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### Teacher Charged with Carnal Knowledge

Matthew Snell, 31, of Marvland, was arrested Friday, Oct. 11, in El Paso, Texas, after he attempted to leave the country. Snell, a Thoreau Middle School teacher, faces charges of carnal knowledge of a child and taking indecent liberties with a child by person in custodial relationship. Thursday, parents found inappropriate text messages from the man to a teen and self-reported to the school. Detectives from the Major Crimes Bureau Child Abuse Squad acted swiftly to corroborate the information. Snell became aware of the ongoing investigation and left FCPD jurisdiction as arrest warrants were authorized and obtained. Through coordination with other law enforcement partners, he was tracked to the El Paso International Airport where he was safely taken into custody by the United States Marshals Service. Snell will be extradited to Fairfax County to face charges.

FCPD would like to thank the Vienna Police Department, United States Marshals Service, the National Targeting Center, Homeland Security Investigations and Customs and Border Protection for their assistance in investigating and apprehending this individual.

Victim specialists from Major Crimes Bureau's Victim Services Division have been assigned to ensure that the victim is receiving appropriate resources and assistance.

Detectives are seeking anyone who has information or may have had inappropriate



**Matthew Snell** 

contact with Snell to call Major Crimes Bureau detectives at 703-246-7800. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by phone - 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477), by text - Type "FCCS" plus tip to 847411, and by web - Click HERE. Download our Mobile tip411 App "Fairfax Co Crime Solvers". Anonymous tipsters are eligible for cash rewards of \$100 to \$1.000 dollars if their information leads to an arrest.

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**Friends and** supporters gather at Vienna **Presbyterian's Great Hall for** CHO's 50th Anniversary Party.



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# **Committee for Helping Others** Celebrates 50 Years of Service

he Committee for Helping Others (CHO) celebrated 50 Years of Service to the com munity by honoring its institutional and individual supporters and volunteers at a reception on Oct. 5 at Vienna Presbyterian Church.

NEWS

CHO Chair Ollie Fowler welcomed all guests, and gave a bit of background on CHO. Reverend Pete James of Vienna Presbyterian Church provided an opening blessing, and Linda Colbert, daughter of former mayor Jane Seeman, expressed appreciation for CHO's work from the town of Vienna. Former Chair Blaine Lotz discussed the early days of the organization, and finally, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors member Cathy Hudgins provided a plaque of appreciation for CHO's work.

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> year in which CHO has collected donated food, furniture and clothing, as well as providing emergency financial assistance to needy people in local area. CHO also supports the county's "meals on wheels" program, and organizes a "Christmas Store" event in early December at Vienna Presbyterian Church to offer some extra holiday cheer — presents, clothes, and gift cards for food — to needy families and their children. CHO's emergency financial assistance program pays for rent, mortgage, utility bills, medical expenses and other emergency needs.

CHO's anniversary celebration focused on the institutional and individual members of the community who have helped CHO assist its neighbors over the years. Guests at the event could examine pictures of the local churches and faith-based organizations that are institutional members of CHO; these organizations provide both needed funds and the numerous volunteers who keep CHO going.

In addition to the churches, diverse businesses and Union, Northeast Vienna Citizens' Association (NEVCA), Giant Food and Bikes at Vienna, as well as generous private individuals who often prefer to remain anonymous, provide needed donations and assist with fundraising events. CHO was delighted to welcome to the event representatives of Fairfax County Social Services, who work closely with the CHO emergency services volunteers. Other entities,



CHO President Ollie Fowler receives a plaque of appreciation from Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill District).

such as Assisting Young Mothers, school teachers, outreach workers, apartment managers, visiting nurses, and medical and mental health groups, also support that effort,

CHO was organized in 1969 by a group of concerned churches and individuals in the Dunn Loring, Merrifield, Oakton, and Vienna community to provide assistance to neighbors in need. Since it has no paid staff, CHO relies on its volunteers, as well as spouses and friends who lend a hand, and young people who participate in school and church service projects.

Many of the people whom CHO assists have full community establishments, e.g. Navy Federal Credit time or part time jobs, but the pay is insufficient or too erratic to cover all expenses. Some are refugees or recent immigrants; others are elderly or retired and living on a small pension or caregivers for family members.

CHO appreciates the help of all of its supporters, and looks forward to the next 50 years. For more information about CHO see the CHO website at www.cho-va.com.



