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PUBLISHER’S NOTE

It was a big month for me. I moved into the Del Ray/Rosemont part of Alexandria after delightful 14 years spent in Fairlington. All these years working in Alexandria and I am only... NOW an actual resident! Right off the bat, Zebra made a sponsorship pledge to the Simpson Dog Park (which by the way could use a few more sponsors, so local companies... take note... a great way to give back to the community. If you are interested, contact me and I will get you in touch with the right folks). so, my two “kids” (Toddler and Teddy) have now a new place to play. And they are ready to play too! In another big move this month, the boys had their “necessary” surgery, expertly performed by Dr. Adrienne Herger at Shirlington Animal Hospital. If you are in need of veterinary services, I can’t say enough great things about the whole team there at Shirlington. They made the process smooth and easy, and followed up with us throughout the whole recovery week.

I hope you enjoy our July issue. The story about the Dow family on our cover is a real inspiration. A couple of our columns are away on vacation, but will return in August, when we will feature Charlotte Hall and the Potomac Rowboat Company. In the meantime, please continue to send us your ideas and criticisms, and enjoy the summer! Mary Wadland

WHAT BUGS ME

BY DEBBY CRITCHLEY

I was driving to an appointment the other day using my GPS. The system said, “Your destination is on your left.” I realized that there were multiple buildings on my left. Which one was the correct one? Where were the address numbers on the buildings? It makes me crazy when I try to find an address but I can’t find the number. Do you have your house number visible from the street? I had someone tell me once that the number was painted on the curb. Great, but you parked your car in front of the numbers. Think about it, would the fire department, police, or an ambulance be able to find your house? Del Ray Hardware, Lowe’s, and Home Depot sell numbers in various styles that can be hung by your door. If you can’t decide what size to get, the larger ones. Make it easy for those of us coming to visit.

If you have a pet peeve or something that bugs you, please email me at debbyc@thezebrapress.com.
It’s common lore in Alexandria that the Saturday morning farmers market on Market Square is the oldest farmers market in the U.S., continuously held at the same site, and dates from 1751. A few. But through all the uses and changes over 264 years, the Alexandria Gazette and the Alexandria Gazetteer noted that the proliferation of farmers markets in the area has deepened the customer base. Where each town used to have just one, most now have several to choose from.

“They wanted more vendors in the [Old Town] market,” says Lenard Dove. “There’s no way in the world you can work a farm and go ahead and do those farmers markets two or three days a week. It takes all the time you’ve got to do your own work all week long, one week in the next.”

Market hours have also fluctuated, from shorter farmers market hours of 5:00 to 9:00 through various time slots to the current 7:00 to 12:00. The Doves depend on loyal customers they’ve had for 30, even 40 years, who tend to come early so they get there by 4:00 a.m.

Festivals and shows dragged on the square often cut into market time. The plan is sometimes to crowd those hardy souls to more, which comes packing conflicts, too. Vendors have permits now, but they used to feed meters like everyone else.

“I remember being the numbskull,” says Missy. “When the fountain comes on, it’s 9:00 a.m. And 8:00 a.m. is when the meters start. I would hear them yell for me and then I’m going across the square gathering a whole bunch of quarters for whoever needed quarters in their meters, so no one would get a ticket. There were some meter masts down there at 8 o’clock just to be mean, knowing we were their selling, and that we might not get to the vehicle in time. So I’d run along and put one quarter in each, then go back and fill up however many meters.”

“I don’t think that’s the way it’s supposed to be,” says Doris. “But we’re running a business; the market moved into its empty building. All the small buildings in that section of the Market Square were razed. Vendors were first moved inside the new City Hall, but then were put out onto Cameron Street.

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BY KRIS GILBERTSON

The market has maintained in part because families of vendors have adapted to changing conditions and just kept showing up. This is the story of one of those families, the Doves, who sell flowers ten months a year on Market Square and have done so for generations.

A Family Tradition

Senior family members today are Mrs. Doris Dove Cassedy and her brother Leonard (Lenny) Dove. Dore and Lenard are helped at market by Doris’s youngest daughter Stacey (Mary) Petitt, and granddaughters Robbi and Charlie Petitt. In all, 21 family members—sisters, uncles, brothers, sons, cousins—have sold at the Old Town market. But in 1891, Doris on scene was Doris and Lenard’s great-grandfather, Will Kintron, in the late 1800s.

The family used to own 35 acres on upper Gui Dove Road (then called Oakwood Road) in Franconia. Wil Kinton and his daughter Norma (Naner) Talbert raised vegetables, flowers, and chickens, and made butter and crafts that they took to market by horse and buggy. Later, Naner and her niece Virginia continued to sell flowers, fruit, and crafts. Naner bought a Ford Model A. Although she never had a license, so that Virginia could drive them to market with their goods Virginia married Vernon Dow in 1932. They had ten children, of whom Doris is second oldest and Lenard is the youngest.

The Market Square of Old

Before 1960, Market Square, including City Hall, was far different from today. City Hall was a U-shaped building dating from 1871. It faced Cameron Street, with wings stretching a half-block south on Royal and Fairfax, creating a 3-sided courtyard. The market took place in the courtyard, under open sheds that gave shelter from the sun, but not heat or cold. During the coldest weather, vendors moved into the Royal Street wing of City Hall. The plaza didn’t exist.

Shapahn Alley, some 20 feet wide, ran mid-block from Royal to Fairfax. Market Alley ran from King to Shapahn, again at mid-block, dividing the plaza into two quarters. Both were in commercial use until the 1965 Plaza project.

The project was a response to general urban decline suffering nationwide during the 1950s. In 1941, the city began to revitalize the area by renovating City Hall to build office space and county chambers in the courtyard. ChaseAway’s Grocery, a business on the plan area, had gone out of business; the market moved into its empty building.

