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Generation Gap

Millennials and Gen X now outnumber older voters, but Baby Boomers continue to dominate.

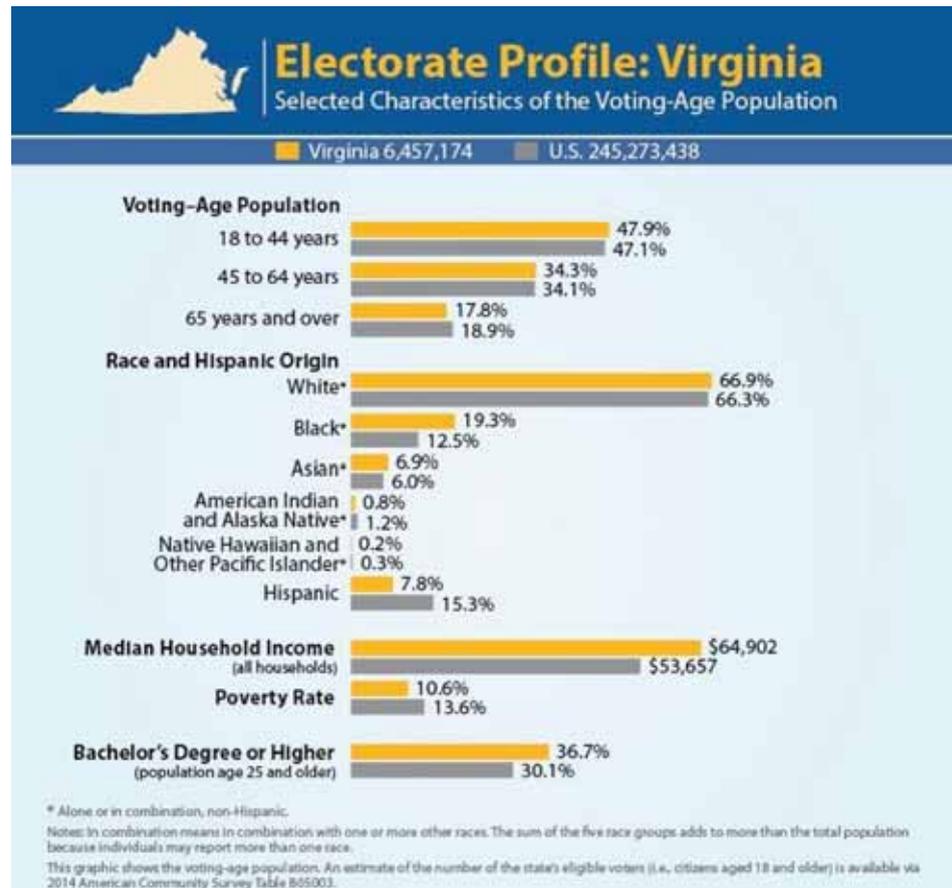
BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Millennials and Gen Xers now outnumber Baby Boomers and older voters in Virginia, according to data from the Census Bureau. But that doesn't mean they have as much influence. Census numbers also show another trend: People over the age of 45 vote at much higher rates. That means Baby Boomers are expected to once again exert outsized influence in next week's election despite the fact that they are now outnumbered by ranks of younger voters.

"We talk about the Baby Boomers so much because they were a phenomenon unto themselves in some ways," says Quentin Kidd, director of the Wason Center for Public Policy at Christopher Newport University. "As they aged, they participated at high levels, and those participation levels stayed pretty high."

Voters across Virginia will be heading to the polls next week in a high-stakes election that will determine which party controls the House of Delegates and state Senate. All 140 seats in the House and Senate will be on the ballot this year. Election officials expect turnout to be about 30 percent, much lower than the 60 percent of registered voters that show up to presidential elections. That means voters who show up to the polls will be older, whiter and much more likely to be Republican.

"Virginia has a lot of immigrants. Immigrants tend to be younger and tend to have more kids, and those voters with that profile tend to lean Democratic," says Jeremy Mayer, associate professor in the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University. "So why are the Baby Boomers still dominating? Because that demographic votes, and tends to vote with ex-



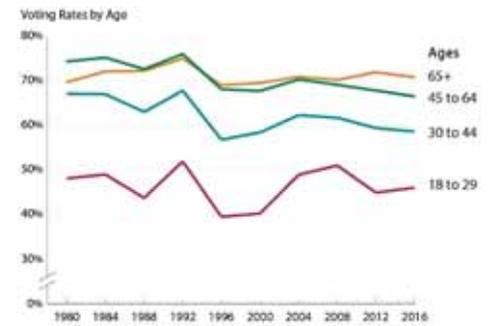
traordinary reliability."

Mayer says he sees a similarity between the victory of Donald Trump in 2016 with a victory of Brexit that same year, two elections where the interest of older voters overwhelmed the interest of younger voters, a phenomenon he calls a "revolution of the elderly." This election is also expected to be dominated by Baby Boom voters, although eventually millennials and Gen X voters will catch up and become the dominant force in Virginia politics.

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ment are indeed the 18 to 29 year olds," says Bob Denton, chairman of the Department of Communications at Virginia Tech. "There is going to be a political sea change, not so much on demographics per se but on political beliefs, attitudes and values of the Millennials and Generation Z."

Four years ago, when Virginia had no statewide races and every member of the General Assembly was up for election, about 30 percent of registered voters showed up to the polls and cast a ballot. Turnout statistics were pretty much the same for the election four years before that as well as the election four years before that. Democrats are expected to do well if they can push the turnout numbers above 30 percent, even if it's only a little bit.

"The early voting numbers suggest a significantly higher trajectory," says Stephen Farnsworth, director of the Center for Leadership and Media Studies at the University of Mary Washington. "Based on the number of candidates running in the Virginia mid-term this year as well as polls, including the Mary Washington statewide survey that shows a high level of voter interest in 2019, all indications are that this Virginia midterm will have much higher turnout than four years ago."

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The training prepares residents to help themselves, their families, and their neighbors in the event of a disaster.



Fairfax County officials and Great Falls residents are happy to open a new segment of the pedestrian walkway from Falls Bridge Lane to Seneca Square along Georgetown Pike.



Julie Ben-Achour, president of Great Falls Trail Blazers, says it is very important for people to be able to walk around this wonderful area.

PHOTOS BY NADEZHDA SHULGA THE CONNECTION

Georgetown Pike Gets Walkable

A new path will allow Great Falls residents to walk or bike from their neighborhoods to Seneca Square.

