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The Strange Career of Felon Disenfranchisement

Amendment targets Jacksonian-era restriction weaponized during Jim Crow.

By Michael Lee Pope

Felons have been prohibited from voting in Virginia since 1830, when the “right to suffrage” was denied “to any person convicted of any infamous offense.” But it was during the era of Jim Crow that felon disenfranchisement became weaponized to prevent Black voters from influencing elections. The Constitution of 1902 disenfranchised Virginians convicted of “treason or of any felony, bribery, petit larceny, obtaining money or property under false pretenses, embezzlement, forgery or perjury.” Now, more than a century later, lawmakers are considering a constitutional amendment stripping felon disenfranchisement from the Virginia Constitution.

“This is something I’ve been fighting for ever since I’ve been in the General Assembly,” said House Majority Leader Charniele Herring of Alexandria, who was first elected in 2009. “Once someone has served their time, they have the civil right to come back fully and exercise their right to vote.”

Herring introduced House Joint Resolution 555, which would have to approve the amendment in November 2022. Gov. Ralph Northam identified this as one of his top priorities in his State of the Commonwealth address last month.

Virginia is one of just a few remaining states where, if you have a felony conviction, someone has to vote or run for office,” said Northam. “It’s not automatic, but it should be.”

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Innovating Young People in Creative Learning Activities

Fairfax Symphony named a Dominion ArtStar.

By David Siegel
The Connection

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra (FSO) adds 2021 Dominion Energy ArtStar to its accolades. FSO received the ArtStar award for its innovative music-learning program, “Link Up,” in partnership with Carnegie Hall. The award was received at the Virginia Commission for the Arts “Art Works for VA” virtual conference.

FSO was one of five organizations from Virginia that received the ArtStars award for inspiring people in creative endeavors. The organizations represent Virginia organizations with annual operating budgets under $1 million. Each received a $10,000 grant to support their winning arts or cultural education program.

“These organizations show ways the creative spirit continues to thrive—whether through outdoor, virtual or digital programming,” said Hunter A. Applewhite, president of the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation. “Virginia is very fortunate to have these talented organizations.”

“The Virginia Commission for the Arts (VCA) congratulates all the ArtStars Award recipients, including the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra,” said Janet Starke, Executive Director, VCA. “This award affirms the good work being done by the FSO, and their peers from across the state.”

Developed by the Weil Music Institute at Carnegie Hall, FSO’s “Link Up” program provides a unique opportunity for students to serve teachers and students by implementing our much-needed “Link Up” education program virtually this year,” said Jonathan Kerr, Executive Director, FSO. “Our commitment to our communities is stronger than ever, only strengthened by the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. By sharing our concerts and education programs virtually, we are filling a critical need for quality arts programs to entertain, educate, inspire, sustain, and unite the communities we serve. This prestigious award furthers our work to provide unique, innovative, and uplifting arts experiences for thousands in Fairfax County and across our region.”

Where and When

To learn more about the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra partnership with the Carnegie Hall “Link Up” program and other Fairfax Symphony education programs, visit www.fairfaxsymphony.org. Additional support for the Fairfax Symphony “Link Up” program provided by ArtsFairfax, The Rea Charitable Trust, and the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation.

In Grades 3-5 to come together for a shared cultural experience.

“We are thrilled and honored to be a Dominion ArtStar in recognition of our work to explore what happens when jazz and classical music come together. Studying composers including Florence Price, Duke Ellington, Leonard Bernstein, George Gershwin, and Courtney Bryan, students are learning concepts of rhythm, form, improvisation, and communication, and how they contribute to that magical moment in the orchestra when jazz and classical music come together to really "swing!"”

2021 Virtual Fairfax County Teen Job and Opportunity Fairs: Signup Begins Feb. 1

For the past few years Supervisor Pat Herrity’s office, Fairfax County Public Schools and Connection Newspapers, along with Supervisors’ offices, businesses, and community organizations including our local chambers, have hosted very successful teen job fairs and career-building workshops. These events focused on students and young job seekers looking for a variety of employment opportunities; full time, after-school, seasonal positions, internship opportunities, and volunteer positions.

