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### **Public Hearings**

### **Funding the Right Transportation Projects**

You are invited to share comments on transportation projects that have been recommended for funding in the FY2019-2024 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP). Additionally, pursuant to §33.2-202, comments will be accepted for new projects valued in excess of \$25 million. The Commonwealth Transportation Board will take your comments into consideration as it develops the FY2019-2024 Six-Year Improvement Program. The program allocates public funds to highway, road, bridge, rail, bicycle, pedestrian and public transportation projects. All federally eligible projects in the SYIP will be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program to document how Virginia will obligate its federal funds.

Meeting materials will be available at http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/springmeetings/default.asp beginning April 16, 2018.

### Public meetings begin at 4:00 p.m. in each of the locations except as noted below: A formal comment period will be held at these meetings.

Monday, April 16, 2018 Hampton Roads - Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization, 723 Woodlake Drive Chesapeake, VA 23320	Thursday, April 19, 2018 Lynchburg - VDOT Lynchburg District Office Ramey Memorial Auditorium 4303 Campbell Avenue Lynchburg, VA 24501	Tuesday, April 24, 2018 Richmond - Hilton Garden Inn 800 Southpark Boulevard Colonial Heights, VA 23834
Monday, April 30, 2018* Northern Virginia - Northern Virginia District Office Potomac Conference Room 4975 Alliance Drive Fairfax, VA 22030 *meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.	Thursday, May 3, 2018 Staunton - Holiday Inn and Conference Center 152 Fairway Lane Staunton, VA 24402	Monday, May 7, 2018 Culpeper - Culpeper District Auditorium 1601 Orange Road Culpeper, VA 22701
Tuesday May 8, 2018 Fredericksburg - Germanna Community College Workforce and Technology Center 10000 Germanna Point Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22408	Thursday, May 10, 2018 Salem - Holiday Inn Valley View 3315 Ordway Drive NW Roanoke, VA 24017	Monday, May 14, 2018 Bristol - Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center One Partnership Circle Abingdon, VA 24210

You can also submit your comments by email or mail by May 30, 2018:

For roads and highways: <u>Six-YearProgram@VDOT.Virginia.gov</u>, or Infrastructure Investment Director, Virginia Department of Transportation 1401 East Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219.

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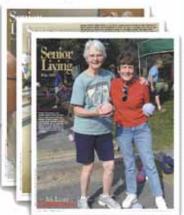


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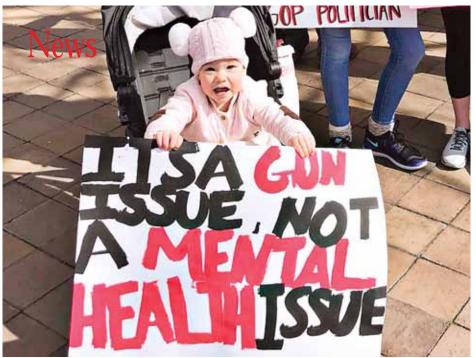
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"We stand with the kids who are leading this revolution, including Trevon Bosley, who reminded all of us today that this issue is not going away, and neither are we," said Lauren **Edmonson of** Herndon who brought her 19-month-old daughter, **Bellamy** Carstens to the "March For Our Lives"

## Reston and Herndon Students Join 'March For Our Lives'

# Local families support tighter gun controls

On Saturday, March 24, hundreds of thousands of students, parents, grandparents, and children from across the country, as well as the local Herndon and Reston areas, participated in the student-led movement, "March For Our Lives." Following the mission statement for the march, they arrived in the streets of Washington D.C "to demand that their lives and safety become a priority ... school safety is not a political issue."

—Mercia Hobson



"This was my first time attending a protest. It was kind of emotional being a part of something so big and standing with so many for an important cause. As young voters, we need to elect members of Congress this November that will change and regulate our nation's gun laws," said Susie Plummer of Herndon.



"We marched on Washington today to stand with all the parents who have lost their children to gun violence. We also stand in solidarity with the hundreds of thousands of survivors of gun violence, who are living with trauma, pain, and anxiety."

— Lauren Edmonson Carstens and daughter, Bellamy, 19 months, of Herndon.



Cara Blythe of Herndon will vote someday. She attended the protest with her parents, Stacie and Brad Blythe



(From left) Jesse Lynch of Herndon and Juhi Chandrabhatla and Samantha Lowe, both of Reston.