When they finished City Hall, work began on the plaza and underground parking garage. All the small buildings in that section of the Market Square were razed. Vendors were first moved inside the new City Hall, but then were put out onto Cameron Street.

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Did You Know?

• During the 1918 flu pandemic, the market was overwhelmed city services. It was a bitterly cold winter, so bodies were stored in Market Alley between the Royal Cafe and the Alexandria Gazetteer awailing burial.

• City Council manages the market, but traditionally the City Manager appointed a Market Master who was also the "weights and measure master” for all of Alexandria. His job was cleaning the square, assuring quality in products sold, and testing the accuracy of wine, dry and lumber measures and balanced scales throughout the city.

• At graduation, kids used to put soap in the plaza fountain and sometimes got bubbles three or four feet high. The fire department had to come in and wash it all off.

• The fountain level is kept low during market because wind would blow water all over the vendors and customers.

For information about the Old Town Farmers Market: www.alexandriava.gov/ OldTownFarmersMarket

*Vola Lawson, Alexandria’s City Manager from 1985 to 2000.

*Hon. Patsy Ticer, former Councilwoman, City Manager of Alexandria, VA State Senator.

*Jim Moran, former Mayor of Alexandria and U.S. Representative.
HISTORIC BUILDINGS GET FUNDING IN ALEXANDRIA

The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum was recently awarded $3,200 from the non-profit Historic Alexandria Foundation to replicate the decorative ceiling medallion at the 18th-century drugstore, which has been missing for many years. Replacement of the medallion will be executed by pieces from the original plaster casting and from later photographs in the museum’s collection dating from the early 20th century. Replication of the medallion will enhance the recent interior restoration of the apothecary that was begun in 1984, a time when the US Food and Drug Administration passed that regulated consumable medicines and food products.

Two other institutions were also awarded funding this year.

The Athenium at 201 Prince Street received funding for restoration of exterior stucco finishes and the Lee-Fendall House at 614 Oronoco Street was awarded funding to restore a deteriorated porch.

NEW POLICE OFFICERS AND DEPUTY SHERIFFS GRADUATE FROM CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY

Fifteen Alexandria police officers and ten Alexandria deputy sheriffs graduated from Session 132 of the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy on Friday, June 26. Sheriff Dana Lorschke and Police Chief Earl Cook joined command and training staff of both agencies at the graduation ceremony at Danaham High School in Sterling. The new law enforcement officers completed 20 weeks of training including emergency vehicle operations, firearms training, defensive tactics, crowd control, basic legal crash investigation, basic legal

Northern Virginia Criminal

The new deputy sheriffs graduated

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from the sheriff's office. The new
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under an enhanced relationship with the public.

For more information on the Police Community Academy or to request an application, visit wwwalexandriagov/police or e-mail the Volunteer Office at Virginia.obranovich@ alexandriava.gov. The deadline for registrations is August 15, 2015.

Alexandria Citizens Academy: Now Taking Applications

The Alexandria City Academy is a nine (9) week program offering an overview of how the City of Alexandria works (over the 100 years of business owners (located within the city limits) the opportunity to learn about how their local government works and how they can become involved in the City. The program will also recruit residents for public service on a board, commission, task force or other involvement in the City’s governance.

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Applications are now being accepted for the 2015 Fall Session, which will begin on Thursday, September 10, and end on Thursday, November 19. Each class will begin at 6:45 p.m. and end at 9 p.m.; light refreshments will be provided. A Graduation Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, November 10 during the City Council Meeting. Class size is limited to 22 students. The deadline for registration is Friday, August 14.

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nearby. We’ve got new Vietnamese locations is growing. The newest vendor is wholesome and healing. You can also get sprouts, slivered onions, hoisin, sriracha, of meats of your choosing. Add bean in-house recipes. Come and indulge in blend of high-quality ingredients using website, “Our dishes are made with a detail and design, the market represents everything we do. With a focus on products and worldly influence in owner, and chef says, “Selo Market & Eatery in Arlington, Va. According to their location at 2300 Clarendon Blvd. in the former Toscana Grill location 3 – 7 P.M. Four Mile Run Farmers Market is growing. The newest vendor a Selo Market & Eatery. Matt Pellecino, owner, and chef says, “Selo Market & Eatery combines locally-grown, produce and worldly influence in everything we do. With a focus on detail and design, the market represents our love and passion for food, from childhood memories to experiences traveling and living abroad. “Selo” means “village” to us (Matt and Joanna) it also means home-grown and local, meant to be shared with family, friends and community” Fourmilebridge Feds started as an idea borne out of the Federal Freelings. This local pur brings home-baked goodies (cupcakes, brownies, coffee cakes, caramel candies) and breakfast treats (muffins, biscuits, granola) to the market for a reasonable price. More good news about our Mt. Vernon Eve-friend, The Happy Tart, 2307A Mount Vernon Ave, will be adding a second location in Falls Church sometime in mid-summer, according to a post on its Facebook page and information on its company website. If you have never been in the Del Ray location, they create gluten-free baked goods, ranging from cakes and cookies to cupcakes and pies. Magnolia’s on King, 763 King St., opened July 1 with southern food flavors, tropical ceiling fans, and a pineapple chandelier. They boast, “A contemporary twist on classics and new dishes sure to be favorites, our cuisine offers locally and sustainably sourced seasonal ingredients.” The lounge features craft cocktails by Zachary Faden including the signature。

Banh Ta Deli

The Eden Center in Falls Church is welcoming the Banh Ta Deli. They feature banh mi sandwiches as well as buns and summer rolls. Find them at The Eden Center in Falls Church sometime in mid-summer, according to a post on its Facebook page and information on its company website. If you have never been in the Del Ray location, they create gluten-free baked goods, ranging from cakes and cookies to cupcakes and pies.