The fairs have provided thousands of teenagers the opportunity to get in front of employers and for our employers to find talented Fairfax County students to fill their positions.

This year Herrity is once again teaming up with Connection Newspapers, Fairfax County Public Schools, community chambers and organizations and fellow Board members to bring our community two Fairfax County Teen Job Fairs and Career-Building Workshops. Normally, there are 5-6 fairs at local high schools. With the limitations of the ongoing pandemic, this year’s fairs will be hosted virtually through Brazen, a professional virtual job fair platform. The virtual fairs are scheduled for Saturday, March 13, 2-5 p.m. and Saturday, March 20, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fairs will be open to all teens in Fairfax County looking for employment, volunteer opportunities, or tips on building their resume. Free online booth space will be provided to businesses and organizations to advertise their available positions. We will also host resume and career building sessions with our Chamber of Commerce partners.

Beginning Feb. 1, students as well as employers can register to attend at this link, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield/teen-jobfairs.

First jobs are important, and these events help connect teens with employers and prepare our youth for the workforce. This year especially, students and employers are desperate for opportunities provided by the fair with the hope that some normalcy will begin this summer.
Finding Solutions in the General Assembly

By Sen. Scott Surovell
Mount Vernon Gazette

Both the Senate of Virginia and the House of Delegates have been busy this session, introducing and amending legislation to improve the lives of Virginians. At the conclusion of this session, over 2,000 bills and amendments have been considered — legislation that will impact how we live, learn, and work. The legislation I introduced has gained support in both chambers from our colleagues on both sides of the aisle, and my bills have advanced to the Governor’s Office. I have been joined in the Senate by colleagues including Sen. Adam Ebbin, Sen. Del. Paul Krizek, and Del. Kathy Tran as we have worked to bring Virginians safer, more equitable, and improved lives.

Vaccination Progress

Health care providers and localities are doing an incredible job of providing vaccinations. We have reached the rollout of the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines. As of Feb. 12, nine of ten available first doses have been administered. As of last week, that means that Virginia ranked amongst states as a proportion of our population.

The state also announced a unified vaccination scheduling system although Fairfax County chose to opt out. Virginia is now receiving 129,000 doses per week which is up 23 percent from our initial allocation. We have also expanded the vaccination program to 36 CVS drugstores around the state. We expect the pace to pick up once the Food and Drug Administration approves the new single-shot vaccines.

By Del. Paul Krizek
Mount Vernon Gazette

This last year has been called “historic” and “unprecedented”. Most of the use of these adjectives was pejorative and used in the negative, referring to the various crises our nation has faced and continues to face. Today, I write using these two words in the positive to describe the many important actions Virginia has taken in this session. Indeed, upon this session’s conclusion, Virginia will very likely lead the south in the legalization of recreational marijuana, the abolition of the death penalty, and enhancing LGBT+ protections. These and our other legislative victories are unprecedented and historic, and they will make the lives of Virginians safer, more equitable, and even more fun.

The resolution to amend sections of the Virginia Constitution regarding the prohibition of same-sex marriage is expected to happen during this year. A general vote on the resolution to amend the Virginia Constitution has been scheduled for this session. If the resolution passes, it will go to the people of this Commonwealth for their approval.

Managing Criminal Records

Because the minority (Republicans) refused to extend our “short” session to 46 days, we had to formally move legislation from the regular session to the special session. This forced us to take two days off which gave us some additional time to collaborate to resolve some important disputes. On Tuesday, I met in the Governor’s Office with approximately ten legislators and the Governor’s policy staff to resolve an impasse on the expungement or sealing of convictions and records relating to certain dismissals of criminal charges.

I am very optimistic that we will be able to announce a compromise that will provide hope to the 1.6 Virginians who have a misdemeanor or felony conviction but served their sentence and have long since moved on and lead law-abiding lives. Enacting this bill will help people move beyond their past and support their families, and will also give employers a bigger pool of employees.

