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Jenny Martin Smith, Sherry Stewart, Valerie Stewart and Jim Nagle of the Stewart Sisters prepare to gather up their instruments after performing to a standing-room-only crowd at Reston's Used Book Shop during Harvest Festival at Lake Anne Plaza.

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# GRACE Features 'Invisible Listeners'

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

“It is a privilege to be able to bring Rahshia Sawyer’s stunning underwater photography into the unique space of Greater Reston Arts Center at Signature,” said Erica Harrison, associate curator and festival director at GRACE. Sawyer’s exhibit is housed in GRACE’s innovative satellite gallery located off the main lobby of the Signature, a luxury residential apartment building in Reston Town Center at 11850 Freedom Drive, Reston.

The internationally and nationally acclaimed conceptual photographer presented her newest body of work, “Invisible Listeners.” GRACE’s curatorial staff selected Sawyer for her skilled and unusual photographic images, not what one would normally expect to see underwater such as marine life and schools of fish, but of human figures draped in gossamer silks, spiralling and swirling in the undulating fluid world.

Sawyer explained her current work, “What I Haven’t Told You,” as the tension between emotion expressed and emotion repressed.



**Lily Siegel, executive director and curator of the Greater Reston Arts Center at the opening reception of local photographer Rahshia Sawyer’s exhibit, “Invisible Listeners” held Oct. 25, 2018.**

For her new body of work, Sawyer captured each figure underwater, fronting an infinite cosmos of black, which intensified the natural sunlight coursing through the water and radiating through the silk, accentuating fluidity and movement.

“Her ten dramatic compositions are printed on aluminum creating

a liquid-like surface which enhances the luminosity of the mysterious figures draped in floating fabrics,” said Harrison.

“Rahshia is another incredibly talented artist from our region,” said Robert Goudie, board chair of Greater Reston Arts Center during his remarks for the Opening Reception held Oct. 25, 2018.

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**During the Opening Reception of her exhibit, “Invisible Listeners” at Greater Reston Arts Center at Signature, photographer Rahshia Sawyer explains the mechanics of photographing underwater to Erica Harrison, associate curator and festival director at Greater Reston Arts Center.**

Among her many awards and acclamations, Sawyer received the 2012 Contemporary Talents Award from Frane’s Francois Schneider Foundation and a 2016 Honorable Mention from the International Photography Awards and Prix de la Photographie (Px3). In addition, her photography is in the permanent collections of the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Francois Schneider Foundation and Radford University Museum.

“We are grateful to our partner-

ship with Boston Properties and Balducci’s, which allows us to extend our footprint with the Signature Gallery and continue to promote and advance the very best local and area artists even as our profile, reach, and content continue to grow outside our immediate region,” said Goudie.

The exhibit “Invisible Listeners” runs through Jan. 8, 2019. The artwork is available for purchase. Viewing is open to the public with no admission charge.

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**Remy “the unicorn” Weaver, 2, hand feeds a goodie-appropriate carrot stick to a goat during ‘Boo at the Zoo’ held Sunday, Oct. 28 and produced by Reston-based Roer’s Zoofari. Nathan Bean, 10, Rowen Weaver, 2, and Jacob Leichtweis, 10, join in on the fun. Local businesses sponsored trick-or-treating booths, passing out candy to the children.**



PHOTOS BY MERCIA HOBSON/THE CONNECTION

## Halloween Spooktaculars Held in Reston

Trails of treats in the dark, zoo animals, goodies and jack o’lantern mania amp up holiday fun.

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

**R**eston became a Hal-loween extravaganza the weekend before the popular holiday. With a wide assortment of activities, The Connection highlights three popular family-friendly events beginning with Reston Association’s exceptional event, the ‘Halloween House and Trick-or-Treat Trail’ at Walker Nature Center now in its 21<sup>st</sup> year.

“We love to hear parents say how memorable our event has been for their families and how much they enjoy coming back year after year,” said Katie Shaw, Nature Center manager and event director. “The Walker Nature Center’s Halloween House & Trick-or-Treat Trail is a 21-year Reston tradition that continues to delight, entertain and even educate families with children ages three through twelve,” Walker added. On Friday and Saturday evenings, costumed children whose parents and guardians were lucky enough to snag tickets to the much sought after event, met wacky characters and live animals on the trails surrounding Walker Nature Center and inside the center turned Halloween House.

