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M. J. Hussein, owner of Portobellos restaurant in Arlington. A neighborhood favorite, the restaurant is closing Sept. 25.

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## ONE BUSINESS HANGS ON, ANOTHER CLOSES

# Favorite Neighborhood Restaurant to Close September 25

BY SHIRLEY RUHE

**F**our lobsters for Saturday night?" "We can do that," M.J. Hussein answers his customer who has texted his cell phone. "I just ordered trout for another couple who come every Thursday night and they mostly like fresh fish. And another lady wants fried oysters." Hussein, owner of Portobellos at 2109 N. Pollard Street, has a lot of customers' numbers on his cell phone.

Hussein says he just tells his customers to text him and he'll get them their favorite. "I know them all when they come in, and I know what they want to drink and have it right in front of them." He says about 75 percent of his customers get the same thing every week or say, "pick something for me." He says it's very family oriented. "Most of my clientele are between 60-85 years old."

Hussein says the customer favorites on the menu are the fresh Alaska cod and the salmon. Things not on the menu, "I would say it's the lamb chop." He characterizes the restaurant as offering fresh ingredients, always consistent and with lots of great flavors.

But Portobellos is closing after 15 years, a victim of the pandemic and an unfortunate set of setbacks. Hussein has been in the restaurant business all of his life since he started as a dishwasher at 13-years-old. It's all he knows. His parents had migrated here from Palestine in 1967.

Portobellos has grown into a neighborhood favorite. But everything happened all at once. First it was COVID and then the supply chain broke and then the prices skyrocketed. "It's crazy how the prices are going up. Filet that used to cost me \$12 bucks is \$23. And crab meat—it's been a nightmare."

When coronavirus hit, it was a huge transition. "But we never shut down. We started doing carry out. Some customers put it on their neighborhood ListServe to get out the word." He said business was good but never like when they had dinner in the restaurant. "We had just enough to pay the staff, food and electricity. But not myself."

He says he still has the same people who have been loyal over these years. The chef is William Gordon. "I'm the waiter. I have a guy out here with me, a head cook and dishwasher."

Last year Portobellos' lease ran



Portobellos Restaurant is closing Sept. 25.



Chef William Gordon at Portobellos

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out. In one week Hussein had his dishwasher break. "That was \$4,200." A day later the ice maker broke. That was \$2,200. "It's a lot of money for a small restaurant when we make three cents on the dollar." He had to borrow the money from his former wife.

Then there was a gas leak in the building. The fire department came out and found out the water heater was done as well as the hood system for the stove. "When all was over, it was another \$5,000 we didn't have." He had gotten

a PPP loan early on "but it went fast."

Hussein said when the restaurants started opening back up, his carry out dropped by 50 percent. Although he opened back up in June 2021, the lease was up, and business hadn't rebounded. So he made the decision to get out by the end of September so he would have time to sell all of his equipment.

The staff who stay on to the end will get a percentage of what he makes.

The closing date is Sept. 25. "I'm very thankful for Arlingtonians or I wouldn't have succeeded. I'm very sad to get up and leave."

Customers have been stopping by to say goodbye and have one last meal.

"I have no complaints, no regrets. I'm a young man; I'm turning 50 in 13 days." Hussein says he'll get another job and have time to watch his high school daughters play basketball.

"It's no use fighting it. It's been a great 15 years."

## What Could Be Better: Great Service with a Smile and an African Parrot

BY SHIRLEY RUHE

**M**att Srebrow stands at the front counter at Eagle Cleaners on Williamsburg Boulevard late on Saturday afternoon with his African parrot, Emma, on his shoulder. He says people are in on Saturday. They work at home during the week "so lots of people come in on Saturday. But we're still doing 50 percent of what we used to do pre-COVID." He points out some people stop by just to see Emma, "and kids play with her."

In March 2020 people just stopped showing up. "I spent endless hours here with no customers and no staff." He does all of the cleaning onsite and before COVID hit, he had eight employees. Now he is back to only three. In the beginning he was down to 15 percent of his previous business.

Still he says he has done better than most other cleaners. "Four other cleaners in a five mile radius have closed." He has loyal customers. Seventy percent have been coming since the beginning when his father opened up the cleaners in 1996. "My father did it because he got tired of going to different cleaners who didn't take responsibility when something was lost or



Matt Srebrow, owner of Eagle Cleaners on Williamsburg Blvd. with his African parrot, Emma.

stolen. We opened up to be different than everyone else."

