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Obituary

Ellen A. Graves

Ellen A. Graves died on Monday, April 9, 2018 at Reston Hospital Center in Reston. Her family is grateful for the friends, family and caregivers who supported her through her brief illness.

Ellen was born to Lora Tyler Adkins and Alfred Adkins in Charles City, Va. As a teenager, she moved with family to Atlantic City, N.J., where she met and married her husband, William R. Graves. Together, the pair raised two daughters, Lora and Debra, in Philadelphia, Pa. There she enjoyed a vibrant family life, while working at the family-owned Bus Stop Record Shop at 60th and Market Street. Ellen began working in Human Resources at IBM; her tenure with that corporation took her from Philadelphia to New York and eventually back to Virginia before retiring after more than two decades of service.

In "retirement," Ellen dedicated herself to national and local community. Drawing on the skills she had developed at IBM, she led The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Incorporated (NANPW), an organization dedicated to supporting African American women in the business sector, as Executive Director. She worked as Chief of Staff for Fairfax County Supervisor Cathy Hudgins.

During Ellen's years in Reston she worked tirelessly to make her community a more inclusive, welcoming and supportive place. In 2013, she was elected to the Reston As-



Ellen Graves

sociation Board of Directors and, she concluded her service in 2017 with a two-year term as President of the Board. Ellen also served on the boards of the Fairfax County Social Services Board, Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help (FISH), Reston Historic Trust and Museum, Reston Interfaith, Private Industry Council, the Southgate Community Advisory Board, and United

Christian Parish.

She was instrumental in founding the Reston Multicultural Festival, an annual event held at Lake Anne Plaza, which celebrates the culture of Restonians from all races, ethnicities, and nationalities. Her strong, unflagging leadership and willingness to help all garnered her awards including: the Best of Reston (2004) and the Lady Fairfax Award (2011). All of those who worked with her will agree that her warm smile, engaging laugh, and tremendous spirit she brought to all of these activities will be missed.

Ellen is survived by her daughters, Lora Graves Byrd and Debra Fox; sons-in-law, Kimble Byrd and Kevin Fox; four grandchildren, Dana, Andrew, and Tyler Byrd, and Noah Fox; and a host of loving friends.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to SouthGate Community Center Fund. www.southgatecommunitycenter.org/friendsofsouthgate 12125 Pinecrest Road Reston, VA 20191

Bulletin Board

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers Needed for Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival. At Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Greater Reston Art Center's (GRACE's) largest annual fundraiser. Draws up to 30,000 visitors and there is free garage parking all weekend. Over 500 volunteers are needed. Volunteers perform a variety of roles including setting up with the logistics crew, welcoming and booth sitting for participating artists as part of the Artist Hospitality entourage, welcoming visitors and accepting donations for GRACE as a Festival Ambassador, or helping young artists with their creations in the Family Art Park. Visit restonarts.org/fineartsfestival.

The Herndon High School PTSA is in need of a treasurer, but anyone interested in serving on the board is welcome. The HHS PTSA works to provide connections between students, teacher and parents. They offer mini-grants to teachers, scholarships and achievement awards to students as well as appreciation events for staff. Email HerndonHSPTSA.Treasurer@gmail.com to learn more.

STEM Professionals Needed. Help assist K-12 STEM teachers as part of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's STEM Volunteer Program, stemvolunteers.org, during the 2018-19 school year. In the 2017-18 school year, there are 85 volunteers in six Northern Virginia school districts. Contact Don Rea at 571-551-2488, or donaldrea@aol.com.

Volunteer Adult Mentors Needed. Help assist the Department of Family Services' BeFriendA-Child mentoring program. The

mentors provide opportunities for companionship, guidance and support to children who have been abused and neglected, or who are at risk of abuse and neglect. Contact Ibrahim Khalil at Ibrahim.khalil@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-4547.

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Parent Support Partners, a service of the Healthy Minds Fairfax initiative, are all parents who have received training and are qualified to offer education, support and assistance at no cost to families or caregivers. They provide reliable information that families can use in decision-making and are familiar with services and resources that can help families in distress. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/healthymindsfairfax or www.nam-northernvirginia.org/parent-peer-support.html.

THURSDAY/MAY 10

Open House and Public Hearing. 5:30 p.m. at NVTA Office, 3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200, Fairfax. The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority has released 60 candidate projects and related information for its inaugural FY 2018-2023 Six Year Program for public comment. The open house will start at 5:30 p.m. and the public hearing will commence following a 7 p.m. presentation on the six year program. Pre-registration is open for those who would like to speak at the public hearing. Pre-register to speak in one of three ways: e-mail: TheAuthority@TheNoVaAuthority.org; phone: 703-642-4652 or in person on May 10, 2018 from 5:30-7 p.m. Visit www.TheNoVaAuthority.org.

Reston's Early Advertising. 7 p.m. at Reston Community Center, Lake Anne, Jo

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Local Students Join Gun Safety Town Hall

Much unity, some dissention as community discusses the issue.

Andrea Worker
The Connection

U. S. Rep. Gerald E. Connolly's Town Hall meeting at the Providence Community Center on Tuesday evening, May 1, represented a departure from most public forums.

To begin with, the format wasn't the traditional politician updating his constituents, responding to their questions and feedback, then making the rounds and shaking hands. Instead, the congressman shared the speaker's table with four high school students who he credited with "bringing us together this evening for a community discussion on gun safety."

Since the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. on Feb. 14 that left 17 dead and more wounded, students across the nation have organized rallies, school walkouts and marches. They have been demanding gun regulations, other changes in law enforcement and communications, and more resources for mental health awareness and treatment. Groups have formed under banners such as "Enough is Enough," "March for Our Lives," and "Never Again."

"We are more than an interest club. We will push for action," said panelist Michael McCabe, a sophomore at Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax,

In recent weeks, McCabe and many other young activists started contacting their elected officials, asking to be heard. Connolly's office received its fair share of those communications.