BY NADEZHDA SHULGA
THE CONNECTION

It was such a nice day to walk along the Georgetown Pike and enjoy the majestic fall foliage. The leaves are turning yellow, the air is brisk and fresh. Signs of autumn are popping up all around.

“That’s the beauty of being in Great Falls,” said Julie Ben-Achour, president of Great Falls Trail Blazers. “You feel the difference every time you return to Great Falls from traveling. The air is clean here. It is very important for people to be able to walk around this wonderful area.”

Fairfax County officials and Great Falls residents gathered Wednesday, Oct. 23, for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the completion of the segment of the asphalt

paved pedestrian walkway from Falls Bridge Lane to Seneca Square along Georgetown Pike. This trail now gives the residents a continuous trail to Seneca Plaza from the neighborhoods located along the Georgetown Pike. The segment is part of the larger project of the 4.2-mile continuous path from River Bend Road to Seneca Square.

THE PROJECT is funded by a combination of federal and local funds. The whole program has been in the works for fourteen years. Thanks to the hard work of many people including the Great Falls Citizen Association (GFCA), the first four trail segments finally become a reality.

“You guys never give up and you worked so hard to find a compromise,” Dranesville Supervisor John Foust said at the ceremony.

Although the project took longer than initially estimated, the segment was completed on time and within budget. Because of federal funding for one of the segments, and because Georgetown Pike is a historical road listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the trail development has proved more complicated and required more resources and effort than expected.

“There are requirements that you must do this, you must do that,” Philip Pifer, lead of GFCA trails, said. “We actually had to look for cannonballs, civil war, and revolutionary war stuff because that’s required.”

The public 6-foot walkway meets all VDOT and county design standards and complies with the Americans with Disabilities act.

“Right here, on the 4th of July, we have a fun run,” said Julie Ben-Achour, president

of Great Falls Trail Blazers. Jogging or running is becoming the most popular, convenient, and simplest form of exercise. Georgetown Pike is the main artery for the entire community connecting all neighborhoods together.

FOR JOGGERS, it is a real challenge to find a safe place to run around the neighborhoods because of the roads with little to no accommodation for people on foot. That is why this upgrade is so important to the community.

“The schools, the parks, and the village as all of the residents here know, there’s really no way to get anywhere in Great Falls from almost any neighborhood except getting in your car and braving the traffic,” added Pifer. He also mentioned that there is a \$90,000 left over from the completed phases which is going to be used in the next phase. “Georgetown Pike trail is a very, very, very important part of our vision and we’re delighted to hear about Phase V and you keep pushing it forward.”



Robert Ayers, transportation engineer, at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Dranesville Supervisor John Foust thanked the team for the work well done.



Philip Pifer, lead of GFCA trails, helped move the project along over the seven years



PHOTO BY MERCIA HOBSON/THE CONNECTION

Janet and Theresa Howell listen to comments from the audience.

'Women In Power' Launches Locally

By Janet Howell and Theresa Howell;
Foreword by Hillary Rodham Clinton.

By MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

Authors Janet Howell of Reston, State Senator for District 32, and Theresa Howell, Janet's daughter-in-law, launched their newly released compendium, 'Leading the Way: Women in Power' on Oct. 13 at Scrawl Books in Reston. Due to the number of attendees, staff set up chairs in the hallway lobby of the building, which housed Scrawl Books, located at 11911 Freedom Drive. One of

Janet Howell's first sentences caught the audience's attention. Howell recalled three years ago while she and Theresa sat at the family kitchen table, chatting, Theresa lamented while she would like her daughters to get into politics, they didn't know how nor did they have many examples of women who had done anything. In that moment, the Howells' came up with the idea of writing a book for young readers. It would highlight fifty American women who blazed

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OPINION

Go Vote! Election Day Is Nov. 5.

It matters more than ever; do your part, don't miss this chance.

- ❖ Nov. 2 Final day to vote absentee in-person, 5 p.m.
- ❖ Nov. 5: Deadline for your absentee ballot to ARRIVE at the Office of Elections, 7 p.m.
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IMPORTANT: If you get to your polling place without acceptable photo ID, you can still vote. Ask for a provisional ballot. You will be given instructions on what to do so your vote can count.

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- ❖ Member House of Delegates, vote for one in your district
- ❖ Commonwealth's Attorney, vote for one
- ❖ Sheriff, vote for one
- ❖ Chairman Board of Supervisors, vote for one
- ❖ Member School Board at Large, vote for three
- ❖ Member Board of Supervisors. vote for one in your district
- ❖ Member School Board. vote for one in your district
- ❖ Soil and Water Conservation Director Northern Virginia District
- ❖ School Bonds Referendum

- ❖ Vote both sides of your ballot. Bring notes on your preferred candidates. It's not simple. We have included party designations and, with reservations, the party endorsements for school board. Most candidates do not have party affiliation listed on the ballot.

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The Office of Elections is open during normal business hours to provide residents the opportunity to register to vote or obtain a free voter photo ID if needed.

SCHOOL BOND BALLOT QUESTION

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

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

CANDIDATES, FAIRFAX COUNTY

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

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

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

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

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

Hunter Mill District
Walter L. Acorn (D) unopposed

Lee District
Rodney L. Lusk (D) unopposed

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

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

Providence District
Dalia A. Palchik (D), unopposed

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

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

SCHOOL BOARD

School Board At-Large (vote for three)
Abrar E. Omeish (endorsed by Democrats)

Cheryl A. Buford (endorsed by Republicans)
Priscilla M. DeStefano (endorsed by Republicans)
Rachna Sizemore Heizer (endorsed by Democrats)

Vinson Palathingal (endorsed by Republicans)
Ilryong Moon, incumbent (withdrawn)
Karen A. Keys-Gamarra, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats)

Braddock District, School Board
Zia Tompkins (endorsed by Republicans)

Megan O. McLaughlin, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats)

Dranesville District, School Board
Anastasia S. Karloutsos (endorsed by Republicans)
Ardavan Mobasher
Elaine V. Tholen (endorsed by Democrats)

Hunter Mill District, School Board
Laura Ramirez Drain (endorsed by Republicans)
Melanie K. Meren (endorsed by Democrats)

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

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

Mount Vernon District, School Board
Pamela C. Ononiwu
Steven D. Mosley (endorsed by Republicans)
Karen L. Corbett Sanders, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats)

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

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

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

Soil and Water Conservation Director
Northern Virginia District

Vote for Three
C. Jane Dudik (endorsed by Republicans)
Chris E. Koerner (endorsed by Democrats)
Christopher A. Bowen (endorsed by Republicans)
Edward F. McGovern (endorsed by Republicans)
Jonah E. "Jet" Thomas
Monica A. Billger (endorsed by Democrats)
Gerald Owen "Jerry" Peters Jr., incumbent, (endorsed by Democrats)