“Each room of the house is transformed by a different theme celebrating Halloween lore, children’s literature, film and of course, nature. Patrons meet Halloween creatures like snakes, spiders and owls up close, and collect treats from characters all along an LED candlelit trail,” said Shaw.

“We want people to discover nocturnal nature and not be afraid of the woods at nights or the animals that live there,” Shaw said.

### Boo at the Zoo by Roer’s Zoofari

“We’re fortunate to have local businesses support Roer’s Zoofari during Boo at the Zoo,” said Christopher Lizama, corporate operations manager, as local businesses sponsored trick-or-treat booths, passing out candy and showcasing their companies and services the weekend before Halloween.

Extended members of the Weaver family attended the event. “We ... thought this would be fun,” said Joyce Weaver as she watched her children and nephews feeding carrot sticks to the zoo animals. One



**During ‘Boo at the Zoo’ produced by Roer’s Zoofari in Reston, Rowen Weaver, 4, cautiously holds out a carrot stick hoping the goat will take it while his cousin Cruz Weaver, 5, watches intently. The boys and their families did a little early trick-or-treating at the zoo the weekend before Halloween.**

last Boo at the Zoo is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 31, 3-6 p.m.

### ‘THE GLOW: A Jack O’ Lantern Experience

As night fell Sunday evening, the last chance to experience the display of 5,000 carved pumpkins with glowing amber eyes said Halloween to many families and individuals, and they headed off to Lake Fairfax Park, Reston for ‘THE GLOW: A Jack O’ Lantern Experience.’ For sixteen nights, organizers of The GLOW transformed one-third mile of county parkland trails to a jack o’lantern experience of “beautiful landscapes, iconic figures and larger than life structures composed of glowing jack o’lanterns.”

“The display was wonderful, and those who attended seemed to enjoy this experience really,” said Judy Pedersen, spokesperson for Fairfax County Park Authority. As a bonus, skilled carvers demonstrated their artistry and shared tips to patrons.

Hopefully, The GLOW will return next year, as many in the community did not have the opportunity to visit the park due to recent rains.



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**While rain most of Saturday, Oct. 27 kept patrons off the plaza at Lake Anne Center, business owners, patrons and musicians kept a positive attitude and partied through celebrating the new Harvest Festival inside the eateries and shops.**

## Harvest Festival Held At Lake Anne Plaza

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Lake Anne Merchants & Professional Committee debuted its inaugural Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018, with special offers and samples from the unusual, independently owned retail, dining and service establishments at Lake Anne Plaza. “The first Lake Anne Plaza Harvest Festival was a success,” wrote Vicky Hadjikyriakou, President of Lake Anne Merchants & Professional Committee.

“The merchants showcased their Virginia wines, beers, and dinner menu items inspired by Virginia wines and beers,” Hadjikyriakou said. In addition, the family-friendly event offered holiday tips and treats, specials, music, crafts for kids and more as it celebrated all things great from the local merchants.

Organizers planned the festival as an annual outdoor event on the Lake Anne Plaza. However, Saturday’s rainy weather drove nearly all activities off the plaza and into the eateries and shops. Business owners, patrons and musicians kept a positive attitude though and partied through.

“We’re thrilled to be part of the Fall Festival,” said Liz Kamp, owner and instructor of New Trail Cycling Studio, the newest business to call the plaza home. Kamp said that her studio is expected to open in the next few weeks as soon the final touches to build-out are completed.

Beth Davis of Oakton and Susan Snyder took a peek at the new studio and gave it definite thumbs up. Davis shared she looked forward to visiting the other establishments on the



**Liz Kamp, owner and instructor of New Trail Cycling Studio at Lake Anne Plaza, talks with Beth Davis of Oakton and Susan Snyder of Potomac Falls on Saturday, Oct. 29 during the new Harvest Festival.**

plaza during the festival and getting to know them better. Snyder added: “We’re fans of the Lake Anne establishments.”

Over at Reston’s Used Book Store, owner Bud Burwell sat in a rocking chair near the front door. A standing room only crowd had just left after listening to locally based performers, The Stewart Sisters perform. “It was nice to have our space filled with music and music lovers during the rainy inaugural Harvest Festival,” Burwell said.

Packing up her guitar, Sherry Stewart said, “There’s no better place to spend the Harvest Festival than Reston’s Used Book Store. We look forward to being here anytime.”

