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Residents Ask for Safe Paths for Pedestrians and Bikes

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A bicyclist navigates a tight squeeze with no bike path or sidewalk available along Falls Road in Potomac earlier this year. Bike paths and sidewalks were major topics at "Friday with Friedson."

New Head of School for Bullis

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NEWS



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Christian G. Sullivan, who will become Bullis School's sixth Head of School on July 1, 2020 is shown with his family; son, Matthew, wife Lisa Isenman and daughter, Lexy.

Bullis School announces new Head of School

By PEGGY McEWAN
POTOMAC ALMANAC

The Trustees of Bullis School announced Oct. 21 the choice of Christian G. Sullivan as the new Head of School. Sullivan will succeed current Head Dr. Gerald L. Boarman, on July 1, 2020.

"We're thrilled to welcome Christian Sullivan to Bullis," Patrick Caulfield, Chairman of the Bullis Board of Trustees and co-chair of the Head of School Search Committee said. "He understood immediately the core strengths that Bullis already enjoys, and he wants to capitalize on and optimize those strengths. At the same time, he is a self-driven and disciplined administrator who recognizes the sustainability challenges facing independent education. Christian is warm and charismatic, confident, direct, and straightforward. His leadership style fits the Bullis culture perfectly." Sullivan is a strategic thinker and big-picture visionary with a strong focus on and passion for student-centered education and organization, Caulfield said. His background and approach dovetail with Bullis' mission to 'provide a student-centered balanced experience in academics, arts, athletics, and community service,' and 'to prepare all students to become caring citizens and creative, critical thinkers who will thrive in tomorrow's world.'"

Sullivan comes to Bullis from Annie Wright Schools in Tacoma, Washington, where he was Head of Schools for ten years.

"His decade-long leadership has been transformative for Annie Wright Schools," Michele Bessler, Chair of Annie Wright's Board of Trustees wrote. "I speak for the entire Board of Trustees when I express our sorrow at his leaving and gratitude for his service. We are deeply cognizant of the strength and stability he has brought to our institution, which has become a premier independent school on the west coast largely due to his leadership."

Sullivan expressed his feelings for being selected to head Bullis:



Christian G. Sullivan will become Bullis School Head of School on July 1, 2020.

"I am honored to become the next Head of School at Bullis, and my family and I are delighted to join your warm and strong community. While the buildings, campus and programs are impressive, what Lisa and I found most compelling were the people we met: students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni, and trustees."

Sullivan is joined by his wife, Lisa Isenman, who grew up in the DC area and holds an undergraduate degree from Washington University in St. Louis and a master's

degree in Journalism from Columbia University. They have two college-aged children: daughter Lexy at Barnard College and son Matthew at Macalester College. Sullivan began his educational career in London, where he was born and raised. He moved to Kenya to teach math in Nairobi for seven years, and where he met his wife. Sullivan and Isenman then returned to the UK, where Sullivan headed the mathematics department and served as Assistant Housemaster at a pre-K through 8 school in Oxford. Sullivan moved to the United States in 2000 to become the Middle School Director at Flint Hill School in Virginia. In 2006, Sullivan was appointed Head of School at Fairfield Country Day School in Connecticut before going to Annie Wright Schools.

Sullivan holds a Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of Durham in the UK, where he was a varsity soccer, cricket, and rugby player. He also holds a Master of Arts in Educational Management from the University of Bath in the UK and a Master of Arts in Private School Leadership from Klingenstein Center at Columbia University Teachers College.

Bullis' Dr. Boarman said he looks forward to getting to know Sullivan better over the coming months.

"Christian Sullivan will have the privilege of working with the greatest group of students, teachers, and staff any head could hope for. Bullis School is a special place. It's a family. In its first 90 years, this school has had only 5 heads. It is my honor to welcome Christian G. Sullivan as the sixth head of this excellent school," he wrote.

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'Fridays with Friedson' Offer Access in Potomac

Sidewalks, bike paths, police chief, Moms Demand and more packed into intimate monthly meeting.