The Senate also accepted my amendment that requires Virginia’s Compensation Board to revamp staffing formulas for the state’s Commonwealth’s attorneys. Today, staffing is determined solely based on felony counts indicated and convictions obtained which incentivizes prosecutors to overcharge and over convict people. My amendment will set new standards.

The Senate also agreed to increase and retain about $35 million that I requested to fund the computer infrastructure necessary to facilitate the expungement and sealing reforms, and my initiative to expand the Court of Appeals of Virginia by seven judges. Virginia is the only state in America in which litigants do not have a right of appeal after a civil or criminal case and more judges are necessary to help with the new cases.

Our budget also prioritizes $136 million to extend rail service to the New River Valley in southwest Virginia. This means you might be able to take a train to Virginia Tech in Blacksburg soon. The budget also reallocates $3.9 million per year saved from abolishing capital punishment to a public defender office for Chesterfield County and new public defender appellate positions. A public defender will help provide thousands of people with enhanced legal defense instead of just a handful of people.

Please continue to respond to my constituent survey at www.scottsurovell.com/survey. It is an honor to serve as your state senator.

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A volunteer looks over a box of donated goods during the Alive! housewares donation day Feb. 6 at Fairlington United Methodist Church.

Sweet Home Alexandria

Alive! collects housewares for those in need.

By Jeanne Theismann
The Gazette

Alive! collected dozens of boxes of new and gently used housewares during a drive-by donation day Feb. 6 at Fairlington United Methodist Church.

“We are collecting housewares for the first time since the pandemic started,” said Alive! board member Gerry Hebert. “We haven’t really been able to do this before now but decided to do it outdoors, physically distance and practice safe mask wearing by everybody.”

Housewares were collected by volunteers in the church parking lot on King Street. Items will be distributed to Alexandrians who may be in their first home, transitioning from homelessness, or unable to afford basic household items.

“We have so many people in need,” Hebert said. “When people move from a shelter into public housing or public assistance housing, they often just come with the clothes on their back. They need basic housewares like sheets and pillowcases and towels and dishes. Those are the things that make a true home out of an empty apartment.”

Kylie Payne, a student at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes, volunteered helping unload donations during the event.

“I love helping and organizing things like this,” Payne said. “It’s satisfying seeing how much we can collect for people in need.”

www.alive-inc.org

Nominations Open To Celebrate Women

2021 awards to honor women on front lines of pandemic.

By Jeanne Theismann
The Gazette

Nominations are now open for the 2021 Alexandria Celebrates Women Awards. The organization is looking to focus on those who have worked or volunteered on the front lines during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We have been inspired for centuries by women who step up and led the way in Alexandria,” said organizer Pat Miller. “This past year, many women have worked and volunteered an exceptional number of hours on the front lines – delivering mail and packages, ensuring our food supply, teaching our children, caring for our health and safety, and many other efforts helping the Alexandria community battle COVID-19. We want to honor those unsung heroes.”

Alexandria Celebrates Women will host the first Celebrate Women Awards Monday, March 29. The Women’s History Month awards ceremony will replace the Alexandria Commission for Women’s annual Salute to Women. The free online event will highlight five women through biographical videos.

To nominate someone for outstanding contributions to the community during the pandemic, visit www.alexandriacelebrateswomen.com. Nominees must live or work in Alexandria and nominations close at midnight March 15.

Alexandria Celebrates Women is a volunteer 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization established to recognize the history of Alexandria’s heroines while celebrating the empowerment of Alexandria’s modern woman.

Photos by Janet Barnett/Gazette Packet

St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes student Kylie Payne accepts donations at the Feb. 6 Alive! housewares donation day at Fairlington United Methodist Church.
**Entertainment**

**Off the Menu: Restaurant News and Notes**

By Hope Nelson  
**Gazette Packet**

New eateries, renovated restaurants, de-aged old-timers and well with felines: It’s just another month in Alexandria’s food and drink scene.

La Fiamma to Open at Former Paradiso Location

The venerable Paradise is getting a new look — and a new name — when La Fiamma opens to customers soon. The Italian eatery has made its way to Melina and Gonzalo Pardo, who are looking to put their own stamp on the restaurant and its offerings. From grilled specials (think rack of lamb or Bistecca piccola) to chicken, eggplant or veal Parmesan to an array of fish entrees to a dozen pastas options, La Fiamma is opening up strong.