Already planning for the 2nd Annual Harvest Festival, Hadjikyriakou said, “We look forward to next year where we will be able to feature a larger variety of locally produced goods.”



## Most Important Election, So Far?

**Make a plan to vote with friends and family.**

**A**s others have said, the election Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018, may be the most important in our lifetime. But there is no reason to wait until Tuesday.

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.

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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>

### Early Voting Locations, Dates and Hours

Through Saturday, Nov. 3 at the government center and satellite locations.

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and instructions on what to do so your vote can count. A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board or to appear in person to apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card.

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## On Constitutional Birthright to Citizenship

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

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), vice ranking member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, sent the following message, along with a copy of the U.S. Constitution, to President Trump in response to his unconstitutional proposal to end birthright citizenship.

"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."

— MARY KIMM,

[MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM](mailto:MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM)

## Deep into the Fall in Reston

BY JOHN LOVAAS  
RESTON IMPACT  
PRODUCER/HOST

**H**alloween is here, the Reston Farmers Market is still going strong and the hope-for-change midterm elections are upon us!

The Halloween Trail at the Walker Nature Education Center was a real challenge this year.

The half-mile walk through the woods usually filled with

ghosts, goblins and costumed wildlife for kids and families who visit the weekend around Halloween had to be moved indoors this year. Friday evening with its cold, pouring rain was not fit for children or critters. Amazingly, the Reston Association staff and scores of volunteers re-created the magic of Halloween on the trail inside the Nature Center building and nearby gazebo. Hats off to Katie Shaw and her magicians who made it a night to remember for all.

The Reston Farmers Market,  
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## Remember to Vote Tuesday, Nov. 6

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM  
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

**T**he election this coming Tuesday, Nov. 6, may be the most important in our lifetime. We will not simply decide who is elected but the future direction of our country. As is my

**COMMENTARY**

practice in past years, I have mailed to as many voters as my resources would permit a Voter Guide 2018 that makes my recommendations on the individuals and questions on the ballot. I started doing this because of the great number of people who have

asked me how they should vote as well as to educate voters on issues that will be on the ballot of which they may not be aware. You will not find any surprises in my recommendations.

Representing Virginia in the U.S. Senate I recommend the re-election of Senator Tim Kaine for the outstanding person he is and for the work he has done in the Congress and in the past in state and local government. He reflects the personal qualities of honesty and decency that I believe we want in our elected officials.

If you live in the Eleventh Congressional District, I recommend

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## OPINION

# Reduce Methane to Avert Catastrophe

## Ken Plum's climate change blind spot: pipelines.

BY JON SOKOLOW

In two recent columns, Delegate Ken Plum noted that climate change warnings are too dire to ignore. He called for an end to coal subsidies, intensive green job development, a carbon tax and more renewable energy. For all of that, Plum should be commended.

Unfortunately, Plum was silent on two massive fracked methane elephants in the room: Dominion Energy's 600-mile Atlantic Coast Pipeline and EQT Corporation's 300-mile Mountain Valley Pipeline.

### TAKING EXCEPTION

These projects, with an estimated price tag of \$11 billion that will be paid for by consumers, were approved by the Trump controlled Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in a process so shoddy that federal courts have voided multiple permits. As Sen. Tim Kaine has noted, two FERC commissioners concluded that there is no demonstrated public need for either pipeline.

Early pipeline construction activities have devastated the water and land resources of rural communities in Southwest Virginia, which, like the rest of Appalachia, has served as a sacrifice zone for corporate greed for more than a century. A pipeline resistance movement has developed statewide and is growing every day.

Despite all of that, Gov. Ralph Northam refuses to stop these pipelines. And too many politicians seem

to have a climate change blind spot when it comes to fracked methane.

Plum correctly observes that the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change recently issued a scathing report calling for drastic action to avoid climate disaster. But Plum omits the fact that the IPCC specifically targeted methane, stating that we must reduce methane production by 35 percent from 2010 levels to avert catastrophe.

The reasons are clear. Methane is far more effective in trapping heat than carbon dioxide, making it 84 times more potent as a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide over a 20-year period. The proposed pipelines would spew greenhouse gases equivalent to 46 coal fired plants.

In effect, politicians who fail to oppose these pipelines are climate deniers. Those are the inconvenient truths.

Another inconvenient truth: Dominion Energy is by far the largest campaign contributor to politicians in Virginia – including to Ken Plum's own campaigns.