"This is really their Town Hall," Connolly said in his opening remarks, adding that he sees real momentum coming from the student movement. "I think it is with their voices, their passion, that we will finally get something done."

Three of the four panelists belong to the group Students Demand Action (SDA) at their respective schools, and the fourth is the president of Youth Initiative for National Action. They were there to pursue "common sense gun legislation."

Ella Wogaman represented the West Springfield High School chapter of Students Demand Action. She is also the social media correspondent for the regional SDA chapter.

"A few months ago, we had a handful of members. I think we just hit 400," Wogaman said. The West Springfield senior says that she and many others are focusing efforts on voter registration and getting people, especially first-time voters to the polls, as the way to "really find our voice and get our issues addressed."

Langston Carter, a home-schooled senior from Woodbridge who has attended public schools, spoke from the viewpoint of students of color.



Local student activists called for a meeting with their congressman, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), who responded with a Town Hall event. Flanking Connolly are, left, Ryan Carney, Madison High School junior, and Michael McCabe, Robinson Secondary School sophomore. On right are Ella Wogaman, West Springfield High School senior and Langston Carter, senior from Woodbridge.

Carter cited studies that show people of color, particularly young African-American males, are significantly more likely to be the victims of gun violence. The mission of Carter's organization is to "encourage the next generation to take action against bigotry and other issues ... to work with political leaders to make a difference."

Ryan Carney highlighted some of the actions that the members of his SDA chapter are taking.

"We've been getting together, organizing phone banks, writing letters, getting the word out wherever we can," said the James Madison High School junior.

It's also no secret where Connolly stands on the issue of gun safety — right alongside them. An active member of the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, he says he's proud of the "F" grade he earns each year from the National Rifle Association (NRA), whose headquarters are located in his congressional district. Aside from attending vigils on the NRA's doorstep, recently for Parkland, and annually on the anniversary of the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre, Connolly attributes his status with the organization to the numerous gun safety laws he has proposed or supported over the years. He also took aim at his "friends across

"We are more than an interest club. We will push for action."

— Michael McCabe,
Robinson Secondary sophomore

cies of persons prohibited from boarding commercial aircraft for travel within, into, or out of U.S. airspace, primarily for suspected terrorist association.]

For Connolly and others, the basics are simple, "no-brainer" pieces of legislation to ban assault weapons, enact universal background checks and close the "gun show loophole."

The current drafts are H.R. 5087 to ban assault weapons, H.R. 4240 to establish universal background checks, and H.R. 1612 to close the gun show loophole.

Of equal importance to advocates is fighting for funds for several initiatives. When one constituent complained that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Andrea Worker/
The Connection



The Fairfax Council of PTAs, represented by president Beth Tudon, offered assistance and resources to promote voter registration in schools.



Donna Widawski, a former Secret Service agent from Fairfax, supports the efforts of the congressman and the students, but reminded them to "think bigger picture" about school and public safety.



Zachary Schonfeld asked the panelists how they handle negative backlash — something the South Lakes High School senior faced after speaking at an event. "One word," responded U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly. "Fortitude."

the aisle" for their unwillingness to go against the NRA and "even discuss sensible safety measures to protect all of our citizens."

"WE'RE NOT talking about taking everyone's guns away," Connolly said, "but I am sick of a 'moment of silence' in Congress after each of these horrific events and no action. More than 150,000 people have lost their lives to gun violence since Newtown and yet in all that time Congress has not taken a single vote to enact [basic gun control measures] ... We couldn't even get a vote to keep guns out of the hands of people who are on the "No Fly List." [A list created by several federal government agen-

(CDC) had been barred from studying the effects of gun violence, Connolly responded that the latest government funding bill did clarify that the CDC was, in fact, empowered to do such research, but that the funds to do so were not approved.

WHEN AUDIENCE members got their turn at the microphone, most offered encouragement and congratulations to the student activists.

Although it seemed that the panel and the audience were closely aligned in their views, there were those in the audience with a differing opinion.

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News

Fine Arts Festival Returns May 18-20

Three full days with more than 200 artists, and experiences.

Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) brings its nationally acclaimed event, the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival, for three full days this year, Friday, May 18 through Sunday, May 20, in the outdoor environment of Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston.

More than 200 artists from across the nation will present their original works in 16 categories of fine art and fine craft from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day. See all this year's artists at <http://restonarts.org/fineartsfestival/exhibiting-artists/>

On Friday, May 18, Reston Town Center merchants will be offering deals and special experiences for that one day.

Over the weekend there will be more to see and do including the acclaimed Family Art Park with free art-making activities for all ages, and an immersive, interactive performance in the Pavilion created by Baltimore-based artist, Laure Drogoul, presented by Reston Community Center.

A \$5 per adult donation is requested by GRACE at festival entry to support its year-round programming.

In return, donors receive a robust festival program that includes almost \$200 worth of restaurant coupons.

"The Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival is an event unlike any other," states GRACE Executive Director and Curator Lily Siegel. "The quality of the fine art is exceptional, and the variety ensures that there is something for everyone, from woodwork to jewelry, ceramics, and paintings."



Ann Barbieri, of Reston, was one of 200 artists who exhibited her paintings at the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival 2016 at Reston Town Center.



Photos by Ken Moore/The Connection

The annual arts festival spans 11 Reston blocks, and draws, on average, more than 30,000 visitors each year.

Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival attracts 30,000 to 50,000 attendees each year and is rated in the top 20 of best art festivals in North America.

For more festival information, call GRACE at 703-471-9242 and visit <http://restonarts.org/fineartsfestival/>.