A fawn crosses the road earlier this summer.

### More than Half Deer-Vehicle Crashes Occur October to December

Fall is breeding season for deer and you can expect to see more of them on our roads. Please be aware that deer are unpredictable and crashes with them are a safety concern.

From 2015 through 2018, there have been 244 deer involved car accidents in Fairfax County. Over half of those crashes occurred during the months of October, November and December. Deer are most active before sunrise to midmorning, as well as dusk to early evening. This is also the time when many of us are headed to and from work or school.

WATCH: Deer Safety in Fairfax County https:// www.youtube.com/ watch?time\_continue = 86&v=2sPa65OFd1Q

We urge motorists to pay attention, drive carefully and remember these safety tips:

♦ Always wear your seat belt

✤ Drive the speed limit.

✤ Do not text and drive. Avoid distractions!

✤ Watch for eyes shine along roadsides. If you see one deer, it is likely that there are others nearby.

♦ Use high beams as traffic allows to spot deer further away. Be careful not to disrupt oncoming cars.

✤ If a deer is stopped in the roadway, slow down and flash your headlights. Deer can become mesmerized or blinded by bright steady lights.

Slow down or stop if necessary to avoid hitting a deer but you should never swerve out of the lane to miss one. A crash with another car or anything along the roadside is likely to be more serious.

✤ Take your foot off the brake at the time of a crash. This reduces the chance of a deer crashing through a windshield or windows when hit.

✤ If you get into a crash with a deer, try to move your car off the road and out of traffic.

✤ If your car is immobilized in the roadway, turn on your flashers and immediately call police. Try to wait at a safe spot off the road.

✤ Rely on your own senses. Never depend on hood whistles, car horns or other devices to scare deer out of your path.

Pay attention to deer crossing signs and be careful in areas where deer are known to travel.

If a deer is injured or killed, immediately report the crash to us on our non-emergency line at 703-691-2131.



Fall is breeding season for deer, and a buck like this could be unpredictable in crossing the road.

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### Madison High Marching Ensemble Wins Regional Championship

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## Education Learning Fun



Make sure that costumes are fire resistant, use reflective tape and opt for face paint instead of masks to help keep children safe this Halloween. Parents or other adult should accompany children under 12.

# Keeping Children Safe on Halloween

Safety advocates offer tips ranging from costumes to trick-or-treating.

> By MARILYN CAMPBELL The Connection

rom princesses to superheroes, within the next two weeks, as Halloween approaches, many children will be choosing a costume. As children express their creativity with the

help of wigs and light sabers, public safety advocates are encouraging caution both in costume selection and mapping-out a Halloween night route.

"There are several components to safety, first make certain the costumes are well-fitted so they aren't a tripping hazard," said Tammy Franks, senior program manager for Home and Community Safety at the National Safety Council. "Instead of masks that could obstruct their view try using non-toxic face point."

It's possible to use face paint that it free of toxins, but doesn't sacrifice a creative disguise, says Aieda Turner of costume supply store Total Fright in Arlington. "Mehron face paint is completely safe and it's made of aloe vera and cucumber and doesn't have any alcohol which can irritate a child's skin. she said. "Almost all children's costumes made now, even elaborate costumes, are fire resistant."

ent, says Franks, drivers should be able to see children, especially if they are wearing a dark costume. crossing the street so that you don't trip."

"The same basic rules of pedestrian safety also apply on Halloween. Cross the street in crosswalks, stay on the sidewalk ... and walk instead of running when crossing the street so that you don't trip." -Tammy Franks, Home and **Community Safety at the** 

**National Safety Council** 

Adding glow-in-the-dark or reflective tape can help. "Children should carry a flashlight or glow stick so that they can see and be seen," she said. "Parents should make sure that costume is flame resistant and they should add a reflective component."

The costume itself shouldn't have accessories that pose hazards, says Franks. "For example, if your costume includes a sword or knife, make it out of foam or cardboard or something flexible," she said.

When out-and-about trick-or-treating on Halloween, retired pediatrician Julia Baker, MD, advises parents to accompany children under the age of 12. "Parents know their children best and should use their own judgement when it comes to allowing a child to go trick-or-treating [without an adult]," she said. Parents should make a plan with their child

> about the route they'll take so they'll know where to find them in an emergency situation. They should also agree on the time when a child should be back at home."