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Valencourt Scholarships Awarded

United Community Ministries (UCM) announced in Valencourt Scholarship Fund awards for 2015. Thanks to a generous bequest from her estate in 2014, UCM’s Lois Valencourt Scholarship Fund enables students who have graduated from high schools in the Mount Vernon area to pursue training and career advancement after high school graduation.

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Mrs. Valencourt was particularly interested in helping Hispanic students, in part due to many happy years spent living in South America with her husband.” says Harry Wood, executor for her estate in 2014, UCM’s Lois Valencourt Scholarship Fund awards for 2015. Thanks to a generous bequest from her estate in 2014, UCM’s Lois Valencourt Scholarship Fund enables students who have graduated from high schools in the Mount Vernon area to pursue training and career advancement after high school graduation.

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rice, guacamole, pico de gallo, and sour cream. Let’s not forget that Herman serves some of the thinnest and crispest tortilla chips with homemade salsa that is one of the best around. Happy Hour runs from 3 to 5, Monday through Friday at your table, or from 4 to 7 at the bar. Choose from horchata, tamarindo, maranon, pina colada, or a strawberry daiquiri. Margaritas are a specialty, and you can choose from a gold margarita, the El Patron, frozen margarita, or home-made sangria. There is also a good selection of Mexican beer available.

Until next month, eat well!

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colors and flavors were bright and refreshing. The next dish was Crispy Soft Shell Crab. These seasoned crabs were lightly breaded and fried. They were perched atop of a parsley tabbouleh with lemon butter sauce and turmeric oil. Michael Wagner, the Executive Chef, may have come from Florida but he knows his way around Maryland crab. His Diver Scallops resting on a mushroom risotto made me forget that I don’t like scallops. They were seared perfectly and drizzled with a balsamic reduction. The next course was the table favorite – Braised Beef Short Ribs. This dish was the perfect pairing of aromatic vegetables, red skin mashed potatoes, and crispy onion straws. This dish was a 10 pointer. As if we hadn’t been fed (or full) enough, our meal closed with an Apple Dumpling made with Granny Smith apples with an oat crumble topping, baked inside flaky puff pastry, and served with a scoop of vanilla bean ice cream. I like apple dumplings and I loved Chef Wagner’s version. Everyone at the restaurant is there to make you happy. The servers and kitchen were happy to adjust dishes to meet diner requests. One of my tablemates was allergic to mushrooms and received a lovely mixture of extra and summer squash to replace the risotto. Another diner did not eat beef and was served the apricot and orange bean ice cream. I will definitely order it the next time I am at the restaurant.

Giants Food

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improve their diet, but lack the time or resources to do it on their own,” said Chef Irvine. If you don’t recognize his name, Robert Irvine has more than 25 years in the culinary profession, cooking his way through Europe, the Far East, the Caribbean and the Americas. He is the host of one of the Food Network’s highest-rated shows, Restaurant: Impossible and is the author of two cookbooks, Mission: Cook! and Impossible to Easy, and one healthy living book, Fit Fuel: A Chef’s Guide to Eating Well and Living Your Best Life.

“Once you’ve accepted your flaws, no one can use them against you.”

— Tyrion Lannister, Game of Thrones

Quotables
Virginia is available exclusively at Gallery Lafayette.

This reproduction of an 1877 map of Alexandria was done by hand. Lenny buys flowers they can’t grow from wholesalers in the District and Newtonville and takes them to the farm, where he and Doris do the arranging themselves. Doris also sews quilts to sell. The family’s houses, only the one where Lenny and their mother Virginia had running water. Doris and her family went up to Virginia house to use facilities. Doris didn’t have running water until the move to Spotsylvania in 2000. She was 63. This family can’t see the attraction of camping.

Looking ahead…

Doris, 66, had cancer diagnosed with her second occurrence of cancer. She was gone for a few weeks for treatment, during which she spread. Customers sent more than 40 cards in two weeks, many including stories of how the Doves’ flowers had raised up.

The Doves’ flowers for so long that even Doris and Lenny don’t know their names, they do know what will be ordered. “The customer walks up and these two just look and say, ‘Oh you want your 25 wreaths and your six bunches of this and that’ and then they hand over the dollars. And I don’t know how they do it,” says Doris. “But if they say ‘nope’ says Doris, ‘we just know it’.

A representative of Reebok once brought them 50 high-top tennis shoes to make new flower centerpieces for a conference. A woman years ago ordered dried flowers for The White House. One gentleman comes in every other week and buys four mini bunches of flowers. His name is Mr. Rite, and “he’s a really nice guy”

“We have people come back who have been here for at least 30 years, and they’re still our customers,” says Doris. During the 1980s and 90s, she arranged flowers for as many as 60 weddings a year. Now, “it’s down to four or five,” says Doris, “but at one recent Old Town wedding the bride’s mother was pregnant with her when she first came into the market.”

At the Christmas season, the Doves create 40 Kissing Balls for the city, with 400 lights in each, to string out lamp posts around market square. They also make bittersweet Christmas trees—“little trees for little homes”—a nice way to wrap up their season.
QUIETLY CUTTING THROUGH: WHIMSICAL JAPANESE HAND-CUT PAPER ARTWORK BY SHIKO K. RICE

JULY 17 – 18
12th Annual Holocaust Film Festival Gowns open at 5:00 p.m. Waterfront Park 51 Prince Street Come spend a night under the stars at the Comcast Outdoor Film Festival. Friday, July 17 – 8:30 PM Doors 2, Saturday, July 18 – 8:00 PM Gates 2. Free admission to Gates 2 beginning at 8:00 PM. See you there!