BY PEGGY MCEWAN
POTOMAC ALMANAC

There was plenty to talk about sidewalks, the County Budget, project delays, pedestrian and bike safety, climate issues, the new police chief and safe schools.

It was a lot to discuss during County Councilmember Andrew Friedson's monthly meet and greet, Fridays with Friedson, held Friday, Oct. 25 at Altman's Deli in the Cabin John Shopping Center.

A handful of District One residents showed up for the early morning meeting to bring their pet projects and peevish before their Council representative and learn what is being done, can be done or won't be done.

In the most-likely-won't-be-done-anytime-soon category was Bethesda resident and community activist Livleen Gill's question about sidewalks along the stretch of Seven Locks Road between Bradley Blvd. and Democracy Lane.

Gill said when she started asking the County for sidewalks along that stretch of road, her daughter was in second grade. That daughter, she said, graduated from college this year.

"I live off Seven Locks Road and have a business off Democracy," she said. "I technically should be able to walk. Sidewalks are so important. I'm a registered dietician and I see people dealing with chronic diseases; obesity and diabetes."

Friedson said he was totally in agreement with Gill.

"It's a much-delayed project," he said. "I'm focused on pedestrian safety and road safety."

But he added. "It's a tough problem in time of tight budgets."

The delay, had to do with limited money and therefore what the community has to wait for, he said.

Sidewalks along Seven Locks Road have been in the budget before and been cut or delayed, Friedson said. This year, the recommendation was for a three-year delay for the project.

"I fought to not have a delay, zero delay," he said. "We got a one-year delay."

The battle, he said, is to be sure that project stays in the budget with only a one-



PHOTO BY PEGGY MCEWAN

County Councilmember Andrew Friedson meets with District One residents at a "Fridays with Friedson" event in Potomac.

year delay.

Montgomery County adopted a Vision Zero program [in November 2017] for pedestrian and bike safety, Friedson said.

"It's not like we aren't talking about these things," he said.

That was when Karl Held of Potomac spoke up. Held is a member of the Sierra Club and of the Montgomery County Faith Alliance for Climate Change.

He brought in the problem of bike paths to nowhere, that should be connected to destinations or meet up with other paths to form a larger network.

"There is a bicycle path on Falls Road at Wootton Parkway that doesn't go all the way to Potomac," he said.

As with the sidewalk issue, Friedson agreed, but said it was a matter of priority and funding.

Here Friedson added a plug for his own pet project: growing the economy.

"We need more money, we need more revenue," he said. "We are not growing at the required rates. If we are going to keep up with the services we expect, we need to grow the economy."

There were issues of safe schools brought up by Elaine Arndt, a member of Moms Demand Action for Gun Safety.

On the recent nomination of acting Police Chief Marcus Jones as police chief, Friedson said he plans to support Jones.

And then, the ninety minute meeting turned back to sidewalks and bike paths, pedestrian and vehicular safety as relating to climate change.

"We are trying to keep the County focus on [reducing] greenhouse emissions," Held said.

Friedson has been supportive but he appreciates his constituents who to keep reminding him, he said.

District 1 is the most geographically diverse — and the most environmentally sensitive — in Montgomery County, spanning from the DC Line to the Frederick County Line along the Potomac River, including Bethesda, Cabin John, Chevy Chase, Garrett Park, Glen Echo, Friendship Heights, Kensington, North Bethesda, Potomac, Poolesville, Randolph Hills, and Somerset. Friedson's District is home to Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve, the Capital Crescent Trail and the C&O Canal, and the Potomac River, the region's major source of drinking water.



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A bicyclist squeezed by cars on Falls Road in Potomac earlier this year. Residents asked Friedson for updates on bike paths and sidewalks among other issues.

NEWS

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Jordan Tropf, 27, from Montgomery County, Md., crosses the finish to win the Marine Corps Marathon Oct. 27 in Arlington. Tropf finished the course in 2:27:43, shaving 9 minutes and 32 seconds off his 2011 time.



Despite torrential rains, tens of thousands of runners take to the start of the 44th Marine Corps Marathon Oct. 27 in Arlington.