Fine Arts Festival 2018

Friday, May 18, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
All day - more than 200 booths of original works by artists from across the nation
Festival Friday specials at retailers and restaurants at Reston Town Center

Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
All day - more than 200 booths of original works by artists from across the nation
Family Art Park - free art-making activities for all ages in the Pavilion
Festival Party, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. - a celebration for

sponsors, Adopt-an-Artist supporters, GRACE members, and the artists that includes presentation of the Awards of Excellence and the introduction of The Illuminated Fountain of Extinction by Laure Drogoul.

Sunday, May 20, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
All day - more than 200 booths of original works by artists from across the nation
Family Art Park - free art-making activities for all ages in the Pavilion

The Illuminated Fountain of Extinction - an immersive, interactive artwork by Laure Drogoul in the Pavilion.



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My Mom & Me



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Enjoying Cherry Blossoms in Reston

Mother Maggie Campbell (right) and her daughter Meg Donnelly, 43, both of Reston, visit Hyatt Park in Reston Town Center to enjoy the last of the Cherry Blossom blooms on April 26, 2018.



Celebrating Mother's Day 2017

Daniela Micsan of Reston submitted this photo taken on Mother's Day 2017: "My daughter, Jessica, came to cheer me on at the Potomac River Running Mother's Day 4-miler race and surprised me with a bouquet of flowers."



Welcome to Reston

Christopher and Emily O. Kimm moved recently to Reston, and are pictured here with daughters Eve, 1 month, and Eliot, 2.

Gramma Fran with Cole, Joy

Gramma Fran Lovaas of Reston with grandson Cole Loveman after his big choir concert



"Mimi" (Gramma Fran) with granddaughter Joy making Christmas cookies for the whole family.



STAYING SAFE TOGETHER

May 18 is Bike to Work Day. Here are some safety tips to remember.

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Sharrows indicate a shared lane for bicycles and cars. Slow down and watch for bicyclists. Motorists may cross the double yellow line to pass when it is safe to do so.
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Bike lanes give bicycles their own space, making it safer to pass. Do not drive or park in a bike lane.
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When turning right in a car, merge into the dashed bike lane and turn at the curb. Do not merge across solid bike lane.

Join us for the National Bike Challenge - May 1-31
 Bike to Work Day - May 18
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Paw-sitively Fun at Reston Town Center

Outdoor festival brings together local businesses, animal rescue groups and pet lovers.

By Mercia Hobson
The Connection

It was all about the dogs at Pet Fiesta, an outdoor festival held at Reston Town Center on May 5. Presented by and benefiting GoodDogz.org the event brought together local businesses, animal rescue groups, pet lovers and pet owners for a full day of interactive activities, exhibitions and animals everywhere.

The Harrell family was one of the reported 1,000 people who attended the daylong event. Arriving shortly after the 10 a.m. opening, they had plenty of time to browse the many pet adoption tents and become acquainted with adoption processes. “We’re not looking today,” said Sarah Harrell. She watched as her 22-month-old son, Brayden bent down to pet one of the pups at Bobbie’s Pit Bull Rescue & Sanctuary, Inc. “But definitely in the future.”

Franceen Kahng of Clifton said Bobbie’s Pit Bull Rescue & Sanctuary, Inc. is a 501(c) organization. Its mission, Kahng said, “Is to rehome bully breed dogs responsibly.” She explained the organization is both a rescue and a sanctuary. “Some dogs will spend the rest of their lives with us because of issues such as health...”

“We offer assistance to low-income families or homeless individuals by providing medical care, spay, neuter, vaccination, preventatives and pet food,” Kahng said.

Another adoption agency present at Pet Fiesta was Lucky Dog Animal Rescue. While volunteers walked the organization’s dogs up and down the festival venue, Mirah Horowitz, Executive Director spoke about their cause. “Lucky Dog Animal Rescue is a volunteer-powered non-profit. We receive dogs and cats from under-resourced areas where we serve as their only hope. All of the dogs here today would have been euthanized if not for us. Instead, they will all find loving families, possibly families here today.”

At noon, Bow Wow Designs hosted the ever popular, “Dog House of Style Fashion Show.” Strutting the catwalk and wearing the latest in canine couture, rescue dogs who were up for adoption showed off how great they were.

Along with all the fun for pets, the festival also offered face painting and caricature portraits. Pets may be a hard act to follow, yet South Bay Band out of Reston was on hand to perform a blend of modern country, classic rock and blues music.

For more information about Pet Fiesta and the many pet adoption opportunities, visit petfiesta.org.

Volunteer Nancy Logan of McLean walks Judd, one of Lucky Dog Animal Rescue pups up for adoption during Pet Fiesta. The outdoor festival brought together local businesses, animal rescue groups and pet lovers.



Brayden Harrell, 22 months old of Chantilly, pets one of the dogs up for adoption at Pet Fiesta held in Reston on Saturday, May 5, 2018.



Reston goes to the dogs during Pet Fiesta presented by and benefiting GoodDogz.org. The event was held at Reston Town Center on Saturday, May 5, 2018.

Photos by Mercia Hobson/The Connection



(From left) Autumn, Michelle, and Bella Smith pet Tony-2-Toes, a Corgi owned by Amy Apple of Vienna. Apple explained she got her dog as a rescue 14 years ago. “He’s too old to walk far, so I bring him back here in his stroller,” she said.

Ready for Summer

Time to dust-off and spruce up patios for a season of al fresco entertaining.

By Marilyn Campbell

When designing the patio of her McLean home, interior design professor Jean Freeman of Marymount University, relied on the natural surroundings to create a backdrop for her outdoor oasis.

"I have an area in the backyard that has small stones and lounge furniture," she said. "Our backyard is next to Pimmit Run Trail and has lots of trees, some of which I planted. Also, I planted several holly trees so that the area would attract more birds and sometimes the bird chirping gets quite loud and wonderful."

Gentle breezes and mild temperatures are some of the pleasures of spring that beckon many outdoors for parties and family dinners, but turning a winter-worn patio into a space for entertaining can feel daunting. Breathing new life into a landscape dulled by snow and frost or creating an entirely new outdoor space might be easier than it appears.

