceased, was recited. The prayer focuses on life, and acts as a reminder that those who mourn do not mourn alone, and many of those mourners were brought to tears before the last words of the Kaddish had finished echoing in the temple. More emotion followed as Cantors Shochet and Rhodes, with singer/guitarist Robbie Schaefer sang the song “One Voice,” with its melody and lyrics that captured the spirit of the gathering.

“This is the sound of one voice, One people, one voice, A song for everyone of us, This is the sound of one voice.”

With a final Benediction, the attendees were sent forward with thanks, blessings, and the hope that they would continue to be “one voice” no matter who they are or what they believe.

Lighting Candles for Those Killed

A representative from each “community” – religious, elected, civic and others – joined the organizers to light a candles for those who were killed, speaking the name of one lost as each candle was lit.

Victim	Candle Representative
Joyce Fienberg	Temple Rodef Shalom
Richard Gottfried	Christian Community
Rose Mallinger	Muslim Community
Jerry Rabinowitz	Community of Eastern Religions
Cecil Rosenthal	Law Enforcement
David Rosenthal	State Officials
Bernice Simon	National Officials
Sylvan Simon	Gun Violence Prevention Advocates
Irving Younger	Youth
Melvin Wax	Conservative Judaism
Daniel Stein	County Officials
Maurice Stallard*	Jewish Organizations
Vickie Jones*	Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society

* Stallard and Jones were the two African-American grandparents killed at the Kroger store in Kentucky



Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and Police Chief Ed Roessler were among those who attended the service. Both the chairman and the chief participated in the ceremony, each lighting a candle for one of the victims.

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Ms. Caroline Elizabeth Irvin of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away on Saturday, October 20th 2018, at the age of 86, surrounded by family. Caroline taught elementary school with the Fairfax County Public Schools. She was an officer and longtime member of the Mount Vernon Nelly Custis Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and a volunteer for the Fairfax County Meals on Wheels program. She was also a long time and active parishioner at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Alexandria, VA.

Memorial service will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22308, Friday Nov. 9th at 11:00 AM. The family is grateful for condolences, but prefers donations be made in Caroline's name to NSDAR's Genealogical Research Fund in lieu of flowers. (Find donation instructions here: <https://www.dar.org/giving/support-program-your-choice>)

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE 911TH ENGINEER COMPANY COMPLEX FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA

The U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir hereby gives Notice of the Availability (NOA) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the proposed construction and operation of the 911th Engineer Company Complex (911th EC Complex). The proposed location of the 911th EC Complex is an approximately 10-acre site located north of Route 1 (Richmond Highway) between the Fairfax County Parkway and Accotink Village, on the North Post of Fort Belvoir in Fairfax County, Virginia. The proposed 911th EC Complex would allow for the consolidation of the currently geographically separated and inadequately sized facilities utilized by the 911th Engineer Company. The Proposed Action would involve the construction of a medium-sized Tactical Equipment Maintenance Facility, an organizational equipment storage building, organizational vehicle storage, petroleum/oil/lubricants storage buildings, a hazardous waste storage building, a company operations facility, and an outdoor organizational vehicle parking area. The Proposed Action would allow the 911th Engineer Company to properly train for and more rapidly respond to emergency events with efficiency of operations and proper mission readiness.

The EA has been prepared in accordance with the regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), (Public Law 91-190, 42 USC 4321-4347 January 1, 1970), amendments, and the Army's Implementing Regulations (32 CFR Part 651, Environmental Analysis of Army Actions). The EA is available to view/download electronically at <http://www.belvoir.army.mil/envirodocssection2.asp>, or view in printed form at the Lorton Branch, Kingstowne Branch, and Sherwood Regional Branch of the Fairfax County Public Library system.

Comments or questions on the EA and Draft FNSI may be directed in writing to: Mr. Felix Mariani, Chief, Environmental Division, Directorate of Public Works, Building 1442, 9430 Jackson Loop, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060, or by email to: usarmy.belvoir.imcom-atlantic.mbx.enrd@mail.mil. Comments must be received no later than 30 days after publication of this NOA.