### South Lakes Seniors Register to Vote

By Bill Bronrott

n response to school shootings and gun violence, South Lakes High School seniors held a voter registration drive in their U.S. History class earlier this month. These three students, Jesse Lynch of Herndon and Juhi Chandrabhatla and Samantha Lowe, both of Reston, registered to vote along with many of their classmates. They will turn 18 before November, and look forward to voting for the first time this Election Day. Here is what they said participating in March for Our Lives in Washington, D.C. on Saturday::

Samantha Lowe: "It shouldn't have taken what happened in Florida to make the changes we are calling for. Change has to happen now. I registered to vote, and I'll be voting for the

first time in November."

Juhi Chandrabhatla: "Marching today shows that we've solidified the movement, and now our politicians will know we are serious. It's not about political parties. It's about making change. Until now, nothing has changed. After today, we will be calling our elected officials, and send out messages on social media. We are going to make sure our friends vote in November."

Jesse Lynch: Our school recently had a lockdown. Possibly someone with a gun. It turned out to be a false alarm, but it was scary to think that it could happen to you. We should look to other countries that don't have as much gun violence. But, that's not what we are doing. In South Africa, youth protests against Apartheid made a difference. Our voices are going to make a difference on guns."



Juhi Chandrabhatla and Samantha Lowe display a wristband that South Lakes High School students have worn since the student walkout on March 14 that marked one month after the deadly shooting rampage at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida.

### Easter & Spring Fun

# Easter Egg Hunts in the Area

#### WEDNESDAY/MARCH 28

Easter Egg Hunt. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. At Upton Hill Park, Arlington. Children, 2-11 years old, are invited to celebrate spring with coloring, games and photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny. Bring an Easter basket to collect eggs, a raincoat if it's sprinkling, and a camera to take photos with the Easter Bunny. Each hunt is \$10 per child, plus a \$3 online service fee. Visit apm.activecommunities.com/

novaparks for details and to register. **Easter Egg Hunt.** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. At Pohick Bay Park, Lorton. Children, 2-11 years old, are invited to celebrate spring with coloring, games and photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny. Bring an Easter basket to collect eggs, a raincoat if it's sprinkling, and a camera to take photos with the Easter Bunny. Each hunt is \$10 per child, plus a \$3 online service fee. Visit apm.activecommunities.com/novaparks for details and to register.

#### THURSDAY/MARCH 29

p.m. at Historic Blenheim and the Civil War Interpretive Center, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Glow-inthe-dark-themed egg hunt begins at dark. Pictures with the Easter Bunny and obstacle course moon bounce. 10-14 years old. Bring a basket and a flashlight. \$5 per hunter. Register at apm.activecommunities.com/fairfaxcityrecdept/Activity\_Search/

Easter Egg Hunt. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. At Cameron Run Park, Alexandria. Children, 2-11 years old, are invited to celebrate spring with coloring, games and photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny.

Bring an Easter basket to collect eggs, a raincoat if it's sprinkling, and a camera to take photos with the Faster Bunny

Easter Bunny.
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#### THURSDAY:SATURDAY/MARCH 29-31

Baskets and Bunnies Event. Assist with arts and crafts, help with registration, dress up in the Sunny the Bunny costume, assist with Mini Golf or be a Sunny the Bunny helper at Burke Lake Park. Volunteer on Thursday, March 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. On Friday, March 30, volunteers are needed from 4 to 7 p.m. Helpers will be needed on Saturday, March 31. Sign up for shifts from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Register at:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burkelake/baskets-and-bunnies

#### THURSDAY/MARCH29SUNDAY/APRIL1

**Fairfax County Parks.** Egg-citing activities are breaking out at parks throughout Fairfax County in March. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/park-news/2018/psa055.

Hidden Oaks Nature Center is running a Dinosaur Egg Hunt on March 29, 30, 31 and April 1. Enjoy a dinosaur-themed program and outdoor egg hunt while visiting Dinoland in Nature Playce. The program is for children age 2-8. \$8 per child.

On Saturday, March 31, **Burke Lake Park** is hosting a day of fun called

Baskets and Bunnies. There will be

egg hunts, carousel and train rides,

crafts and games. \$12 per person in

# Eggs-traordinary Ways To Celebrate Spring and Easter

Aqua Egg Hunt delivers waves of promised fun & the Annual Easter Egg Hunt is on.