When considering a patio furniture purchase, avoid the battle against Mother Nature by selecting pieces that can stand up to the elements. "The number one rule in furnishing your patio is to purchase quality furniture," said Anne Walker of Anne Walker Design LLC. "There are a lot of outdoor furnishings that look alike, but they are not all the same. Dedon, based in Germany and Janus et Cie, based in California, make excellent outdoor furnishings that will stand the test of time ... [and] will not fade, warp or degrade even if left outdoors in the elements for years."

Less expensive look-alikes will fall apart after just a few years or months of exposure to the elements, continued Walker. "I can't stress it enough: invest in high-quality outdoor furnishings or you will just be throwing your money away. Buy the best you can afford, and work little by little if need be to complete your outdoor space. You won't be sorry."

When choosing fabrics for that furniture, Todd Martz, co-owner of Home on Cameron in Old Town Alexandria, says, "Accessories like pillows and draperies as well as chairs, sofas and rugs are all available in low maintenance fabrics."

Selecting smaller, easy-to-move pieces of furniture over large sectionals will produce a design plan with versatility. "You'll be happy to have the flexibility to move things around when you entertain or when the sun shifts and you want to get into or away from the direct sun," said Walker.



Photo courtesy of Anne Walker

One design technique that Anne Walker has incorporated into the design of her own patio is choosing smaller, moveable pieces of furniture — like these Dedon Barcelona lounge chairs — over large sectionals to allow for a versatile design plan.

Incorporating potted plants into the landscape design offers versatility. "Mix several sized plants ... very large as well as different types of plants in smaller planters," added Kelley Proxmire of Kelley Proxmire, Inc. "Vary the textures as well as the color of green leaves such as ferns, palms and flowering plants."

Use planters to create architectural features like walls and borders. "The plants will add beautiful visual interest, and the planters are moveable, allowing flexibility in use and design," said Walker.

For those who want to build a stone patio, go for variety, but establish a solid base to avoid costly repairs later. "Combinations of flagstone and brick are elegant and more interesting than use of only one type of materials," said Walker. "Make sure you have a professional set your patio in concrete. It's much less expensive to set the stone in stone dust, but within a year or less the stones will begin to shift and weeds will grow through the gaps."

Lighting matters, says Proxmire, and she suggest that when designing or even sprucing up patio, "Use different sources of light [such as] inside-outdoor lamps, different sizes of lanterns, candlesticks with glass hurricanes," she said. "The candles with batteries are great for using outside because the wind isn't an issue."

Now that summer is on the horizon, Walker has a plan for getting her patio guest-ready. "I will power wash with my personal home power washer, plant a few flowers and boom! Ready to entertain," she said. "We love to entertain on our patio. It's our favorite space."



Photos by Stacy Zarin Goldberg

Kelley Proxmire suggests using plants and planters in a variety of sizes — such as these blue and white ceramic pots to create a light and airy patio space.



Todd Martz of Home on Cameron designed this patio and says that exterior spaces can be treated like an indoor room by using bright, fresh fabrics designed specifically for outdoors.

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Opinion

Vote, Vote, Vote

Anyone who was closely watching last November's election in got a demonstration about what difference one vote can make. Control of the Virginia General Assembly came down to a single race that was deemed to be tied, and was decided by a random drawing. Republicans won.

Vote. It's so important to vote. Your vote could actually be the deciding vote.

Your best shot at ensuring you can vote is to vote early.

How To Vote

Every year is election year in Virginia; mechanics and details of voting require attention to detail. For the primary, you will ask for a Democratic or Republican ballot.

Editorial

If you want to be sure you get to vote, voting early if you qualify is a good choice. Early voting, called absentee voting in person in Virginia, is already underway for the primary.

There are many valid reasons to vote absentee in Virginia, including working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Check the Virginia Department of Elections list to see if you are eligible: elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html

There are two ways to vote absentee, in-person and by mail. To do either, you should first check your voter registration status to make sure it is up-to-date. Then you will need to apply for an absentee ballot. If you vote absentee in-person you will fill out the application when you arrive at the location.

Voting absentee by mail? You can now apply for an absentee ballot online with the state's new Citizen Portal. You will need your Social Security Number and information on your Virginia Driver's License to complete the application. Information is also provided on how to apply if you do not have a driver's license.

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Letters to the Editor

Making Summer Camp Affordable

To the Editor:

I read with interest Marilyn Campbell's recent article on the difficulty of affording summer camp. As the director of Traveling Players Ensemble, a summer theatre camp, I've been acutely aware of the issues families face in paying for camp for years. I've seen the enormous difference that summer enrichment programs can make in a kid's life. That's why I

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Virginia has voter identification requirements; plan to bring photo identification with you to vote, whether that is absentee or on Primary Election Day.

Among accepted ID: valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card; valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card; valid U.S. Passport; other government-issued photo identification cards issued by the U.S. Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth; Tribal enrollment or other tribal ID issued by one of 11 tribes recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia; valid college or university student photo identification card from an institution of higher education located in Virginia; valid student ID issued by a public school or private school in Virginia displaying a photo; employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business.

Any registered voter who does not have one of the required forms of identification can apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad. Once the application is processed, the card will be mailed directly to the voter. A voter who does not bring an acceptable photo ID to the polls will be offered a provisional ballot.

Provisional Ballot Process for Voters Who Arrive Without Identification

If you arrive at your polling place on Election Day without an acceptable form of photo identification, don't panic or give up.

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A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board or to appear in person to apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. Voters may submit a copy of their ID via fax, email, in-person submission, or through USPS or commercial delivery service. Please note that the copy of the ID must be delivered by noon on Friday.

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What's on the Ballot for Primary Election June 12?