Virginia should join the 25 states that ban contributions from publicly related utilities. And politicians who profess to care about climate change need to stop feeding from the fossil fuel trough. They need to lose their blind spot when it comes to fracked gas. Our children deserve no less.

Jon Sokolow is an attorney, writer and activist who has lived in Reston for 25 years.

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**Art Exhibit.** Through Nov. 24, gallery hours at Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market St., Suite #103, Reston. The Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) presents Green is the Secret Color to Make Gold, a solo exhibition exploring themes of daily routine and ritual featuring new work by DC-based artist Caitlin Teal Price. Visit [restonarts.org](http://restonarts.org).

**Crazy 8s Club.** Mondays, 5 p.m., through December, at Reston Regional Library 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join Bedtime Math's Crazy 8s, where you build stuff, run and jump, make music and make a mess. Co-sponsored by the Friends of Reston Regional Library. Grades K-2. Register for each session separately, two weeks in advance. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/) or call 703-689-2700.

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### FuzzieTales with Amanda Jasper.

2:45-3:45 p.m. At ArtSpace in Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. FuzzieTales is a read aloud book club for 4-6 year olds, where they explore high quality age appropriate stories, with lots of hands-on activities to spark imagination and creativity. Cost is \$150/ child (includes supplies). For more information, and registration form, contact Amanda at [FuzzieTalescontact@gmail.com](mailto:FuzzieTalescontact@gmail.com).

## THURSDAY/NOV. 1

**Meet the Artists.** 2:15-3:40 p.m. At Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Enjoy a free concert - You Say Either, I Say Either: The Greatest Couples of the Great American Songbook. Luke Frazier presents music performed by some of the most famous couples in American musical history. Artists like Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong, Louis Prima and Keely Smith, and many more will be featured in this musical tour. Visit the website [www.olli.gmu.edu](http://www.olli.gmu.edu).

**YA Author Jessica Spotswood.** 6 p.m. at Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. Best-selling author Jessica Spotswood will discuss novels from the The Cahill Witch Chronicles, as well as her short story collections and The Last Summer of the Garrett Girls. Free. Visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com) or call 703-966-2111.

## SATURDAY/NOV. 3

**Buckley and Scott Fricker Memorial Walk.** 10 a.m.-noon. At the Medical Team Parking Lot, 1902 Campus Commons Dr, Reston. Free. Help remember Buckley and Scott Fricker with a beautiful walk (2.5 mile loop) on paved walking paths around Lake Thoreau in Reston. They will gather halfway at a tree planted in their memory in their neighborhood. Shorter, alternate routes are available, please indicate in the comments box below if you would like details on these options. Visit [www.retirementlivingsourcebook.com/](http://www.retirementlivingsourcebook.com/)



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From the archives of the Reston Historic Trust & Museum.

## The History of Reston Sports

Presenter Bill Bouie will be speaking about the history of sports in Reston. Bouie has served in formal and informal roles in various community organizations including Reston Little League, Reston Youth Baseball, Reston's YMCA Board of Management, and the United States Olympic Committee's Project Gold, and many others. Thursday, Nov. 8, 7-9 p.m. at YMCA, 12196 Sunset Hills Road, Reston. Free. Call 703-709-7700 or visit [restonmuseum.org](http://restonmuseum.org) for more.

events/buckley—scott-fricker-memorial-walk-2315.

**Diwali Cultural Fair.** 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Celebrate Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights with games, music, food, crafts and other activities. All ages. Free. 703-689-2700. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events).

**Operation Rescue Dog.** 11 a.m. at Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. Dog-loving author Maria Gianferrari returns with her new book, Operation Rescue Dog. Hear the heartwarming story of Alma and her Abuela, who are on a journey to reach LuLu, the rescue dog they plan to adopt. Representatives from the New Love Animal Rescue will talk about pet rescue, and the fostering and adoption process. Visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com) or call 703-966-2111.

**"Gourmet Sampler."** 4-5:30 p.m. at Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. The Reston Community Orchestra opening concert, "Gourmet Sampler," will feature works by Koussenzitzley, Brahms, Erik Satie, and Gabriel Faure. Free. Visit [www.restoncommunityorchestra.org](http://www.restoncommunityorchestra.org).

