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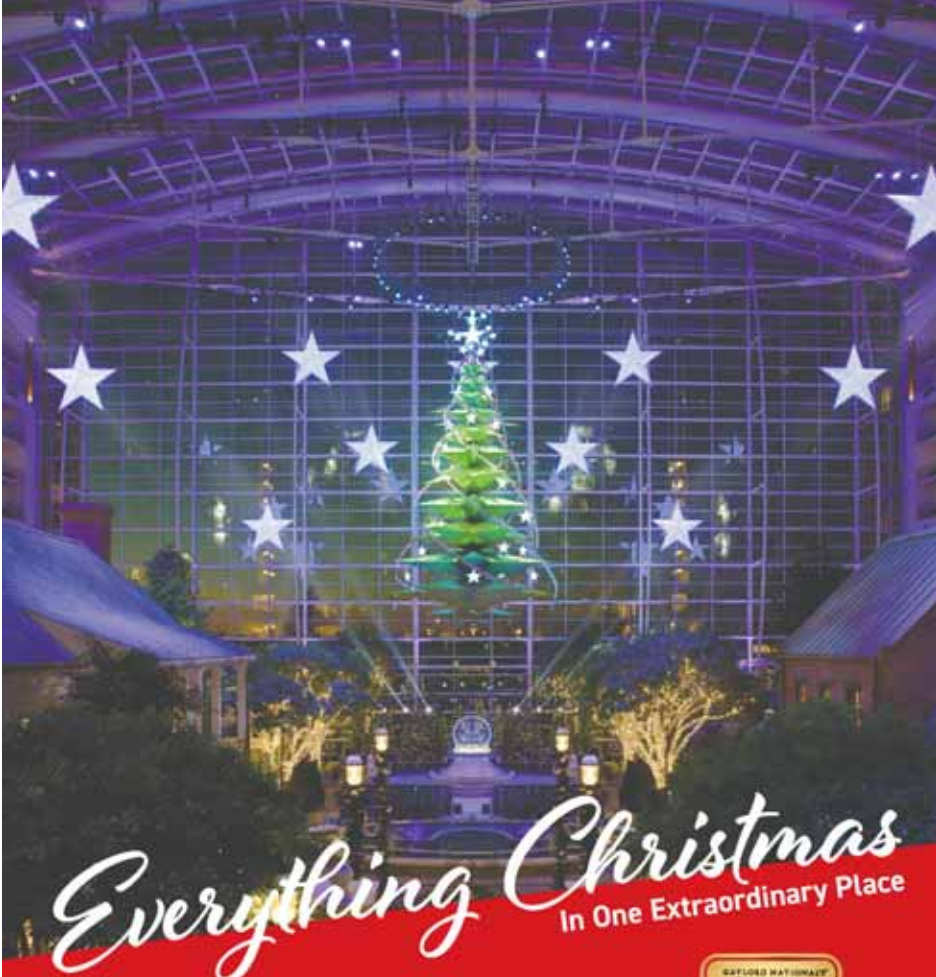
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Packed house to celebrate Jennifer Wexton's win in the 10th Congressional District.



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Former Gov. Terry McAuliffe tells the crowd assembled at Tim Kaine's victory party that voters in Virginia rejected President Donald Trump's campaign of "fear, hatred and division."

# Democrats Seize Control of Northern Virginia

Region once had its own brand of Republicanism; now that seems almost extinct.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he loss of two-term incumbent U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (D-10) means Republicans are down to one lone elected official in Northern Virginia, Del. Tim Hugo (R-40). The blue wave that started last year unseating Republicans like Del. Jim LeMunyon (R-67) and Del. Bob Marshall (R-13) continued this year, when state Sen. Jennifer Wexton (D-10) was able to flip a seat that had been in Republican hands since a young military lawyer named Frank Wolf beat incumbent Democrat Joe Fisher back in 1980. For a region that once had Republican heavyweights like U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11) and U.S. Sen. John Warner, the prospects for Republicans in Northern Virginia now seem pretty bleak.

"It's going to be a tough road ahead for Republicans in Northern Virginia. Essentially, it's gone," said Republican consultant Dan Scandling, who served as Wolf's chief of staff. "Redistricting is not going to help. The seats now in Northern Virginia are going to be Democratically controlled for a generation."

Although the controversy surrounding the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court helped some Republican candidates for Senate in places like North Dakota and Missouri, it provided a huge burden for Comstock. Kavanaugh and Comstock had been friends since they served together as young Republican staffers trying to impeach Bill Clinton in the 1990s. This year, Wexton was able to use sexual assault allegations as wedge to charge Comstock was guilty of an "unacceptable failure of leadership." In the closing days of the campaign, television ads branded the incumbent "Barbara Trumpstock."

Incumbent Sen. Tim Kaine easily beat back a challenge from Republican Corey Stewart, whose message of an invading



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Jennifer Wexton

caravan of foreigners failed to resonate outside rural Virginia.

"Corey Stewart and Barbara Comstock followed President Trump's playbook. They stoked fear about immigrants. Both lost big," said Frank Sharry, founder and executive director of immigration-reform group America's Voice. "It seems evident the people of Virginia are just not interested in Trumpism, with or without Trump."

**KAINE CELEBRATED** an early victory Tuesday night, taking the stage at the Falls Church Marriott Fairview Park as one of the first Democrats to deliver a victory speech. He quoted scripture, thanked longtime supporters and cracked a few jokes about how the race was called one minute after the polls closed. The former fair-housing attorney got his start in Richmond politics before becoming lieutenant governor and governor. This year he faced a candidate who promised a "vicious" campaign and delivered by suggesting — without any evidence — that Kaine had somehow been charged with sexual misconduct. Kaine said voters rejected that approach.