"Hi Julie." As if to prove the point, a customer who has been coming since 2006 stops in to pick up some shirts and dresses. She says something happened to a dress in the beginning and Matt made it right. "I've been coming here ever since."

And they replace buttons for free.

Douglas comes in to pick up



A customer drops off one comforter and picks up another. Her cat is upset with the new puppy so she is following it around the house cleaning up comforters, one at a time.

three shirts. "I'm military and he's always fixing my buttons; they fall off all the time. This is a great business, and the customer service is always outstanding."

And he points out they offer a military discount.

Srebrow says the dry cleaning business has changed over the years. "We switched to safer chemicals about five years ago." Prices have recently gone up on everything. Hangers are in short supply and double the price. He adds that all bills are up—gas, power.

A Listrini's pizza delivery man drops a box with a vegetarian pizza on the front counter. "Emma loves the pizza crust. She knows

when he comes in." Srebrow pulls off a piece of crust and Emma politely pulls it off bite by bite.

Eagle Cleaners clean everything from shirts to dresses, men's and women's suits, comforters, cushions, rugs, leather, drapes. "We repair shoes. We do the hospital curtains for Virginia Hospital Center."

The most difficult job is wedding dresses. "The long dresses drag on the ground and get a black rim on the hem of the dress. It is difficult to get out."

And the most difficult stain? Not blood as most would guess. Mustard. It acts like a dye.

A customer, arms loaded with a fluffy white comforter, deposits

it on the counter and retrieves a blue patterned comforter that she had dropped off earlier. "The cat is upset about our new puppy so I'm bringing in the comforters as she works through the house."

Srebrow said when business was slow at the beginning of the pandemic that customers who didn't need clothes cleaned for work brought in comforters instead to help support the business. "They were stacked from here to the wall." Cleaners got hit very hard. "People either dress up or they don't."

The day after Memorial Day this year it got busier when companies started going back to work so people needed their work clothes again. Now Srebrow says, "We don't know what to expect." He says there are a lot of government employees, doctors, lawyers in this area. For the past year they were predicting people would go back to work in September. "But now we have Delta virus so they are saying November or maybe January." Now he wonders how long this will last. What will be the new schedule for workers? "There are a lot of questions still unanswered."

But he doesn't plan to go anywhere. "We are part of the community."

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# Still Standing – Still Free

**S**till Standing – Still Free, a non-profit founded by three photographers who were on site at the Pentagon on 9/11, is hosting a Sept. 10 Reception and Program with a private viewing of a month-long Gallery display of historic photographs in honor of first responders and victims of the terrorist attack.

The Reception and Gallery are

located at the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City.

Reception and Program – Friday, Sept. 10, Metro Tower of the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City, 1200 S. Hayes St. 12th Floor across from the Pentagon City Metro. Reception & Program 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Arrival: 5:30 p.m. Featuring Alexandria High School Junior ROTC Color Guard.

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lington County Fire Captain Gregg Karl, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Chief John S. Butler, Washington DC Fire and EMS Chief John A. Donnelly Sr., Arlington County Deputy Chief of Police Wayne Vincent, Ft. Meyer Firefighter Alan Wallace, Alexandria Fire Department Chief Corey Smedley, Alexandria Fire Department and other first responders.

9/11 Photographers Sean Kelley,

Joe Pisciotta and Bob Pugh witnessed and documented the attack at the Pentagon that ultimately dictated the way we now live and changed our world forever. Their work will be showcased in a private Gallery viewing following the Reception.

The photo Gallery is free and open to the public from Sept. 11 through Oct. 11. <http://www.still-standingstillfree.org>

## Commemorating 20th Anniversary of 9/11

**T**he Arlington County Fire Department will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, in a ceremony at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021.

Arlington Fire Chief David Povlitz and 200 first responders, many of whom responded to the Pentagon on the day of the attacks, will attend the event. It will also include remarks from Sen. Tim Kaine, Rep.

Don Beyer, and local elected officials. The event will conclude with a rose laying ceremony at the ACFD's World Trade Center steel.

The event will be streamed live on the County website, YouTube chan-

nel, Facebook Page. The ceremony can also be viewed on the County's cable channels (Comcast channel 1085 or Verizon channel 39).

The ceremony will be closed to the public except for online streaming.