> By Mercia Hobson The Connection

erndon Parks and Recreation celebrated their annual Aqua Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24 at the Herndon Community Center. Children up to age 12 joined other children in their respective age groups and collected as many floating and sinking eggs as possible in the time allowed.

Children swam, dove and splashed for hundreds of plastic eggs dropped in the pool and placed the eggs into the provided mesh bags. When the whistle blew, children exchanged their eggs for a gift bag filled with treats and fun.

On Saturday, March 31, 2018, Herndon Parks and Recreation will be tossing out the plastic



Photo courtesy of Herndon Parks and Recreation Department Children swim, dive and splash for eggs at the Aqua Egg Hunt produced by Herndon Parks and Recreation Department on Saturday, March 24, 2018.

eggs again, but his time on dry land for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt held at 777 Lynn Street, behind the Herndon Municipal Center

Herndon Parks and Recreation Department reminds children to bring their parents, cameras, baskets and egg-hunting shoes for a fun-filled morning.

Games, arts and crafts, and music will begin at 9:45 a.m., along with a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny. Pre-registration is \$9 through Friday, March 30, or \$10 onsite the day of the event

(cash or check only.)"

Children are only permitted to participate in their respective age group. There are other activities scheduled throughout the morning in addition to the egg hunt, such as a petting zoo, tattoo shack and coloring of a mural. Parking for the event is free and available at various designated areas in downtown Herndon

Visit <u>herndon-va.gov</u> for more information or to register online.

advance; \$16 the day of the event. **Clemyjontri Park** is offering an Easter Egg Hunt, crafts and photo ops with the Easter Bunny for children age 1-9. \$7 per child. Add a carousel ride for \$2.

There's also an Egg Hunt that day at **Nottoway Park**. Register at the picnic shelter for egg hunts for children age 1-9. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Schedule: ages 1-2, 10:30 a.m.; ages 3-4, 11 a.m.; ages 5-6, 11:30 a.m.; ages 7-9, 12 p.m.\$10 per child, registration 9:30-11:45 a.m. \$10 per child – cash only at registration.

#### FRIDAY/MARCH 30-SUNDAY/APRIL 1

Easter Egg Hunt. Friday, 3 p.m.;
Saturday, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 and 2:30 p.m.; Sunday, 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614
Oronoco St., Alexandria. Activities include games, crafts, refreshments, and photos with the Easter Bunny.
Every participating child will receive an Easter egg. \$12 children, \$5 adults. Call 703-548-1789 or visit www.leefendallhouse.org.

#### SATURDAY/MARCH 31

Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt. 9-10:30 a.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, 7434 Bath St., Springfield. Enjoy a continental breakfast, a craft or two, and an Easter egg hunt. Bring an Easter basket. Free. Call 703-451-2900 or visit gracepresby.org.

Traditional Easter Egg Hunt. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Herndon Municipal Center Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Features craft projects, story time, dance sessions with KinderJam, a petting zoo, coloring mural, potting station and photos with the Easter Bunny. Cost is \$9 per child in advance; \$10 onsite. Visit herndon-va.gov/recreation, or call 703-435-6800, ext. 2128.

MCC Spring Fest. 10 a.m.-noon at St. Luke's School, 7005 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Carnival games and arts and crafts projects, soccer demo, roaming duck, bunny and squirrel characters as well as magic tricks by The Amazing Kevin. A parent and child Easter Egg Hunt will be featured. For children ages 3-8. Hosted by McLean Community Center. Visit www.mcleancenter.org, and use Activity No. 4501.318. Call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY-

2018 Community Egg Hunt. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Van Dyck Park, 720 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax. The annual Egg Hunt at Van Dyck park is open and free to the community, thanks to Combined Properties. No registration required.

All ages welcome. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/city-

### SUNDAY/APRIL 1

Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt. 11 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.; 1 p.m.; 1:30 p.m. at Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Dr.,

Tysons.
The brunch buffets on both Easter, April
1, and Mother's Day, May 13, occur
from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and feature
gourmet stations with an array of

Arrive early as a maximum of 50 participants will hunt in each age group. In addition, the Easter Bunny will be available from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. for photos. Reservations at 703-761-5131 or on OpenTable at opentable.com/harth.