Port City Brewing Turns 10

In a blink of an eye, a decade has zoomed past since Port City Brewing first opened its doors in an abandoned building on Wheel- ler Avenue.

FEBRUARY 11

The brewery celebrated its tenth birthday with a celebration last Friday. X. Barley wine-style ale and — in this most unusual time — a video from Port City staff and digitaries to celebrate from a distance. 3950 Wheeler Avenue.

ESP Tea and Coffee

Open on King Street

After Killer ESP closed its doors and amid much drama last year, it was unclear what might happen with the cozy coffee space. Turn out it’s a new coffee and wine partnerships that has moved in to take its place. Tech entrepreneur Erik Mueslen’s new shop takes the place of the old Killer ESP and has added his own twists in the form of new tea offerings and more. 1012 King St.

Mount Purmn

Keeps the Party Going

Two months after obtaining its liquor license, Mount Purmn has settled into its full role as Cat Café + Wine Bar with a plethora of events celebrating both felines and festive beverages.

FEBRUARY 14

A new wine and wine pairings for Valentine’s Day to a Purrsident’s Day wine tasting to a regular “Jeopardy!” event (hint: the next one is Feb. 18), the café has embraced its full identity. What’s more: In February’s spirit of love and friendship, adopting a bonded pair of cats from Mount Purmn will only cost $100 this month, as opposed to the usual $250. Love is in the air! 109 S. Alfred St.

Hope Nelson is the author of “Classi- cial Restaurants of Alexandria” and owns the Kitchen Recessionsista blog, located at www.kitchencreationsista.com. Email her any time at hope@kitchencreationsista.com.

**Calendar**

**NOW THRU**

**MARCH 29 (MONDAYS)**

Yoga for Gardeners I. 7:30-9:30 a.m. At Green Spring Gardens. National Park Service guided visits. This class features a gentle introduction to the Vinyasa method, which helps participants increase the strength, flexibility and endurance necessary for gardening. $12.99 for Alexandria residents. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call 703-339-3456 to register online at www.fairfaxcount ygov/parks/parktakes using the program code 685.NLNA or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5175.

**SATURDAYS THRU MARCH**

Virtual Pure Barre. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Virtual via Zoom. Pure Barre has again partnered with the National Landing BID to bring free virtual classes to the community. Visit the website: https://nationallanding.org/do/virtual-pure-barre-in-classes

**THURSDAYS THRU MARCH**

**MARCH 11**

Happy Hour Yoga. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Virtual via WebEx. The National Landing BID has partnered with Erin Sonn, owner of eat.YOGA,drink, to bring unique yoga experiences to you virtu- ally. This free, hour-long class involves participants of all ages.Visit the website: https://nationallanding.org/do/happy-hour-yoga

**NOW THRU MARCH 24**

Every Friday in February. In Alexandria. A fun and challenging game to uncover a puzzle that reveals the secret to a past. Runs February 5-27, 2021 at The Patrons’ Show. The Patrons’ Show is the League’s biggest fundraising event of the year and offers artwork valued anywhere from $225 to thousands of dollars. The Patrons’ Show is now open for viewing during regular Gallery hours: Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

**SUNDAY/FEB. 21**

Dougal Tallamy and Nature’s Best Hope. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Virtual meeting. Global insect declines and three billion fewer birds in North America are a bleak reality check about how ineffective our current land- scape designs have been at sus- taining the plants and animals that sustain us. Doug Tallamy discusses simple steps that can we take to reverse declining biodiversity and explains why we, ourselves, are na- ture’s best hope. Register with code 100JOCR. A link will be emailed to registered participants prior to the program. $10 per person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using the program code, or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5175.