### CALENDAR

#### FRIDAY/SEPT. 10

Arlington Remembers Sept. 11, 2001, Remembrance Event 2021 on Friday, Sept. 10. Arlington County will commemorate the lives lost in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and express gratitude to all those who responded that day. The program will begin at 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 10. It will include the presentation of Colors by the Arlington County Public Safety Combined Honor Guard and the laying of a wreath at the Bozman Government Center. A moment of silence will be held at 9:37 a.m., the minute when the plane struck the Pentagon and 184 lives were lost.

Streamed live on the County website <https://www.arlingtonva.us/>. The ceremony can also be viewed on the County's cable channels (Comcast channel 1085 or Verizon channel 39). MORE: Plan Your Own Observance <https://www.911memorial.org/plan-your-own-911-anniversary-observance>

#### SEPT. 15

**GRAND FINALE** after 25 years for Bowen McCauley Dance Company at the Kennedy Center on September 14 at 7 p.m. This Arlington-based dance company will present three world premieres with live musical accompaniment. Tickets available at the Kennedy Center Eisenhower Theatre.

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#### SEPT. 7-28

Jane Franklin Dance Presents Forty+ Project. At 3700 S. Four Mile Run



**The Jane Franklin Dance Presents Forty+ Project will be held Sept. 7-28 in Arlington.**

Drive, Arlington. From 12:30-1:30 p.m. Featuring: Choreographer Brynna Shank. Enroll: \$100 for the 5 session series. Created during January and February 2020, and postponed due to covid closures, Brynna Wilder's "This One is Mine" has not been performed for a live audience. Work with the original cast members to bring this exciting work that incorporates "This is My Voice", a poem by Shane Koyacan back to the stage. We all have thoughts, opinions, and voices; all different and all beautifully unique. "This is my voice, there are many like it, but this one is mine." This project culminates with a performance at Lubber Run Amphitheatre on Oct 1, 2021 at 7:30 pm. The project is open to people of all physical facilities. No previous performance experience is necessary. Call 703-933-1111.

#### SEPT. 11

Synetic Theater Presents "The Miraculous Magical Balloon.. 11 a.m. Dark Star Park. At Lubber Run Amphitheater.  
September 25 – 11 a.m. – Rosslyn Reads at Central Place Plaza  
October 8 – 6:00 p.m. – Rosslyn Cine-

ma at Gateway Park

#### SATURDAY/SEPT. 25

Clarendon Day. 12 to 6 p.m. At 3100 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington. Clarendon Day is one of Arlington's best loved and most diverse street festival, with several music stages, a large kid's area, arts and crafts vendors, business and nonprofit exhibitors from Clarendon and the region, plenty of great food from local and regional restaurants, Craft beers and Virginia wines, and more.

#### SEPT. 25-26

AVAST Artist's Tour. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Some 49 Arlington artists to open their workspaces to the public. The Arlington Visual Art Studio Tour (AVAST) will return to its in-person format with masking, social distancing, and limits on numbers of visitors. Participating artists will invite visitors to see their work, processes and studio spaces, many of which are rarely open to the public. Art lovers of all ages can meet and chat with the artists while enjoying paintings, ceramics, metals, photography, and more.

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#### Virtual & Outdoor Programs:

Genealogy Discussion Group, join local genealogist Susan J. Court to discuss your questions and challenges regarding researching and chronicling your family history and to share your discoveries and techniques with fellow genealogists. Wednesday, Sept. 8, 3 p.m. Registration #911402-4.

The Study of Words, Learn about the history of English and language as a whole. Wednesday, Sept. 8, 10:30 a.m. Registration #911402-3.

Movie Discussions, We're calling all cinema lovers to meet to discuss a new film, Lion. Thursday, Sept. 9, 3 p.m. Registration #911402-7

Virtual Carousel Tour, a 45-minute virtual tour of the 1921 Dentzel Carousel in Glen Echo Park in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the carousel being in Glen Echo Park. Registration #911400-6

Fitness Day 2021, get your fitness fix! Attend sports and fitness demos along with health and wellness activities. Check out the new indoor track. Something for everyone Friday Sept. 10, 9 a.m. Registration #911899-1

Tai Chi practice with experienced volunteers, Friday Sept. 10, 1 p.m. Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 16th St. S., registration #911105-5.

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# Facing Eviction

Virginia has new protections for renters, but temporary measures expire next year.

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The clock is ticking for renters across Virginia who are in danger of being evicted. Now that the federal moratorium on evictions is over, landlords are finally able to start filing paperwork at the courthouse. That means a wave of evictions could be on the horizon for people of color and low-income Virginians who have been disproportionately hit by job and income loss during the pandemic, according to data compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau.