CANDIDATES, GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

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

District 36
Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum, incumbent, unopposed

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

District 38
L. Kaye Kory (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 39
Nick O. Bell (R)

Vivian E. Watts (D), incumbent

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

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

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

District 43
Mark D. Sickles (D), incumbent

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

VIRGINIA STATE SENATE

District 30
Adam P. Ebbin (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 31
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District 32
Janet D. Howell (D), incumbent
Arthur G. Purves (R)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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LETTERS

Make Your Vote Count

To the Editor

As election day approaches in Virginia and with the passing of Congressman Elijah Cumming I am reminded of his eloquence and passion about voting rights. His dying mother's words, "do not let them take our votes away from us," is a clarion call for us to do our part to protect the voting rights for marginalized populations. Also, none of us should squander our opportunity to vote. The Republicans in Virginia have

made a concerted effort to suppress the vote. Their motivation is simple. When voter turnout is high they lose. Republican legislators have gerrymandered districts to reduce the influence of African-American voters. Luckily, a district court panel found that 11 districts were illegal racial gerrymanders with some maps redrawn for the 2019 election. Republicans also fought against Gov.

McAuliffe restoring voting rights to more than 200,000 formerly

incarcerated people.

Vote on Nov. 5. for Democrats who support people's right to vote. Vote to make sure we flip Virginia Blue. Look at your sample ballot carefully since many of the school board candidates are not marked by party affiliation on your voting ballot. Remember in-person absentee voting is Oct. 17-Nov. 2. Rep. Cummings fought for the vote, and you should too.

Kristin Battista-Fraze
McLean

Murphy Fights to Improve Transportation

To the Editor:

No one has been more active – and effective – in improving the quality of transportation in our area than Del. Kathleen Murphy. I know this first hand because as a longtime resident of McLean, my life is directly impacted by the challenges of transportation in this area.

Are all the issues solved? If you ask Del. Murphy, she can list all that has to be done. And I know she is the person to improve transportation, because she has deep

knowledge of how VDOT operates and how to get other delegates to work with her to pass legislation. And, importantly, she serves on the Transportation Committee.

These are some of Del. Murphy's accomplishments. She worked to add a lane along Balls Hill Road. She worked diligently to address the concerns of people living along Route 7. She opposed adding tolls to Route 66 inside the Beltway and will continue to fight for commuters. She has successfully fought for more funding for Metro, and con-

tinues to fight for Northern Virginia's fair share of state transportation funding, as well as for efficient use of those funds.

It takes more than words to effect change, especially when addressing complex issues such as transportation in Northern Virginia. I know what Del. Murphy has already accomplished, and I know that she will continue to fight effectively for us.

Roxaneh Chamlou
McLean

Pan Will Get Things Done

To the Editor:

I have known Gary Pan for over fifteen years as a friend and fellow volunteer serving in Scouting and I know there is no one more committed to getting purposeful things done than Gary Pan. When Gary recognizes a need, he will do what it takes to build consensus and get the job done.

I'm confident he will be his own person diligently representing the interests of his district. He is an independent thinker who is not deterred by the enormity of a task

and will work tirelessly to address those challenges.

His opponent, Kathleen Murphy has touted successful legislative victories.

But the bills she has supported that have passed have been written by other people, like John Foust and the GFCA. Those bills all deserved bipartisan support.

But Kathleen's best bill against domestic violence passed both the House and Senate. However, it was vetoed by Governor Ralph Northam. Did Kathleen fight to

overturn that veto? No she didn't, and went along with her party's leader choosing not to disagree with her party's positions.

Gary Pan will listen to his constituents and vote the way they direct.

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Bob MacKichan
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Founder of the Traveling Players Ensemble, Jeane Harrison, speaks to the audience.



The Traveling Players Ensemble performs on The Plaza at Tysons Corner Center.

Traveling Players Comes to Tysons

New studio at the Tysons Corner Center to open in January of 2020.

By DENISE LEW
THE CONNECTION

Traveling Players Ensemble, a nonprofit educational theatre company, presented *Tricks & Treats* on The Plaza at Tysons Corner Mall on Wednesday, Oct. 23. The benefit concert supports the Ensemble opening its first storefront studio at the Tysons Corner Center in January of 2020. An excerpt was performed from Moliere's classic comedy the "Doctor in Spite of Himself," about a woodcutter impersonating a doctor to trick a rich man. Also featured were *Doctor Dour & Peach*, a husband and wife team who are longtime faculty members at the company.

Now in its 17th year, the Traveling Players Ensemble is dedicated to training young actors in the "great outdoors" through theatre classes, workshops and summer camps.

The National Endowment for the Arts named it one of the 25 best Summer Schools in the Arts. The Ensemble fre-



Zia Wallach, 14, from Reston, and Arianna Torrez, 15, from Arlington perform in the Traveling Players Ensemble.

quently performs in the Washington D.C. area including the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage, Wolftrap's International



Cigdem and Lara Bircan, 4, from Vienna enjoy the Traveling Players Ensemble performance.

Children's Festival, and the Multicultural Festival in Reston.

Founder and producing artistic director

Jeanne Harrison is optimistic that the new studio in Tysons will benefit the local community and beyond. "The Tysons Studio will give our acting students a safe, vibrant space to rehearse classic plays and share them with the broader community. By introducing classic literature, which is unfamiliar to lots of people, in a familiar environment, we hope to show them why they are classics in the first place," Harrison said.

McLean's Jeebu Foraida, 13, who starred as the Woodcutter at the benefit performance, joined the group a few years ago through a summer camp. "It has taught me the importance of getting along with the ensemble and being a team player. And I discovered (that) being a team player is an important lesson, not only for acting, but for life in general," Foraida said.

The Traveling Players will be performing "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in March of 2020.

Anyone who wishes to donate to the Traveling Players' new studio can visit: www.cfp-dc.org/2x54 or <http://www.travelingplayers.org>.



Johnathan, Isabel and Olivia Sok, 1, from Falls Church attend the Traveling Players Ensemble show.



A large crowd gathered to watch the Traveling Players Ensemble perform on The Plaza at Tysons Corner Center.

Conductor Dr. Scott McCormick directs the wild animals during the orchestra performance.

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Music 'Fur' All Ages To Enjoy

Langley High Orchestra performs first concert of the school year.