Going the Distance

Arlingtonian Michael Wardian wins inaugural MCM 50K.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

In total, 26,502 runners competed in the 44th annual Marine Corps Marathon events, including the traditional 26.2 mile marathon, the MCM 50K and the MCM 10K.

The top Marine Corps Marathon finisher was Jordan Tropf, 27, from Montgomery County, Md. "I love this race because of the landmarks and the crowd support," Tropf said. "The [wear] blue mile really reminded me why I was running and gave me the push I needed to finish."

Tropf completed the marathon with a time of 2:27:43, shaving 9

minutes and 32 seconds off his 2011 time. Brittany Charboneau, 31, crossed the finish line as the first place Marine Corps Marathon female with a time of 2:44:47.

Torrential rains may have slowed him down, but they didn't stop local runner Michael Wardian as he crossed the finish line to win the inaugural Marine Corps Marathon 50K race Oct. 27 in Arlington.

"To win your hometown event in such a great year, I couldn't ask for anything else," said Wardian, 45, who completed the distance (31 miles) with a time of 3:11:52.

The Marine Corps Marathon race was just a tune up for

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Going the Distance

FROM PAGE 4

Wardian, who will run as the New York City Marathon virtual ambassador next weekend in Hong Kong.

"It's been a pretty epic year," said Wardian, who ran the entire 89.9 miles of the Washington D.C. Beltway in 17:54:59 in late June. "I ran across Israel earlier this year and set a fastest known time for that. I did about 1,000 kilometers in 10 days."

Wardian also completed a world record for 10 marathons in 10 days.

"Seven of those were on seven different continents," added Wardian, who ran his first marathon at the Marine Corps Marathon in 1996. "And to win the inaugural 50K today is pretty exciting for me."

More than 1,700 runners joined Wardian along the ultra distance 50K route, including Alexandria's Dustin Whitlow, 33, who finished second with a time of 3:21:36. Patrick Early, 40, of Montclair, Va., placed third in 3:40:50.

Other notable 44th MCM finishers include Gen. David H. Berger, 38th Commandant of the Marine Corps who served as the official MCM starter with a time of 5:29:38; Gen. (ret) Joseph F. Dunford, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff who finished with a time of 4:45:00; U.S. Sen. Shelley Capito of West Virginia, who ran with a time of 6:45:56; U.S. Rep. Debra Haaland from New Mexico, who served as the official MCM 50K starter, with a time of 6:06:01; Medal of Honor recipient Dakota Meyer, who finished with a time of 5:20:40.

Season 14 American Idol runner up Clark Beckham was the 44th MCM National Anthem singer and finished with a time of 3:45:58. The 44th MCM was Beckham's first ever marathon, who took up running six months ago and has dropped 30 pounds in the process.

Australia's Dean Karnazes, best selling author, philanthropist and ultra marathoner, finished the 50K in a time of 5:38:14.

Sgt. Maj. Troy E. Black, 19th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, served as the official MCM10K starter and finished the race in a time of 01:01:01.

Top event unofficial results:
Marathon Male: Jordan Tropsf, 27, Silver Spring, 2:27:43; Adam Stokes, 34, Bristol, England, 2:28:59; Matt O'Neil, 24, Woodbridge, 2:31:30.

Marathon Female: Brittany Charboneau, 31, Golden, Colo., 2:44:47; Margarita Quintero, 29,

Zapopan, Jalisco, Mexico, 2:48:22; Selvi Rajagopal, 32, Columbia, Md., 2:50:42.

Wheelchair/Handcycle: Tom Davis, 42, Fremont, Ind., 1:07:10; Krys Zybowski, 43, Avon, Conn., 1:22:27; Omar Duran, 40, Clearwater, Fla., 1:22:34.

50K Male: Michael Wardian, 45, Arlington, 3:11:52; Dustin Whitlow, 33, Alexandria, 3:21:36; 3. Patrick Early, 40, Montclair, 3:40:50.