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY US House of Representatives

District 8

Donald S. Beyer, Jr.
(unopposed in primary)

District 10, Vote for One Winner will Face U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) in November

Lindsey Davis Stover
Jennifer T. Wexton
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Julia E. Biggins

District 11

Gerald Edward Connolly
(incumbent, unopposed in primary)

U.S. Senate

Timothy M. Kaine
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REPUBLICAN PRIMARY US House of Representatives

District 10 Vote for One

Shak E. Hill
Barbara J. Comstock (incumbent)

District 11, Jeff A. Dove, Jr. (unopposed)

United States Senate Winner will Face Sen. Tim Kaine (D) in November

Corey A. Stewart (R)
Nick J. Freitas (R)
E. W. Jackson (R)

PRIMARY: TUESDAY, JUNE 12

❖ Deadline to register to vote, or update registration, for the Tuesday, June 12, General Election is Monday, May 21.

❖ Deadline to request an absentee ballot mailed to you is 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 5.

❖ Deadline to request an absentee ballot by appearing in-person is 5 p.m. Saturday, June 9. Absentee in person voting is already underway.

Also by noon on Friday following the election, the voter may appear in-person in the office of the general registrar, in the locality in which the provisional ballot was cast, and apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. At the completion of the application process, the voter may request a Temporary Identification Document. This document may be provided to the electoral board to meet the identification requirement.

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Reston Overzoning: Hudgins Splits with Community and QUIMBY

By John Lovaas
Reston Impact Producer/Host



I am finding it increasingly difficult to watch our community struggle with Supervisor Cathy Hudgins over Fairfax County's proposal to increase Reston's zoning ceiling from 13 to 16 persons per acre.

The proposal on its face sounds innocuous enough, but when examined by an analyst like Reston 2020's Terry Maynard we see that it opens the way for Reston to grow from our current population of 60,000 to a whopping 180,000. And, regrettably, this starting point is not the soft suburbia it once was. With just 60,000 of us, traffic congestion is already a fact of life.

It is unusual to see this Supervisor at loggerheads with the community. In an early community meeting about this zoning change, Hudgins indicated a willingness to compromise somewhere between 13 and 16 people per acre, but in later meetings her position hardened. She now insists that 16 per acre is absolutely essential to implement the Reston Master Plan she spent five years discussing with Reston stakeholders, a group weighted towards developers.

Independent Progressive

The last large community meeting generated more heat than light. Most of the 900 or so participants accepted additional growth, within limits. However, there was stiff opposition to high density redevelopment of residential neighborhoods and insistence that development be preceded or accompanied by essential supporting infrastructure—i.e. roads, schools, parks, public facilities. Some opposed any growth.

A fringe suggested the Supervisor was doing the bidding of developers—presumably in return for financial support. The latter is pure foolishness. I've reviewed campaign contributions for supervisors. Supervisor Hudgins takes very little from developers; in fact, she generally accepts less than any other supervisor.

However, Supervisor Hudgins appears to be overly influenced by County staff who may in turn be influenced by the develop-

ers who are constantly in touch with them, and by the County's ever-growing appetite for revenue. What better place to get revenue than more properties to tax in Reston?

On the other side, some County staff regard community criticism as coming from the NIMBY (Not In My BackYard) element. While there is indeed some NIMBY sentiment, in my view there is more of what is referred to as the QUIMBY (a term used in Portland, Ore., meaning QUALITY In My BackYard) persuasion—among which I include myself. QUIMBY encompasses, for example, design excellence, new building accompanied by all necessary physical and cultural support infrastructure, moderation, and sticking to our founding principles.

Now community groups led by the Coalition for a Planned Reston (CPR), Reston Association and Reston Citizens Association have introduced a well thought out alternative to the County's over-zoning proposal. Drafted largely by Mr. Maynard, the Coalition alternative proposes amending the Reston Master Plan, which reflects considerable agreement among developers and community stakeholders. The amendment would allow considerable growth up to an absolute cap of 120,000 people, rather than

the 180,000 achievable in the County proposal.

But, unlike the County's over-zoning approach, this proposal limits higher density growth to the Transit Station Areas and under certain conditions in Village Center mixed-use areas. Furthermore, the Coalition assures significant affordable and workforce housing, protects residential neighborhoods and sets forth strict requirements for phasing in transportation and public facilities along with, or before, new growth construction.

It includes provision for monitoring and reporting on phasing. Parks and recreation and cultural facilities will be consistent with Reston principles and County policy. In sum, the Coalition seeks to deliver substantial but moderated growth so that our future is in tune with our Reston vision and the founding principles.

Last week, Supervisor Hudgins suggested creating small work groups of County staff and reps from only the Coalition and RA to focus on issues before us. This is a positive, if small, step to a sorely needed discussion to resolve major differences. She should use the Coalition's proposal as the framework for dialog if we are to avoid the train wreck with the community feared by many of us.

Civic Engagement

By Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum
State Delegate (D-36)



This coming Saturday, May 12, I will be sponsoring a Civic Engagement Fair at South Lakes High School from 9 a.m. to noon. It will be very similar to the event I sponsored last year that attracted several hundred people. About two dozen representatives of organizations who use volunteers to improve the quality of life in our community

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will be present to provide information and answer questions. These organizations include political, civic, and human services groups. There will be no formal program; you visit the booths of the groups about which you

hope to learn more and network with the representatives who themselves are mostly volunteers.

Come anytime between nine and noon and spend as much time as you would like getting to know the organizations and their missions. Many of the organizations are active not only in our immediate community but in the region, state and national levels as well. The experience of last year was that most attendees found ways in which they wanted to become involved in the civic life of our community. The organizations were pleased as well because they signed up many volunteers.