BY ELENA STODDARD
LANGLEY HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

The Langley High School Orchestra performed its first concert of the school year on Tuesday, Oct. 22. The “Fur, Fins, and Feathers” themed concert was a beautiful montage of pieces impersonating a multitude of wild animals ranging from aquarium fish to mighty elephants. Directed by Dr. Scott McCormick and Mr. Adam Willett, the Langley Orchestra left the audience in awe with music inspired by the charming diversity of the animals being portrayed and the creative costumes that were worn by the students, representing the many animals that were exhibited.

“This concert tonight showcased so many different animals and it was great to see all the different orchestras perform the interpretations of the animals,” said senior violinist Melis Akinci.

THE CONCERT opened with the Philharmonic Orchestra playing the iconic “The Eye of the Tiger” by Survivor and arranged by Langley alumnus Craig Hunter. This was followed by Ralph Vaughn Williams’ “The Lark Ascending” featuring soloist Alyssa Kim on the violin. Camille Saint-Saëns’ well known “Carnival of the Animals” was played featuring Cao Linh Pham and Karina Wugang on piano, Fay Shuai on cello, and Cherrri Chen on xylophone. “The lion is the king of beasts and husband of the lioness. Gazelles and things which he feasts address him as ‘your highness.’ There are those that admire his roar, in African Jungles and velds, but I think that wherever the lion is, I’d rather be somewhere else” said director Dr. McCormick’s wife, Rebekah McCormick, while narrating the many movements in the “Carnival of the Animals.”



Langley High School Orchestra members perform in the ‘Fur, Fins, and Feathers’ concert.

The Symphonic Orchestra gave the audience chills as they performed “Of Glorious Plumage” by Richard Meyer as they created the rich harmonies, depicting birds at both rest and flight. This was followed by a captivating video projection of clips from the 2002 animated movie, “Spirit, Stallion of the Cimarron,” as the orchestra played music from the adventurous film.

Finally, the Concert Orchestra closed the concert off with Doug Spata’s whimsical “The Falconer.” Referring to themselves as “Doc-lings,” Dr. McCormick’s two young children introduced “The Speckled Hen Overture” as a piece that starts with an adagio commencement to a pastoral tune, to a country waltz, and ends with a hoedown. The last piece of the night featured the well-known composer Hans Zimmer as the orchestra played music from the award-winning Walt Disney Pictures film, “The Lion King.” A video projection played behind the orchestra presenting a compilation of clips from the acclaimed film.

THE LANGLEY ORCHESTRA students were excited to dress the part as they played a variation of pieces representing many different species. The stage was full of vibrant colors as many animals made their way on stage to perform.

“I thought the real victory of the night was cellist Riker Wilson’s valiant effort to get much of the orchestra to dress as gorillas,” said junior violist Otto Janke. “I thought it made a big impact and set the concert on the right foot.”

Although the Langley Orchestra is an entirely string orchestra, many of the arts departments contributed to the success of this concert. The concert

was performed with brass, wind, and percussion instruments and the artwork presented in the concert was by Langley Senior Josh Guinn who has received the Silver Key Award, an Honorable Mention in the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition, and has exhibited artwork at the VCU Summer Intensive Art Gallery and the Tyler School of Art Gallery.

The contribution and effort put in by the students, directors, and assisting parents made it possible to create a zoo inside of the Langley Auditorium and brought the orchestra’s year off to an incredible start.

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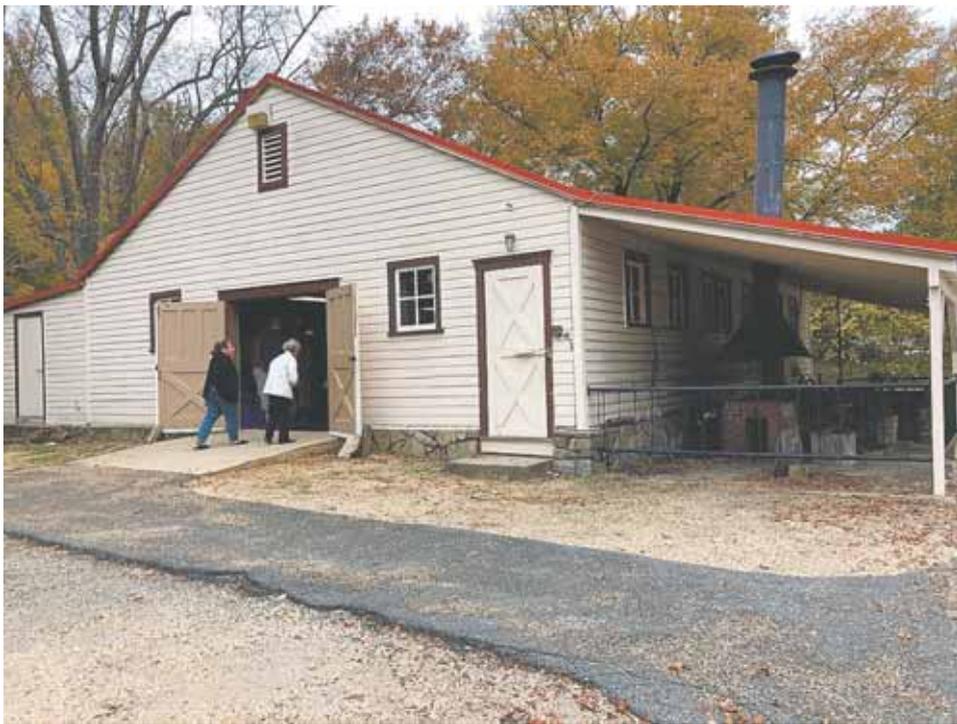


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Friends of the Lundegards and Colvin Run Mill file into the barn for the renaming ceremony.



Unveiling the new plaque for the Marjorie and Bob Lundegard Education Center, from left: Cindy Walsh, Paul Lundegard, Marjorie Lundegard, John Foust, Mike Henry, Tim Hackman, Barbara Favola, and Gene Bacher.

Lundegards Honored at Colvin Run Mill

Historic site barn renamed after Bob and Marjorie Lundegard.

BY OLIVIA ANELLO
THE CONNECTION

Friends and staff of the Colvin Run Mill gathered at the historic site in Great Falls on Saturday morning to honor Bob and Marjorie Lundegard with the renaming of a barn on the property. Bob Lundegard died in May of this year and many of the speakers reflected on what an impressive man he was, and the unstoppable team he and Marge made with many of those around them.