"You rejected the politics of peddling lies to try to get ahead," said Kaine. "You rejected the politics and the economics of it's about a few and not about all."

Wexton celebrated victory at the Washington Dulles Airport Marriott, thanking

supporters and volunteers that helped her win in the most expensive congressional race in Virginia.

Democrats targeted the race and pumped millions of dollars into an effort to knock on doors and appear on television screens.

Comstock ended up raising more money, \$6 million in total from Northern Virginia business stalwarts like Northrop Grumman and Capital One. But national Democrats flooded the race with money, and Wexton tapped her experience as a Loudoun prosecutor to gain funding from law firms like Wilmer Hale and Jones Day. In the end, she said, suburban voters rejected the Trump playbook of racial division and economic nationalism.

"I have been saying from the beginning of this campaign that change is coming, and change came today," said Wexton. "That kind of change doesn't just happen, it happened because of you."

**WITH DEMOCRATS** seizing control of the House of Representatives, the Fairfax County delegation stands to gain a new sense of prominence on Capitol Hill. U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) is expected to take a key role on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which is expected to start investigating the president's political involvement with Russia and economic ties to foreign leaders.

"Tonight we get a mandate for oversight and accountability," said Connolly during Kaine's victory party, which was in his district. "And I just want to say to all my friends in the Trump administration: You better put on your rollerblades because you're going to be skating to Capitol Hill a lot."

U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8) also stands to gain a new sense of prominence, possibly

## Results

### U.S. SENATE

- ❖ Democrat Tim Kaine: ..... 1.9 million votes, 57 percent
- ❖ Republican Corey Stewart: ..... 1.4 million votes, 41 percent
- ❖ Libertarian Matt Waters: ..... 62,000 votes, 2 percent

### HOUSE DISTRICT 10

- ❖ Democrat Jennifer Wexton: ..... 203,000 votes, 56 percent
- ❖ Republican Barbara Comstock: .. 158,000 votes, 44 percent

taking a position as chairman of a subcommittee on federal land or on space. Beyer says he would probably prefer

chairing a subcommittee on federal land because he is the only former park ranger in Congress. Beyer also says he also wants to play a role on a new Select Committee on Climate, which Democrats have been planning for some time.

"The centerpiece of my leadership these last five years has been trying to be the strongest and clearest voice to fight climate change as I can be," said Beyer. "So being on that select committee would make a lot of sense."

With two other Democratic women challengers defeating incumbents in Virginia Congressional Districts, Virginia's Congressional delegation shifts from seven Republicans and four Democrats to seven Democrats and four Republicans.

**WEXTON'S VICTORY** opens a cascading series of special elections in Northern Virginia that are going to keep consultants and volunteers busy for the next few months. Del. Jennifer Boysko (D-86) announced her run for that seat. Her House seat in Herndon would open if she were successful, initiating a rapid-fire series of special elections to install new members of the General Assembly ahead of the January session. State Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30) says Boysko is "the overwhelming and obvious choice."

"She's known in Fairfax and has been spending a lot of time in Loudoun County, and she's got a really strong fundraising ability," said Ebbin. "She's got a great legislative ability, and she does a lot of community events in the area. So I think she'd be pretty formidable, and I'd be surprised if she didn't win."





**Members of the Fairfax for All Coalition outside Government Center demanding that the Board of Supervisors adopt their Ordinance to Protect Equal Justice for All which would end sharing information with ICE, end releasing immigrant detainees to ICE, and establish a legal fund for immigrants among its components.**



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**From left, Mary Lareau (DMV Sanctuary Congregation), Michelle LaRue, M.D. (CASA in Action) and Sookyung Oh (NAKASEC) speak on behalf of their Fairfax for All coalition. The group says that the county's One Fairfax Resolution fails to address the immediate issues being faced by immigrant residents.**

# Advocating for Immigrant Protection

**Fairfax for All Coalition demands more immigrant protection from County supervisors.**

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

**A** determined group of citizens advocating for immigrants' rights held a press conference outside the Fairfax County Government Center on Tuesday, Oct. 29, before heading inside where several members of the Fairfax for All Coalition provided testimony during the Board of Supervisors' meeting.

The coalition is demanding that the Board adopt their "Ordinance to Protect Equal Justice for All" which they drafted and presented to the Supervisors in February of this year.

In a recent written response to the group, Board Chairman Sharon Bulova cited the joint passage of the One Fairfax Policy by the Board and by the Fairfax County Public Schools' Board in 2016, which pledges their commitment to "intentionally consider equity when making policies and delivering programs and services." One Fairfax outlines 17 areas of focus, including housing, health and human services, and public safety, as areas that "must be addressed to create an equitable community."

In the response, the Chairman wrote "As I have said in the past, I do not plan to pursue the Ordinance to Protect Equal Justice for All." Bulova's reasoning, beyond the existence of the One Fairfax resolution, is that the ordinance calls for the complete severance of the county's cooperation with ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement), something the county is not prepared to do since "we work with outside law enforcement agencies like ICE on criminal matters like gang prevention, human trafficking, and cyber crimes."

**SPEAKING FOR FAIRFAX FOR ALL** at the press conference, Michelle LaRue, M.D., Virginia State Director for CASA, fired back

that One Fairfax without their ordinance "lacks teeth."

Sookyung Oh, a member of the coalition and the Area Director of the National Korean American Service and Education Consortium (NAKASEC) added that without the accountabilities and direction of the ordinance "One Fairfax is just an abstract," applied to nothing tangible and basically just another "checklist."