50K Female: Liz Ozeki, 31,

Rockville, 3:42:04; Judy Doldorf, 46, Manassas, 3:52:00; Lisa Reichmann, 45, Gaithersburg, 4:15:11

10K Male: William Gardner, 23, Edinburgh, Scotland, 0:34:08; Kieran White, 41, Aylesbury, England 0:35:06; Shlomo Fishman, 27, Silver Spring, 0:35:16.

10K Female: Hannah Krumreich, 27, Vienna, 0:37:44; 1st Lt. Sarah Bridges, 27, USMC, Quantico, 0:38:42; Maj. Christine Taranto, 34, USMC, Alexandria, 0:38:50.



The firing of Howitzer cannons signals the start of the 44th Marine Corps Marathon Oct. 27 in Arlington.



Brittany Charboneau, 31, of Golden, Colo., pauses for a photo after winning the women's division of the 44th Marine Corps Marathon Oct. 27 in Arlington. Charboneau finished with a time of 2:44.47.

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WEDNESDAY/OCT. 30

Toddler Time Peek-a-Boo Halloween. 10 a.m. to noon. At Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Lincoln Ave., Rockville. Mini peek-and-find Halloween items, crafts, games, snacks and more for kids ages 1-5. Cost is \$7, residents; \$10, nonresidents. Register at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration.

THURSDAY/OCT. 31

Halloween Storytime. 10:30 a.m. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. For preschool and Kindergarten, babies and toddlers — stories, songs, and rhymes. Costumes are encouraged.

Stay and Play. 11 a.m. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. For babies and toddlers, preschool and Kindergarten. An open play program at the Potomac Library. We provide the toys and music-you bring the smiles! This program is for children aged 0 - 6 years old along with their families.

Trick or Treat. 6-8 p.m. At Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Lincoln Ave., Rockville. Stop by Lincoln Park

while you're out trick or treating on Halloween evening. Get some candy and visit the hot-chocolate bar. Register at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration.

FRIDAY/NOV. 1

Artist's Reception. 6-9 p.m. At Artists & Makers Studios 1, 11810 Parklawn Dr., Suite 210, Rockville. Featuring "Earth Works" with Barbara Bell and Loren Scherbak, "Snapshot" with Russell Palanzo, and "Land, Sky, and Sea" with Barbara Quinn. Visit A&M1 and enjoy the galleries, along with open studios, all of A&M's artists, soothing Solo Acoustic Guitar with David Ziegele in the lounge, and folk band Blackwood & Brass with Scottish Smallpipe, Mandolin, and Percussion. Enjoy wine, soft drinks and light refreshments, art and music. These exhibits continue through Saturday, Nov. 23. Gallery Talk on Nov. 19, 7-9 p.m. with Phil Hutinet – Editor, East City Art.

NOV. 1-3

Ethnic Food Festival. Friday, Nov. 1 (12-8 p.m.); Saturday, Nov. 2 (11-7 p.m.); and Sunday, Nov. 3 (12-4 p.m.). At St. Mark Orthodox Church, 7124 River Road, Bethesda. The festival is known for its delicious Russian and other Eastern European food specialties, such as piroghi, piroshki, halupki, blini, borscht, pirog, Chicken Kiev, Beef Stroganoff, kielbasa, spanakopita, and assorted side dishes. Mititei is new on the menu this year. Beverages and desserts are also available. Dine in or carry-out. Shop for bread rolls and other tasty baked goods; or browse through our collection of religious books, gifts, and icons. Visit the Lucky Draw room. Watch an icon writing demonstration on Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Free parking and admission. Ten percent discount on hot foods for seniors (65+); or enlisted military and first responders in uniform or with id. Visit the website: www.stmarkoca.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Sensory-Friendly Storytime. 2:30 p.m. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Registration is required. Sensory



Steven Honigberg, Cello

Nov. 3, 3 p.m. At Montgomery College's Cultural Arts Center, Silver Spring. Steven Honigberg, cello, will make his seventh appearance with the Symphony of the Potomac, when he performs Dmitri Shostakovich's Cello Concerto No. 1. Under the baton of Music Director Joel Lazar, the program will also include Mikhail Glinka's Overture to Ruslan and Lyudmila and Vasily Kalinnikov's Symphony No. 1. Advance tickets \$15 (adults), \$5 (student/youth under 18), and \$10 (groups of 10 or more), are available from BoxOfficeTickets.com. Tickets purchased at the door are \$20 (adults), \$17 (adults over 65), and \$5 (students with ID/youth under 18).

friendly storytime is designed for children of all ages who prefer smaller groups due to sensory processing disorders, including those on the autism spectrum, with ADHD, and other special needs. Storytime is followed by social playtime with educational toys and an opportunity for parents to socialize. Participants are encouraged to bring their own noise reduction earmuffs and weighted items. Call 240-777-0690.