“People are worried,” said Jon Liss, executive director at Virginia New Majority. “There’s a huge concern about a massive wave of evictions, both nationwide and in Virginia.”

Last month, members of the General Assembly approved a new protection for renters who are struggling to make ends meet. Landlords who want to evict tenants for non-payment of rent are now required to apply for federal relief before evicting anyone. That’s just one of the many new requirements on landlords, who must wait 45 days to move forward with an eviction if a rent relief application is under consideration. Ultimately, though, those temporary protections will run out June 30, 2022.

“We’re concerned that the lifting of the CDC moratorium will embolden landlords to increase their mass eviction filings,” said Larisa Zehr, a legal fellow at the Legal Aid Justice Center. “Mass eviction filings are always a problem in Virginia, but that will be an increased problem right now because so many people are still struggling to pay rent because of the pandemic.”

**THE FEDERAL MORATORIUM** on evictions was issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in September 2020. The United States Supreme Court struck down that moratorium last month, opening the door to landlords across the country evicting people who have not been able to pay the rent. Here in Northern Virginia, low-income people are likely to spend 50 percent of their income on rent. The Department of Housing and Urban Development suggests households spend no more than 30 percent of their income on housing costs, which means many people in Northern Virginia were caught in a trap.

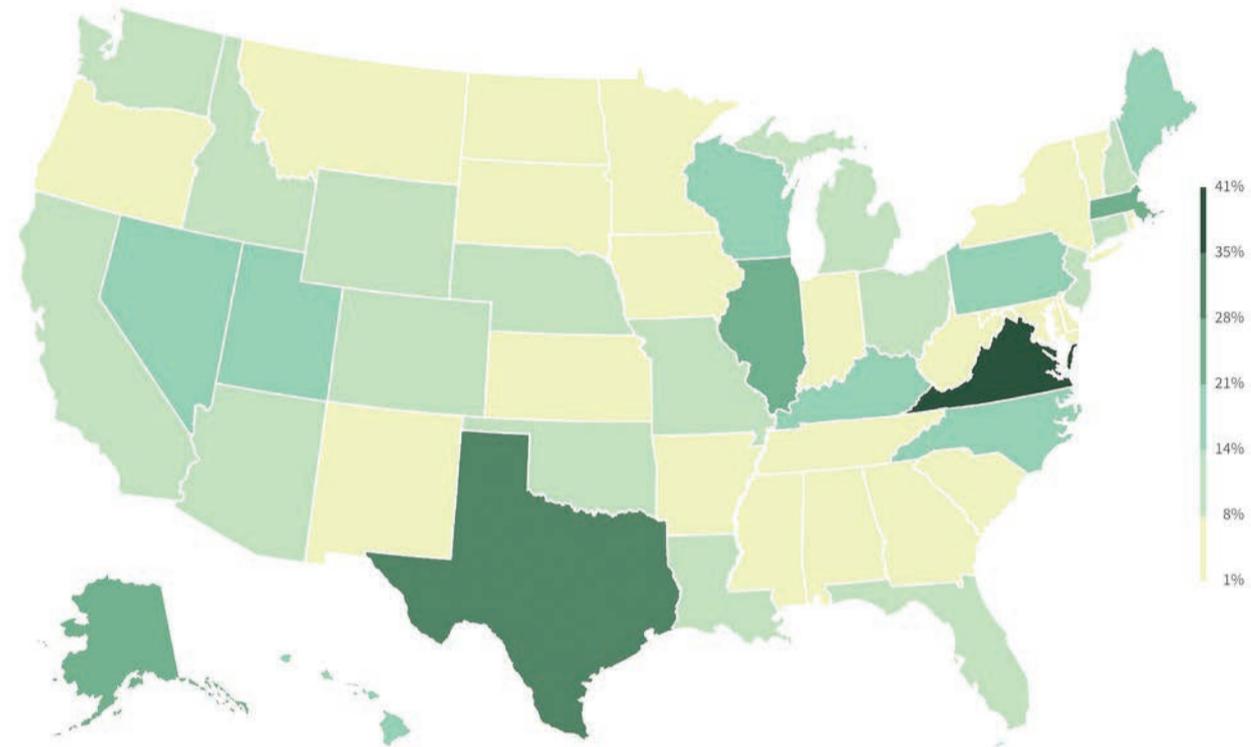
“You took a very vulnerable population that was walking a financial tightrope every month to get the rent paid, and you just pulled out tightrope,” said Christie Marra, director of housing advocacy for the Virginia Poverty Law Center. “If these tenants get evicted for not paying their rent, that becomes what I call the Scarlet E.”