Both speakers acknowledged that the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office has terminated its "Intergovernmental Service Agreement" with ICE as of May 23, 2018. Under that agreement, the Sheriff's Office would hold detainees for ICE past their release dates. In a statement announcing the termination, Sheriff Stacey Kincaid said "We intend to comply with all federal obligations as they pertain to ICE but the current contract is not necessary for us to do this we found it expedient to no longer have an agreement that requires us to extend our resources beyond these obligations."

"But they are still collecting the personal information of people arrested and detained and sharing that information with ICE and others," said Oh. Even with the termination of the agreement between the Sheriff's Department and ICE, Oh says that 73 people were released to the Immigration authorities between August and September of this year alone.

"Of those 73 people, 50 of them were never even convicted of the charges they were arrested for," said Oh, adding that for many of these same charges, "others have been let off with warnings or fines, not sent to jail and then ripped from their families. That is not equality for all in Fairfax County."

The coalition thinks that without their ordinance, the county is basically leaving many of its most vulnerable residents open to discriminatory actions and adversely impacting thousands in the region. Accord-



**Elizabeth Benson and Sharon Canner of Reston show their support for the Fairfax for All Ordinance to Protect Equal Justice for All. "We should do everything we can to protect and support all of our residents," said Canner. "Immigrants to our area are vital to our growth and success. It's a business issue as well as a human one."**

ing to the coalition speakers, 1 in 4 families in Fairfax County have a parent or guardian born outside the county.

"And it's not just about collaborating with ICE," said LaRue, and Mary Lareau with the DMV Sanctuary Congregation.

Fear of family separation is keeping children from school, parents from work or from seeking needed medical attention, says Lareau. Lareau and her fellow advocates say that this same fear is hampering the safety of us all, as immigrants fail to report criminal activity or to come forward to cooperate in criminal investigation.

"Turning people over to ICE, that's the real crime. How is any of this helping us to make our communities safer places?" asks LaRue.

Reached for comment, Karla Bruce, the county's Chief Equity Officer charged with championing the One Fairfax Resolution, said she has met with members of the coalition, and other immigrant and civil rights advocate groups.

"I can't speak to the individual Board members' stance on the group's proposed

ordinance, but I can say that since taking over this role in June, I have been meeting with as many parties as possible, internally and externally. I want to listen, to hear what the concerns are and see how our policies may be negatively affecting, even if inadvertently, our residents."

Bruce said the County is sincere in the desire to implement One Fairfax, but that it's not something that can be achieved overnight, even while she acknowledges the frustration of groups like Fairfax For All.

"We are trying to see where changes are needed in the entire system," she said. "Yes, there are individuals who are experiencing negative impacts today. We have to keep at it and I want to keep hearing from groups like this."

**AFTER THE PRESS CONFERENCE**, several of the coalition representatives gave testimony before the board, some recounting personal struggles as immigrants or family members of immigrants, including a young man named "William" who is fearful that his stepfather is about to be deported. "He has been everything to me. I need him. I still need him."

Others, like Ruth Maul of Herndon, spoke of how domestic violence victims refuse to come forward for treatment or protection because of their fears of being deported or separated from family members.

Marcella Levine told the Board that "you don't have to be a sanctuary county to adopt more non-compliance regulations."

Before the meeting was gavelled out of session, the members presented more than 500 signed petitions they had collected in support of their ordinance.

"They say we don't have support from the community," said Oh of NAKASEC, "but we do, and we are gathering more each day."

Fairfax for All vows to continue to advocate for immigrants in the region and to continue to "bring these friends, neighbors, co-workers, families, and congregants under our full protection."

*The full text of the proposed ordinance is available on the website [www.fairfaxforall.org](http://www.fairfaxforall.org).*



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We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on flash drive. Writing should be submitted in text format. Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in jpeg format.

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- ❖ Drawings or paintings or photographs of your family, friends, pets or some favorite activity. These should be photographed or scanned and submitted in jpeg format. Photos of sculpture or larger art projects are also welcome.

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- ❖ Were you involved in November's elections? What did you think?

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## Join Us to Learn, Engage and Act to Save Our Environment

### Mount Vernon District to hold first Environment Expo on Saturday, Nov. 10.

BY SUPERVISOR DAN STORCK  
(D-MT. VERNON DISTRICT)

Join me and the Mount Vernon District Environmental Advisory Committee at the District's first Environment Expo on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018 from 8 a.m. – noon at Walt Whitman Middle School. Spend the morning exploring how each of us can help save our planet, with the theme "Saving the Earth One Person at a Time." The morning will feature an Exhibit Hall with a variety of County agencies, service providers and educators, informational and hands-on workshops and screenings of the film "Hometown Habitat". Read more about the Expo at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon)

As we recognize that climate change is impacting our lives here in the Mount Vernon District, we all need to do our part to protect Mother Earth. In our District, environ-



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**Scouts plant natural landscaping at Mount Vernon Governmental Center.**

mental concerns range from coastal and inland flooding to extreme heat, as well as increasing more intense storms. The Expo will educate and inspire attendees to be more engaged in the protection of our natural re-

sources and our heritage.

While the County has taken steps to be good environmental stewards, like adopting a Countywide Energy Policy, Environmental Vision and Operational Energy Strategy, these steps are not proportional to the challenges we face. I strongly believe we need to move forward quickly to adopt a Community Climate Action Plan and a Resiliency Plan. We also need to enter into an Energy Savings Performance Contract and advocate for Solar Freedom legislation to come before the General Assembly this session. One of the most immediate steps we can take is to quickly adopt CPACE, a potential County financing program where commercial building owners can borrow money for energy efficiency, renewable energy, or similar projects, and then make repayments via an assessment on their property tax bill.