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### Great Falls Children's Festival: A Day When Community Comes Together

The Adeler Jewelers, in partnership with the Great Falls Optimist Club, celebrated their 34th Annual Children's Spring Festival on Sunday, March 25, providing the Great Falls families an afternoon of games, rides, food and fun. As seen in this photo from previous years, 'Egg Hunt' is always a special attraction.

### **Cal endar**

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

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Clemyjontri Park is offering an Easter Egg Hunt, crafts and photo ops with the Easter Bunny for children age one to nine. \$7 per child. Add a carousel

#### THURSDAY/MARCH 29

Jazz Concert. 2:15 p.m. at Reston Community Center Hunters Woods CenterStage, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. The Tallwood Trio with Nancy Riley, soloist; Alan Wenberg, piano; Eric Henderson, bass; and Ron Musselwhite, drums; will perform selections from the Great American Songbook, Broadway hits and others. Visit the website at olli.gmu.edu or call 703-503-3384.

Jazz Night. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Lake Anne Coffee House/Wine Bar, 1612 Washington Plaza N., Reston. Patrons may enjoy Mykle Lyons and company as they wine and dine in the cozy second floor wine bar. Admission is free. Call 703-501-6289 or email maurisapotts@gmail.com.

#### FRIDAY/MARCH 30

Live Music. 6:30-10 p.m. at Lake Anne Coffee House & Wine Bar, 1612 Washington Plaza N., Reston. Live music in the 2nd Floor Wine Bar. Admission is free. Visit

#### SATURDAY/MARCH 31

Easter Egg Hunt. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Herndon Municipal Center Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Featuring Easter Egg Hunt, craft projects, story time, dance sessions with KinderJam, a petting zoo, coloring mural, potting station and photos with the Easter Bunny. Cost is \$9 per child in advance; \$10 onsite. Visit herndon-va.gov/recreation, or call 703-435-6800, ext. 2128.

Ride4SPIRIT. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Frying Pan Park Indoor Arena, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Free. Celebrate the achievements of the Therapeutic Riding and Equine Assisted Learning students. They will show off their skills and the horses they love. Attend a mini-horsemanship workshop and learn how to lead and groom a horse. Visit www.spiritopenequestrian.org or call 703-600-9667

#### THURSDAY/APRIL 5

Read! Build! Play! 10:30 a.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join for stories, build with DUPLOs and play with friends. Age 3-5 with adult. Register at 703-689-2700.

Kwame Alexander at Scrawl. 4-5:30 p.m. at Scrawl Books at Reston Town Center, 19111 Freedom Drive. Reston. Free. Join Kwame Alexander fans welcoming the Newbery winner and his tour bus to Scrawl Books. He will sign his newest title, "Rebound," uel to "The Crossover." Visit www.scrawlbooks.com.

#### SATURDAY/APRIL 7

Lucky Enough Book Talk. 11:30 a.m. at Scrawl Books at Reston Town Center, 19111 Freedom Drive, Reston. Free. About a young travel team baseball player featuring sports

author Fred Bowen. Visit www.scrawlbooks.com.

#### SUNDAY/APRIL 8

Walk MS Fundraising Event. 9 a.m. registration. Walk begins at 10 a.m. at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Walk for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. More than 800 people expected to attend. Visit walkMS.org, call 855-372-1331 or email fundraising support@nmss.org.

#### **MONDAY/APRIL 9**

Baby Lapsit. 10:30 a.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Ages birth to 11 months with adult. Register at 703-689-2700.

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Celebrate the achievements of the Therapeutic Riding and Equine Assisted Learning students. They will show off their skills and the horses they love. Attend a minihorsemanship workshop and learn how to lead and groom a horse. Free. Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Frying Pan Park Indoor Arena, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. www.spiritopenequestrian.org or call 703-600-9667.



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### News

Mayor Lisa C. Merkel nails **Herndon Town** Councilmember Bill McKenna spot on during an impromptu snowball fight challenge announced through social media on Wednesday, March 21.



### Snowball Fight at Herndon's Town Square

"Game On," announced through social media.

On the first day of spring 2018, a nor'easter finally brought muchwanted snow to the region and the Town of Herndon. The local winter season had been a bust for snow lovers compared to other years. Wintry blasts were so insignificant; the flakes could be broomed away.