> Children should carry a cell phone so that parents can contact them if necessary, says Baker. "Parents should definitely be able to reach their children on Halloween," she said. "As hard as it might be these days, parents should stress to their children the danger of texting and keeping their head buried in their phones while trick-or-treating."

Staying in well-lit areas and trick-or-treating with a group of friends can help make Halloween activities safer. "The same basic rules of pedestrian safety also apply on Halloween," said Franks. "Cross the street in cross-

When children are trick-or-treating without a par- walks, stay on the sidewalk instead of running through yards and walk instead of running when

### Sports



Brendan Ryka #4 scored both of Madison's touchdowns.

### Bulldogs Beat Warhawks in Concorde District Thriller

The Westfield Bulldogs (5-0) hosted the Madison Warhawks (4-2) in a Concorde District thriller on Oct. 11.

The Bulldogs would strike first when Noah Kim would score his first of two rushing touchdowns with 1:34 in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. After a successful PAT the scoreboard now had Westfield up 7-0.

On Madison's ensuing possession, QB Ry Yates would find teammate Brendan Ryka for an 83yard touchdown reception. A successful PAT evened the score at 7. Later in the quarter Westfield was again back in business when Isaiah Daniels ran in from 65 yards and Westfield now led 14-7. Westfield managed the clock well after Madison failed to run the half out and Noah Kim ran in from 7 yards out for a 3-yard TD. Westfield would go into the half up 21-7.

After a scoreless  $3^{rd}$  quarter , Madison would score with 4:58 to play in the game, pulling the Warhawks to within a touchdown, 21-14. Madison would later get the ball back and threaten in the closing minute and a half of the game, but on 4th down the Bulldogs were able to stop the Warhawks and took over on downs and ran the rest of the clock out. Madison falls to (4-3) (0-1) while Westfield improves to (6-0) (1-0). Madison will host Chantilly (6-0) on 10-18. Westfield will play at Oakton (2-4).

Alex Jreige #1 carries the

ball for Madison.

-Will Palenscar



Westfield's Noah Kim #10 and Madison's Nolan Crowley #6 show great sportsmanship after a hard-fought game.





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

Countless Shades of Black, Through Oct. 12, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Frame Factory Gallery, 212 Dominion Road N.E., Vienna.

Countless Shades of Black features local artist Alfredo Milian and Discovery Graphics. Free. Visit www.theframefactory1.com for a

### slideshow

The Glow: A Pumpkin Wonderland. Through Oct. 27, Thursday-Sunday nights in Lake Fairfax Park, 140 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Enjoy an immersive Halloween stroll along a trail illuminated by thousands of intricately carved pumpkins, many highlighting the Capital City's most famous including pumpkin look-alikes of iconic landmarks, musicians,

movie stars, superheroes and princesses. Advanced tickets are required. \$16.99 for children; \$22.99 for adults, at www.glowpumpkin.com/washington-

dc. "Trying" by Joanna McClelland Glass. Through Nov. 3, at First Stage in Tysons, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m., and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$42 general admission, \$39 seniors (65+), \$15 students and military. Purchase online at www.1ststage.org or 703-854-1856

Pop-Up Scream Selfie Museum. Through Nov. 3, on select dates and times at Tysons Corner Center, Lower



### Public Meetings 2019 Fall Transportation Meetings

You are invited to participate in public meetings held by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The meetings will begin with a brief open house followed by a public comment period. At the open house you can learn about various transportation initiatives, including:

- Adjustments to Virginia's project prioritization process (SMART SCALE)
- Virginia's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
- VTrans Draft Mid-term Transportation Needs (Virginia's Statewide Transportation Plan)
- Adjustments to the Highway Safety Improvement Program.

Representatives of the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) and Departments of Transportation and Rail and Public Transportation will be in attendance to highlight their transportation programs and discuss your ideas and concerns about Virginia's transportation network. The open house will be followed by a public comment period, during which you may provide comments about the various initiatives. Comments will be accepted at the meeting and may also be submitted via email or online at www.CTB.Virginia.gov.