JULY 20 – 21
Jen Moorehead: A Soldier’s Voice Torpedo Factory Art Center, The Art League Gallery 105 North Union Street The Deganach Art Factory Center, partners with The Art League for this upcoming exhibition in The Art League Gallery. Part of The Art League’s IMPart program, Jen Moorehead tells the narrative of his war experience through visual art. IMPart offers a creative outlet to injured Military Personnel and their caregivers to experience the transformative nature of the visual arts, while aiding their transition to health and healing. Free

JULY 20
Two of Trunks 3:00 p.m. Chippewa Park 2200 King St.1</p>
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PIERRETTE P. HALL NEW PRINCIPAL FOR FRANCIS C. HAMMOND MIDDLE SCHOOL

Alexandria City Public Schools Superintendent Alvin L. Crawford has named Pierrette P. Hall as the new principal of Francis C. Hammond Middle School. Hall is currently the eighth grade academic principal at George Washington Middle School. She will assume her new position beginning July 1, 2015.

“Ms. Hall has the skills, experience and vision that we need to lead the students and staff at Hammond Middle School,” said Crawford. “She is a proven leader and educator who has created environments that positively impact and change the school culture.”

Routhouska served as assistant principal of Ramsay Elementary from 2011-12, and previously served as an administrative intern at George Mason Elementary, Matthew Mason Elementary and Rammy. He also served as a language arts teacher at T.C. Williams High School’s Minnie Howard Campus.

“I’m so pleased to be returning to Ramsy Elementary to lead the outstanding staff and students and to collaborate with families and community to teach our goal of every student succeeding,” said Routhouska.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Nazareth College of Rochester in New York and a Master of Arts degree in educational leadership from George Mason University.

Cardinals Get Proactive on Injury Prevention

The Bishop Ireton Girls’ Volleyball team finished the 2014-2015 season with a respectable regular season above .500 record, which they rode into the WCAC and VISAA playoffs. Coach Kathy Gummert had much to be pleased about on the court with her team’s successes, but one area concerned her: a slight spike in injuries.

“Volleyball is a very physically demanding sport on both the upper and lower body that requires quick, explosive movements. With a tough schedule and one that was stretched into November with playoff runs, I think that elongated season took a toll on the girls’ bodies,” said Coach Gummert.

Rather than sit back, she and the team decided to get proactive. “I talked with our athletic trainers to get their thoughts on what we could do. As a coach and team, we want to continue to get their thoughts on what we could do. As a coach and team, we want to continue to keep the girls healthy and injury free.”

Burke & Herbert Bank Partners with West Potomac High School

Burke & Herbert Bank and Virginia’s oldest bank and West Potomac High School PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) have joined together to enhance student academic recognition for the 2015-16 school year. The bank is working with the WPHS PTSA to celebrate student achievements in the classroom, including honor roll students and students demonstrating significant growth in individual subject areas. In addition, Bank executives will be working with the college and career center specialist at WPHS and assisting students with the college application process.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School Named Top Place to Work

St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School named one of the 2015 Top Workplaces in the Washington, D.C. area by The Washington Post. SASA was ranked No. 2 among the best mid-sized employers in the region, in the newspaper’s annual Top Workplaces awards. A total of 150 employers were selected for the list.

Evaluation for Top Workplaces was based solely upon feedback from an employee survey conducted the winter by WorkplaceDynamics, LLC, a leading research firm on organizational health and employee engagement.

“We are honored to be recognized for the award, because it comes directly from our faculty, staff, and administrators,” said Kirsten Adams, head of school at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes. “Their passion, professionalism, and dedication to our students and each other is remarkable. You find a deep commitment to our mission from the moment you step on campus—in every person, in every part of the school. I am proud and grateful to be part of this extraordinary community of free education and lifelong learners.”

Superintendent Crawford Names New Principal of Ramsay Elementary School

Alexandria City Public Schools Superintendent Alvin L. Crawford has selected Michael J. Routhouska as the new principal of William Ramsay Elementary School. Routhouska has been the assistant principal of Patrick Henry Elementary School for the last three years. He will assume his new position beginning July 6, 2015.

“Mr. Routhouska has helped to lead dramatic improvements in student achievement at Patrick Henry. I’m confident he will do the same at Ramsey Elementary,” said Crawford. “He has also shown his collaboration skills in helping to create learning environments that positively impact and change the school culture.”

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SUMMER SCHOOL “CAMP-STYLE” WORKS

A brand new summer enrichment program is already being hailed as a success by both parents and staff for its incorporation of a summer camp style with high standards of learning.

“We have been boded over by the enthusiasm for this new program. Teachers love the way the curriculum engages the children in unbelievably imaginative ways and parents are telling us that their children cannot wait to get on the school bus in the mornings,” said Terri Mentos, Chief Academic Officer for Alexandria City Public Schools.

The enrichment program for approximately 45 students in grades three through eight encourages the love of learning through creative learning methods, such as a Family Legends writing workshop and conversations with the members of the Alexandria Aces football team.

Middle school students participating in the program at Francis C. Hammond Middle School are being encouraged to improve their skills in the core subjects by studying local aquatic systems through the hands-on study of live animals and fish in the fish of the Water program. They also participate in field trips once a week, such as a trip to the Capitol Building to visit the House and Senate and learn first-hand about the process to pass a bill and a behind the scenes tour of the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of Natural History.

The idea behind the program is to give students a variety of experience-based learning activities that will stimulate their love of learning over a four-week period. The aim is to connect literacy and math skills to real life through exploratory and investigative experiences. Students for whom the enrichment program was thought to be most beneficial were identified and mentored to join by their principal.

Students attending summer school at Patrick Henry Elementary School and Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy will be talking part in a four-week-long Family Legends writing workshop where they get to interview family members about their stories, illustrate and make a book that is personalized to that story. The workshop is run by author Sultanma Manzoor who makes her own books from scratch including writing, designing, illustrating and even stitching the pages together.