Many remarked on how fitting it was to dedicate the Marjorie and Bob Lundegard Education Center to the couple, because the

Lundegards dedicated much of their lives to preserving, restoring, and advocating for the mill and cultural preservation. It all began in 1989, when Marjorie, a former teacher, started volunteering at the Colvin Run Mill and taught visiting school-children about mills and simple machines. Bob followed shortly after and began volunteering for the mill in his retirement in 1993.

The two became invested in the mill and ended up being some of the first members of the Friends of Colvin Run Mill organization. According to Mike Henry, Manager of the Colvin Run Mill Historic Site, Marjorie “racked up over 25,000 hours of volunteering at the mill,” and she and Bob worked to “raise and donate \$50,000 to put toward projects to better the mill.”

The Lundegards’ commitment to historical preservation went beyond Colvin Run Mill. Their son, Paul Lundegard, shared that his parents’ love and passion for preserving mills “brought them all over the country to other historic mill sites and into the arms of genuine friends, some of whom are even here with us [at the ceremony].” Paul commended his father for looking toward the future and always creating strategies to achieve his goals. He joked that if his father were here, he would say the renaming of the barn “is a lovely thing ... But what can we do next? We’re not done yet.”

Cindy Walsh, the Director of Park Services for the Fairfax County Park Authority, helped conclude the ceremony.



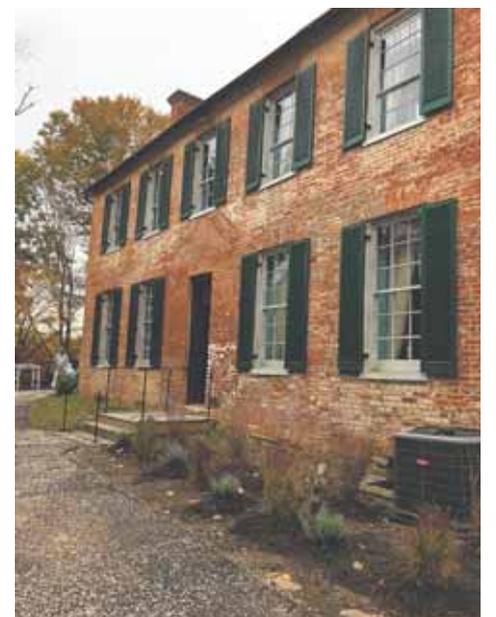
A scaled version of the Colvin Run Mill, with many floors and moving parts.



Tim Hackman, Dranesville Representative to the Fairfax Park Authority Board, shares the many contributions of Marjorie and Bob Lundegard to Colvin Run Mill.



Son of the late Bob Lundegard, Paul Lundegard delivers a tribute to his father.



The historic Colvin Run miller’s house: Inside, moments are frozen in time from the Federal and Victorian periods of Fairfax County during the 1800s.

REAL ESTATE

McLean & Great Falls Quarterly Market Analysis of Home Sales (Based on List Price):

2019 3 Qtrs compared to 2018 and 2009						
2019 1 st 3 Qtrs Total Sales: 904						
Zip Code	>\$3 Mil	\$2-3 Mil	\$1.25-2 Mil	\$1-\$1.25 Mil	\$750k-\$1 Mil	<\$750k
22101	9	37	98	67	123	33
22102	11	12	37	39	37	194
22066	5	7	59	49	66	21
Total:	25	56	194	155	226	248
Combined Total Upper Brackets: 275			Combined Total Lower Brackets: 629			
2018 1 st 3 Qtrs Total Sales: 865						
Zip Code	>\$3 Mil	\$2-3 Mil	\$1.25-2 Mil	\$1-\$1.25 Mil	\$750k-\$1 Mil	<\$750k
22101	16	34	104	52	128	45
22102	8	9	31	26	41	194
22066	0	3	48	36	64	26
Total:	24	46	183	114	233	265
Combined Total Upper Brackets: 253			Combined Total Lower Brackets: 612			
2009 1 st 3 Qtrs Total Sales: 644						
Zip Code	>\$3 Mil	\$2-3 Mil	\$1.25-2 Mil	\$1-\$1.25 Mil	\$750k-\$1 Mil	<\$750k
22101	0	15	41	31	75	146
22102	4	7	16	9	23	141
22066	2	7	29	24	40	34
Total:	6	29	86	64	138	321
Combined Total Upper Brackets: 121			Combined Total Lower Brackets: 523			

Best in a More Than a Decade

McLean and Great Falls real estate market update.

BY KAREN BRISCOE



Karen Briscoe

To date 2019 is one of the best real estate markets in over a decade. Total sales in McLean and Great Falls are up year over year by around 5 percent. The numbers tell the story. In McLean and Great Falls in the first three quarters of 2019 there were 904 sales. In the same time frame for the previous year, 2018, there were 865.

The most improved segment is the price range of \$1 to \$1.25 m as represents the move-up buyer. Confident that their lower priced home will sell quickly, maybe even with multiple offers and over list price, they are ready to take the leap to the next price point.

The price ranges below \$1.25 m in many cases represent condos, townhomes and the tear down homes for lot/land value in McLean and Great Falls. An indication that properties may be selling off market directly to builders is that the under \$750,000 price point went from 265 to 248 transactions overall in these communities. Statistics tell one story and

data that isn't available tells another.

In most cases, a property that is properly marketed on the Internet by a professional experienced real estate agent will sell for the strongest price. Competition is a force that is as strong as gravity. Be aware that there are those that target homeowners who may not be savvy or represented and advise them to sell direct.

The best news is that in 2019 the market has considerably improved over a decade ago, up over 40 percent. The bottom of the market year of 2009 represented only 644 total sales compared to 904 to date in 2019.

The final quarter of 2019 predictions for the real estate market indicate more good news. As interest rates remain steady, home buyers can purchase with confidence. Homes that show well and are priced correctly sell. Home sellers who are looking to make a move in 2019 can still make that a reality.

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SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Town Clean-Up. 9 a.m. Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave., E, Vienna. The final Town Clean-Up Day kicks off where volunteers

will gather before spreading out to give the town a little TLC. To volunteer, contact john.king@viennava.gov or call 703-255-6360. Riding on the coattails of the seasonal town cleaning, Teens on the Green will take place from 1-4 p.m. on the Town Green stage. Performance groups include Adrenaline Dance, Bach to Rock, Club Phoenix Improv, School of Rock, Velocity Dance, and more. This event is free and open to the public.

