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Fundamental Freedom to Choose to Marry

Virginia is historically slow in extending rights.

In 1967, Virginia was one of 16 states that banned interracial marriage and had criminal penalties for violators.

Mildred Jeter, an African-American woman, and Richard Loving, a white man, were married in 1958, were convicted and banished from living in Virginia for 25 years to avoid serving a one-year prison sentence. On June 12, 1967, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Loving v. Virginia*, overturned the convictions of Mildred and Richard Loving, declaring the ban on interracial marriage unconstitutional.

Chief Justice Earl Warren wrote the opinion: "Marriage is one of the 'basic civil rights of man,' fundamental to our very existence and survival. ... To deny this fundamental freedom on so unsupportable a basis as the racial classifications embodied in these statutes, classifications so directly subversive of the principle of equality at the heart of the Fourteenth Amendment, is surely to deprive all the State's citizens of liberty without due process of law. The Fourteenth Amendment requires that the freedom of choice to marry not be restricted by invidious racial discriminations. Under our Constitution, the freedom to marry, or not marry, a person of another race resides with the individual, and cannot be infringed by the State."

This week, Gov. Terry McAuliffe celebrated Loving Day, June 12, with a new state histori-

cal marker to commemorate the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in the landmark case. The dedication marked the 50th anniversary of the 1967 ruling that overturned all state laws restricting interracial marriage. The ceremony was held at the former site of the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, where the case was heard before it reached the U.S. Supreme Court. The Lovings' story is told in a movie of the same name.

On Valentine's Day, 2014, Judge Arenda Wright Allen, ruled that Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional. In the opening of her order, Allen quotes Mildred Loving in a statement she made in 2007 on the 40th anniversary of *Loving v. Virginia*:

"We made a commitment to each other in our love and lives, and now had the legal commitment, called marriage, to match. Isn't that what marriage is? ... Today's young people realize that if someone loves someone they have a right to marry. Surrounded as I am now by wonderful children and grandchildren, not a day goes by that I don't think of Richard and our love, our right to marry, and how much it meant to me to have that freedom to marry the person precious to me, even if others thought he was the 'wrong kind of person' for me to marry. I believe all Americans, no matter their race, no matter their sex, no matter their sexual orientation, should have that same

freedom to marry. Government has no business imposing some people's religious beliefs over others. ... I support the freedom to marry for all. That's what Loving, and loving, are all about."

Judge Allen's written decision begins: "A spirited and controversial debate is underway regarding who may enjoy the right to marry in the United States of America. America has pursued a journey to make and keep our citizens free. This journey has never been easy, and at times has been painful and poignant. The ultimate exercise of our freedom is choice. Our Declaration of Independence recognizes that 'all men' are created equal. Surely this means all of us. While ever-vigilant for the wisdom that can come from the voices of our voting public, our courts have never long tolerated the perpetuation of laws rooted in unlawful prejudice. One of the judiciary's noblest endeavors is to scrutinize laws that emerge from such roots.

"Plaintiffs assert that the restriction on their freedom to choose to marry the person they love infringes on the rights to due process and equal protection guaranteed to them under the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution. These challenges are well-taken. ...

"The Court is compelled to conclude that Virginia's Marriage Laws unconstitutionally deny Virginia's gay and lesbian citizens the fundamental freedom to choose to marry."

Adapted from an editorial published by Connection Newspapers in February 2014.

Fairfax County Celebrates its 275th Anniversary

By JOHN C. COOK
SUPERVISOR (R-BRADDOCK)



It seems no matter where you go in Fairfax County, you can't go more than a few hundred yards without finding something of historic or cultural significance. Fairfax County is rich in nearly all historic eras — be it colonial, civil war, or 20th century, and played a significant role in each. As the supervisor for the Braddock District, I want to make sure all of my constituents — and all county residents — take full advantage of this. This year marks the county's 275th Anniversary, and on June 17, Fairfax County will hold a commemorative celebration honoring just how far the county has come.

On June 17, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the area surrounding the Historic Fairfax Courthouse located in central Fairfax (4000 Chain Bridge Road), Fairfax County's 275th Anniversary Celebration and Historic Fair will take place. The celebration will include historically themed family-friendly activities and demonstrations, live musical performances, and more than 80 historical organizations and attractions showcasing their sites and neighborhoods. The county's Fire and Rescue Department will display antique vehicles, and attendees can enjoy other historical displays covering events such as the Revolutionary War as well as World War I and II. Kids can enjoy a petting zoo and other fun, interactive activities.