There is no question that the direction of our national government spurred many people into action. My scheduling of another civic engagement fair this year came

about because I continue to hear from individuals in the community that they want to do more to protect the rights and quality of life of all people in our area. Last year many people who showed up had never been engaged as a volunteer on political or civic or human rights issues but were determined to become involved. They left with more information on how to make their own decision on what they would do to help make a difference. The event is open to everyone regardless of political party affiliation and also to those who want to get involved without being engaged in partisan politics.

Satisfaction from being involved to the extent to which persons decide for themselves their involvement can lead to a high level of satisfaction. You can learn this from people you talk to at the Civic Engagement Fair or by talking to others who had previously decided to get more involved in the community. The experience will help to

answer the nagging question of "what can I do?" About a quarter to a third of adults throughout the country are involved in some form of volunteer activity.

An article in Harvard Health suggests that many good health benefits come from helping others by volunteering. An article in Forbes last year concluded that "volunteering is the right thing to do for so many reasons: for your community, for your health, for your leadership development ... In spite of the stress of life and the lack of time—or maybe because of it—get out there and volunteer. Do good, feel happier, build relationships, learn new skills and have an impact on something important to you."

Hope to see you on Saturday anytime between nine and noon. Look forward to our working together.

Making Summer Camp Affordable

To the Editor:

I read with interest Marilyn Campbell's recent article on the difficulty of affording summer camp. As the director of Traveling Players Ensemble, a summer theatre camp, I've been acutely aware of the issues families face in paying for camp for years. I've seen the enormous difference that summer enrichment programs can make in a kid's life. That's why I made it my goal to offer the most generous summer scholarships in the area. We just received a \$10,000 grant from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, specifically to underwrite scholarships, and we are actively seeking middle and high

schoolers of financial need to participate in our summer camps. Some of our previous scholarship campers have even been able to turn the high-level training they get from us into longer-term benefit, receiving tens of thousands of dollars in artistic scholarships to attend college. We hope that we can add our commitment to providing scholarships to the great work that Camp Invention and other summer institutions are doing to provide real, lasting benefits to lower-income children in our community.

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“Heal” Film Screening. 7:30 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. It takes us on a scientific and spiritual journey where we discover from leading scientists and spiritual teachers that by changing one’s perceptions, the human body can heal itself from any disease. The film follows two people on actual high stakes healing journeys. Visit www.unityoffairfax.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 12

Community Yard Sale. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at 1900 Campus Commons Drive (Corner of Sunrise Valley Drive and Wiehle Avenue). Eighty-five families will be selling a variety of items so this event is a great opportunity to find things for a new home or a college dorm. Cancelled in the event of rain.

Nomination Deadline. The MCA is sponsoring the annual Outstanding Teen Character Award at this year’s McLean Day. The award recognizes teens for their service and commitment to their community. To be eligible, the student must live in either McLean zip code 22101 or 22102, a neighborhood that feeds into McLean or Langley High School, or an area served by the MCA. Nominate teens who should be recognized for their accomplishments and dedication to the community. Email

MCA.CharacterAward@gmail.com for nomination information.

THURSDAY/MAY 17

Community Food Packing. 10-11:30 a.m. at Dominion Energy, 3072 Centreville Road, Herndon. Assistance League of Northern Virginia, a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, invites community members to help pack food for its Weekend Food for Kids program. This critical program provides nonperishable food over the weekend to children who receive free or reduced-price meals. Arrive at 9:30 if you would like to help with setup. Free. Email LynnTimerB517@verizon.net or visit www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org.

FRIDAY/MAY 18

RSVP Northern Virginia Orientation. 10:30 a.m. at the Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. RSVP Northern Virginia will hold an orientation for prospective volunteers. RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) is the region’s largest volunteer network for people 55 and older and provides individualized support to seniors seeking service opportunities. The event is free and open to the public. Sign up by email at chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org or call 703-403- 5360. Visit www.rsvpnova.org.

THROUGH MAY 20

NVTA Candidate Projects. The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority has released 60 candidate projects and related information for its inaugural FY 2018-2023 Six Year Program for public comment. The Authority invites the public to learn

more about and comment on the candidate projects under consideration for funding. A detailed project list, project description forms, maps and technical analyses are available at www.TheNoVaAuthority.org and at the NVTA offices (3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200, Fairfax), on weekdays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. E-mail: TheAuthority@TheNoVaAuthority.org; phone: 703-642-4652 or in person on May 10, 2018 from 5:30-7 p.m. Visit www.TheNoVaAuthority.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 20

Community Screening. 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at North County Governmental Center Community Room (across from Reston Regional Library), 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston. A community screening of “How to Die in Oregon” (abridged version), followed by a discussion of End-of-Life options, including Medical Aid-in-Dying. Free. RSVP to compassionchoicesva@gmail.com.

TUESDAY/MAY 22

Networking Night. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Hidden Creek Country Club, 1711 Clubhouse Road, Reston. Join the Reston Chamber of Commerce for their monthly network night. They will also be announcing their ACE Nominees. \$20 for members; \$30 for future members/guests. Additional \$10 fee at the door. Visit www.restonchamber.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 10

Registration Deadline: RSTA. 9 p.m. The Reston Swim Team Association (RSTA) is a year-round swim league open to all swimmers between the ages of 6 and 18. The summer league brings together
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One local resident, describing herself as a supporter of the Second Amendment, challenged Connolly on his views regarding the “hardening” of schools.

“I’m not completely sure what you mean by that,” answered Connolly, but he firmly rejected the proposal to arm teachers as a defense against gun violence in the classroom. “Can you imagine that scenario?” Connolly believes that it would be “madness” to put teachers in that position, even with training. “Was that a gunshot? Should I shoot? Who should I shoot? Teachers have a difficult enough role, a major responsibility just to do the job they have.”

Langston Carter and Michael McCabe backed Connolly’s position, noting that the “hardening of schools” approach to protection can often have a negative impact on students of color.