SUNDAY/NOV. 3

Low Cost Rabies Vaccine Clinic. 9-11 a.m. at Fairfax County Animal Shelter, 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax. Cost is \$15 per pet, cash and check only. Dogs, cats, and ferrets may be vaccinated at the clinic. Dogs must be on leashes; cats and ferrets must be in carriers. All pets will receive a 1-year rabies vaccination. To

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ONGOING

Students' Art Work on Display. At Great Falls Starbucks, 9863 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Falls Studios in collaboration with Great Falls Starbucks exhibit space rotates the work of local students from the Arts of Great Falls, Colvin Run Elementary, Forestville Elementary and Great Falls Elementary schools. Visit www.GreatFallsStudios.com.

The Glow: A Pumpkin Wonderland. Through Oct. 27, Thursday-Sunday nights in Lake Fairfax Park, 140 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Halloween stroll along a trail illuminated by thousands of intricately carved pumpkins, many highlighting the Capital City's most famous including pumpkin look-a-likes of iconic landmarks, musicians, movie stars, superheroes and princesses. Advanced tickets are required. \$16.99 for children; \$22.99 for adults, at www.glowpumpkin.com/washington-dc.

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

Pop-Up Scream Selfie Museum. Through Nov. 3, on select dates and times at Tysons Corner Center, Lower Level near Lord & Taylor. The American Scream Selfie Museum will feature interactive exhibits that will make visitors laugh and scream and the star of eye-popping selfies. The museum will feature an array of custom-built Halloween themed sets individuals can interact with: sit on the Iron Throne and rule the Seven Kingdoms, stand in an ancient Egyptian tomb and face the Mummy; visit a gruesome morgue; and more. \$15-\$18. Visit www.american-scream.com

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

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

Great Falls Farmers Market. Year-round, Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 778 Walker Road, kathleen@greatfallsfarmersmarket.org

Oakton Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Admission is free. Visit community-foodworks.org.

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

THURSDAY/OCT. 31

Halloween Spooktacular. 5-7 p.m. At The Great Falls Village Green, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. Trick or Treat on the Village Green. Children up to age 12 are encouraged to wear a costume, experience the Haunted House and enjoy trick or treating with local merchants. The event includes: Pet Parade on the Green (sponsored by Great Dogs of Great Falls), 4-4:45 p.m. Bring your pet on a leash dressed up in its favorite costume. A parade starts at The Arts of Great Falls gallery (756 Walker Road). Judging at 4:30 p.m. Prizes for special categories. Pets must be cleared from the area by 4:50 p.m. Dare to enter the Haunted House sponsored and created by Great Falls Boy Scout Troop 55 and stop by the Adeler Jewelers Spooky Porch. Event is held, Rain or shine.

NOV 1-3

"Guvnors." At The Vienna Community Center. The Vienna Theatre Company's production of "One Man, Two Guvnors." Performances will be staged at 8 p.m. Nov. 1 and 2. Matinee performances at 2 p.m. Nov. 3. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased online at vienna.gov/webtrac or in person at the Vienna Community Center.

'The Best Kids Magician' Comes to McLean

On Saturday, Nov. 2, The Alden in McLean presents Mario "the Maker Magician" Marchese, a New York-based family performer known for his do-it-yourself (DIY) robotic creations, upcycled props and new school slapstick character. Show times are 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for the general public, \$10 for residents. The theater is located at 1234 Ingleside Ave.

It's magic through the lens of the Maker Movement. As seen on "Sesame Street," Sprout, and live on tour with David Blaine, who called him "the best kids magician in the world," Mario's show is an upbeat, hilarious and a very interactive experience that leaves children and families inspired to nurture their own creative paths.

For more information visit: www.aldentheatre.org or call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711. For ADA accommoda-



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The Alden in McLean presents Mario "the Maker Magician" Marchese on Saturday, Nov. 2.

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Open House

Northern Virginia Model Railroaders hold an open house at the Vienna Depot each month and on Vienna celebration days, including Viva! Vienna and the Vienna Holiday Stroll. Free admission. Saturday, Nov. 16, 1-5 p.m. at the Vienna Depot, 231 Dominion Road NE. Call 703-938-5157 or visit www.nvmr.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Mario the Maker Magician. 1 and 4 p.m. At The Alden Theater, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Mario "the Maker Magician" Marchese is a New York-based family performer known for his do-it-yourself robotic creations, upcycled props and new school slapstick character. Tickets are \$15 for the general public, \$10 for Dranesville Small District-1A residents. Visit the website: www.mcleancenter.org

"Take A Seat Vienna" Bench Live Auction. 6-10 p.m. At the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE, Vienna. Member artists of the Vienna Arts Society donated their time and supplies to create 42 one-of-a-kind art benches that are currently on display throughout the

Town of Vienna. Doors open at 6 p.m. for a pre-auction preview and reception. Bidding will begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds from the auction will support the Vienna Arts Center and the organization's community outreach activities. Tickets can be purchased online <https://takeaseatvienna.brownpapertickets.com>.

Jammin the Night Away. 7-10 p.m. At Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Mosaic Harmony instrumentalists Allen Caesar, Christian Davis and Ron Skinner have invited a few of their friends to have the ultimate jam session — you are invited to hear these musicians jammin' the night away. Light refreshments will be served.

SUNDAY/NOV. 3

Gardening With Kids – Winter Planting. 1-4 p.m. at the Freeman Store, 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. Join the Ayr Hill Garden Club for the Winter Planting, featuring wreath making from harvest herb and planting next years' flower bulbs. Free. RSVP to monica.anschel@hotmail.com to ensure enough supplies.

Biblical Scenes and Sacred Canticles. 4 p.m. At Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. New Dominion Chorale will present a concert of sacred music. The concert will be conducted by Thomas Beveridge, Artistic Director of the 185-voice chorus, and will feature keyboard artists Thomas Pandolfi, pianist, and Paul Skevington, organist. Prize-winning soprano Amy Broadbent will head a cast of prominent local soloists: Chris Dudley, countertenor; Jerry Kavinski, tenor; and James Rogers, baritone. The featured work will be "Jephtha," a sacred cantata on an Old Testament story by the 17th century composer, Giacomo Carissimi, sung in Mr. Beveridge's English translation from the original Latin. Tickets may be purchased online at www.newdominion.org or at the door. Cost: \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors 62 and older, and \$15 for students ages 5 to 22. Group tickets are available for groups of 10 or more at \$25 per ticket. 202-244-7191 or president@newdominion.org

NOV. 3, 10, 17, 24, AND DEC. 8

Celtic Concerts. 5 and 7 p.m. At the Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Presents the 17th season of family friendly, Fall Traditional Celtic Concerts, a five-week series of top quality music from the British Isles, Brittany (France), the Celtic areas of Northern Spain, and the Americas, staged in the Snuggery (dining room). Tickets must be purchased in advance at oldbrogue.com — \$18 general admission/\$12 children. Season ticket: \$80/\$60. Visit the website: www.ionamusic.com/brogue.shtml or www.oldbrogue.com or call the Old Brogue at 703-759-3309.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 6

Astronomy Talk. 7:30-8:30 p.m. At Observatory Park at Turner Farm, 925 Springvale Road, Great Falls. The roll-top observatory at Observatory Park at Turner Farm hosts a classroom talk each month on astronomy-related topics such as planets, the solar system, constellations, and space missions. Talks are followed by a telescope viewing session, if the weather allows. The program is designed for participants ages 8 to adult. The cost is \$8 per person. Advance registration is required. Check the Analemma Society website for the monthly topics at <http://www.analemma.org/>. Call 703-324-8618 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/turner-farm.