The author, who originates from India, could not find books to tell her children about her own country and so she created her own. She now hand-makes books for schools all over the district, many of which are personalized for people she met on buses or in her neighborhood. Students at Patrick Henry and Lyles-Crouch could not get enough of the stories she told about yaks, how her brother came to like mangoes, how her mom claims she saw a ghost, and life at the time of segregation in Alexandria.

The primary resource for the middle school program is called “Story of Science Roots of Reading: Aquatic ecosystems and enjoy family reunions. This event will take place on the rooftop at 1015 40th St. NW (202) 343-0864 Free.

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MYRTLE MAGIC

Crape myrtle. Or crapes. Or just myrtles. Or if you prefer Latin, lagerstroemia. By any name, its abundant blossoms are the bright spot in the July landscape.

This all-American plant is actually a transplant, brought here in 1790 by André Michaux, a French botanist. On our shores, it was first planted in Charleston, South Carolina where it thrived despite the heat and humidity. It grew in popularity and, after more than 200 years of cultivation, there are an enormous number of varieties available to today’s gardener. And those summer flowers we so love in color from classic white to deep red, with almost every shade in between.

Moreover, about that name. “Crape myrtle” is thought to be a corruption of the French name for the tree. The word “crape” means “florid” and “myrtle” refers to the similarity of the flowers to the evergreen lenticel myrtle. And there you have it! For the tree to flower, others think this is necessary — just see others doing it and think they need to do the same. We call this Myrtle Murder. Please resist. There are some cases where heavy pruning is necessary — for example where there has been storm damage. But in most cases a little pruning is all that is needed. All crape myrtles produce flowers on new growth. It will produce flowers without any pruning, but light pruning results in larger and more abundant blooms. Prune in late winter or early spring before new growth emerges. Remove any damaged branches, those that are rubbing against one another, and shoots growing into the center of the canopy. To train as a multi-trunked tree, remove branches from the ground up to desired level, usually a couple of feet. This is called “limbing up.” Crape myrtles naturally “shed” old bark throughout the growing season (this is not a sign of a sick tree). As the bark peels off, it reveals the smooth, mottled inner bark. We’ve heard it described as “polished tortoise shell” and that this is one of the best features of the crape myrtle.

Myrtle Murder is an alternative to psychotherapy that uses a model of the human psyche that is derived from kabbalah, Jewish mysticism that has been used for centuries to achieve wholeness. It is a transformational process that recognizes our true selves in the world and allows us to know and respect our true self.

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For the most part, they find nothing to nibble anything. However, hungry enough, deer will usually be deer resistant. I have crape myrtles even before it begins to flower. An added bonus: crape myrtles lending color to the landscape have burgundy-tinged foliage, and the bark of myrtles provides lovely mottled bark provides lovely all-season plant. Most varieties become enormous number of varieties available to today’s gardener. And those summer flowers we so love in color from classic white to deep red, with almost every shade in between.

BY RAY GREENSTREET
OUR FLOUNDERING FATHERS

BY MARCUS FISK

Tropied somewhere in old, dried, scholarly-minded history books are some ripping yarns of how we got started as a country just pegging to become a Final Jeopardy answer.

Who would have thought that John Adams, the political Bizarro Universe doppelganger of George Washington, and good ol’ Thomas Jefferson, an early and overly-enthusiastic supporter of racial democracy, once joined at the hip to rip England as a new, one would be from being best buds to become a Final Jeopardy Dusty, Scholastically-Mired OUR FLOUNDERING FATHERS.

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Trumbull’s picture includes the “Big Four” of the Second Continental Congress – Webster (right), Adams (MA), Roger Sherman (CT), Robert Livingston (NY). Jefferson (VA), and Benjamin Franklin (PA), all of whom helped Jefferson with his draft. These men had absolutely no idea what this country was supposed to be when it grew up. All they knew was that we were seriously fed up over England taxing in blind without representing and we felt we needed some kind of a press release to let Parliament know that we were really not just out of shape over the whole thing. If they saw how Congress represents us today they might have backed off on the taxation without representation bit since today we sure have plenty portions of it.

Adams was a lawyer from Boston and a good one. He was so good that he even defended the British soldiers responsible for the Boston Massacre in front of a Massachusetts state-run Boston jury – and got them off! (I didn’t say he was popular.) He was blazing up in New York and if they didn’t know – he told them this. And this landed him carried over into Congress and later was probably the highest paid one cut for President in 1790. He was sure persistent though and continued on until the end. He was a lawyer and went on earning a living. Both in New York, the state’s highest judicial. Everyone called him “The Chancellor.” The Chancellor until his death, kind of like Trump is called “The Donald.”

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THE PRATTLING OF SOUTHERN HATERS

BY MARCUS FISK

In no way a racist. I am a lover of history, good food or indulgence, I was all set to ignore all of the hand-wringing and finger-pointing on the Tax Day Flag. I saw the headlines and story. “How the South Viewed America.” We’ll be less violent, more mobile and in general more normal if not for Dixie.

The above writing came from Texas writer the other day, published by Politico. Now this is an example of things to come from those repellents who hate everything Dixie.

Little by little those who hate the south are going to keep on prattling about the meanness and heartlessness and religiosity of those from the south. Those latter want to rewrite history. They want to erase everything about the south. As you know, the south is not just a conviction.

It might not be pleasant but the “Story of Virginia” was struck for years and years and taught the historic arrival in Jamestown, life in Colonial Williamsburg, about Virginia the mother of presidents, even if it was a bit red; but why not?

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The best revenge is massive success.