As a County, we can do far more, and adopting more aggressive goals will result in significant cost savings and a faster environmental and budgetary return on our investments. Come to the Environment Expo on Nov. 10, to learn what you can do as an individual to protect our people, places and property.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Urgent Warnings on Climate Change

Dear Delegate Plum:

I commend your attention to the topic of climate change, addressing it with urgent warnings as you

did in your past two commentaries shared with newsletter subscribers and Connection newspaper readers. Any reader would agree with you that the politics of the issue present the greatest challenge. We can hope that the United States is moving closer to joining the rest of the world in seeing the climate as a non-partisan chal-

lenge that our elected officials must work on together to address for all our sakes.

Thanks for including pricing carbon in your state-level climate to-do list, and here's why I agree with you that it's important. It will drive all the other necessary actions and generate buy-in from every household, which is the level of engage-

ment we need to be successful.

As you have previously endorsed, the carbon fee and dividend proposal of Citizens' Climate Lobby frames the pricing as a revenue neutral fee, not a tax. As demonstrated by our northern neighbors, successful introduction

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# A Good Night's Sleep

## The impact of sleep deprivation and how to avoid it.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

For those with seemingly endless to-do lists, taking a nap or sleeping late might seem like a luxury they can't afford. Foregoing sleep in lieu of checking email, doing laundry or studying for an exam, could decrease the quality of those tasks.

"Two well-known effects of inadequate sleep are cognitive processing problems including attention, storing information and retrieving information from memory," said Dr. Linda Gulyn, professor of psychology at Marymount University. "That's why someone who is consistently sleepy has difficulty in classes, getting work done, and taking tests. This is problematic especially for high school and college students."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that school-aged children get nine to 12 hours of sleep each night, teenagers get eight to 10 hours, adults 18-65 get seven to eight and adults 65 and older get seven to eight hours. The CDC also reports that one in three people don't get enough sleep.

"This country is very achievement-oriented. It's go, go, go and we think that sleeping is for wimps," said Adam Winsler, Ph.D. professor of applied developmental psychology at George Mason University and lead



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**Avoiding activities like playing video games before bed can improve the quality of one's sleep, says researchers.**

author of an article published in the Journal of Youth and Adolescence called "Sleepless in Fairfax ..."

But in addition to a decrease in productivity, a lack of adequate sleep can have a negative impact on one's overall wellbeing. Winsler's study looked at 39,000 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders in Fairfax County. The researchers recorded the average number of hour of sleep the teens get each night and found that sleep deprivation can have a profound impact on mental health and certain behaviors. "We found that getting eight to nine hours of sleep each night lowers the risk of underage drinking, smoking and se-

rious drug use in kids and adolescence. Each hour more of sleep a night adolescents get is associated with less depression, suicide, and drug use for teens," said Winsler. "But generally, the reality is that most kids and teens are considered deprived. A lack of sleep hurts them emotionally and can make them feel depressed and grumpy. Younger children who don't get adequate sleep can experience problems with self-control and behavior regulation."

"When we are tired, we are more likely to be agitated and this affects social relationships. [Someone who's sleep deprived] might have a tough time completing tasks," added Gulyn.

There are physical and mental health benefits to getting proper sleep, says Dr. Jerome Short, a clinical psychologist and associate professor of psychology at George Mason University who has also studied the effect of sleep patterns on overall health and wellness. "Sleep clears the brain of toxic proteins, repairs muscles, and restores the immune system. Adequate sleep is associated with less obesity, diabetes, heart disease, and cancer," he said. "In recent research with college students, I found that the combination of vigorous exercise and sleep satisfaction led to next day positive mood, he said. "The combination of moderate exercise and longer sleep led to re-

duced negative mood."

"During sleep, the body releases hormones that stimulate growth, increase muscle mass, and repair cells and tissues," said Julia Dorsey, RN, School Public Health Nurse – Fairfax County Health Department. "Hormones also help boost the immune system to better fight infection. Chronic sleep deficiency is linked to an increased risk of obesity and type II diabetes, as well as heart disease, high blood pressure, and stroke."

**ADEQUATE SLEEP** can be elusive in a social environment where social media and information on demand are prevalent. "It's critical to reduce screen time before bed and not allow video games and computers and phones use late at night," said Winsler. "Dimming the lights and doing calming activities also helps. One big issue is that teens sleep with their phones next to them and the phones vibrate and wake them up."

"Daily exercise, reduced light, physical comfort, and a regular sleep routine of going to bed and getting up at the same time increase duration of, and satisfaction with, sleep," added Dr. Jerome Short.

To improve the quality of one's sleep, Gulyn advises that "if sleep problems are associated with excessive worry or depression, then it's important to seek professional advice."

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## NEWS

### Franconia-Springfield Parkway Median Barrier Complete

Drivers along the Franconia-Springfield Parkway (Route 289) bridge over Accotink Creek now have better protection from oncoming crashes with the completion of a new concrete median barrier, according to the Virginia Department of Transportation. The safety improvement project constructed the barrier in place of the previous concrete median. The \$967,000 project, financed with federal and state funding, was completed on time and under budget. The bridge averages 45,000 vehicles a day.



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### Open House Events on Fairfax Connector Service in the Franconia-Springfield Area

Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) continues to solicit feedback on how people get around in the Franconia-Springfield area on the local transit network. Input from transit riders and residents is a key component of making Fairfax Connector service more convenient, accessible and efficient. Fairfax Connector bus routes serving the Franconia/Springfield area include 231, 232, 301, 305, 310, 321, 322, 334, 335, 340, 341, 371, 372, 373, 393, 394, 395, 401, 402, and 494.