SATURDAY/NOV. 9

Holiday Bazaar. 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. At the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE, Vienna. Hosted by the Vienna Women's Club. Since 1955, the Vienna Women's Club has been uniting women in common interests, activities, education, philanthropy, the arts, and more. Come browse local artisans and vendors offering unique and handmade items. Start your holiday shopping or pick up something for yourself. Admission is \$3. Visit the website: <http://viennawomansclub.org/Home.html> or visit <http://www.facebook.com/VVAWC>

Fall Bazaar and Craft Show. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, 400 Center Street, South, Vienna. The Auxiliary to the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department will hold their Fall Bazaar and Craft Show. Offered for sale will be crafts, holiday decorations, items for your home, clothing and gifts for that special someone. Lunch menu, also bountiful baked goods table. Reserve a space and request an application, call Carol at 703-309-3468 or email Dancers1023@aol.com. Admission is free.

Tea Seminar: What is Chai? 1-3 p.m. at Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Although chai is the Indian word for tea, Americans have adopted that word to mean a tea blended with spices. Learn about the many styles of masala chai, the base teas and spices used in them, and various preparation methods. Enjoy some tea infused treats and take home a custom tea blend. \$35 per person. Use ID Code ED7.CB78. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktikes or call 703-222-4664.

Night Hike Campfire. 5-7 p.m. At Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls. For participants age 3 to adult. Search for wildlife and finish with a campfire. S'mores ingredients are provided. The cost is \$8 per person, and children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. Call 703-759-9018 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend.

Book on Women in Power

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trails and changed the country through politics.

In an interview, the senator and Theresa clarified why they wrote the book, target audience and feedback. "I wanted the book to inspire kids nine and over to become involved in politics and learn how to be effective... (And) I wanted any child who opened the book, to see someone who looked like them - women representing economic, cultural and racial differences and different political perspectives," said the senator.

Theresa added, "We wanted it to appeal on many different levels. One reader could flip through and enjoy the pictures and stories; another could have it read to them. The stories are of women who built America and overcame obstacles. The book was tested for cultural sensitivities, and my two children, 11 and 14, read it...and had little or no criticism."

While speaking to the audience, Theresa shared one of her favorite women featured in the book. "I honestly, thought everybody else in the world knew about her, but I did not ... Victoria Woodhull. She was the first woman in the United States to ever run



MERCIA HOBSON/THE CONNECTION

Janet Howell of Reston (State Senator for District 32) and her daughter-in-law, Theresa Howell at Scrawl Books in Reston for the launch of their book, 'Leading the Way: Women in Power.'

for President, and it was in 1872. ... She was a suffragist; she was writing newspaper articles about women's rights; she tried to vote and got arrested."

The Howells wanted the book to be more than just stories about women with the desire to make a difference and improve life for fellow citizens. So they included a special section in their book titled: 'How to Stand Up, Speak Out, and Make a Difference: A Take-Action Guide.' Theresa explained that next to each biography in the book, readers could find tactics women used to make changes.

"Eight qualities women in the book have... courage, empathy, communication, persistence, resourcefulness, diligence, community, integrity. ... Then next to each woman on her page, we highlighted the three to four things that she identified best in her career."

'Leading the Way: Women In Power,' (Hardcover) written by Janet Howell and Theresa Howell with forward by Hillary Rodham Clinton is available through Amazon and locally at Scrawl Books 11911 Freedom Drive.

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Fred Baerenz speaking at the awards dinner in Great Falls.

Distinguished Citizen Honoree Offers Inspiration

Local Scouts BSA 2019 Distinguished Citizen honoree, Frederick P. Baerenz, offered inspiration and gratitude to those who serve others during an awards dinner held last Thursday night at River Bend Country Club in Great Falls. In his remarks, Baerenz recognized the breadth of work done by local volunteers in creating Jill's House, offering respite care for families of disabled kids, Foundation Fighting Blindness, and other local causes.

The evening also featured a celebration of the contributions of local Scouts BSA members, boys and girls, who through their involvement in Scouting have developed strong citizenship skills and offered their hearts and hands for the betterment of North/West Fairfax County – Scouts BSA's Powhatan District. This annual event raises awareness of the value of the Scouts BSA program in community, and helps raise money to support a program designed to cultivate the next generation of distinguished citizens.



From left — Gary-Pan and Fred-Baerenz



Eagle Scout Zach Schonfeld.



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obtain a 3-year vaccine, bring pet's rabies certificate (not tag) showing the current rabies vaccination expiration date. 2019 county dog licenses will be sold for an additional \$10 per license. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/animalshelter/communityassistance/rabiesclinics for more.

MONDAY/NOV. 4

Why Gun Safety is Good For Business. 8-9:30 a.m. At Valo Park, 7950 Jones Branch Drive, Tysons Corner. Featuring speaker Shannon Watts, founder of Moms Demand Action. Watts is a mother of five who, prior to founding Moms Demand Action, was a stay-at-home mom and former communications executive. The day after the Sandy Hook tragedy, she started a Facebook group with the message that all Americans can and should do more to reduce

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Meetings in 2019

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Nov. 19, 2019 9:30 a.m. - Full Board of Supervisors Meeting

Nov. 26 Committee Meetings

❖9:30 a.m. - Economic Advisory Commission

❖11 a.m. - Personnel Committee

❖1:30 p.m. - Legislative Committee

❖3 p.m. - Budget Committee

❖5 p.m. - Audit Committee

Dec. 3, 2019 9:30 a.m. - Full Board of Supervisors Meeting

Dec. 10 Committee Meetings

❖9:30 a.m. - Health, Housing and Human Services Committee

❖11 a.m. - Development Process Committee

❖1:30 p.m. - Transportation Committee

❖3 p.m. - General Assembly Annual Reception and Work Session

gun violence. The online conversation turned into a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that protect people from gun violence. Moms Demand Action has established a chapter in every state of the country

and is part of Everytown for Gun Safety, the largest gun violence prevention organization in the country, with nearly 6 million supporters. Cost is \$25. Tickets

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can be purchased at www.dembiz.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 5

Entrepreneurship 101. 8-10:30 a.m. in the First Floor Conference Center at 8300 Boone Boulevard, Tysons. Starting a Business in Fairfax County – the workshop provides an overview of start-up basics (licenses and permits), workforce services and training programs, and SBA resources including financing and certification programs. Free. Registration required at www.vahcc.com/events.