—Frank Sinatra

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Ecosystems”. This resource was developed by the University of California’s Berkeley Lawrence Hall of Science. It integrates scientific investigations with literacy using a do-it, talk-it, read-it, write-it approach. Students use scientific instruments, observe and investigate living organisms and their interactions, create models, engage in scientific argumentation, read and discuss fiction and non-fiction texts, and engage in various forms of writing.

Alexandra Acos and two other students from her class have also been attending the summer school program to have lunch with the students and hand out free tickets to upcoming baseball games.

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the support of the USA Swimming Foundation – Make a Splash, are sponsoring free rides during July and August on DASH’s AT10 route, which provides service between Potomac Yard and the King Street Metro via the neighborhoods of Arlandria, Warwick Village, Del Ray, and Rosemont.

Since providing any type of daily service would have been cost prohibitive, DASH offered a creative and cost effective way to get residents of the affected areas to the Old Town Pool on Cameron Street. Since the AT10 route serves all those neighborhoods, the route becomes the free Pool Bus during the week between 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., and on weekends from 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., for the entire summer, through the Labor Day weekend.

DASH, RPCA, and AAA put out a call to the business community to sponsor the estimated loss of revenue on that route for the promotion period. “The participating business sponsors signed up almost as soon as they were informed about this effort,” stated Sandy Modell, DASH General Manager. “Alexandria’s business community is very generous and they wanted to help and thought this was a great idea!”


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will share their career experiences with students through the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program and in lunch-and-learn opportunities. The Bank also will work with West Potomac High School to enhance financial literacy among the school community.

West Potomac: PISA welcomed the new collaborations and the generosity of Burke & Herbert Bank. “We are thrilled with Burke & Herbert Bank’s support of West Potomac High School. Hearing from community business executives provides excellent opportunities for our students to gain a better understanding of personal finance as well as possible careers in the financial sector. We welcome the opportunity to work with businesses to support our students in achieving their potential,” remarked Kevin McMahon, Director of Student Services at West Potomac High School.

“We are excited about developing a stronger partnership with a school right here in the Bank’s hometown of Alexandria,” commented Terry Cole, Senior Vice President at Burke & Herbert Bank. “We are looking forward to working with the school to foster financial literacy student achievement, and prepare students for a successful financial future.”

About West Potomac High School:
Located near the Potomac River between George Washington’s Mount Vernon mansion and the City of Alexandria, West Potomac High School (WPHS) was established in 1985 by combining two existing schools and communities. The school’s motto is: Excellence is a Tradition, and WPHS has always been known for expecting a high level of academic and personal achievement. Drawing from an area that is economically, racially, and ethnically mixed, WPHS serves one of the most widely diverse student bodies in northern Virginia. Students come from more than 50 countries and speak 35 different languages in their homes. Socioeconomic and ability levels are just as widely spread. Staff members and students alike benefit from this cross-cultural experience. West Potomac’s diversity is an asset to celebrate and explore.

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55. Filaments
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61. Memo
62. An old spelling of “true”
Betty Wright Foundation and launched a unique architecture was only rivaled by their keen interest in food and fine wine.

The Washington Capitol was picked by many to win it all and bring a World Series title back to D.C., has played through a series of many injuries. But each time there have been times with the ball club appeared to be in serious peril for years before and after games. "I found out how important the records are," she once said. "It's really a record of Alexandria history. Once they found the records of Edward Stabler's 1790 journal, which is currently one of the most fascinating items in the museum. (The museum is now owned and operated by the City of Alexandria."

Wright has been honored with many awards for her generosity, among them an award from The Alexandria Commission for Women in 2002, and a special citation in 2004 from the Alexandria Historical Society. During the 1980s, Wright became an integral part of refurbishing the State Capitol's official reception rooms. "For more than 20 years, Betty Wright has been a valuable volunteer while serving for the city as historian in the historic house museum," said Virginia's "Living Legends" and founder of the Washington Post, June 23, 2015.

Skepticism is a part of human nature. The only problem is to decide which things are worth skeptical questioning. The most interesting people are those who think for themselves and are capable of changing their minds when the need arises. I do not believe in rigid dogmas or inflexible rules. I believe in the freedom of thought and the pursuit of knowledge. I do not believe in blind obedience or unquestioning faith. I believe in reason, evidence, and logic. I believe in the power of the human mind to understand and to discover the truth. I believe in the importance of critical thinking and of constructive debate. I believe in the importance of open-mindedness and of humility. I believe in the importance of individual responsibility and of collective action. I believe in the importance of human dignity and of human rights. I believe in the importance of global cooperation and of intercultural dialogue. I believe in the importance of sustainable development and of environmental protection. I believe in the importance of social justice and of human equality. I believe in the importance of human compassion and of empathy. I believe in the importance of personal integrity and of moral courage. I believe in the importance of individual freedom and of personal choice. I believe in the importance of creative imagination and of artistic expression. I believe in the importance of scientific inquiry and of technological innovation. I believe in the importance of philosophical inquiry and of intellectual inquiry. I believe in the importance of religious belief and of spiritual practice. I believe in the importance of political participation and of social activism. I believe in the importance of economic development and of social welfare. I believe in the importance of educational opportunity and of lifelong learning. I believe in the importance of human rights and of human dignity. I believe in the importance of human compassion and of human empathy. I believe in the importance of human integrity and of human moral courage. I believe in the importance of human freedom and of personal choice. I believe in the importance of creative imagination and of artistic expression. I believe in the importance of scientific inquiry and of technological innovation. I believe in the importance of philosophical inquiry and of intellectual inquiry. I believe in the importance of religious belief and of spiritual practice. I believe in the importance of political participation and of social activism. I believe in the importance of economic development and of social welfare. I believe in the importance of educational opportunity and of lifelong learning. I believe in the importance of human rights and of human dignity. I believe in the importance of human compassion and of human empathy. I believe in the importance of human integrity and of human moral courage. I believe in the importance of human freedom and of personal choice. I believe in the importance of creative imagination and of artistic expression. I believe in the importance of scientific inquiry and of technological innovation. I believe in the importance of philosophical inquiry and of intellectual inquiry. I believe in the importance of religious belief and of spiritual practice. I believe in the importance of political participation and of social activism. I believe in the importance of economic development and of social welfare. I believe in the importance of educational opportunity and of lifelong learning. I believe in the importance of human rights and of human dignity. I believe in the importance of human compassion and of human empathy. I believe in the importance of human integrity and of human moral courage...
**WHAT IS CANINE INFLUENZA?**