#### Meeting Dates and Locations Open House begins at 4 p.m. in each of the locations unless otherwise noted.

Tuesday, October 15, 2019* Richmond District Richmond Marriott Short Pump 4240 Dominion Boulevard Glen Allen, VA 23060 *This meeting will also provide	Tuesday, October 22, 2019** Northern Virginia District Northern Virginia District Office Potomac Conference Room 4975 Alliance Drive Fairfax, VA 22030	Monday, October 28, 2019*** Staunton District Doubletree Hotel Harrisonburg 1400 E. Market Street Harrisonburg, VA 22801 ***meeting begins at 3 p.m.	
opportunity for comment on the I-95 Corridor Study Plan	**meeting begins at 6 p.m.		
Wednesday, October 30, 2019 Salem District Holiday Inn Valley View 3315 Ordway Drive Roanoke, VA 24017	Monday, November 4, 2019 Lynchburg District Lynchburg District Complex Ramey Memorial Auditorium 4303 Campbell Avenue Lynchburg, VA 24501	Wednesday, November 6, 2019 Hampton Roads District Hampton Roads District Office 7511 Burbage Drive Suffolk, VA 23435	
Thursday, November 7, 2019 Bristol District Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center One Partnership Circle Abingdon, VA 24210	Tuesday, November 12, 2019** Fredericksburg District James Monroe High School 2300 Washington Avenue Fredericksburg, VA 22401 **meeting begins at 6 p.m.	Wednesday, November 13, 2019 Culpeper District VDOT Culpeper District Office 1601 Orange Road Culpeper, VA 22701	

Fall meeting materials will be available at http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/fallmeetings/ beginning October 15, 2019.

You may submit comments on any transportation projects and initiatives to OIPI Deputy Director Ronique Day, 1221 E. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219 or PublicComments@OIPI.Virginia.gov. Comments will be accepted until November 30, 2019.

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Level near Lord & Taylor. The American Scream Selfie Museum will feature interactive exhibits that will make visitors laugh and scream and the star of eye-popping selfies. The museum will feature an array of custom-built Halloween themed sets individuals can interact with: sit on the Iron Throne and rule the Seven Kingdoms, stand in an ancient Egyptian tomb and face the Mummy; visit a gruesome morgue; and more.\$15-\$18. Visit www.american-

scream.com for timed tickets Oak Marr Farmers' Market. 8 a.m.noon at Oak Marr RECenter, 3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton. Every Wednesday through Nov. 13, rain or shine. Call 703-281-6501 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ farmersmarkets/oak-marr for more.

McLean Farmers Market. Fridays, through Nov. 15, 8 a.m.-noon at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ farmersmarkets/mclean.

Great Falls Farmers Market. Year-

round, Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. Email kathleen@greatfallsfarmersmarket.org for more.

Oakton Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Year-round weekly farmers market in Oakton. Visit community-

foodworks.org. **Mah Jongg Cards.** Order cards through Jan. 15, 2020, from Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland St. 2020 Mah Jongg cards are \$8 for small cards and \$9 for large cards. Official cards and will be sent directly from the National Mah Jongg League in late March/early April 2020. Go to bit.ly/ mahjonggcards2020 or email iva.gresko@gmail.com to order.

#### THURSDAY/OCT. 17

Pumpkin Festival. 5-8 p.m. At the Shops of Avenir Place, 2677 Avenir Place, Vienna. Live music, a beer garden, games and pumpkin decorating. This festival is the perfect way to celebrate the fun and festive season that is fall. Free to attend. Visit www.avenirfest.com

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From left, top: Actor Elizabeth LeBoo as Rachel Crabbe, Brian Clarke as Francis Henshall, Blake Gouhari as Stanley Stubbers, and (bottom) Brittany Stane as Dolly rehearse for Vienna Theatre Company's upcoming production of "One Man, Two Guvnors" by Richard Bean.

### Vienna Theatre Company presents 'One Man, Two Guvnors'

Vienna Theatre Company presents "One Man, Two Guvnors," by Richard Bean, a community binding production that includes comedy, music, choreography and Commedia dell'arte as they "break the fourth wall," by including the audience, based on The Servant of Two Masters by Carlo Goldoni; directed by: Eric Storck. Performance dates and times: Friday and Saturday 8 p.m: Oct.

18, 19, 25, 26, Nov. 1, 2; Sunday Matinees 2 p.m.: Oct 27, Nov. 3. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. SE, Vienna. For more

information: visit www.viennatheatrecompany.org Ticket prices: General Admission \$14. Tickets may be purchased in advance at VCC or by cash, credit card or check at the door before each performance if still available.