As a special treat, the actual Lord and Lady Fairfax will be attending the celebration as our honored guests all the way from England. The Lord and Lady Fairfax will also personally present the annual Lord and Lady Fairfax Awards to their 2017 recipients. The Lord and Lady Fairfax Awards recognize community members for their volunteer work and civic engagement.

Two residents are chosen from each magisterial district by each supervisor.

In addition to this visit from abroad, attendees can enjoy meals from a variety of on-site food trucks, and the event will feature speeches from county officials and guests throughout the day. Parking is available at the Historical Festival on the Safety Complex; Parking Garage B (10550 Page Ave, Fairfax). There is no rain date for this event. This is a rare, and sure to be special, event so please consider taking part in the festivities. For more information about this

celebration, and to register for other events observing the county's 275th Anniversary Celebration, you can go online to www.fxva.com/275/.

I hope you will attend the County's 275th Anniversary Celebration this Saturday, and help fill your summer with not only ways to explore the county you call home, but also gather with friends and neighbors for activities that are culturally enriching. You are sure to find something about your county that you didn't know before.

Most importantly, I hope you enjoy a safe and happy summer with all of your friends and neighbors.

SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to north@connectionnews.com by noon on Friday.

Joseph Gallahan, of Herndon, graduated from Champlain College (Burlington, Vt.) with a degree in computer science & innovation.

Rosa S. Morales, of Reston, graduated from the University of Scranton (Scranton, Pa.). Morales earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism - electronic media.

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Patio Ready for Summer? The latest trends for entertaining alfresco.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

The warm days and nights of summer lend themselves to outdoor entertaining. From colorful pillows and cozy throws to textured fabrics and jewel-toned tableware, local designers offer ideas for creating a festive space for an alfresco soiree.

Consider the way an outdoor space will look when it's viewed from inside your home, says Madeline Fairbanks, product development director, Country Casual Teak.

"Choose fabrics that coordinate and accent the colors used indoors to create a seamless transition between the spaces," she said. "Add texture with fabrics, from gauzy sheers to the heaviest brocades, to bring the textures of indoor upholstery outdoors. An added plus is that they help hide dirt and stains."

The transition from a home's interior to its exterior should be fluid, advises Jim Rill of Rill Architects. "It shouldn't just be an outdoor patio, but an extension of the indoor spaces," he said.

Rill suggests using outdoor walls, fireplaces and trellises to create a sense of scale and comfort. "For instance, stone walls, hedges, pools and ponds help give an out-



PHOTO BY STACY ZARIN GOLDBERG

Todd Martz of Home on Cameron in Alexandria advises using colorful table accessories to set the stage for a festive gathering.

door setting scale and coziness," he said. "Think of the outdoor space as a room and consider how it's organized with furniture and materials like you would an indoor room. Patterns in the patio materials also organize the area."



PHOTO COURTESY OF COUNTRY CASUAL TEAK

Outdoor furniture pieces like these by Country Casual Teak help define the outdoor atmosphere of this Potomac, Md., home.

Outdoor entertaining is often food-centric and for an upbeat outdoor table setting, Todd Martz of Home on Cameron in Old Town Alexandria suggests acrylic table accessories. "Incorporate colorful pitchers, glasses and plates to set the stage for a fes-

"It shouldn't just be an outdoor patio, but an extension of the indoor spaces."

— Jim Rill of Rill Architects

tive gathering," he said.

Have a few key pieces for hosting, whether you entertain weekly or just once a year, recommends Fairbanks. "Keep a bar cart near an entrance for wheeling refreshments to guests, or an outdoor sideboard near a dining area for easy buffet-style service," she said.

For chilly nights, drape throws on the outdoor seating for guests, advises Martz. "With the popularity of fire pits, add comfortable seating with indoor-outdoor cushions around them to enhance the experience," he said.



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Art Exhibition. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. through June 29 at U. S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive. Exhibit "H. K. Anne Presents The American Landscape," will be on exhibit at the USGS National Center in a public building, parking is available in the visitor's lot outside the visitor's entrance. Photo ID is required to enter. Visit www.HKAnneFineArt.com for more.

Lake Anne Exhibit. Through July 2 at the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne, 1609 Washington Plaza N. Exhibit features work by members of the Reston Photographic Society. Visit www.leagueofrestonartists.org/rps or call 703-476-4500.

Free Concerts. Through Aug. 26, 7:30-10 p.m. every Saturday night in the pavilion at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. Call 703-912-4062 or visit www.restontowncenter.com/concerts for more.