On the heels of an online survey which resulted in more than 750 responses, FCDOT is scheduled to host two open house events for residents to take part in interactive activities and to give input:

- ❖ Tuesday, Nov. 13, from 6-8 p.m. — Key Middle School, 6402 Franconia Rd, Springfield. Transit access: Route 310

- ❖ Wednesday, Nov. 14, from 6-8 p.m. — Edison High School, 5801 Franconia Road, Springfield. Transit access: Routes 109, 231/232, 310, 321/322

The outreach events include interactive exercises, facilitated by FCDOT staff, to ex-

plore attendees' individual travel needs, issues and ideas.

There will also be an opportunity at the meeting to give specific feedback on the future of Fairfax Connector service in the area.

Following the outreach events, FCDOT staff will compile the input received and will incorporate the information received into planning for future service improvements in the Franconia-Springfield area. FCDOT will come back to the community in the next few months to hold more community events to present and discuss a draft service plan and future improvements for the area.

Feedback is welcomed until Dec. 1, 2018. To give your input on service in the Franconia Springfield area:

- ❖ Email [fairfaxconnector@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:fairfaxconnector@fairfaxcounty.gov)

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#### WEEK IN SPRINGFIELD

### BoatUS/GEICO Marine Insurance Comes to Springfield

After 40 years, Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS), is returning to Springfield. The nation's largest advocacy, services and safety group for recreational boaters, 17<sup>th</sup> largest employer in Alexandria and now a subsidiary of GEICO, will officially open its new 65,000-square-foot association and corporate headquarters at 5323 Port Royal Road, Springfield on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 3:30 p.m.

The new BoatUS / GEICO Marine Insurance building is located just one block from where BoatUS was headquartered in the early 1970s. In addition to BoatUS operations, the new facility houses customer service and nationwide 24/7 on-water/on-road dispatch operations for recreational boat owners.

In attendance will be BoatUS CEO Kirk La and GEICO President and Chief Executive Officer Bill Roberts. Said La, "Some may say we are going back to our roots, because after our founder Richard Schwartz started BoatUS in 1966, he located one of the association's first offices just down the block at 5261 Port Royal Road. However, this is our first headquarters built for the express purpose of serving the more than half a million BoatUS members and GEICO Marine Insurance customers and helping us make boating better for the nation's nearly 12 million registered boat owners."

La said that employment opportunities continue with the growing company at its new location. "Our new headquarters make BoatUS and GEICO Marine Insurance a very appealing place to work." Enhancements that appeal to a millennial workforce include an open design that encourages collaboration, a fitness center with showers and lockers, a full cafeteria, ample parking with electric vehicle-charging stations, and better access to highways and public transportation.

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## ONGOING

**Second Saturdays.** 6-9 p.m. at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. The Second Saturday Art Walk is the perfect time to meet nearly 85 Resident and Associate Artists, creating art in the studios or exhibiting in our galleries. Experience performances of dance, cabaret, comedy, big band, jazz, and theater. Indulge in classes in the art of mixology or cuisines from around the globe. Enjoy art exhibitions in nine galleries of the region's finest sculpture, painting, glass, ceramics, and fiber art works. Visit [www.workhousearts.org/](http://www.workhousearts.org/).

## WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 7-11

**Grand Opening Fundraiser.** 10 a.m.-9 p.m. at Jersey Mike's Subs, 8971 Ox Road, Lorton. The new restaurant is circulating 10,000 coupons throughout the community offering a free regular sub for a minimum \$3 contribution to Lorton Community Action Center. Customers must have a coupon to be eligible. Call this location at 703-646-4087 or visit [www.jerseymikes.com](http://www.jerseymikes.com).

## THURSDAY/NOV. 8

### Annual Charity Holiday Auction.

11 a.m. at the Country Club of Fairfax, 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax. Northern Virginia Women's Club will hold a charity fundraiser for the Fairfax County Area Agency for Aging. Registration and social hour are followed by their November luncheon and live auction. Prospective members and guests interested in joining our festive activities for this event, should call Anna at 703-281-4811.

**Holiday Preview Party.** 2-6:30 p.m. at George Mason's Gunston Hall Museum Shop, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. Kick off the holiday season as the museum unveils this year's holiday merchandise. Receive up to 30 percent off a purchase. Light refreshments served. Free. Call 703-550-9220 or visit [gunstonhall.org](http://gunstonhall.org).

## SATURDAY/NOV. 10

**SantaFest.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Springfield Town Center, Grand Court, Lower Level, 6500 Springfield Mall, Springfield. Merry and bright festivities for children of all ages will include magical holiday characters, treats, games and make-and-take crafts. Free, but tickets required: [springfieldtowncenter.com/calendar/view/3421](http://springfieldtowncenter.com/calendar/view/3421). Keepsake photos with Santa are available to purchase.

**Goat Yoga.** Noon-1 p.m. and 1:30-2:30 p.m. at The Liberty Green — the former baseball field on the Liberty campus. Please note this event is NOT located at the Workhouse Art Center. Goat yoga has been a big craze around the nation with classes popping up all over northern Virginia. The class is taught like any other yoga practice, but with baby goats who have free reign to interact with attendees. Register at [thelibertylife.com/goat-yoga/](http://thelibertylife.com/goat-yoga/).

## SUNDAY/NOV. 11

**Taste of Greater Springfield.** 3-6 p.m. at Waterford Receptions, 6715 Commerce St., Springfield. The Rotary Club of West Springfield is hosting their 6th Annual Taste of Greater Springfield event. Come hungry and enjoy food from many local restaurants. All proceeds go to scholarships and community service projects. \$30 for adults, \$25 for

active duty/veterans, \$10 for ages 6-13. Purchase tickets online at [rotaryofwestspringfield.org](http://rotaryofwestspringfield.org) or contact Jim Kirkpatrick at 703-866-7078.