As It So Happens



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As I sit and attempt to write next week's column, I do so on Saturday, Oct. 27. Aside from being my close friend, Cheryl's, birthday, and the day before my brother, Richard's, birthday, it is a date (the 27th), to invoke our 32nd President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, that "will live in infamy." It is the date that Team Lourie, such as it is: my wife, Dina; my brother, Richard; and yours truly, met my oncologist for the first time to learn what my previous week's "malignant" biopsy actually meant.

What it meant was that I was officially a cancer patient. Specifically, a non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV, patient, and one given a "13-month to two-year" prognosis to boot, at age 54 and a half. Not a guarantee, mind you, but definitely a kick in the stomach. Not literally of course, but hearing such terrible, unexpected news, it certainly took our breath away.

After we all regained our composure, we tried to sort out what we had just heard and ask some intelligent questions (quite a challenge at that moment, I have to admit).

It was difficult because cancer was a subject with which Team Lourie had zero personal experience, having had no immediate family history other than my mother's very treatable skin cancer. As such, in talking with the oncologist, we were all at a disadvantage. In addition to never having met, neither did we know exactly what we were to be discussing until we sat in the doctor's office.

Talk about ill-prepared (pun intended).

Throw in the shock value of what we were hearing – for the first time (akin to that of a neutron bomb since we were still standing; sitting, actually), we were very nearly blown away and having difficulty processing what we were hearing: "13 months to two years," out of the blue, basically.

We might have understood "the macro," to steal one of my brother's favorite expressions, but we were having a little trouble grasping "the micro" – meaning me.

Certainly we were clear that my life going forward was going to be different, but we had no idea, really, what we were all in for, collectively. Though a sort of handbook called "The Five Questions" was provided to us, it was hardly a GPS that guided you step by step. At that point, you stumble and stammer and don't exactly know what to ask next.

Nowadays, a new professional certification has evolved called a "nurse navigator." This person is assigned to help you maneuver through the cancer/twilight zone of tests, treatments and appointments that you have just entered: labs, scans, infusion schedule, and oncology appointments; plus miscellaneous other secondary-type activities/appointments/procedures (aromatherapist, acupuncturist, nutritionist, pulmonologist, nephrologist, internal medicine doctor, thoracic surgeon, ophthalmologist, urologist, dermatologist, psychologist, pharmacist) and a few others that "chemo-brain" – a recently confirmed side effect of chemotherapy – has likely caused me to forget.

It's no wonder new cancer patients begin to melt down even before the first beam of radiation has been focused and/or the first dose of chemotherapy has been infused.

And not that I need reminding, but the 27th does seem to focus a "confinement beam" ("Star Trek") of sorts on what I've been doing and why and how much longer I'm likely to be doing it. And that, of course, is the rub, because in the cancer business, there are very few guarantees, any of which is constantly rubbing you in various directions. Directions which cause you to ebb and flow and bob and weave and try to hang on for dear life. Because so far as most of us know, this life is pretty dear and we kind of think we want to hang on to it for awhile.

And I'm one of the lucky ones, a survivor, that is. Many of my fellow "diagnosees" have not been nearly as fortunate as I have been. Ten years, come Feb. 20, 2019, the anniversary of the actual date when my Internal Medicine doctor called me to tell me the results of the previous week's biopsy. I remember where I was and what I was doing when I received that call.

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blog post detailing his contributions to the field of recreation and parks can be found at ourstoriesandperspectives.com/2018/08/10/former-fcpa-director-bill-beckner-remembered/. A brief ceremony will be held at the Norma Hoffman Visitor Center. Join friends and colleagues for brief remarks and warm memories; then stroll the boardwalk and enjoy light refreshments. RSVP at 703-768-2525 by Tuesday, Nov. 13.

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