All-comers' Group Fun Run at Potomac River Running.

Tuesdays and Thursdays. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. For beginners or competitive runners, come out for a fun, low-key run that is safe and social. Call 703-689-0999 potomacriverrunning.com.

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ArtSpace Herndon Every Monday from 5:30-8:30 p.m. 750 Center Street, Herndon. Drawing and Mixed Media with Melanie Stanley - During Fall and Winter of 2016. Cost: \$45/class. The class will use a variety of techniques for drawing, painting, mark making, and collage using fine arts tools and materials. Students will be taken down a creative path to learn to use drawing tools and brushes more effectively. Register by emailing Melanie, and she will send you the supply list and payment options/information: ridingfree2@gmail.com. 703-956-9560. www.artspaceherndon.com.

FRIDAY/JUNE 16

Morning Storytime. 10:30 a.m. every Friday at Scrawl Books, 11862 Market St. Reading stories for children. Visit www.scrawlbooks.com for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 16-17

Conservatory Ballet Performance. 7-9 p.m. at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colt's Neck Road. The Conservatory Ballet of Reston offers its spring performance, "Le Baiser de la Fee," featuring a world of fairies, flora and fantasy, with cast members performing excerpts from such ballets as "Sleeping Beauty" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and others. Visit www.conservatoryballet.com/springgala.php

SATURDAY/JUNE 17

Taste of Reston. noon-11 p.m. at 11900 Market St., Reston. Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce presents this outdoor food festival featuring two days of samplings from the region's eateries, live music, beer and wine gardens, and much more. Free admission; tasting tickets purchased on site or in advance at restontaste.com. Visit restontaste.com or call 703-707-9045 for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 18

Brass Quintet Concert. 7-8 p.m. Reston Town Park, Reston Town Square Park Corner of Market and Explorer streets. A performance of

selections spanning nearly 400 years from Handel, Debussy, and Sousa, to Leonard Bernstein and Fats Waller. Presented by Reston Community Center and Reston Town Center Association. Free. Visit restoncommunitycenter.com/ for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 22

Improv Comedy Night. 7:30 p.m. at NextStop Theater, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. "Last Ham Standing," show for all ages. Visit www.nextstoptheatre.org for more.

JUNE 24-25

SoccerFest. Various times at Lake Fairfax Park, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Full weekend of soccer competition. call 703-471-5414.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 28

The Great Zucchini (Comedy/Magic). 10-11 a.m. at the Visitor Center Pavilion 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Wednesday Morning Children's Series. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov

DEADLINE JUNE 30

Call for Artists. at the US Geological Survey, National Gallery, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Eligible works are paintings, mixed media, and two-dimensional works suitable for wall hanging (no photography). The exhibit will be on display from July 3-28. Artwork that reflects USGS's environmental mission is encouraged. Enter works here www.leagueofrestonartists.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 1

Independence Day Celebration. 10 a.m. at Lake Fairfax Park, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Water Mine opens 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; boat rentals open 1:30-2:30 p.m.; puppet show 3-9:15 p.m.; live music 9:15 p.m. (approximately) Fireworks show \$10/car. Food vendors will set up near the park main office. Campgrounds are available for an overnight stay. Reservations recommended, call 703-471-5415.
Deanna Bogart Band Concert. 7:30-10 p.m. at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. A night of dancing to the jump blues of this pianist/saxophonist/vocalist. Call 703-912-4062 or visit www.restontowncenter.com/concerts for more.

MONDAY/JULY 3

Mr. Knick Knack Performs. 10:30-11:15 a.m. in the pavilion at the Reston Town Center, Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. Music for the children, part of musical Mondays program. Call 703-912-4062 or visit www.restontowncenter.com for more.

TUESDAY/JULY 4

Firecracker 5K. 8-10 a.m. Reston Town Center, Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. Live music and American flags while rooting for the runners in the "Battle of the Branches" competition. Call 703-912-4062 or visit www.restontowncenter.com for more.

Herndon Independence Day Celebration. 6:30-9:30 p.m. in Bready Park at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave. Family-fun event featuring games, patriotic arts and craft activities, live music, family games, bingo, food, balloon artists and more. Visit herndon-va.gov/recreation/special-events/4th-of-july.

Boylan Named President, CEO of Chamber



John Boylan

The Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce has announced that John Boylan has been hired as its President and CEO, effective June 1, 2017. He is the successor in this position to Eileen Curtis, who retired after 23 years of service leading the Dulles Chamber. He has a wealth of experience and knowledge both in the private and public arena with a principal focus in the government areas of defense and technology.