## THURSDAY/NOV. 15

### Historic Pohick Church Christmas

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

**Lunch N' Life.** 12-2 p.m. at Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. Steve Friedman, the guest author and lecturer, will present a program about Broadway musical theater. Sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke. For reservations, call Bea Stephenson at 703-273-5730 by Nov. 9. Cost \$10.00; checks payable to SCFB. If transportation is needed, call the SCFB office 703-323-4788. Visit [www.scfbva.org](http://www.scfbva.org).

## SATURDAY/NOV. 17

**Civil War Tour.** 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum and sites in Clifton, Centreville, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Blake Myers, noted Civil War Historian, will lead a history tour of interesting Civil War sites in and around Fairfax, Clifton and Centreville. Meet at the Museum. Wear comfortable walking shoes and appropriate clothing for walking through wooded areas. Museum members, \$20; non-members, \$30. Register in advance and pay by Square at [squareup.com/store/fairfax-station-railroad-museum.com](http://squareup.com/store/fairfax-station-railroad-museum.com). Payment may also be made the day of the Tour with cash, check or credit. Register at [information@fairfax-station.org](mailto:information@fairfax-station.org). Call 703-425-9225 or visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org).

**2018 Evening of Elegance with Jazz and Advocacy Gala.** 6-11 p.m. at the Waterford Reception Center, 6715 Commerce St., Springfield. The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Incorporated, Northern Virginia Chapter (NCBW NOVA) presents their inaugural Evening of Elegance with Jazz and Advocacy Gala. \$75. Purchase directly from coalition members or through Eventbrite at [www.eventbrite.com/e/national-coalition-of-100-black-women-nova-presents-an-evening-of-elegance-tickets-49268297805](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/national-coalition-of-100-black-women-nova-presents-an-evening-of-elegance-tickets-49268297805).

**Jazz4Justice.** 8 p.m. at GMU's Center for the Arts, Fairfax. George Mason University's School of Music presents the 17th annual Jazz4Justice live concert and fundraiser. The events raise funds to support vital legal services and the George Mason University Jazz Studies program. Tickets available at 703-993 2787, or at [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 17-18

**Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. At The HUB Ballroom, GMU,

# Mozart's 'Don Giovanni' at Mason

## Saturday, Sunday at Center for the Arts from Virginia Opera.

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION

Aiming to seduce audiences with its luscious memorable music, arresting comedy and challenging characters, Mozart's "Don Giovanni" features one of opera's most suave rogues. He is a shameless nobleman who outrages the women and men who encounter him as he journeys along his chosen path; a lustful life.

Mozart's "Don Giovanni" has been a treasure for centuries. It remains one of the most performed operas in the world. Last performed by Virginia Opera in 2010, "Don Giovanni" returns to the Center for the Arts full of bright comedy, tragedy and a journey to an ultimate fate.

With Mozart's "Don Giovanni" as with all Mozart works, "there is an abundance of humor and beauty, leading to endless discoveries and fresh insights," said Adam Turner, Artistic Director, Virginia Opera and conductor of the Virginia Symphony Orchestra for the production.

"Mozart's soundscape reflects this constant back and forth between the serious and light qualities; particularly with the orchestra serving as sort of a 'Greek chorus', offering poetic and witty commentary throughout," said Turner. "The opera requires vocal pyrotechnics and deeply committed characterizations from singing actors. The virtuosity demanded by Mozart's score is unparalleled.

"And now, more than ever, Mozart's masterpiece offers us the opportunity to reflect upon current day conversations, particularly inspired by the #MeToo and #TimesUp movements. Mozart and "Don Giovanni" may not have changed, but we have," noted Turner.

Lillian Groag directs Virginia Opera's "Don Giovanni." The production will showcase talented young singers making their Virginia Opera mainstage debuts. They include baritone Tobias Greenhalgh as Don Giovanni, bass-baritone Zachary Altman as manservant Leporello, and soprano Rachelle Durkin as Donna Anna and former Emerging Artist Sarah Larsen as Donna Elvira

"Don Giovanni" is complex with characters who want to do their own thing. "Everyone wants to break the rules," said Groag. The opera "endures because it is so funny - the definition of slapstick comedy. You will be laughing for an hour and a

half then it turns abruptly. It has supernatural elements, terrifying moments and the most wonderful music in the world."

"There's a reason audiences love watching Mozart's operas - it's like attend-

ing a sporting event, waiting for the performer to "cross the finish line" or "execute the triple axel" - exhilarating and electrifying performances at the highest artistic level." added Turner. "I hope that audiences are thoroughly entertained and engaged by this production."

Virginia Opera presents Mozart's "Don Giovanni" at Center for the Arts, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Performances; Saturday, Nov. 10 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m. Visit [www.cfa.gmu.edu](http://www.cfa.gmu.edu) or call: 888-945-2468.



**Adam Turner, Artistic Director, Virginia Opera and Conductor for "Don Giovanni."**



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## SUNDAY/NOV. 18

### Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

5-8 p.m. at Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Join Franconia United Methodist Church for a free community Thanksgiving Dinner. Turkey and all the trimmings will be provided and the entire family is welcome. Free. Call 703-971-5151 or visit [www.franconiaumc.org](http://www.franconiaumc.org).