THINGS TURNED A LITTLE HEATED when the woman got back in line for a second turn at the microphone to “explain just what assault weapons are.” Rumbles from the audience during her comments caused the speaker to angrily assert that “there’s all this talk of a conversation, but you don’t want to hear an opposite view.”

Zachary Schonfeld, a senior at Reston’s South Lakes High School, recounted the often hateful and vulgar negative backlash he faced, particularly on social media, after speaking at an event. “How do you handle that?” he asked the panel. Connolly’s response — “One word. Fortitude. Keep going. Our opponents are counting on you to quit, to give up. Know that you are making a difference.”

Other audience members offered suggestions for improving school safety. Some, like former Secret Service agent Donna Widawski, urged the congressman and the students to keep an eye on the bigger picture. “Sensible gun legislation is critical, but there is more to the story, more to be examined and addressed to prevent all types of violence in schools and in the community at large.”

Fairfax County Council of PTAs president Beth Tudon applauded the students’ efforts to promote voter registration, offering assistance from her organization and partners like the League of Women Voters.

According to the FCCPTA, fewer than 20 percent of the county’s students were registered to vote during the 2016-2017 school year. This year, the numbers registered have almost tripled, but “It’s time to make a push,” she said. The deadline to register for the June 2018 primaries is May 21.

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swimmers from the greater Reston area who practice and compete on eight teams with up to 110 swimmers per team from late May to the end of July. Visit www.rsta.org.

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Still Haven't Seen the Light



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Wow!. I just saved “Up to \$504 ** “ (not including the two asterisks), and all I did was buy a six pack of LED light bulbs. So it says on the package anyway.

Maybe I should buy another six-pack and save even more money? There are only two problems (just two?) with this plan. First, I don’t see a rebate-type form to complete and return and; in lieu there of, neither is there a guarantee, considering my health situation, that I’ll even live long enough (“Lasts 13+ Years”) to realize the benefit/savings of not spending additional money on light bulbs. (Are they even called light bulbs any more? I don’t see it printed on the package anywhere.)

And while I’ll definitely enjoy not spending money on light bulbs – or whatever they’re called, I won’t enjoy wondering if I’ve now spent money on light bulbs that I don’t actually need and/or likely will never even use. I mean, I have previously – because as a country/consumer we’ve had no other choice, given that the incandescent light bulb ship has sailed – bought replacement light bulbs. I don’t remember however, if the bulbs were LED, Halogen, Incandescent, CFL, Fluorescent or who knows what? Literally. Certainly not me.

My only light-bulb-related talent is screwing them into the fixture as I’ve written about previously. (Do you remember I called myself “Taurus Bulba”?) In fact, I may very well have already installed light bulbs that are going to last for years so it’s possible there isn’t even a need to allocate dollars and sense to bulb inventory – or even to write this column.

I suppose that if I’m serious and/or inclined to shine a light on this problem, I need to get organized, either on my computer or in pen in a notebook (Sort of like how my wife’s Italian grandfather, Cesare, did regarding Christmas cards. He had years of notebooks with names listed with boxes alongside, checked or not, for cards sent and/or received) to identify which lights/fixtures have which kind of light bulbs so I’ll know whether it’s likely I’ll actually need to spend money on replacement light bulbs.

If the light bulbs really are going to “Last 13+ years,” (as is also printed on the package) then I might not need to buy them any more, for awhile, anyway. As a result, light bulbs will no longer be a regular purchase like toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, etc. Instead, they will become an irregular purchase like batteries, sponges and the like.

Now, if I really can stop this unnecessary light-bulb-redundancy, I should have a few extra dollars that I can allocate elsewhere on real necessities – like candy, cookies and ice cream.

Having sorted out the light bulb task ahead of me; in addition to saving money, I will have saved time as well. And who wouldn’t want to save time and money? Everybody. However, saving it in this excruciatingly boring/mundane manner has limited appeal, I would guess.

But, we’re not just saving pennies here; potentially, according to the light bulb’s packaging, we are apparently saving hundreds of dollars, and hundreds are worth saving.

Unfortunately, the dollars saved are not exactly in-pocket. They’re more dollars which won’t be spent out-of-pocket. Not as direct as a rebate, but more like an indirect benefit such as money saved from the installation of energy-efficient windows or placing insulation in your attic.

Either way, it’s money not in somebody else’s pocket. I just wish the manufacturers could figure out a way to pay me today, especially since I paid them yesterday.

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ONGOING

Craig Moran: Spaced Out. Through May 29 at GRACE at Signature, 11850 Freedom Drive, Reston. A D.C.-based painter known for his boldly patterned canvases, Moran's newest body of work is a whirl-wind of exuberant colors and energetic shapes. Call 703-471-9242 or visit www.restonarts.org.

Reston Farmers Market. Open Saturdays, through Dec. 1, 8 a.m.-noon at 1609 Washington Plaza N., Reston. Fairfax County Park Authority markets are strictly producer-only meaning that vendors must grow or make from scratch everything they bring to market. Call 703-642-0128 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

FRIDAY/MAY 11

Reading Club. 5 p.m. at Scrawl Books, Reston Town Center, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. The South Lakes High School Reading Club hosts Young Adult author Jessica Spotswood for a discussion of her novel, *Born Wicked*. The event is free and open to the public. Visit www.scrawlbooks.com.

SATURDAY/MAY 12

Spring Farm Day. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Milk a cow or goat, hear the antique farm equipment putter, play old timey games, and enjoy crafts in a family-friendly atmosphere. Call 703-437-9101 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park.

British Invasion: The Beatles & Beyond. 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. at Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Rock out with The Reston Chorale and friends from the Piedmont Symphony and Rock Band to musical hits from across the pond. \$25/Adults; \$20/Seniors; Free/Youth and Active Duty Military. Tickets at www.restonchorale.org and 703-476-4500, ext. 3.