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Celebrate "Hitchcocktober." 7 p.m. at Angelika Film Center – Mosaic 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. The Birds (1963). Every Thursday night in October, a classic film by Alfred Hitchcock will be featured culminating with a showing of Psycho on Halloween. \$14.50. Visit www.AngleikaFilmCenter.com for more

Meet Bill Lewers. 7:30-9 p.m. At Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Meet the author of the Gatekeepers of Democracy series, fiction books that celebrate those who volunteer on Election Day to serve as election officers. Learn about "a day at the polls" as seen

though the eyes of the election officers, who are truly the unsung heroes of the American election system. Books available for sale and signing. Visit https:// librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/ event/5247267.

### FRIDAY/OCT. 18 Haunted Friday Night Trip. 4:30-

11 p.m. Meet at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Cost is \$60/\$50 MCC district residents. The Old Firehouse staff invites the bravehearted to join them on a haunted journey searching for ghosts, zombies and whatever creepy creatures might appear in the night. Admission to all attractions are

### included in the fee.

Refugee Chef Event. 5 to 10 p.m. At Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, McLean. Diners can savor Chef Nejat's dishes via a special tasting menu or a la carte. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Table . Without Borders' non-profit partner HIAS, a leader in refugee resettlement and advocacy, and to help sustain Tables Without Borders after the event. Visit www.opentable.com/r/harth-mclean.

### **OCT. 18 TO NOV 3**

"Guvnors" Play. At The Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE, Vienna. The Vienna Theatre Company's production of "One Man, Two Guvnors" premieres at 8 p.m. Friday, October 18. Other performances will be staged at 8 p.m. October 19, 25, 26, and November 1 and 2. Matinee performances will be staged at 2

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Halloween at Town Green. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. At Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave, E, Vienna. Children ages 2-10 are invited to get their spook on with the Town of Vienna at Halloween on the Green. At this free event, kids can enjoy arts and crafts, games, tricky treats, a moon bounce, tales dramatically told by Historic Vienna, Inc. volunteers, and some pumpkins to paint. Valeclub Fall Fair. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. At

Vale Schoolhouse, Corner Fox Mill and Vale Roads, Oakton. Bar-B-Q, bake sale; children's games, activities and pony rides, costume parade, haunted forest; Fairfax County Police car-touch and explore and more.

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Ingleside Ave., McLean. Cost is \$15/ \$10 MCC district residents. From three-time Grammy nominees, The Pop Ups, "The Great Pretenders Club" takes family audiences of all ages on a scavenger hunt for the best imaginative play games your mind can dream up! Tickets are on sale. Visit www.aldentheatre.org.

Fearless Girls. 2-3 p.m. At Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. "Fearless Girls": An Afternoon of Storytelling. Folk stories of brave women and fearless girls can be found around the world. Kristin Moyer will tell two stories about Molly Whuppie, from the collection The Adventures of Molly Whuppie and Other Appalachian Folktales, with a musical interlude. Visit https:/ /vienna-va.aauw.net/.



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- Candidate Forum. 7 p.m. At Woodrow Wilson Library, 6101 Knollwood Drive, Falls Church. These candidate forums are nonpartisan. The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area does not support or oppose any party or candidate and invite all certified candidates in their respective districts. After a moderated discussion, meet the candidates. Volunteers, including students, are welcome. Visit www.lwv-fairfax.org/candidateforum for more.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 19

Watershed Clean-Up Days. 9-11 a.m. Meet at Canterbury Woods Swim & Tennis Club, 5101 Southampton Drive, Annandale. Grab a bag and go on a trash scavenger hunt as the Park Authority hosts "Watershed Clean-Up Days" again this fall. lend a hand by helping to remove tires, bottles, cans and other debris from local waterways. Helping to clear the earth's vital arteries is a great community volunteer project for service groups and students. All ages are welcome. For a complete listing and to sign up as an individual volunteer, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ volunteer.

### SUNDAY/OCT. 20

SCOV Gala 2019.4:30-9:30 p.m. At Westwood Country Club, Vienna.

Announcements



Join the party for an evening of laughter, fun and dancing as they celebrate volunteers, caregivers and veterans. The gala evening will include complimentary wine, beer and appetizers throughout the Welcome Reception, a Dinner, a Silent Auction, a Wine Pull, Heads or Tails 50/50 raffle, and entertainment provided by Bobby McKey's Dueling Pianos, National Harbor. Tickets and details online at one.bidpal.net/ scovgala Call 703-281-0538.