Marra says don’t expect a sudden rush to evict tenants based on violations of leases that have nothing to do with non-payment of rent. Landlords who wanted to get rid of a tenant for damage or drugs have been able to evict those problem tenants all along, which is why Marra bristles at the word

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## Texas and Virginia have distributed the largest percent of funds

2021  
Percent of first round emergency rental assistance money spent by local and state governments, as of June 30th



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Virginia has spent more than a third of its federal rental assistance funds, a much higher percentage than most states in the race to get the funds to renters who are facing eviction.

## Those behind on rent are overwhelmingly low-income households who have experienced job and income losses during the pandemic.

Characteristics of Renters Behind on Rent

People of Color



Low Income (<\$50k)



Unemployed



Households with Children



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People of color and low-income people in Virginia are disproportionately more likely to have experienced job and income losses during the pandemic.

“moratorium.” The CDCs order applied to people who were unable to pay their rent, not for other reasons. That means the people who are now at-risk of being kicked out of their homes are low-income people struggling to make ends meet during a pandemic.

“There has never been 100 percent protection for tenants,” said Marra, noting that Virginia ranks poorly in terms of protections for renters.

**LANDLORDS AND TENANTS** have been in a state of suspended animation since the

pandemic struck. Normal rules of economics no longer applied, and evictions were put on the back burner to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Many landlords are eager to get rid of renters they view as deadbeats, holding down a property without paying the bill. During the Virginia Senate debate on the new requirement for landlords to seek federal assistance before evicting anyone, state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) argued that he didn’t want to require too much of property owners.

“We’re changing the terms of the con-

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— Christie Marra,  
director of housing advocacy for  
the Virginia Poverty Law Center

tracts. These people already have written leases,” said Petersen, who is often an outlier in the Senate Democratic Caucus. “They have residential leases, and to try to add these additional obstacles, it’s not correct.”

Here in Alexandria, city officials are planning to invest in a workforce of people known as “navigators” who can work with landlords and tenants to help apply for federal rental relief. Eventually, though, all that federal assistance will dry up. Tenants who have not been able to pay the rent since the pandemic struck will be facing eviction, and then the challenge of finding a new place to live with a paper trail that includes nonpayment of rent.

“I think there’s a big backlog of cases, and the first period will probably be a bit rugged,” said Stephen Haner, senior fellow at the Thomas Jefferson Institute. “In the long run, I think the changes Virginia has made will make eviction harder two years from now, five years from now, six years from now. And you will see fewer evictions.”

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SPOKANE

In Re the Interest of:

NO. 21-5-00336-32

EMMA CHARLOTTE HASKELL,  
(DOB: 04/05/2017)

SUMMONS AND NOTICE BY  
PUBLICATION OF PETITION/HEARING  
RE: TERMINATION OF PARENT/CHILD  
RELATIONSHIP

A Person under the age of 18.

The State of Washington to the said: Brian Combado aka Brian B. Manibusan, birthfather of Emma Charlotte Haskell, (DOB: 04/05/2017) and anyone with a paternal interest.

- You have been named as the birthfather or a possible father of the above-named child. A Petition for Termination of Parent-Child Relationship has been filed in the above-entitled court by Petitioner, Joseph David Osborne. The Petitioner is asking the court for an order permanently terminating the parent-child relationship between you and the child, permanently terminating all of your rights to the child, and for a decree of adoption declaring the prospective adoptive parent to be the legal parent of the child.
- The child is Emma Charlotte Haskell, born April 5, 2017 in Phoenix, Arizona to Kristin Elizabeth Osborne f/k/a Brooks.
- The court hearing on this matter shall be held on **October 7, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Spokane County Superior Court, Room 304, 1116 W. Broadway, Spokane, Washington. Your failure to appear at this hearing may result in a Default Order permanently terminating all of your rights to the above-named child.
- In order to defend against this petition, you must respond to the petition by stating your defense in writing and by serving a copy on the person signing this summons and by filing the original with the clerk of the court. If you do not serve your written response within (1) twenty (20) days if you are served personally within the State of Washington, (2) thirty (30) days if you are served personally outside the State of Washington, or (3) thirty (30) days if you are served by publication, from the date of service of this summons and notice, an order permanently terminating your parent-child relationship with the child will be entered by default. A default order is one where the petitioners are entitled to what they ask for because you have not responded. If you serve a notice of appearance on Mark R. Iverson at the address below, you are entitled to notice before a default order may be entered.
- One method of serving your response is to send it by certified mail with return receipt requested, if service is made by mail. The service shall be deemed complete upon the third day following the day upon which the response is placed in the mail, unless the third day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, in which event service shall be deemed complete on the first day other than a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, following the third day.
- You are further notified that any non-consenting parent or alleged father has the right to be represented by an attorney, and an attorney will be appointed for an indigent person who requests an attorney.
- You are further notified that you have a right to file a claim of paternity under Chapter 26.26 RCW. You are further notified that your failure to file a claim of paternity within 30 days of the date of service of this notice and Summons upon you or your failure to respond to the Petition within 30 days of the date of service of Summons and Notice upon you, is grounds to terminate your parent-child relationship with respect to the child.
- If the child is an Indian child as defined by the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. § 1901, et. seq. or RCW 13.38 et. seq., your parental rights may not be terminated unless you give valid consent to termination, or your parent-child relationship is terminated involuntarily pursuant to chapter 26.33 or 13.34.
- If the Service Members Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C.S. Appx. § 501 et. seq. and RCW 38.42.210 et. seq., apply, you may have certain rights and protections.