MONDAY/NOV. 11

Veteran's Day Ceremony. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. At Great Falls Freedom Memorial (behind the library), 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Celebrate and honor our veterans at this annual Veteran's Day ceremony. The event will include a color guard, patriotic songs by the Langley Madrigals, and remarks by retired Army Colonel Dick Leadbetter. Veterans especially invited. Attendees are encouraged to bring portable chairs. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held in the library meeting room. Email Bruce Fein at bruce@newdream.net. Visit the website: www.gffreedom.org

Free Bagels to Veterans. At Manhattan Bagel Company, 310 Maple Ave., West, Vienna. Manhattan Bagel Company announces that on Veterans Day it will offer a free bagel and cream cheese to all veterans at participating locations. Continuing its long-standing tradition, all active, former and retired military personnel are invited to visit their local store to take advantage of this one-day promotion.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 13

Fairfax County Park Authority Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m. in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 941, Fairfax. The Park Authority Board's 12 appointed members establish strategic policy and direction for the Park Authority. Open to the public. For agenda and more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/boardagn2.htm or call 703-324-8662.

NOV. 13-DEC. 18

Active Aging Wellness Exercise Class. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. At Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna. An eight week exercise class to improve strength, balance and mobility for older adults sponsored by Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna. Cost is \$40 for 8 week session – payable to Sun Fitness LLC. To register, contact Casey Tarr, eileentarr1@verizon.net or 703-821-6838.

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

Forum Breakfast Series. 9 a.m. At Tower Club, 8000 Towers Crescent Drive, Suite 1700, Tysons Corner. Join in a review and analysis of the 2019 election results with George Mason University Dean Mark Rozell, a recognized expert in Southern and Virginia politics. Rozell will review and analyze the results of the Nov. 5 elections just 10 days after the ballots have been counted. Cost is \$45 - Single Ticket to Breakfast; \$30 - Young Professional Ticket (must be under 40 years old); and \$100 - Breakfast Sponsor (Two tickets and recognition).

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 18

"Dining with Dorothy." 12 p.m. At Lotus Garden 224 Maple Ave., W, Vienna. Join friends with the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna or make new ones. Newcomers are always welcome. Call 703-281-0538 or visit www.scov.org. To reserve your space, contact event chair, Dorothy Flood at dflood1706@gmail.com.

THURSDAY/NOV. 21

AAUW Speaker. 7 p.m. At Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave., E, Vienna. The Vienna Area Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host Briana Sewell of the Virginia Campaign for a Family Friendly Economy, who will summarize current Virginia law and proposed legislation on family leave. Free. Co-sponsored by Patrick Henry Library. AAUW is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Founded in 1881, AAUW members examine and take positions on the fundamental issues of the day – educational, social, economic, and political. Visit the website: <https://vienna-va.aauw.net/>

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"Underwhere" and What



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Though I don't think I've broken any laws, other than the laws of consumerism, I may have gone over to the dark side. And by 'dark side,' I refer to two elements, one way more significant than the other, both of which I will get to in short order. In the interim, I refer to that most private of previously public purchases: underwear.

The last two times I bought underwear, I did not, as my father before me did so regularly for his two sons: buy from a local distributor. No. I didn't brick and mortar, I did not drive to and from. And neither did I engage with a living being (so far as I know, anyhow). Rather, I simply typed, mouse-clicked and purchased online from a national distributor. And since I wasn't able to touch and feel, my selection was a bit of a leap of faith. Would the fit, style and look satisfy in person much as it had done so online? So far, after having introduced a dozen pairs to their new homes, their owner and his neighbors seem okay with the interlopers. I expect that with the passage of time, the familiarity of it all will wear down any anticipated objections. Still, I imagine there will be an adjustment period.

Those purchases being made, I do feel as if I've crossed a line of sorts. [And the editor is likely to agree and assert selective deletion.] At the very least, consumers and their underwear purchases - and processes, seemed sacrosanct and immune to the lure of the internet. Granted, its presumptive privacy and seemingly endless choices/supply would presumably appeal to one's sense of curiosity. But not having the opportunity to physically pick and choose, and then grab and go to the cashier while glancing at the assorted inventory while you saunter through the department now seems like a lost art. An art that will never again be bid on, certainly not at Christie's anyway. I don't feel guilty exactly, about what I've done, but I do feel as if struck at the very foundation of the consumer's code of decency.

I mean, if one is going to buy underwear online then there really is no stopping the internet's intrusion into our daily lives. And if the artificial intelligence running the sites knows about our most personal preferences, then what's preventing a mass outing of mankind and womankind? To that possible end, I am now going to mention the second element of my recent purchase for which you likewise might have an opinion. This time I have literally gone over the dark side: colors; blue, black, green and gray. The tidy whities of my youth and nearly entire adulthood have had to give way to color. Another break with my underwear past which also seems unforgivable. My father always wore white underwear. How could I, as his son, break with such familial tradition? This is the weight I am now carrying. I'm not exactly leaving the faith but I do feel that I'm definitely disconnecting.

And since these online purchases of non-white underwear are not that recent (six months or so), recently, as in the last month, I have given consideration to yet another total break to how/where I've purchase these non-white "underweares," brand. I have heard multiple radio advertisements on my satellite radio concerning an upscale brand of underwear which has given me pause to rethink how I might further upgrade the neighborhood where my underwear has been residing.

It's been difficult enough changing how I buy my underwear, and then transitioning from whites to colors, but now possibly changing brands just for the sake of some creature comforts? I haven't heard any complaints from the neighbors so why bother? To be cool and comfortable? I thought I was. Apparently not. Dare I break yet another decades-old tradition? It may be too much.

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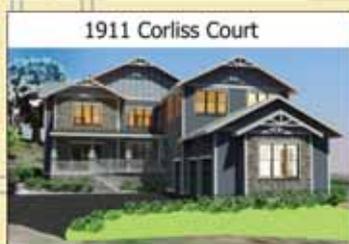
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