However, Mother Nature had one more trick up her sleeve. A great "packing snow" fell late Tuesday, March 20 through Wednesday, March 21, closing schools and setting a record of 4.8 inches at Dulles Airport as reported by the National Weather Service. While the heavy snow blanketed the town, one local merchant could not resist the call for "Game On."

Beth Meyer of the "Lizard" lit up social media challenging other downtown business owners and staff, as well as local families to join in for a friendly snowball fight on the Town Green, Wednesday, March 21 at 3 p.m.

Merchants, their employees and town residents took the call to heart arriving shortly before the start of the game, ready for the snowball showdown.

Gloved and ready for fun, "Games On" began in downtown Herndon.

-Mercia Hobson

Jenna Kuhn of Sully's Pour House in downtown Herndon prepares to deliver a massive snowball crunch to her opponent during the friendly snowball fight held on the Town Square. Her husband, Basil Kuhn gives Jenna words of encouragement.

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#### THURSDAY/MARCH 29

Dollars And Sense. 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Monthly group discussion focuses on business leaders and markets. We will be discussing "Stay Mad for Life" by Jim Cramer. The event is free and open to the public. Call 703-689-2700 or visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov.

#### **MONDAY/APRIL 2**

Scholarship Deadline. Scholarship for research of local Civil War history — The Bull Run Civil War Round Table in Centreville, a 501 (3) c organization, offers a \$2,000 scholarship to a public or private high school senior who resides either in Fairfax County. Applicants should plan to attend college in the fall of 2018. Information and application instructions can be found at bullruncwrt.org.

#### WEDNESDAY/APRIL 4

#### First Wednesday with Supervisor Hudgins.

4-6 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Stop in and talk with Supervisor Cathy Hudgins one-on-one. No appointment necessary. Call 703-478-0283, email huntermill@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill.

#### FRIDAY/APRIL 6

Scholarship Nomination Deadline. The National Capital Region Chapter of the National Football Foundation is accepting nominations for their 2018 Scholar-Athlete banquet. The Chapter awards five \$1000 scholarships annually to deserving high school senior scholar athletes who played high school football. Nominees are evaluated on academic and athletic excellence, as well as contributions to their school and community. Nomination packets have been mailed to each high school head coach in the National Capital Region.

#### THURSDAY/APRIL 19

Community Food Packing. 10-11:30 a.m. at Dominion Energy, 3072 Centreville Road, Herndon. Assistance League of Northern Virginia, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, invites community members to help pack food for its Weekend Food for Kids program. This critical program provides nonperishable food over the weekend to children who receive free or reduced-price meals. Arrive at 9:30 if you would like to help with setup. Free. Email LynnieB517@verizon.net or visit www.northernvirginia. assistance league.org.

#### SATURDAY/APRIL 21

Special Education Conference. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Dr. Pamela Mims, the keynote speaker, will present Using Evidence to Guide Practice: Justifying Inclusion for All. Register online at www.fcps.edu/spedconference2018 or call 703-204-3941

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#### **SUNDAY/JUNE 10**

Registration Deadline: RSTA. 9 p.m. The Reston Swim Team Association (RSTA) is a year-round swim league open to all swimmers between the ages of 6 and 18. The summer league brings together swimmers from the greater Reston area who practice and compete on eight teams with up to 110 swimmers per team from late May to the end of July. Visit www.rsta.org

#### **ONGOING**

Herndon High School Library needs volunteers. Training available to help with reshelving books, pulling books for teacher use,

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### The Daze **Continue To** Go Bye



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

You know, if my feet didn't hurt so much, I could almost forget that I have cancer, other than being aware of my upcoming infusion: April 6; my upcoming CT Scan and MRI: April 18; and my upcoming follow-up appointment with my oncologist to discuss the results: April

Nevertheless, the goal is to not think about the fact that I have non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV. The kind for which there is no cure: made clear by my oncologist at the initial Team Lourie meeting when he advised me that he "could treat me but that he couldn't cure me." What?! At that surreal moment, what goes in one ear flies out the other.

But here I am, nine years and counting; you bet I'm counting. That's one of the recurring thoughts I have as a multi-year cancer survivor; although, as my friend Frank has said to me: "you're in pretty good condition for the condition you're in.