### MONDAY/OCT. 21

Lunch Group Meeting. 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. At Mylo's Grill, 6238 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. AARP VA and McLeanCVA Lunch Group meeting. Enjoy a 15% discount on the entire check. There will be a seminar, and no products will be promoted or sold — just casual fun and socializing with other members like you in McLean. Learn how AARP and McLeanCVA are making a difference in Northern Virginia. Sign up online at: https://aarp.cvent.com/ McLean10212019VA

Pardon Our Dust Meeting. 7 p.m. At Chesterbrook Elementary School, 1753 Kirby Road, McLean, Dranesville Supervisor John Foust and the Fairfax County Department of Transportation will discuss the Chesterbrook Road Sidewalk project from Chesterford Way to Maddux Lane. The project will provide a new 5-foot wide sidewalk, curb and gutter along the south side of Chesterbrook Road, with storm sewer and water utility infrastructure improvements. Visit: https:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/

transportation/projects/ chesterbrook-road-sidewalk.

### Legals

### ABC LICENSE

Mezcalero VA LLC trading as El Sol, 262 Cedar Ln Ste C, Vienna, VA 22180-6600. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine and Beer On Premises/Mixed Beverage license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages, Glenda P Torres Contreras Member, NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

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District 37 David L. Bulova (D), incumbent, unopposed District 38

L. Kaye Kory (D), incumbent, unopposed **District 39** 

Nick O. Bell (R) Vivian E. Watts (D), incumbent

**District 40** Dan I. Helmer (D) Timothy D. "Tim" Hugo (R), incumbent

**District 41** Eileen Filler-Corn (D), incumbent John M. Wolfe (I) Rachel D. Mace (L)

**District 42** Kathy K. L. Tran (D), incumbent Steve P. Adragna (R)

**District 43** Mark D. Sickles (D), incumbent

**District 44** Paul E. Krizek (D), incumbent Richard T. Hayden (R)

**District 45** Mark H. Levine (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 46 Charniele L. Herring (D), incumbent, unopposed

**District 47** Patrick A. Hope (D), incumbent, unopposed

**District 48** Richard C. "Rip" Sullivan (D), incumbent, unopposed

**District 49** Alfonso H. Lopez (D), incumbent Terry W. Modglin (I)

**District 53** Marcus B. Simon (D), incumbent, unopposed

**District 67** Karrie K. Delaney (D), incumbent, unopposed

**District 86** Ibraheem S. Samirah (D), incumbent, unopposed

#### Virginia State Senate District 30

Adam P. Ebbin (D), incumbent, unopposed

**District 31** Barbara A. Favola (D), incumbent, unopposed

**District 32** Janet D. Howell (D), incumbent Arthur G. Purves (R)

**District 33** Jennifer B. Boysko (D), incumbent Suzanne D. Fox (R)

**District 34** J. C. "Chap" Petersen (D), incumbent, unopposed

**District 35** Richard L. "Dick" Saslaw (D), incumbent, unopposed

**District 36** Scott A. Surovell (D), incumbent, unopposed

**District 37** Dave W. Marsden (D), incumbent, unopposed

**District 39** George L. Barker (D), incumbent S. W. "Dutch" Hillenburg (R)



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No Soap. Radio.



### By KENNETH B. LOURIE

This is a punchline to a joke I heard 50-plus years ago during my adolescence. I never knew what the actual joke was, but somehow it was thought to be funny. And so too was it funny the other day when preparing to take a shower at home, I noticed that the bar of soap waiting for me in the shower was razor thin and insufficient for the task at hand. I then opened the bathroom vanity where I knew I had back up and saw there was only one bar remaining. It was the last hold-out of an eight pack I had bought many months ago. As Maurice Chevalier sang in the movie "Gigi:" "Ah. I remember it well."

And remember it well as I remember other similar bulk-type purchases. Sometimes, being diagnosed with a "terminal" form of cancer interferes in the most unusual way. When I buy things or make arrangements

when the use/benefit is in the future, I'll often wonder if I'll still be alive to actually derive the benefit from this day's commitment. As involves the soap; that day in the supermarket aisle, I was really looking for a two- or a threepack, not an eight-pack, hesitating to overbuy when I may under-use. I suppose if I had plenty of money and fewer financial concerns than I do now, I wouldn't have given this soap purchase any thought at all. But I'm me, not somebody else.