## THURSDAY/NOV. 22

### Turkey Trot for Parkinson's.

9 a.m. at the Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton. Join Thanksgiving morning for the Turkey Trot for Parkinson's 5K Run/1 Mile Gobble Wobble. All race proceeds benefit The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research and 100 percent of every penny donated will go directly to high-impact research programs to help speed a cure. Visit

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## SATURDAY/DEC. 1

### Holiday Extravaganza.

9 a.m.-3 p.m. at South County High School, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. Santa arrives at 8:30 a.m. courtesy of the Lorton Volunteer Fire Department kicking off the Candy Cane Kids Fun Run for kids age 12 and under. At 9 a.m., 170 vendors featuring all sorts of handcrafted items will offer everything from handmade glass ornaments and jewelry to soaps, lotions, clothing, and holiday décor. Cookies with Santa, free, 9:30-12; Fairfax Co Sheriff, Child ID and fingerprinting, free, 9-3; Santa's Book Emporium, 9-3. Proceeds benefit the SCHS All Night Grad Party, PTSO, Band Boosters and Athletic Boosters. Free, \$3. Visit [www.southcountysptso.org](http://www.southcountysptso.org).





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## Girl Scouts Commemorate Founder's Birthday Through Service

The founder of Girl Scouts, Juliette Gordon Low, was born on Oct. 31. To commemorate her birthday, Girl Scouts of Service Unit 52-11 (Springfield) collected and donated "Birthday Bags" to the Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) in Lorton. The LCAC Mission is to provide basic needs (food, emergency financial assistance, etc.) to low-income individuals, senior citizens, and families in the Fort Belvoir, Lorton, and Newington area.

Forty-three Birthday Bags were delivered to LCAC

by Girl Scouts from Troops 1796, 2429, and 52060. Birthday Bags included cake mixes, frosting, candles, gift bags, tissue paper, plates, napkins, party hats, and party favors. In addition to the 43 bags, additional cake mixes and frosting were donated for distribution to clients by LCAC.

To find out more about LCAC, visit [LortonAction.org](http://LortonAction.org), or call 703-339-5161.

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# Teen Star and Photography Buff Comes to Town

**Keenan Allen displays his laid back, Hollywood side.**

BY MIKE SALMON  
THE CONNECTION

**H**ollywood actor, writer and photographer Keenan Allen talked about his favorite photo that is on the back cover of his new book “Hollywood: Photos and Stories From Foreverland,” at a recent book signing at Springfield Town Center. He was taking a picture of a sunset in Hollywood, his hometown, but wasn’t sure he had the settings right, so everything was out of focus except the sunset, which he was focused on in the first place. “I blocked out all the craziness of Hollywood and focused on the sunset,” he said. “I wanted to highlight that in particular.”

The crowd of about 100 teenage girls hinged on his every word, clutching books and flashing smiles at the star, who just finished his seventh season of “Pretty Little Liars,” hit television series. When he’s not in front of the camera, he practices his hobby of writing and photography. At age 11 he was inspired to write “Hollywood,” and after six years of working on it, the finished product was the focus of his book tour.

The book has his impression of Hollywood, and contains a lot of the street performers and less famous people that are hoping for that big break. He wanted to show it as it is, without any point of view, and let people get their own impression. “There is a responsibility to portray your own point of view,” he said, but admitted that he was “worried about my prospective getting in the way,” he said. “I wanted to take people on a journey through Hollywood without telling them how to feel,” he said.

His view from the street provides a certain perspective he was going after. “Everybody just wants to be appreciated, I took the time to look people in the eye,” he said.

Sophie Runia, 14, liked that about him. “It’s very cool, that’s a good thing, everybody should be independent,” she said. Runia is a freshman at West Springfield and related to the book.

Mount Vernon residents Rachelle Deleon, 14, and Lizbeth Ramirez, 16, clutched their signed copies as they came off the stage. “I like how he’s an artist dedicated to his work,” said Ramirez. Allen grew up in the social media era and worked it into this event as well. He posed for selfies with everyone and before the signings, got down with the crowd for some pictures and video. “We’re on his Instagram,” said one girl who came up from Fredericksburg to see him and had her Instagram on throughout the event. Allen has 6.4 million followers, she said. “I’m about to cry.”

Allen had an arts background since he was a child, and his parents were immersed in the artist scene in California. At age 13, he



**Up on stage, Keenan Allen was relaxed with the teens.**



**Down in front, the crowd had a few questions for Allen.**

was in an independent film on Animal Planet, and went on to study video produc-

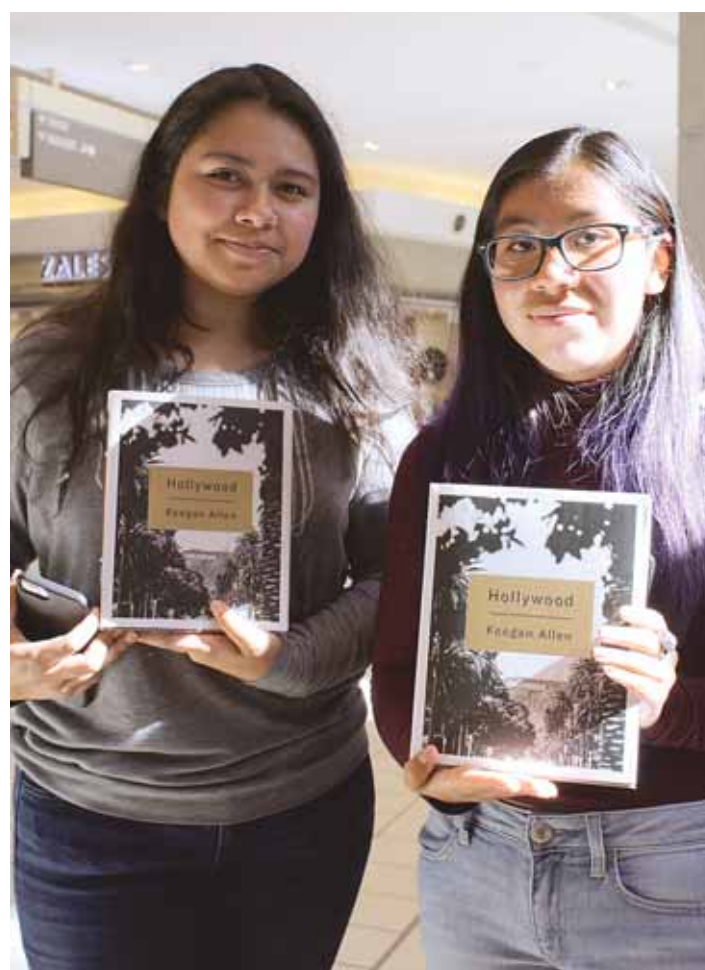
tion in high school. In addition to “Pretty Little Liars,” he’s been on “Young and Hun-