**FEBRUARY 18**

KAERT $29.50

TALIE – Remembering Natalie Maines of the Dixie Chicks  $29.50

COLE $29.50

**THURSDAY/FEB. 25**

Breaking Down the Wall of Slavery at Carlyle House. 7 p.m. Via Zoom. Join Maddy McCoy of the Slavery Inventory Database virtually for a discussion on how enslaved individuals and families at Carlyle House were identified. Maddy will also discuss the database of identifying and telling a historic site's full story. Tickets can be purchased at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ breaking-down-the-wall-of-slavery-at-carlyle-house-ticket-nums-139740187699

**THE BIRCHMERE**

Fri. Feb. 26: TGYRESS SINGS NA- TLJE – Remembering Natalie Cole $29.50

Sat. Feb. 27: TUSK – The World’s #1 Tribute to Fleetwood Mac $35.00

Sun. Mar. 1: THE COLD STUFF’T – Tribute to Johnny Cash, with special guest REDD VOL- KETTLE $35.00

Thu. Mar. 4: HIGH NOON: A Tribute to Lynyrd Skynyrd & Southern Rock $25.00

All shows are at 7:30pm; unless otherwise noted. Tickets available at TicketMaster.com. Contact The Birchmere at 703-549-7500 or www.Birchmere.com.

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General Assembly at Crossover

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527 to establish a workgroup to study the sale and use of invasive plant species in the Commonwealth, and Del. Jones’ HB 2207 which establishes that Covid-19 causing the death or disability of firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, law-enforcement officers, and correctional officers is an occupational disease compensable under the Workers’ Compensation Act.

Many of my proposed budget amendments made it into the House version of the budget including $2 million to assist in the purchase of River Farm, $1 million to increase enforcement of unlawful direct shipment of alcoholic beverages into Virginia, funding for the Department of Environmental Quality for a field test of the effectiveness of certain plantings to remove road salt from imper-vious surface stormwater runoff, and supporting Del. Mark Sickles’ leadership to bring $500,000 from the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families block grant for our local United Community Public parks improve the lives of the people who live near them, and I believe that the historic River Farm needs to be protected for the public good. Unlicensed alcohol shipments negatively impact lawful Virginia businesses and reduce the Commonwealth’s tax revenue from these products. Groundwater quality impacts the health of the en-vironment and the public. I hope that the Senate will agree that these amendments will make life better for all Virginians and that they make it into the final budget.

BULLETIN BOARD

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impacting Alexandria travelers between Saturday, February 13 and Sunday, May 23. Work scheduled during this period will result in significant station infrastructure improvements as part of WMATA’s Platform Improvement Project; up-grades to signal and power systems along the Blue Line; and installa-tion of the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station pedestrian bridge.

FEBRUARY 13 THROUGH MAY 23: Metrorail will temporarily suspend service along the Blue Line to facilitate work associated with the Platform Improvement Project. The Arling-ton Cemetery Station will be closed for platform reconstruction and the installation of more energy-effi-cient LED lighting, slip-resistant tiles and new digital signage to improve customer communication. The Addison Road station on the Blue Line in Maryland will also be closed for similar improvements. Metrorail is providing free shuttle busser between the Pentagon, Arlington Cemetery and Rosslyn stations for riders. Travel between Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C. is available on the Yellow Line via the Pentagon, and the Orange or Silver Lines via the Rosslyn station.

BEGINNING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16: Metrorail will begin running a temporary extension of Yellow Line service in Northern Virginia that travels to the Van Dorn St. and Franconia-Springfield stations. This addi-tional train service will originate at the Mt. Vernon Square station, then follow the Yellow Line to the King St.-Old Town station, and deviate onto rail serving the Van Dorn St. and Franconia-Springfield stations. Service along this Yellow Line extension will be limited to Monday through Friday until the track work impacting the Franconia-Springfield and Van Dorn St. stations is complete.