And sometimes, I don't want to be me. I'd rather be somebody else. Somebody else who throws a bit more caution to the wind. Somebody who damns the torpedoes and goes full speed ahead. Somebody who's a bit fast and furious and less slowsky, if I can invoke metaphorical Comcast turtles into the conversation. Nevertheless, at the end of the day (at the beginning, too), I may not be Sammy Davis Jr., but "I Gotta Be Me."

And 'me' is someone who doesn't throw caution anywhere, has never sworn at a torpedo and loves turtles, especially when they beat hares. My approach to this excruciating cancer ordeal is to keep my glass half full, compartmentalize, be positive about the negative and not "Live Like You Were Dying," as sung by Tim McGraw, but to live like I was living. Which to me has meant to live normally as if I didn't have stage IV lung cancer, with no bucket list or urgency about anything; and to assimilate having cancer into my life as just another variable, like the weather or the Red Sox bullpen.

Unfortunately, and it might just be me (Oh, really), but this kind of soapy mundane minutiae does occupy (I'm not saying pre-occupy though) my world. But it doesn't necessarily occupy it because I have cancer. It occupies it because I'm more like my mother than I am my father and cancer or not, it's what I do. And being exactly who I am in spite of my diagnosis is how I've rolled through these last 10-plus years. It's been a living for which I remain extraordinarily grateful and to be honest about it: amazingly lucky.

Moreover, I make the same jokes, with or without punchlines, do the same impressions, invoke the same popular culture references and make decisions as I always have. In addition, I allocate resources, juggle funds and plan for the future while being mindful of the present likewise as I always have. My diagnosis certainly defines me, but I try not to let it control me. Still, its reality seeps into every decision I make, from soap to nuts. It's the elephant in the room and the pebble in my shoe (actually that's the neuropathy in my feet).

Still I have to take things in stride - or else. When I saw that last remaining bar of soap, it conjured memories of the tightrope I have to walk (Leon Russell not withstanding). And it gave me pause: Wow, I made it through that entire pack. Now what? Soap. No radio. And so it goes.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

# **OPINION** Dates, Deadlines amd Candidates

On or About Sept. 20: Absentee Voting begins at the Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Conference Rooms 2/3, Fairfax

• Oct. 15: Voter Registration Deadline. In-person: 5 p.m., online: 11:59 p.m.

Oct. 29: Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail, 5 p.m.
Nov. 2 Final day to vote absentee in-person, 5 p.m.

✤ Nov. 5: Deadline to return your ballot to the Office of Elections, 7 p.m.

Nov. 5: Election Day, Polling Places open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Fairfax County Office of Elections,

Hours: Monday-Wednesday, Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

12000 Government Center Parkway Suite 323

Fairfax, VA 22035

703-222-0776 TTY 711 voting@fairfaxcounty.gov www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elec-

tions/

When you register to vote in Virginia, you do not register to vote by party. Virginia is an Open Primary state which means that any registered voter in Virginia can vote in either a Democratic or Republican primary. When both parties are holding a primary election, you will be asked which primary you want to vote in when you check in to vote with your photo ID. Note, you may only vote in one primary.

### Voter ID Requirements:

Per Virginia law effective July 1, 2014, all residents must provide valid photo identification when they vote in-person. Please consult the VA Department of Elections for the most up to date information regarding acceptable forms of voter photo ID.

Many types of photo ID are acceptable for voting in Virginia. You only need to show ONE acceptable photo ID to vote. Photo IDs can be used to vote up to one year after the ID has expired. Acceptable forms of valid identification: Virginia driver's license, Virginia DMV-issued photo ID, United States passport, Employer-issued photo ID, Student photo ID issued by a school, college, or university located in Virginia, Other U.S. or Virginia government-issued photo ID, Tribal enrollment or other tribal photo ID, Virginia Voter Photo ID card

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If you get to your polling place without acceptable photo ID, you can vote a provisional ballot. You will be given instructions on what to do so your vote can count.

### OFFICES ON THE BALLOT, Fairfax County

Member Virginia Senate, vote for one in your district

- Member House of Delegates,
   vote for one in your district
   Commonwealth's Attorney,
- vote for one
  Sheriff, vote for one

Chairman Board of Supervisors, vote for one

♦ Member School Board at Large

Member Board of Supervisors. vote for one in your district

Member School Board. vote for one in your district

Soil and Water Conservation
 Director Northern Virginia District
 School Bonds Referenda

### Voter Registration and Voter Photo ID Opportunities

The Office of Elections is open during normal business hours to provide residents the opportunity to register to vote or obtain a free voter photo ID if needed. The Office of Elections also provides residents opportunities to attend offsite events throughout the year.