## WEDNESDAY/NOV. 7

**Wine Wednesday.** 6-8 p.m. at The Tasting Room, 1816 Library St., Reston. Join fellow book lovers at the Tasting Room to talk about what you're reading and favorite books. Visit [thetastingroomwinebar.com/reston.html](http://thetastingroomwinebar.com/reston.html) or [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com) or call 703-966-2111.

## THURSDAY/NOV. 8

**Meet the Artists.** 2:15-3:45 p.m. At Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Free. Enjoy a free concert with Miroslav and Natasha Loncar, popular classical guitar duo, perform selections from their repertoire to delight the audience. Visit the website [www.olli.gmu.edu](http://www.olli.gmu.edu).

**Girl Power! Book Club.** 7 p.m. at Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. Readers ages 10-12 are invited to join the Book Club. Three middle-grade novels will be discussed at this meeting. Free. Details on the meeting's activity can be found at [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com) or 703-966-2111.

**Creative Response: Shannon Brogdon-Grantham.** 7 p.m. at Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market St., Suite #103, Reston. Shannon Brogdon-Grantham, photograph and paper conservator at Smithsonian Museum Conservation Institute responds to the work on

view. Visit [restonarts.org](http://restonarts.org).

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## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 9-10

**Everything Christmas Sale.** 3-7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9 and 8:30 a.m. - noon on Saturday, Nov. 10. At First Baptist Church of Herndon, 681 Elden St., Herndon. Free admission. Get a head start on decorating and choosing gifts and help the community. Find everything from artificial trees to cookie cutters and food tins. Many are one-of-a-kind items. The event is sponsored by The Closet, a faith-based nonprofit thrift shop. Visit [theclosetofgreaterherndon.org](http://theclosetofgreaterherndon.org).

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 9-11

**"The Diary of Anne Frank."** Friday-Saturday, 7-9 p.m.; Sunday, 2-4 p.m. at Herndon High School's Black Box Theater (Room #175), 700 Bennett St., Herndon. Join Herndon High's Advanced Theatre students as they present an intimate portrait of a young Jewish girl who comes of age during one of the most horrendous times in modern history — The Holocaust. Special guests will lead engaging discussion after performances. Parental guidance recommended, contains violence and mature themes. \$5/student; \$10/adult at [herndonadrama.org](http://herndonadrama.org).

## THURSDAY/NOV. 10

**In Their Own Words.** 3-5 p.m. at Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market St., Suite #103, Reston. In Their Own Words: Caitlin Teal Price in conversation with Curator Lily Siegel. Sponsored by Reston Community Center. Free and open to the public. Visit [restonarts.org](http://restonarts.org).

## SUNDAY/NOV. 11

**Annual Holiday Bazaar.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon. Start holiday shopping at the annual church bazaar. Tupperware, skin care products, jewelry, Native American items, Christmas decorations, books, toys and more are available. Email [ccondro@verizon.net](mailto:ccondro@verizon.net).



# BULLETIN

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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](http://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](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/food-fines) for more.

## THROUGH DECEMBER

**White House Ornaments.** Assistance League of Northern Virginia has begun its annual fundraising sale of White House Ornaments. The 2018 ornament honors Harry S. Truman, highlighting changes made to the White House during his administration. One side features the Truman Balcony and the reverse features the Blue Room. Assistance League is an all volunteer, non-profit organization. Proceeds benefit our community-based programs that support local low income children. \$22 (+ shipping if mail delivery required). Email [burgessgl@verizon.net](mailto:burgessgl@verizon.net) or visit [www.alnv.org](http://www.alnv.org).

## SATURDAY/NOV. 3

**Day of Giving.** The Smiles for Everyone Foundation has partnered with BrightNow! Dental in Herndon to host their second to last Day of Giving event for 2018. During the Day of Giving, individuals may receive an array of dental services free of charge. Appointments may be scheduled directly through BrightNow! Dental's office in Herndon by calling 703-259-0161 or visiting [www.brightnow.com/about-us/post/free-dental-day-in-herndon-va](http://www.brightnow.com/about-us/post/free-dental-day-in-herndon-va).

## SUNDAY/NOV. 4

**Rally for Mission.** Noon-1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity Presbyterian Church, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon. During this family-friendly fair, guests may peruse table displays and handouts, enjoy refreshments, and discover ways they may serve at local, national, and international levels. Free. Visit [www.trinityherndon.org](http://www.trinityherndon.org) or call 703-437-5500 for more.