Other than schedules and my underlying diagnosis (and my original "13 month to two year" prognosis), I regularly consider how long I've lived, one month now into year 10. It's both scary and reassuring: Am I further from the beginning or closer to the end? See. I can't stop thinking about it.

Generally speaking however, I am not bogged down by my diagnosis/circumstances, as anybody who knows me, knows. Nor am I preoccupied with the imminent danger in which my diagnosis places me everyday. And I'm certainly not bemoaning the likely reduction in my life expectancy from what I assumed it would be: mid to late 80s, given how long both my parents lived, to what is logical to believe it will now be: late 60s; considering all the statistics for similarly diagnosed individuals. Typically, one diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer doesn't just live with it (as a chronic-type disease), rather you die because of it.

This column is more for public consumption than it is about private perception. In truth, although a second, minute or hour doesn't go by when I don't think/remember/acknowledge the facts of my case, I am able, most of the time, to keep a smile on my face and not bring a frown to

Moreover, I want/need those others to forget that I have cancer as much as it is possible for it to be forgotten. And I want my behavior to be a contributing factor to their forgetting. If I don't start it then there's no reason for them to finish it.

And I'm being selfish in saying so? Absolutely! Because the better vibrations I receive from others, the better I'll feel about myself. And the better I feel about myself, the better and more able I'll be to deal with my disease and all its emotional and physical side- and straight-on effects. Effects which are hardly the stuff with which dreams are made. To invoke and rework a quote from the legendary screen actress Bette Davis: Having cancer is not for sissies.

But it is indiscriminate and projections into the not-to-distant future are frightening: for both males and females, one in three have a "lifetime risk of developing or dying from cancer," according to the U.S. National Cancer Institute's Surveillance Epidemiology and End Results (SEER) Database, based on "data compiled between 2012 and 2014, the most recent available.

So how do you put that in your pipe and not smoke it? If you're unlucky enough to be one of these new "diagnosees," you either roll with the punches or get rolled over instead. The choice is yours, as it was mine.

Get busy living or get bust dying Andy Dufresne (Tim Robbins) said to "Red," (Morgan Freeman), in the Oscar-nominated "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994). And I try to remind myself of that every day, and every night, too.

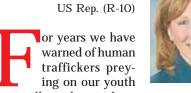
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# **Opinion**

## **Cracking Down on Online Predators**

### Bipartisan legislation to protect sex trafficking victims.

By Barbara Comstock





at a mall or places where teens may congregate. A predator would approach a young girl - average age 12 or 13 pretending to be a boyfriend and groom them for sexual exploitation by showering them with gifts or drugs, and then exploit their naivety and traffic them for sex.

The same thing is going on today, only now the predator is using the Internet to reach out

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and exploit our youth. Online predators now reach into our homes and target-unsuspecting chil-

dren on computers and social media. Congress investigated this Internet sex trafficking and we came up with landmark, bipartisan legislation that will protect sex trafficking victims who have been targeted by online predators.

I cosponsored the Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act, which has now passed the House and Senate. It will give prosecutors, state attorneys general, and sex trafficking victims a clearer path to take legal action against websites hosting advertisements for prostitutes, which, in reality, often turn out to be young girls and boys who are being illegally trafficked for sex.

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, nearly three-quarters of all reports of online child sex trafficking can be traced back to the website called Backpage.com. In a recent CBS News article, a 14-year old girl who was trafficked on the site said, "They're letting all of this happen on their website. I mean, without Backpage, I would have never been in any of this in the first place."

Her mother continued, "Backpage has a primary purpose and it's to sell sex. Backpage has not done anything to ensure the safety of the kids on there, period."

Congress investigated the practices of Backpage and disclosed that its operators actually helped predators modify their ads to delete references to teenage prostitutes or young victims of human trafficking, and still allowed the ads to run. The Washington Post reported that Backpage used a company in the Philippines to solicit both prostitutes and johns from other websites and created new ads that facilitated trafficking.