gry,” in 2015 and “CSI: Crime Scene Investigation,” in 2011.



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**Lorton resident Julie Pietrak, a South County High School student, shows the sunset Allen chose for the back cover.**



**Mount Vernon students Rachelle Deleon, 14, and Lizbeth Ramirez, 16, with their books.**



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**News**

**Drug Take Back Initiative Nets a Ton of Medications**

Fairfax County Police Department reported that the Drug Take Back Initiative was a huge success again this year: Fairfax County residents turned in a ton of medications – literally. More than 2,200 pounds of medications were collected at the events throughout the county.

**BREAKDOWN:**

- ❖ West Springfield District Station – 473 pounds
- ❖ McLean District Station – 351 pounds
- ❖ Fair Oaks District Station – 297 pounds
- ❖ Mason District Station – 279 pounds
- ❖ Station – 247 pounds
- ❖ Franconia District Station – 223 pounds
- ❖ Reston District Station – 221 pounds
- ❖ Sully District Station – 183 pounds

Total: 2,274 pounds

If you missed the event, you can still dispose of your unneeded medication at the drop box in the lobby of the West Springfield District Station (6140 Rolling Road in Springfield).

It's open 24/7, and any unused prescriptions can be dropped off



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**More than 2,200 pounds of medications were collected at the events throughout the county.**

anonymously (pills or liquids only; needles) - according to FCPD Media Relations Bureau.

**Legals**

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

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

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

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

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## LETTERS

FROM PAGE 6

in British Columbia is now set to expand to all of Canada. Washington State has on the ballot this November an initiative that would put a steadily rising fee on carbon pollution emitters. Bill Gates and Michael Bloomberg are in support, with Gates writing in an open letter, "You may be skeptical about this idea. I know I was. How can one state make a difference on a global problem like climate change? But I overcame my doubts."

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## Sounds Not So Silent



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

With apologies to Simon and Garfunkel: burping, hiccupping, coughing, "expectorating," wheezing, sneezing, sniffing, nose running, nose bleeding, nose blowing, "gassing," gurgling and "nauseating."

If this were football, I'd likely receive a penalty for piling on: too much not of a good thing.

For me, it's just another day in cancer's side-effect paradise. For my wife, Dina, however, it's more difficult; caught in the crossfire, so to speak. Aside from how cancer makes you look and feel, there is also an element of how it makes you sound.

Not that I'm self-conscious or anything; I'm just more self-aware. But there's only so much one can do, or quite frankly, want to do to manage/control one's sights and sounds.

After all, side effects are sort of the cost of doing business in the medical/pharmaceutical world. And though every patient doesn't experience identical symptoms, we're all warned equally that there could be trouble in them "thar" pills. Part of that trouble is internal: what you feel, and part of that trouble is external: what you see and hear. And depending upon what medication you're receiving, you could be experiencing side effects that manifest more like main effects.

Generally speaking, unless I was really uncomfortable and/or insistent when speaking to my oncologist, he has refrained from treating side effects – too much. His thinking has been that too many pills treating too many side effects makes Kenny an extraordinarily dull and dependent boy, and likely makes matters worse. Granted, there have been exceptions.

But prescribing an ever-increasing number and variety of pills seems akin to chasing one's own tail. It may be amusing to look at (if you're a cat or dog owner), but it's a hell of a price to pay for a minimal amount of relief. You may not be any worse for the wear, but neither are you any better off than when you started.

Obviously, in the cancer-treatment world, there's going to be some discomfort, and I have been prescribed some side-effect medication accordingly: for a skin rash, for constipation, to boost my appetite, for pain and for neuropathy. But overall, to ease my worried brow, we've tried to stay away from letting side effects affect my primary care.

Unfortunately, the reality is, every medication, every treatment, every procedure produces side effects. Trying to keep your eye on the ball during multiple processes, can become challenging. And though it may not be rocket science, it is medicine/science which for a Humanities graduate like me is as unnatural as it can possibly be.

All I understand is trying not to make matters worse, but when you've been diagnosed as "terminal," which I was, things have already become worse. Ergo, knowing how to manage your situation so as not to exaggerate the challenge you already face itself becomes a side effect for which there's very little treatment.

Knowing when to add or subtract medications, knowing when to change one's infusion medicine, knowing when to schedule infusion intervals and knowing when to schedule diagnostic scans, are all wrenching emotional decisions which might have life-ending consequences so these decisions do carry the weight of the world. And though my father always told me that I had broad shoulders (meaning I could carry the weight), I have never been tested as I have these last nearly 10 years.

Having survived for as long as I have, presumably, I have made some correct decisions. Nevertheless, I still feel like I'm one wrong move from disaster. And it's never more clear to me then when I'm listening to what I'm hearing.

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