He earned a BA from Fairfield University and a MA from California State University as well as a Fellowship at Tuft's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Boylan retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years serving as a KC-135 Navigator, as well as working in Geospatial Intelligence and Political-Military Affairs.

He was an Executive Vice President of National Security Group and Federal Marketing Practice for Cassidy & Associates, one of the Greater Washington area's top lobbying firms. Of late, he has worked as Principal of Bridget Partners developing strategy, marketing and business development for businesses in healthcare, defense, energy and infrastructure. Boylan has also worked at Lockheed Martin in Business Development and as VP of Government Relations with Riverside Research, a \$100 million not-for-profit.

John and his wife Ellen have three adult children, all living in Centreville, since 1993.

For more information, visit DullesChamber.org.

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WEDNESDAY/JUNE 14

Diversion First Event. 7:30 p.m. at Reston Community Center at Lake Anne, 1609-A, Washington Plaza, Reston. League of Women Voters (LWV) - Reston invites members and the public to a presentation of the County's new collaborative "Diversion First" program by Fairfax County Braddock District Supervisor John Cook, Chairman of the BOS Public Safety Committee, and panel members from the Police Department, Office of the Sheriff, and Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board. Free, open to all. For more information about Diversion First, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/diversionfirst/. For more information about the event, visit www.lwv-fairfax.org or call 202-263-1311.

ONGOING

Sunrise at Reston Town Center offers a monthly Caregiver Support Group on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8 p.m. Monthly support group offers a safe place for family caregivers, to meet and develop a mutual support system and to exchange practical information and possible solutions. Learn about resources available in the community and how to manage caregiver related stress. Call 703-956-8930 or email Reston.ED@sunriseseniorliving.com to RSVP.

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Spontaneous Confusion



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Since I have some alone-time; just me and the cats, I thought I'd try to write my next column a few weeks ahead and take a bit of the time-sensitive deadline pressure off. Not that meeting my weekly commitment has been too much of a problem over the years (nearly 20 in fact), still, I thought I'd put pen to paper, literally, and see what comes out.

So far what has come out is that I'm having creative difficulty writing something that's to be published two weeks hence. It seems/feels that writing in the present about something to be published in the future is awkward, sort of. It's somewhere between wishful thinking and a prediction. Neither of which is characteristic of who I am or how I think. I guess my writing nature is that I like to react to reality and then address it in print, rather than anticipate it and then respond to it. Typically I prefer to be current in my thinking and honest in my prose. Apparently, I have nothing else to share so trying to explain that void is the semi point of this column.

And I suppose, without being too self-indulgent, that if a stage IV cancer patient — yours truly, who shares everything with you regular readers; highs, lows and in-betweens, has nothing of particular interest to share, perhaps it's because I'm experiencing a comparatively easy fortnight between 24-hour urine collection, pre-chemotherapy lab work, every-five-week infusions, and quarterly scans followed by my quarterly face-to-face appointment with my oncologist, so I have minimal cancer-related business to preoccupy my life. It's almost as if I'm unencumbered by my underlying problem: non-small cell lung cancer. And I have to admit, it's a heck of a feeling to not have my conscious and unconscious minding my business and reminding me that I have an incurable form of cancer. Which of course I never need reminding of; as opposed to ending a sentence with a preposition which obviously I do need to be reminded of.

Getting back to the substance — if you can even call it that, of this column: my difficulty writing weeks ahead of publication. What's puzzling about this difficulty is how uncharacteristic of my personality it is. I am not spontaneous. I rarely do anything spur of the moment other than getting off the couch, changing the channel on the television, switching radio stations in the car, deciding what to wear, eating/drinking/going to the bathroom and/or miscellaneous other household-type duties and responsibilities. Yet the problem I'm experiencing now — related to my June 14 column, is that since I'm not being spontaneous, I'm unable to create?

How can that be a problem? That's who I am all the time. I do everything in advance — of consequence, that is. Maybe I'm making too much out of nothing? (Oh, really.) Maybe I'm simply stuck in my head and need to get out of my own way. Not that I make mountains out of mole hills but sometimes, and I've told by my oncologist that I can blame my having cancer for everything, I might not think so clearly and get bogged down emotionally. Ergo, I will lay the blame for this column and it's lack of substance, on having "terminal" cancer.