Fiber Art Sale. 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. At St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville. Handcrafted wearable art, gifts, jewelry, yarn, fabric and more by Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery. Bargain tables include gallery-quality items plus artists' overstock of equipment, supplies, and books. Visit the website: <http://fiberartsale.wix.com/fallfibersale>

Wines for Canines and Felines. 6:30-10 p.m. At Embassy Suites Chevy Chase, 4300 Military Road, NW, Washington. More than 15 tables of wines, spirits, local food, mixology demos and a silent auction. Also, enjoy gourmet hors-d'oeuvres and a fabulous, full buffet. Proceeds benefit the work of the Montgomery County Humane Society.

The Music of ABBA. 8 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore's Concert Hall, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Relive the musical and movie "Mamma Mia!" Original ABBA musicians perform the group's greatest hits including Dancing Queen, Mamma Mia, Take a Chance, Waterloo, Fernando and more. Presented by the National Philharmonic. Visit

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SUNDAY/NOV. 3

Steven Honigberg, Cello. 3 p.m. At Cultural Arts Center, Montgomery College, 7995 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Steven Honigberg, cello, will make his seventh appearance with the Symphony of the Potomac, when he performs Dmitri Shostakovich's Cello Concerto No. 1. Under the baton of Music Director Joel Lazar, the program will also include Mikhail Glinka's Overture to Ruslan and Lyudmila and Vasily Kalinnikov's Symphony No. 1. symphonypotomac.org/tickets.

Waltz Dance. 3:30-6 p.m. At Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo Park. Featuring the ensemble Gigmesters. The band will play mostly waltzes as well as Swing, Tango, Foxtrot, and Blues. The 45-minute dance lesson begins at 2:45 pm with a half-hour introductory Waltz workshop and a more advanced move presented the last 15 minutes. Social dancing follows until 6 pm. Admission is \$13, \$5 full-time students with ID. No partner required. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org or e-mail info@WaltzTimeDances.org.

NOV. 9-10

Double Bill: "Cox & Box" and "Brides & Mothers." 8 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday. At Montgomery College Cultural Arts Center, 7995 Georgia Ave., Silver

Spring. The Forgotten Opera Company presents Victorian-era composer Arthur Sullivan's comedic "Cox & Box" and the world premiere of "Brides and Mothers" by composer Sean Pflueger and librettist Laura Wehrmeyer-Fuentes. Tickets are \$24 per person. Visit <https://foc.ticketspice.com/cox-box-brides-mothers>

TUESDAY/NOV. 12

Genticorum Band. 7:30 p.m. At Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville. Tickets \$20/advance; \$25/door. Presented by the Institute of Musical Traditions. Visit www.imtfolk.org.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 13

Happy Birthday Buddy Holly. 7:30 p.m. At The Music Center at Strathmore. Tickets are \$45-\$65. Concert honors Buddy Holly, who was born on September 7, 1936, in Lubbock, Texas, and produced some of the most distinctive and influential work in rock music. Visit www.strathmore.org or call 301-581-5100. For a full itinerary, visit: www.royandbuddy.com.

NOV. 15-23

"Legally Blonde The Musical." At Winston Churchill High School, 11300 Gainsborough Road, Potomac. Show times are Nov. 15, 16, 22, and 23, at 7 p.m.; Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. Winston Churchill High School presents the fabulously fun, award-winning comedy, "Legally Blonde The Musical," based on the beloved movie, Legally Blonde, starring Reese Witherspoon. Winston Churchill musical productions are known for being consistently entertaining, full of non-stop momentum, and this show promises to be exceedingly enjoyable and full of sass from start to finish. This performance is appropriate for middle school-aged children and up. Visit the website: wchsarts.com.