YOUR FAILURE TO RESPOND MAY RESULT IN A DEFAULT ORDER PERMANENTLY TERMINATING ALL OF YOUR RIGHTS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED CHILD.

DATED this 24th day of August, 2021.

MARK R. IVERSON, P.S.



MARK R. IVERSON, WSBA #18312  
Attorney for Petitioner

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## Left Wondering If I'm Right



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I admit, I watch more than my share of television. However, that being admitted, there certainly seems to be an awful lot of campaign-style, public service-type, advertising/announcements on television. From Medicare negotiating drug prices - or denying access to much-needed medication, to building back America by fixing our infrastructure, to creating millions of climate-improving, alternative energy driven "good paying jobs" to the NRA espousing their core values that everyone should carry a gun, and on and on and on. Where it stops, nobody knows.

I can appreciate how important it is for one to get their message out as often as possible, but now the message is not only often, but on multiple channels. And it's not even an election year. However, it is a legislative year and there's still a few months before Christmas recess. Will all the bills presently under consideration, amid the hyper partisan politics affecting pending legislation, allow any bills to ever see the tip of President Biden's pen? Nevertheless, there appears to be no shortage of dollars to promote any and all viewpoints. Now how much of it makes sense is beyond me. But since I don't really have a direct vote, I suppose a phone call will have to suffice. It seems too little too late though. The elected officials have their own agendas, and my voice is really only heard every two years anyway.

But with the Republican Party making it ever more difficult for us average voters (those of us not already in "the Big Tent"), perhaps all these "info-type-mercials" will fall on deaf ears, so to speak, or at least attached to heads attached to bodies finding it ever more difficult to actually vote. Granted, I may not be in the minorities that seem to be particularly targeted, but I am in a minority nonetheless: the percentage of Americans that actually casts a ballot. Often elections are won not by a majority, but by a plurality. If more people voted, perhaps some of us wouldn't be so angry about a regularly disenfranchised minority being further discriminated against. It's not fair, but apparently it's partisan: divide and conquer.

And right now, with all this pointed outreach on television, I feel, as a country, we're going backwards instead of manifesting our destiny going forward. So what if there's diversity? My grandparents were part of that diversity. It's what made all of us big and strong. Obviously it's wrong to restrict access for any segment of the population. America has always been about diversity. That's what's been right about this country ever since George Washington crossed the Delaware and forever changed the fortunes of America. You can't stop a trane (and I don't mean the HVAC company) of thought that is, or change; and certainly you can't stop free speech (except in a movie theatre). It happens naturally and frequently because it's been characteristic of America ever since the Founding Fathers took quill to parchment.

Now, after some of the legislative changes which have occurred, and some others which have been "filibustered" to near death, there's a sense that what's blowin in the wind is not going to make Bob Dylan happy or guarantee my constitutional rights since I may play for the wrong team. I'm not looking to denigrate a percentage of the population, or restrict people's access to life-saving medication or censor all the news that's fit to print. Moreover, I don't want anything inhibiting my ability to find a job, raise my family, get an education or deny other groups similar opportunities. Quite frankly, I wish I could just mind my own business. Unfortunately, that seems short sighted and ill-advised. And besides, there's no "I" in my team.

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



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