BY DANA CARR, DVM

Influenza in dogs is caused by the canine influenza virus (CIV). The two main CIVs in circulation internationally are H3N8 and H3N2. Dogs are occasionally infected with human influenza viruses. These viruses are highly contagious. Currently there is no evidence to suggest that people can contract CIV. The recent outbreak of the more severe H3N2 strain began in the Chicago area in March 2015. It seems to be mostly contained to the Chicago area, but cases have been reported in neighboring Midwestern states. Due to limited surveillance and reporting, the outbreak may be wider than reported. The 2004 outbreak caused by the milder H3N8 strain has remained in circulation in the U.S. dog population. We are seeing widespread disease caused by H3N8 since then. Unfortunately, the currently available influenza vaccines are not likely to be cross-protective against the H3N2 strain involved in the current outbreak. Influenza vaccines can change over time making them able to evoke host defense. All previously unexposed dogs are susceptible to disease, regardless of age, sex, breed, or vaccination status. However, the disease is more likely to become clinically significant in dogs housed in populations such as animal shelters, boarding facilities, and daycare settings. Clinical signs range from subclinical infection, or mild fever and lethargy, to severe and life-threatening pneumonia. Most clinically affected dogs have signs that are typical of kennel cough, such as a mild cough in an otherwise active and normal dog. Distinguishing CIV from other causes of acute respiratory disease (kennel cough) based on clinical signs is difficult to impossible. The milder form requires minimal supportive care similar to any mild case of kennel cough (i.e. cough suppressants and isolation from other dogs). Some dogs may go on to develop a more severe form of illness with high fever, loss of appetite, lethargy, nasal discharge, rapid breathing, and secondary pneumonia. The severe form will require hospitalization and treatment is largely supportive. Influenza virus has a broad host range and with broad-spectrum antibiotics are required. Because this is an emerging disease, few dogs will have immunity to it. Although vaccination does not prevent infection, it may reduce the severity of illness. 

**BANJO**

Howdy, y’all! We’d like to tell you a little bit about our great friend named Banjo. Usually you’ll see him with a weeping tail and a big hanging out of his mouth because he LOVES to play. Banjo proves that if you welcome him into your home, he’ll fill your life with happiness and your house with the music of his squawky toys. If you’re looking for a dog sweeter than southern tea who will make every day feel like a holiday, come adopt Banjo today!

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**ACE**

Hi! Ace is a friendly and energetic young man who would love to leave his mark on your family! He is a neutered male Pit Bull Terrier mix, estimated to be about two years old. Ace is a very high energy dog, and while he likes meeting new people he can often get distracted by all the sights and smells around him. With that, he also has a tendency to urinate mark so preventative measures like a belly band and training will go a long way in making your match a success. If you’re looking for a dog who lives a good life and don’t mind spending a lot of time wearing him out, Ace may be the perfect addition to your family!

**DONKEY XOTE**

Hola! My name is Donkey Xote and I’m ready for my next real adventure with you! I’m a neutered male American Sable rabbit, estimated to be about two years old. Aside from my courageous spirit, I’m also incredibly good-looking (as you may be able to tell from my photo) and can pull off a Mohawk better than any rabbit I know. If you’re looking for a furry new source of inspiration and style advice, come take me on a journey today!

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**SWEETIE**

 Allow us to introduce Sweetie! She is a loving female Pit Bull Terrier, estimated to be about three years old. Some of her favorite things include snuggling up with her human friends, playing tug of war, eating treats out of Kong toys, and running around in the fresh air. Sweetie’s name truly says it all—come to the AWLA and find out how sweet she really is!

**GEORGE**

Say hello to Geoffrey! He is a neutered male Domestic Shorthair, estimated to be about three years old. Geoffrey is an absolute ball of energy! He is a friendly little guy who will put a smile on your face the second he rolls up against you to say hello. Geoffrey is a special kitty in many ways, including the fact that he is positive for FIV. We can assure you that Geoffrey never lets that get him down! If you’re looking for a handsome, affectionate new feline friend, come adopt Geoffrey today!

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**ITCHY**

Do you have an itch for some excitement in your life? If so, Itchy may be exactly the cure that you’re looking for! She is a spayed female Domestic Shorthair, estimated to be about six years old. This petite kitty is everything you could want in a pet: she loves to snuggle and play! Itchy also has a pretty mellow personality, so she never puts pressure on you to entertain. Think Itchy could be your perfect match? Come fall in love with her today!

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**MCGONAGALL**

Have you met McGonagall? McGonagall is a spayed female Domestic Shorthair, estimated to be about three years old. She, along with seven other cats, has quite a unique story to tell. They were discovered by a Good Samaritan who heard meows coming from an abandoned U-Haul, and then were brought to the shelter by one of our Animal Services Officers. Since then, all of the cats have made dramatic transformations! McGonagall sometimes needs a moment to warm up to strangers, but she is a lovely cat who is wise beyond her years! Come take a chance on her and find out how magical she is!

**DOBBY**

Such an honor it is to meet you! My name is Dobby the guinea pig, and I’m here to save you from your pet-less life! I am a male guinea pig, estimated to be about two years old. If you choose to be Dobby’s new master, Dobby promises to be loyal through the thick and thin.