Mother's Day Craft. All day at Scrawl Books, Reston Town Center, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. Stop by Scrawl Books to make a card and craft for mom. They will have supplies and staff on hand to help children of all ages make something special for Mother's Day. Visit www.scrawlbooks.com.

MONDAY/MAY 14

Golf Tournament. 1:30 p.m. Shotgun Start at Hidden Creek Country Club, 1711 Clubhouse Road, Reston. The 2018 Celebrate Great Falls Foundation Golf Tournament. Proceeds benefit Great Falls, Forestville and Colvin Run Elementary schools. Afternoon registration 12:15-1:15 p.m. Foursome - \$600; Single Golfer - \$175. Visit www.greatfallsgolf.org.

"FIX," an Original Work. 7 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Reston, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Dodgeball Theatre's Teen Ensemble 18 presents: "Fix," an original work. Dodgeball Theatre's Teen Ensemble, now in its 10th year, will be premiering "FIX," written, developed, and performed by the Ensemble. "FIX" considers the nature and intention of trying to fix the world around us and ultimately asks the question when is it enough? \$10, tickets available at the door. Visit www.dodgeballtheatre.com.

TUESDAY/MAY 15

The Eddie Cantor Story. 1-3 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth, 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon. "The Eddie Cantor Story: A Jewish Life in



Teen Ensemble members developing a scene. From left: Sarah Janson, Jack Colligan, Kelly Brown, Katie Adler, Gwyneth Murphy, Timothy Hutchinson, Emma Choi, Abby Cortez, and Delia Alcorn.

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The Eddie Cantor Story

Historian David Weinstein will share a multi-media presentation "The Eddie Cantor Story: A Jewish Life in Performance and Politics," featuring many rare photos, songs, and film clips. Tuesday, May 15, 1-3 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth, 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon. Free. Visit bethemeth.org/hazak.



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Live Music: The Matchsellers. 7:15 p.m. at Amphora's Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St., Herndon. The Matchsellers are Warsaw, Indiana native Andrew Morris and Julie Bates of Kansas City, Missouri. Their stage show has been developed over half a decade of constant touring across the US and Europe. Call 703-435-2402 or www.restonherndonfolkclub.com.

Encore Chorale Concert. 7:30-9 p.m. at United Christian Parish Reston, 11508 North Shore Drive, Reston. Combined Encore Chorales from Reston, Fairfax, and Lansdowne Woods sing music from Broadway, the Great American Songbook, and traditional Spirituals. Free and open

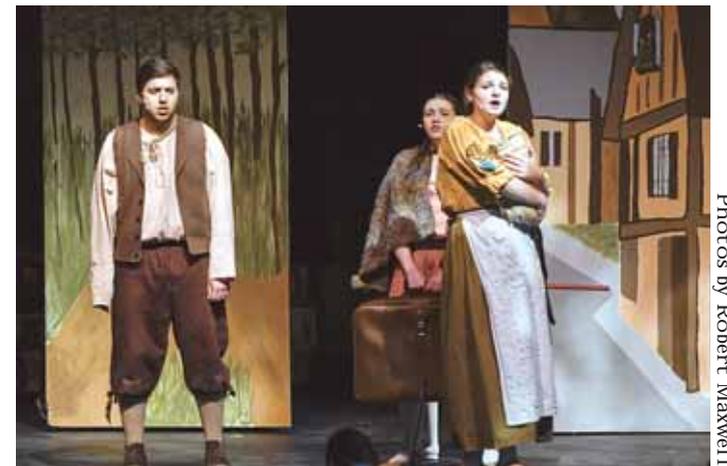
to the public. Visit www.EncoreCreativity.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 18-20

Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. each day at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. More than 200 artists will show off their works. Presented by GRACE - Greater Reston Arts Center. Admission \$5/adults. Free garage parking. Visit northernvirginiafineartsfestival.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 19

Kids in the Park. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Claude Moore Recreation & Community Center, 46105 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling; Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling; and Heritage Farm Museum, 21668 Heritage Farm Lane, Sterling. Celebrate National Kids to Park Day,



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Some Call it 'the Best Production Ever'

Herndon High's recent production of Sondheim's 'Into the Woods' involved a huge cast, tech/crew, and pit orchestra plus hundreds of volunteer hours. 'Into the Woods' is known for its difficulty, and the students and community knocked it out of the park. Some are saying it was the best production ever at Herndon High. Pictured here, seniors Vaheed Talebian and Isabel Bustamante played the Baker and his Wife.



Along their journey to collect items for a potion that will break the Witch's curse, the Baker and his Wife meet Cinderella (Erin Maxwell, Junior), who holds a needed ingredient "the



In trying to break a curse, the Witch (Allie Lytle, Senior) tragically loses her daughter, Rapunzel. Allie will be studying musical theatre in college.

a fun-filled day including a scavenger hunt at all three sites, farm tour, moonbounces, arts and crafts, games, food trucks and more. Free admission. Call 571-258-3600

SUNDAY/MAY 20

Red Shoe 5K Run & Walk. at Dulles Station in Herndon. The family-friendly event will feature a timed 5K course suited for both runners and walkers, and a Kid's Fun Run for kids 8 years and younger. Registration fees are \$35 for Adult 5K registration, and \$25 for Kid's Fun Run (8 and under); \$40 on race day. Visit www.RedShoe5k.org.

Sunday Spring Tea Fundraiser. 2-4 p.m. at Crowne Plaza, 2200 Centreville Road, Herndon. Arts Herndon Fundraiser to Benefit Arts Herndon's scholarships and programming. Silent Auction Baskets from local businesses, guest artist Mary Sears, special guest speaker, live music, door prizes and more. Register at artspaceherndon.org.

Author Event. 2 p.m. at Scrawl Books, Reston Town Center, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. Author Kara Arundel reads from and discusses her novel, "Raising America's Zoo: How Two Gorillas Helped Transform the National Zoo."