TUESDAY/MARCH 16

Mount Vernon Genealogical Meeting. 1-3 p.m. Via Zoom. The internet has changed the way we do genealogy. Does this make books, CDs and microfilm obsolete? Join the MV Genealogical Society’s March meeting and let Chuck Mason, Jr., host of Channel 10’s Tracing Your Family Roots, walk you through the benefits of using all of these sources. Nonmem-bers are welcome to one event each year free of charge. Register by March 12 by emailing contact-us@mvgenealogy.org.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Available The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia is accepting ap-plications for college scholarships for the 2021 – 2022 school year. El-igible students include high school seniors, undergraduates, and grad-uate students in Northern Virginia. Community Foundation manages 12 scholarships and administers the funds for 18 other scholarships that support Northern Virginia stu-dents pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees. The applications for scholarships are due by 5 p.m. on April 2, 2021. To learn more about each scholarship opportuni-ty and to apply visit: cnova.org/grants-and-scholarships.

COVID UPDATES

Quick Facts for Older Adults about COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments Vaccine eligibility is occurring in phases per the CDC and Virginia’s Department of Health. More information about vaccine rollout in Fairfax can be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19. As more vaccine becomes available, there will be more options where to access it. In the future, you will likely be able to access vaccine via your doctor, a health clinic or pharmacy. It takes two does. Follow the direc-tions of your vaccine provider to schedule your second dose. One caregiver can attend a vaccine appointment with their loved one. Vaccine-eligible people can register for appointments online or over the phone (no need to do both). Online: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ covid19. Click on “Vaccination” at the top of the page and you will see registration information. After your registration is accepted, a
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Dearest Ravi,

When we met February 14, 1981, we were not all that aware that our incredible journey would begin at that moment. We were both 26, in the midst of a nerve-wracking exam season, and all began, the right before Valentine’s Day, when my neighbor was out of town. I was home alone at 7:30, and as I was finishing up studying, I heard a knocking at the door. I went to answer it, and there was Ravi standing at my door with a bouquet of white roses. He was wearing a black suit, and his smile was as bright as the roses. He said, “I heard you were looking for a partner for Valentine’s Day dinner, and I thought I’d show up and surprise you.”

I was overjoyed. We spent the evening together, and I knew right away that we had something special. I had never felt this way before. I had always thought that true love was something that would come when I found the right person, but with Ravi, it was like love had finally come home. He was the first person I ever met who made me feel like I was the only one in the world. I knew that I had found my soulmate.

Over the years, our love grew stronger. We started going on adventures together, exploring new places and trying new things. We would go hiking in the mountains, or we would spend our weekends at the beach. We would try new restaurants and cuisines together. We would go on long walks and talk about everything under the sun.

One of my favorite memories was when we went to Puerto Rico for our anniversary. It was the first time we went on a vacation together, and it was magical. We got to experience the beautiful island, visit historical sites, and try new foods. We especially loved trying codfish fritter, a local delicacy. I cherished the first time you had a “bacalaito” from one of the scenes of the Bruce Lee movie, and you said, “This is the best meal I’ve ever had.”

I also cherish the day you asked me to dance and turns the protective way you held my wrist when we were dressed up for a formal dance. I remember how you stroked my hair, and I felt like the luckiest woman in the world.

I love you because no matter what, you are always there for me. You are my partner but also my best friend. You know how to make me laugh, and you know how to make me feel special.

I cherish your rich cultural heritage, your smile of yours, laughter and charming person as you stand on the dance floor. I cherish the way you would always end a phone conversation by saying, “I love you Babo.”

I cherish your love and affinity towards me with what you call your “John Waynes.”

Through our health struggles, we supported each other on one another and in illness. We got through some difficult times together, and we came out stronger for it. We were always there for each other, and we knew that we could always count on each other.

I cherish the memories of our special unforgivable and magical Valentine’s events. We were always creative and loved to make the occasion special. The first time you proposed, you drew on language from several scripts and wrote a poem in Hindi for me. I was speechless.

I cherish your love for Michelle, Omar, Javier and my four granddaughters as you moved on in our relationship. I have been instrumental in the family as an engineer. You loved your examples, giving them advice, guiding them through these wonderful phases.

In conclusion, I find myself these days reflecting on our love and reaffirming our “Happily Ever After.”

I cherish your love and commitment and support towards one another. Our love, commitment and support towards one another has always been present. It has been reflected in the way you have taken care of one another and the way you would always end a phone conversation by saying, “I love you Babo.”