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

Kassia Music. 7 p.m. At Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobbin Drive at MacArthur, Bethesda. Classical and neo-classical music. Pre-concert reception at 6 p.m. The Kassia Kids Spot will start at 6:45 p.m., featuring performers from the artists' studios.

SUNDAY/NOV. 17

Waltz Dance. 3:30-6 p.m. At Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Featuring Green Light Karma band. This versatile band will provide a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. The 45-minute dance lesson begins at 2:45 p.m. with a half-hour introductory Waltz workshop and a more advanced move presented the last 15 minutes. Social dancing follows until 6 pm. Admission is \$13, \$5 full-time students with ID. No partner required.

Monteverdi: The Other Vespers (1641). 5 p.m. At Bradley Hills Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. Featuring The Thirteen, D.C.'s all-star professional choir. Monteverdi's 1610 collection, The Monteverdi Vespers, containing a mass, a Vespers service, and motets, has dwarfed his later works. He gathered many of his late compositions in one massive volume: Selva morale e spirituale – "the moral and spiritual wood." It is from this 1641 publication that The Thirteen has assembled a Vespers of 1641, with the well-loved motet Beatus vir at its core and many fine period instrumentalists in accompaniment. Cost is \$30/\$25/\$15. For tickets, visit <https://www.thethirteenchoir.org>.



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The Gaithersburg Book Festival announces its annual high school poetry contest is now open for submissions. First and second place winners will receive \$250 and \$100, respectively. Third place and fan favorite winners will receive \$50 and \$25, respectively. Winners will be unveiled at the Gaithersburg Book Festival on May 16, 2020, at its new, temporary location – Bohrer Park at Summit Hall Farm, 506 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg. To participate, students must be enrolled in grades 9-12 at a public or private school, or be in a homeschool program, for the 2019-2020 school year. Additionally, entrants must reside in Maryland, Virginia or the District of Columbia. Poems must be the original work of the student and must not have been previously published online or in print. Poems must be submitted electronically via web at <https://tinyurl.com/yyvgqdpl> by midnight ET on Thursday, February 20, 2020. Complete rules and regulations can be found online at <https://www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org/gbf-programs/poetry-contest/>. Questions can be emailed to writingcontest@gaitersburgbookfestival.org.

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"Underwhere" and What



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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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7 11343 Palatine Drive
— \$1,247,500



3 10408 Shepherds Crook Court — \$1,450,000



4 9329 Crimson Leaf Terrace — \$1,343,000



5 10809 Nantucket Terrace
— \$1,450,000



2 9400 Turnberry Drive
— \$1,599,000



1 9511 River Road — \$2,500,000

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Postal Code	Subdivision	Date Sold
1 9511 RIVER RD	6	7	3	POTOMAC	\$2,500,000	Detached	2.00	20854	FALCONHURST	09/09/19
2 9400 TURNBERRY DR	5	5	1	POTOMAC	\$1,599,000	Townhouse	0.14	20854	AVENEL	09/16/19
3 10408 SHEPHERDS CROOK CT	5	5	1	POTOMAC	\$1,450,000	Detached	0.92	20854	POTOMAC OUTSIDE	09/27/19
4 9329 CRIMSON LEAF TER	4	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,343,000	Detached	0.38	20854	AVENEL	09/27/19
5 10809 NANTUCKET TER	5	4	2	POTOMAC	\$1,281,999	Detached	0.94	20854	KENTSDALE ESTATES	09/12/19
6 14037 GORKY DR	5	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,250,000	Detached	2.00	20854	ESWORTHY PARK	09/27/19
7 11343 PALATINE DR	6	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,247,500	Detached	2.00	20854	PALATINE	09/27/19
8 12500 PARK POTOMAC AVE #508N	2	2	1	POTOMAC	\$1,240,000	Unit/Flat/Apartment		20854	PARK POTOMAC CODM	09/26/19

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