Starting the week of April 13th, the shelter will be closed on Mondays and will open on Fridays, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10-2 for Walk-in Adoptions, 11-2 for Business Saturday, Sunday 10-2 for Walk-in Adoptions, 11-2 for Business.

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By Dana Carr, DVM

**JONAH**

Male, 11 years
Devoted, people-loving love bug is young at heart!

LILY
Female, age 6
Stunning calico ... 3
Here comes one giant ball of orange love!

TURNO
Male, age 4
Low-key lap cat is a master conversationalist!

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**SCUD/A**

Female, age 3
Beautiful little girl tells bedtime stories to her bedmates!

**SPARKY**

Male, age 3
These are one giant ball of orange love!

**TURNY**

Male, age 4
Long-leg lap cat is a master conversationalist!
LIVING LEGEND

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one of their new display cases to feature objects not related to a specific exhibit. That it is literacy and books which are closest to her heart. In recognition of her work, Betty Wright received a special Daily Points of Light Award at the 2005 convention of the Points of Light Foundation held in Washington.

When she learned in the late 1990s that there were no funds to build a “reading garden” for the newly constructed Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, she offered to construct the 6,500 brick garden featuring benches, shade trees and colorful annuals.

The garden, which was dedicated in June 2000, is a tranquil retreat for reading, and is the site of chamber concerts and other events. The garden is also a living tribute to Betty Wright’s warm and generous heart and commitment to the future generations of Alexandrians.

Stephanie Mansfield, a resident of Old Town, was a staff writer at The Washington Post and The Washington Times, and is now an acclaimed freelance writer who traveled the world in high-profile assignments.

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not prevent infection, it can reduce the severity and duration of disease, and should be considered in high-risk dogs. All dogs scheduled for boarding or other group events should be seen by their veterinarian at least 2 weeks prior to boarding to discuss recommended vaccinations and any necessary preventative measures.

Control of CIV relies on reducing the spread of virus between dogs by preventing, individual animal exposure. This is difficult as CIV is spread in part through aerosolized particles and droplet making it difficult to contract. Also, some dogs may be subclinical and appear healthy while still shedding infectious organisms. For this reason, when coming in contact with infected areas, minimize contact with other dogs. Limit your exposure to dog parks, doggy daycare, grooming facilities, boarding facilities, training classes, and group gatherings. Anytime your dog has respiratory signs (i.e. coughing, gagging, hacking, difficulty breathing) call your veterinarian beforehand so that we can take extra precautions to minimize contamination when you arrive. If your dog has respiratory signs after traveling to an influenza endemic area, it is best to leave your dog in the car and have our veterinary team meet you at the car to trage the situation.

• Keep your dog’s annual or biannual wellness visit to your veterinarian up-to-date. This gives us an opportunity to discuss lifestyle and risk factors and ensure your dog is vaccinated properly.
• If your dog is coughing do not ignore it and call your veterinarian.
• Do not allow your dog to socialize with coughing dogs.
• If your dog develops nasal discharge, lethargy, and a cough expect your veterinarian to perform chest radiographs and consider hospitalization.

BUNNY

Ready to hop into your heart

Bunny is a 3.5 year old, 60 lb, Chocolate Lab mix who is ready to hop into your home and love you forever! Bunny is doing swimmingly in doggie daycare and would love to help you reach your marathon goals by being your running partner! At the end of the day, she would love to do nothing more than to rest on the couch with you as you catch up on your DVR. Bunny needs a foster or a BETTER FUTURE forever home!

GYPY GIRL

Sweet as Cotton Candy

Gypsy Girl is a 2 year old, 60 lb, Shepherd mix looking for an active family to call her own. She is a sweet pup who is full of love and looking to be the lap dog you want in your heart. She’s an energetic young lady and would make an excellent running partner. Great with other dogs and other dogs, Gypsy Girl would make a wonderful family dog. This sweet as cotton candy girl wants nothing more than to share the love in her heart with you. And really, how can you resist those smiling eyes?

COTTON CANDY

TO ADOPT TODAY!

BUSTER

Resident Jokester

Buster is an 8 month old, 57 lb, pit mix who is full of energy and love. People immediately fall in love with this young pup. He is a typical young pup who needs to be enrolled in training classes and go to a family that will keep him active. Doing well in his foster home, you can often find him loosing around with his foster brother and storing in his foster mom’s Instagram photo shoots!

CITRUS

Orange-ya Adopt Me

Citrus is a 62 lbs, 1.5 years old, Plott Hound mix looking for her next big adventure. She would love a family that will keep active and get her involved in some form of training classes! She is an energetic lady and would make a good running or jogging buddy. Citrus always has a smile on her face and would love to be your partner in crime. Can’t adopt? Citrus is also looking for a foster home until she finds her forever home.

GISELLE

Definitely Model Material

NYC’s runaways don’t have anything on our resident supermodel Giselle! She is a 2 year old, 85 lb, terrier mix looking to sanbhor herself right into your heart. She is a sweet, little lady who is great with kids and other dogs. Giselle does get anxious when separated from her humans so she’d do best in a single family home and not an apartment. Giselle would love to start her modeling skills in your home as a trash, or the he runway star in your homes forever!

MITZY

The Girl Next Door

Mitzy is a 5 year old, 40 lb, Lap/pit mix who wins the hearts of all who meet her. After her previous owner fell on hard times, Mitzy found herself living in a shelter. Now in a loving foster home, she loves a family that will love and care for her. Mitzy is very affectionate and would love to help you reach your marathon goals by being your running partner! At the end of the day, she would love to do nothing more than to sit on the couch and gaze into your eyes. Mitzy needs a foster or a BETTER FUTURE forever home!

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