I cherish the incredible journey that we have shared, and I look forward to many more years together. I love you now, I love you then, and I love you always.

Love, Always,

I Love You

I love you today, yesterday, and forever, you and me and you and we and how to make me laugh. I cherish our memories and the feelings we share. I cherish our story. You and me and you and we and how to make me laugh. I cherish our memories and the feelings we share. I cherish our story.

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persons who were perpetually in a state of dependence or, the case of convicts and vagrants, had ostracized themselves from the interests of a specific community,” wrote historian Christopher Curtis. “Nevertheless, the disenfranchisement of felons had itself been transformed from a test of the ability to produce one’s own food into a test of a rela- tive social productivity.”

The disenfranchisement for felons did not apply to African Americans because they couldn’t apply, according to Curtis. Subsequent Virginia constitutions began to make the initial exclusion for anyone convicted of an “infamous offense.” In 1851, brerity was added. Then, in 1855, treating of the disenfranchise ment included. When a constitutional convention began in 1901, delegates drew on language from several states seeking to prevent par- ticipation from Black voters. The Constitution of 1902 was a Jim Crow document aimed at institutionalizing white supremacy and preventing Black people from being able to exercise the franchise of voting.

“Our politics will be purified,” boasted state Sen. Carter Glass, a newspaper editor from Lynchberg who played a key role in the con- stitutional convention. “This plan of popular suffrage will eliminate the darkey as a political factor in this state in less than five years so that in no single county of the commonwealth will there be the least concern felt for the complete supremacy of the white race in the affairs of government.”

WHITE SUPREMACY was the declared goal of the 1902 Constitu- tion, and it was devastatingly successful. A new literacy test re- quired voters to give a reasonable explanation of any section of the constitution unless he paid proper- tax of $1.50 for each of his property, or $1.50 for each $100 of his personal property. A new literacy test re- quired voters to give a reasonable explanation of any section of the constitution unless he paid proper- tax of $1.50 for each of his property, or $1.50 for each $100 of his personal property. A new literacy test re- quired voters to give a reasonable explanation of any section of the constitution unless he paid proper- tax of $1.50 for each of his property, or $1.50 for each $100 of his personal property.
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The photo of the suspects from a store in Prince George's County where the credit cards were being used.

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Obituary

Carlton Farquhar Andrus

On Sunday, February 7, 2021, Carlton Farquhar Andrus died at the age of 82. He was known to his friends as Nick and to his 11 grandchildren as Grampa. He loved his family dearly and they were the center of his world. He loved sharing a story and a laugh with friends and strangers alike. His laugh was loud and all-consuming, and usually the room roared with laughter with him. He will be dearly missed.

Born in New York City on June 1, 1938, Nick was nicknamed knickerbocker as the first person in his family history, which dates back to the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1730, to be born in New York City. After graduating from Phillips Academy and Brown University, Nick moved to Washington, D.C. and spent 5 months on the staff of Senator Everett M. Dirksen (R - IL). He became active in the D.C. Young Republicans and served as their Treasurer in 1966. Following work on the 1968 election and 1969 inauguration of President Richard M. Nixon, Nick joined the former Department of H.E.W. where he worked for over 7 years in a variety of legislative affairs positions. In 1977, he began nearly 4 years in the United States Senate as a Legislative Assistant to Senator Harry F. Byrd Jr. (D – VA) and Senator Robert C. Byrd (D – WV). In 1981, Nick moved to the Government Accountability Office (GAO), where he spent over 25 years doing budget work. His highest position was GAO’s Deputy Budget Officer.

Since his retirement in 2006, Nick sang in 3 church choirs. In 2008, Nick joined the Mt. Vernon Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, the Harmony Heritage Singers, and served as its President. He participated in the Meals-On-Wheels program and was active in the Alexandria chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), where he held several leadership positions including President.