## MONDAY/NOV. 5

**Long-term Care Planning.** 7-8 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston VA 20190. Join financial experts from OneCommonwealth Advisors for an informative workshop on long term care planning and helping pay for these costs no matter how long you need care. Adults. Free. Call 703-689-2700 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events) for more.

## TUESDAY/NOV. 6

**Joy Of Living for Seniors.** 11 a.m.-noon at St Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon. As part of an ongoing series, St Timothy's Episcopal Church in Herndon, will hold a presentation followed by a light lunch. Donation offerings for lunch accepted. RSVP to [jgdops@gmail.com](mailto:jgdops@gmail.com). Donation offerings for lunch accepted.

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## 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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celebrating its 21<sup>st</sup> year in the parking lot at the Lake Anne Village Center, has morphed into a blaze of fall colors with a wide variety of fall veggies, over 40 varieties of apples, all the usual kinds and cuts of meats plus Asian Water Buffalo (raised in Loudoun!), local seafood, honey, the biggest selection of baked goods in the area, milk and cheeses and more. Our market also features the farm with the best selection of organic produce in the region. When I began the market, sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority, in 1998, we had about a quarter of the products in October that we have now, and the Reston Farmers Market closed for the season on/about Halloween (Oct. 31).

This year the RFM will continue through Saturday, Dec. 1, the same day that Santa Claus sails across Lake Anne and is greeted by a throng of young children awaiting him at Washington Plaza next to Bronze Bob Simon. That means there are just five more Saturday mornings to come and see your friends and to shop fresh and shop local before the 2018 season ends on Dec. 1.

By the time you read this column the Nov. 6 mid-term elections will be just days away. As I mentioned in a recent column and as you no doubt are most

aware, this election is one of the most critical in living memory. And Virginia is likely to be a pivotal battleground in a nationwide campaign to reclaim at least one house of the U.S. Congress from Trump and a Republican Party gone off the rails with him.

I still hold out hope for moderate progressive Democrats capturing up to four of the seven Virginia seats in the House of Representatives currently held by Republicans. And I now feel almost certain that three of the four women challengers will indeed win—specifically taking seats in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> districts. Don Beyer, Gerry Connolly, Don McEachin and Bobby Scott will win re-election easily, giving the Democrats seven of the 11 Virginia seats in the House.

The U.S. Senate presents a tougher challenge, of course, with two-thirds of the seats up for election currently held by Democrats. In Virginia, incumbent mildly progressive Tim Kaine will be re-elected, easily thrashing Trump clone Corey Stewart. And there is still a chance the forces of moderation will recapture the Senate, or possibly achieve a tie which might at least create a situation forcing the two parties to restore the lost art of compromise on Capitol Hill. As unlikely as that might seem as long as there is a Mitch McConnell. Vote Nov. 6, and remind all your friends and relatives to do the same!

### Plum

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a vote for Congressman Gerry Connolly for re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives. He has a strong work ethic, and the personal values that guided his service in local government for many years will serve us well as he moves into a position of leadership in the new Congress.

It is time for a change in the Tenth District, and I recommend a vote for Jennifer Wexton. She has shown remarkable leadership and abilities as a legislator in the Virginia Senate. Jennifer Wexton will bring leadership for the interests of the people of the Tenth District and not for a misguided administration.

Also on the ballot are constitutional questions and bond issues. Here are my recommendations:

Question 1: Should a county, city, or town be authorized to provide a partial tax exemption for real property that is subject to recurrent flooding, if flooding resiliency improvements have been made on the property?

I recommend that you vote “YES.”

Question 2: Shall the real property tax exemption for a primary residence that is currently provided to the surviving spouses of veterans who had a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total dis-

ability be amended to allow the surviving spouse to move to a different primary residence and still claim the exemption?

I recommend that you vote “YES.”

Public Safety Bond Question: Shall Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$182,000,000 to provide funds, in addition to funds from public safety facilities bonds previously authorized, to finance, including reimbursement to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of public safety facilities, including the construction, reconstruction, enlargement, renovation and equipment of civil and criminal justice facilities, police training and operational facilities and stations, fire and rescue training facilities and stations, including fire and rescue stations owned by volunteer organizations, and the acquisition of necessary land?

I recommend that you vote “YES.”

More detail on the Constitutional Amendments can be found at: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/election-law/proposed-constitutional-amendment-2018/index.html>

More on the Bond Referendum is at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bond/>.



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