It became apparent that current anti-trafficking laws could not be applied to websites like Backpage, which host thousands of exploitive ads daily — too many of which are children being trafficked by adults. Backpage, time and again, successfully cited the Communications Decency Act, which they argued protected

In a 2016 case against Backpage.com, the First Circuit Court of Appeals made clear: "The remedy is through legislation, not litigation.' All 50 state Attorneys General joined the call for reform of this legislation to address the use of these sites for trafficking and both the House and the Senate responded on a bipartisan basis. This legislation included backing from many in the technology community such as Facebook's COO Sheryl Sandberg: "Those of us in the United States must recognize that these deplorable acts of buying and selling children for sex don't just happen in other countries. They happen here as well - right under our noses ... we at Facebook support efforts to pass amended legislation in the House." Now our prosecutors will be able to crackdown on online predators.

Every summer, as part of my Young Women's Leadership Program, we provide a session on the problem of human trafficking. We have made it a priority to educate young women about this threat that is online, as well as in their communities. With the passage of this legislation, there will be more tools to stop these unspeakable crimes against our youth.

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'Channeling Outrage into Activism'

By Adam P. Ebbin State Senator (D-30)

Ebbin spoke to students at Lewinsville Park in McLean during the walkout on March 14. The students, who attend schools across Northern Virginia, were participating in a rally for gun violence prevention organized by Students Demand Action DMV following a 17-minute National Student Walkout held that morning at 10 a.m. in memory of the 17 who were killed in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Fla.

'm Senator Adam Ebbin, and I have an "F" rating from the NRA. Across the country, the gun violence prevention movement is being led by students like you. You are doing more than just wearing an orange ribbon, you are taking action and leading a conversation. You are channeling your outrage into activism.

I've been moved and inspired by the bravery and resilience of the young people in Parkland. Today, we are amplifying their message. With your activism, we can make real progress.

Every day, 96 Americans are killed with a gun.

Every 10 hours a Virginian is killed with a gun.

153,000 students have been exposed to campus shootings since Columbine.

For decades, the corporate gun lobby has dictated our gun laws.

Elected leaders at the local, state,

and national level can make a difference; implore us all to take action. Hold legislators accountable for their voting records.

While Washington is mired in empty expressions of thoughts and prayers, it's time for state legislators to step up.

I have worked for common sense gun laws for years. This year, over 60 bills addressing gun violence were introduced in the Virginia General Assembly, but every one was defeated. Del. Kathleen Murphy [D-34] and I have formed a General Assembly Gun Violence Prevention Caucus, but we need more voices - loud voices, informed and passionate voices, particularly voices like yours. I'm here to amplify your voice, to tell you that you don't have to be a voter yet to shape the debate. Speak up by calling your elected officials.

Engage the community by writ-

ing letters to the editor.

Get involved at election time. Register to vote as soon as you are eligible. Stay informed and stay active.

Repeat until no school in America has to wonder "Who's

Refuse to accept the status quo. Demand an end to gun violence. The NRA tells us the AR-15

shouldn't be banned.

When a soft nosed bullet leaves the barrel of an AR15, it is travelling at three times the speed of a bullet fired from a handgun. It will break the sound barrier leaving the gun, travelling at 3,000 feet per second, tumbling end over end until it makes contact with its target. When its target is a human body, the bullet enters and exits in less than the time it takes to blink, shredding tissue in a process known as caveation, killing soft tissue for up to three inches around the entry path, and leaves an exit wound the size of an orange. A high capacity magazine on an AR-15 can unleash 50 of these

Outfitted with an NRA-supported bump stock this weapon can empty this magazine in a matter of seconds.

rounds in less than a minute.

Don't let the NRA tell you it shouldn't be banned.

At Marjory Stoneman Douglas high school first responders saw the power of this weapon, the twitch of a finger painting the hallways of their school with blood.

Don't let the NRA tell you it shouldn't be banned.

Don't tell us that kids have a right to carry these into our schools and movie theatres and malls an concerts and unleash the fury of this weapon on Americans.

Don't tell us that anyone has the right to carry a gun that holds 50 rounds and can be modified to fire them in under ten seconds.

Don't tell us we shouldn't be able to stop dangerous individuals from buying AR-15s at a sporting goods

Don't let the NRA tell you that thoughts and prayers are enough. Enough is enough.

We're telling the NRA times up, we're telling them no more.

No more fearing the next headline. We're telling the corporate gun lobby we're done with being afraid that when your friends go to school they might not come back. We cannot wait any longer.

The NRA can get out of the way, or they can get run over.

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