In 1971, Nick married Katherine (Kathy) Louise Decker, formerly of Knoxville, TN, and Washington, D.C. Nick and Kathy had five daughters. Their youngest daughter, Kathleen (Kate) McQuiston Andrus preceded him in death in 1992 at the age of 10. He is survived by his wife, Kathy, his daughters Elizabeth (Beth) Ann Withers of Peoria, IL, Mary (Mary) Katherine Andrus Cross of Tampa, FL, Robin Andrus Kinzer of Arlington, VA, and Margaret Andrus Sicking of Auckland, New Zealand, and his 11 grandchildren and 4 great-nephews. Nick is also survived by his sister, Elizabeth (Liz) Andrus Scholten of Glen Ellyn, IL, his brother, Thomas (Tom) McQuiston Andrus of Portland, OR, and his Uncle Robert (Bob) Farquhar Andrus of Chicago, IL.

In respect of coronavirus precautions, on Friday, February 19, at 10:30 am, there will be a small private celebration of Nick’s life. A link to virtually view this event will be shared through the Demaine’s Funeral Home website.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Parkinson’s Foundation of the National Capital Area ([https://app.レストegovi.com/onlineforms/ParkinsonsFoundationOfTheNationalCapitalArea/donation.html]) or to Nick’s granddaughter’s campaign to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (Kait Withers - https://events.lfs.org/ncacDC/2021/kithers/kithers.html) and Alkon Kinzer - https://events.lfs.org/ncacDC/2021/kinzer/)

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Gazette Packet

When Lisa Lightner’s son Kevin was two-years-old, she discovered that he would need special education. After a brief conversation, during which I described my symptoms in more detail, a diagnostic scan was scheduled for the next day. Fortunately an appointment opened up while we were talking. Otherwise, it might not have occurred so soon. According to my oncologist, what I was experiencing is called “disequilibrium.” I couldn’t walk a straight line. Had a police officer been present, I would have been cited for walking while intoxicated.

Amazingly I received the results from the MRI within a few hours of my appointment. The report of the radiologist is extremely thorough since he had been given “contrast,” an infusion which provides better detail for the radiologist. Given my pre-existing kidney issue, there are certain products which I cannot tolerate, ones which are filtered through the kidney, specifically “contrast.” But this time, my oncologist wanted the clearest picture possible. Infusing “contrast” resulted in total paralysis. Like the difference between viewing color and black and white. So receiving an “unremarkable” (no metastasis, “no infarct, no hemorrhage, no intracranial abnormality,” no anything) report was particularly encouraging. Now I can breathe again, except for what was caused by the levniva (my thyroid cancer medicine), but that symptom is more par for the course I’ve been on for the last four months or so. “Disequilibrium” not so much.

Going forward, I am experiencing less balance issues and can walk without a cane for no longer for the moment, taking my thyroid medicine which I can’t imagine is a good thing. However, I’m not going to worry about that in the short term. In the long term, not taking the best possible prescribed treatment for the treatment of papillary thyroid cancer is hardly reassuring—especially for someone living with a presumptive life expectancy. Nevertheless, if I’ve learned anything in my nearly 12 years as a cancer patient, it is that sometimes, side effects, misdiagnosis (or protocols) last forever. Heck, sometimes treatment and all doesn’t even last a lifetime. It takes time to sit tight and try to be patient. Getting ahead of one’s immediate circumstances is unhelpful and could end up doing more harm than good (from my modus).

That being clear to me, anytime I can get a month where I have no scheduled lab work, infusion, injection, diagnostic scan or appointment is to be acknowledged and celebrated almost. Presently, I am, or rather was in the middle of just such an interval until this “disequilibrium” manifested. It’s sort of like being called in to work on your off day. Mentally, it really upsets the apple cart, and more specifically your piece of mind. And any time a cancer patient can get some piece of mind, it’s extremely valuable. It’s mind over something that’s the matter.

With a month off from cancer-related activities, one can almost (almost, not quite though) live a cancer-free, normal-type life. It’s not as if you forget your circumstances completely, but it allows a certain mental break which believe me, all us cancer patients need. Without all the constant reminders, one can almost kick back-liner the whole cancer existence. Unfortunately, this kind of existence is also characteristic of the ups and downs and all arounds that cancer patients experience. Granted, it’s not ideal, but it’s still a living, thank God!

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