### **School Bond Ballot Question**

This is the text of the public school bond question that will be on the Nov. 5, 2019, general election ballot:

Shall Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue capital improvement

bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$360,000,000 for the purposes of providing funds, in addition to funds from school bonds previously authorized, to finance, including reimbursement to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of school improvements, including acquiring, building, expanding and renovating properties, including new sites, new buildings or additions, renovations and improvements to existing buildings, and furnishing and equipment, for the Fairfax County public school system?

### **Candidates, Fairfax County**

**Chairman, Board of Supervisors** Jeffrey C. McKay (D) Joseph F. Galdo (R)

**Commonwealth's Attorney** Steve T. Descano (D) Jonathan L. Fahey (I)

**Sheriff** Stacey Ann Kincaid (D) Christopher F. De Carlo (I)

**Board of Supervisors, District Representatives** Braddock District James R. Walkinshaw (D) S. Jason Remer (R) Carey Chet Campbell (I)

**Dranesville District** John W. Foust (D) incumbent Ed. R. Martin (R)

Hunter Mill District Walter L. Acorn (D) unopposed

**Lee District** Rodney L. Lusk (D) unopposed

Mason District Penelope A. "Penny" Gross (D) incumbent Gary N. Aiken (R)

**Mount Vernon District** Daniel G. "Dan" Storck (D) incumbent, unopposed

**Providence District** Dalia A. Palchik (D), unopposed

### **Springfield District**

Linda D. Sperling (D) Patrick S. "Pat" Herrity (R) incumbent

**Sully District** Kathy L. Smith (D) incumbent Srilekha R. Palle (R)

### **School Board**

#### School Board At-Large (vote for three)

(vote for three) Abrar E. Omeish (endorsed by Democrats) Cheryl A. Buford (endorsed by Republicans) Priscilla M. DeStefano (endorsed by Republicans) Rachna Sizemore Heizer (endorsed by

Democrats) Vinson Palathingal (endorsed by Republicans)

Ilryong Moon, incumbent (withdrawn) Karen A. Keys-Gamarra, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats) **Braddock District, School Board**  Zia Tompkins (endorsed by Republi-

cans) Megan O. McLaughlin, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats)

#### Dranesville District,

**School Board** Anastasia S. Karloutsos (endorsed by Republicans) Ardavan Mobasheri Elaine V. Tholen (endorsed by Demo-

### Hunter Mill District,

crats)

School Board Laura Ramirez Drain (endorsed by Republicans) Melanie K. Meren (endorsed by Democrats)

**Lee District, School Board** Tamara J. Derenak Kaufax, incumbent, (endorsed by Democrats)

Mason District, School Board Ricardy J. Anderson (endorsed by Democrats) Tom L. Pafford

**Mount Vernon District, School Board** Pamela C. Ononiwu Steven D. Mosley (endorsed by Repub-

licans) Karen L. Corbett Sanders, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats)

Providence District, School Board Andrea L. "Andi " Bayer (endorsed by Republicans) Jung Byun Karl V. Frisch (endorsed by Democrats)

Springfield District, School Board Laura Jane H. Cohen (endorsed by Democrats) R. Kyle McDaniel Elizabeth L. Schultz, incumbent (endorsed by Republicans)

Sully District, School Board Stella G. Pekarsky (endorsed by Democrats) Tom A. Wilson, incumbent (endorsed by

Republicans)

#### Soil and Water Conservation Director Northern Virginia District Vote for Three

C. Jane Dudik (endorsed by Republicans)

Chris E. Koerner (endorsed by Democrats)

Christopher A. Bowen (endorsed by Republicans)

Edward F. McGovern (endorsed by Republicans) Jonah E. "Jet" Thomas

Monica A. Billger (endorsed by Democrats) Gerald Owen "Jerry" Peters Jr., incumbent, (endorsed by Democrats)

### **General Assembly**

House of Delegates District 34 Kathleen J. Murphy (D), incumbent Gary G. Pan (R)

**District 35** Mark L. Keam (D), incumbent, unopposed

### District 36

Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum, incumbent, unopposed

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