Cancer doesn't work in mysterious ways (well, perhaps it does to researchers), it works in destructive ways: physically, mentally and spiritually. Logical becomes illogical — and vice versa; rational becomes irrational — and vice versa; and manageable becomes unmanageable — and vice versa. For cancer patients/survivors, expecting that one's life will go merrily along is totally unrealistic. Expecting the unexpected is the path of least resistance.

This week's column/dilemma is simply another example/reminder of how cancer intrudes and deludes and affects those of us who naively thought we would be unaffected.

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



The award for Comic Actress in a Musical is Allie Lytle, "Guys and Dolls," Herndon High School.



The winner of the Female Vocalist Award is Mely Megahed, "Beauty and the Beast," South Lakes High School.

Gala Honors High School Theater

The 18th Annual Cappies Gala honoring high school theater was held Sunday, June 11 at The Kennedy Center in the District. Winning the top prizes for the Best Musical was West Potomac High School for "Billy Elliot," and winning Best Play was Duke Ellington School of the Arts for "The Bluest Eye." This year's Masters of Ceremony were Judy Bowns and Janie Strauss with Erich DiCenzo and Phil Reid as Lead Players.

The show included 59 public and private high schools in Fairfax County, Arlington, Fauquier, Loudoun, Montgomery, and Prince William counties, and the Cities of Falls Church, Alexandria, and Washington, D.C. This year's awards were pretty much evenly distributed across all of those regions. The Cappies season extended from late October to early

May.

Cappies shows were attended, on average, by 45 student critics who wrote 300-599 word reviews. More than 300 student-written reviews were published or broadcast in local newspapers, including The Connection, Patch, Falls Church News Press, Times Community Newspapers, Loudoun Now, Maryland Theatre Guide, and Fairfax County Public Schools and other media.

The Cappies program was launched in the summer of 1999 by Judy Bowns, the Theatre Arts resource teacher with FCPS, and the late Bill Strauss (director, Capitol Steps), in cooperation with area theater teachers, for the purpose of celebrating and bringing public acclaim to high school theater.

— STEVE HIBBARD



The winner of the Critics' Team is McLean High School Team from McLean High School. Front row: Jess Scarano, Syona Ayyankeril, Emily Lachow. Back row: Julia Luigs, Emily Swett, Laras Kettner.

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Karen Pope introduces Doug Landau to his school-aged audience.

Putting Lids on Kids

Herndon lawyer's campaign to prevent bicycle-related brain trauma.

BY ELLEN BARKER THE CONNECTION

Herndon attorney Doug Landau of Abrams Landau Law Firm made a presentation on bike safety at the Herndon Neighborhood Resource Center on Thursday evening, June 8. This was through Landau's Lids on Kids initiative to put bike helmets on children.

Landau visits elementary schools in Herndon, Reston, Loudoun, and the surrounding areas, as well as scout troops and events such as Herndon Neighborhood Resource Center's Parents Night. According to Karen Pope, Program Manager for the Resource Center, this was the final Parents Night of the year. The topic was summer safety.

During Landau's presentation, he asked the children an important question: Had they met anyone with a brain replacement? Unsurprisingly, none had. This helped put the importance of wearing a helmet into perspective for the young audience. "You get one brain," Landau told the elementary aged children, "so you have to take really good care of it."

Landau also made use of visuals. Some of the crushed helmets he displayed were damaged in actual biking accidents.

AFTER DISCUSSING BIKE SAFETY, the devastating impact of brain injury, and the proper usage of helmets, Landau passed out helmets to children individually, with the help of Abrams Landau employee Stephanie Yoon. Each child was fitted for their helmet,

an important step that ensures they will be able to use the safety device properly. Once fitted, the each was able to walk away with a brand new helmet and bike safety information sheet.

Landau thinks discussing and promoting bike safety is especially important to Herndon and the surrounding areas. "Because of the W&OD trail, and the many thousands of people who use it, for recreation and to get to and from work," Landau said. His office looks out on the trail, and he was disheartened to see many children riding without helmets.

The program was instituted through the non-profit Virginia Trial Lawyers Foundation. Lids on Kids involves both distributing new helmets to schoolchildren and educating them about bike safety.

As a lawyer who tries many cases concerning brain injury, Landau knows the importance of protecting the head from damage. "I see the terrible effects it has on the individual victim, their families, and their communities," he said.

Since the helmets are given away with orange stickers for identification, students receiving helmets through Lids on Kids are able to exchange the helmets for larger ones once they grow out of them, or if they are damaged.

Landau has been doing this for about seven or eight years now. "If we can just save one or two kids from cracking their skulls, or getting a traumatic brain injury, or dying," he said, "Then I think the whole program's worthwhile."