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Republican Requiem

BY MICHAEL POPE
THE CONNECTION

It wasn't all that long ago that Northern Virginia had its own breed of Republicanism. People like U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11), U.S. Sen. John Warner and Del. Dave Albo (R-42). Now, after a series of stunning defeats since the election of Donald Trump to the White House, Northern Virginia Republicans are a dying breed, with moderates bowing out or being voted out.

"Donald Trump is the gift that keeps on giving," said Del. Mark Keam (D-35) during a raucous victory rally in Richmond. "Virginians want Democrats to be in charge, and Donald Trump was the factor that led us to where we are."

Two years ago, Democrats picked up 15 seats in the House of Delegates and unseated longtime incumbents like Jim LeMunyon (R-67). Last year, Democrats took control of the U.S. House of Representatives and voted out U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10). This week, Democrats flipped two seats in the state Senate and six seats in the House of Delegates, including Democratic challenger Dan Helmer unseating longtime incumbent Del. Tim Hugo (R-40).

"Dan Helmer won because voters in Fairfax and Prince William want a representative that doesn't stand in the way of progress," said Jessica Post, president of the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee. "With his long record of standing up for his community, not his party, Dan will make an excellent delegate and will work to keep Virginia moving forward."

After the defeat of Hugo, who served as chairman of the House Republican Caucus, the Fairfax County delegation in the General Assembly will have zero Republicans. Voters in Fairfax also rejected Republican-backed candidates for the School Board.

Alexandria and Arlington haven't had any elected Republicans for years. The last foothold the GOP has in Northern Virginia is the Springfield District, where longtime in-



PHOTO BY MICHAEL POPE

Republicans haven't won a statewide victory since 2009, and now that Democrats have seized control of the House of Delegates and state Senate, Gov. Ralph Northam declared Virginia "officially blue" at a raucous victory party in Richmond Tuesday night.

cumbent Republican Supervisor Pat Herryty was able to eke out a narrow victory against Democratic challenger Linda Sperling.

"We have a clear message that the residents of the Springfield District want someone who shares their common sense conservative values to have a seat at the table," said Herryty. "The Springfield District wants Fairfax County to be a place where everyone can become successful."

DEMOCRATS HAVEN'T controlled the House of Delegates since the late 1990s, a time when Republicans have been able to use their majority to push back efforts on gun control, the minimum wage and the Equal Rights Amendment. Now voters have expelled Republicans from power in a high-turnout election with almost 40 percent of registered voters showing up to cast a ballot compared to 29 percent in 2015. House Democratic Leader Eileen Filler-Corn says that's a mandate for change.

"Without a doubt, the House candidates have offered Virginia a progressive and inclusive future," said House Democratic Leader Eileen Filler-Corn, who is a leading candidate to be the next speaker. "And guess what? You, the voters, said yes."

Democrats take General Assembly, sweep Fairfax School Board; Republican Herryty holds on in Springfield district.



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Pat Herryty (R-Springfield) with his wife Nancy after voting on Tuesday. Herryty will be the lone remaining Republican in elected office in Fairfax County.

"It's guns. It's the years of trying to make it harder to vote. It's restrictions on women's health care and their privacy."

— Del. Charniele Herring (D-46) on why Republicans lost control of the General Assembly

At the top of that agenda is what Democrats call common-sense gun control. When asked which issues motivated voters this year, Democrats almost universally cited the lack of reaction to mass shootings across Virginia and the country. Democrats are poised to institute universal background checks, ban assault-style weapons and give judges authority to confiscate weapons from people who raise red flags.

"Tomorrow the work begins, and the people want to see results," said Democratic Senate Leader Dick Saslaw, who is expected to lead the caucus next year. "They want to see gun violence curtailed, and Everytown

for Gun Safety and Moms Demand Action, you're going to get action."

ONE OF THE REASONS why Northern Virginia no longer has its own brand of Republicanism is its changing demographics. Over the last decade, the region has become more urban and more diverse. That's led to a changing sense of what its voters want from elected officials in the General Assembly, and Democrats say that's why Republicans have been expelled from power.

"When you get out of touch with constituents, that's what happens," said Del. Charniele Herring (D-46), who serves as chairwoman of the House Democratic Caucus. "It's guns. It's the years of trying to make it harder to vote. It's restrictions on women's health care and their privacy."

Democrats may have seized power, but that doesn't mean the fighting is over yet. They'll still have to vote on who leads the party when they gavel into session this year, and that could mean a fight to become Speaker of the House when Democrats take control for the first time in 20 years. Filler-Corn might be the obvious choice, but she already has opposing from Del. Lashreese Aird (D-63).

Election Results, Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019

For more results see www.elections.virginia.gov/2019-election-results/

The Virginia House of Delegates and Senate both will be controlled by Democrats. In the Senate, Virginia voters elected 21 Democrats and 18 Republicans with one seat still undecided. In the House, 55 Democrats and 45 Republicans. Both House and Senate were controlled by Republicans before with slim margins.

SCHOOL BOND BALLOT QUESTION

This is the text of the public school bond question:

Shall Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue capital improve-

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YES 204,200 77.38%
NO 59,702 22.62%

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Commonwealth's Attorney
Steve T. Descano (D) **166,103 60.86%**
Jonathan L. Fahey (I) 106,016 38.84%

Sheriff
Stacey Ann Kincaid (D) **201,112 78.07%**
Christopher F. De Carlo (I) 53,458 20.75%

Board of Supervisors, District Representatives
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S. Jason Remer (R) 10,543 34.10%
Carey Chet Campbell (I) 1,847 5.97%

Dranesville District
John W. Foust (D) incumbent 20,437 64.36%
Ed. R. Martin (R) 11,227 35.36%

Hunter Mill District
Walter L. Acorn (D) unopposed 27,326 94.46%

Lee District
Rodney L. Lusk (D) unopposed 20,993 95.58%

Mason District
Penelope A. "Penny" Gross (D) incumbent 15,007 63.65%
Gary N. Aiken (R) 8,468 35.92%

Mount Vernon District
Daniel G. "Dan" Storck (D) incumbent, unopposed 23,505 94.27%

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Reducing Veteran Isolation and Loneliness

Pilot program expands to Herndon-Reston.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

Susan Garvey is the Executive Director of the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna. In an interview on Veterans Day 2019, Garvey said the nonprofit organization founded in 1998 planned to expand its new pilot program, "Veterans Visitor Initiative, Veterans Helping Veterans" to Reston and Herndon. With a population of approximately 82,000 veterans in Northern Virginia, the Shepherd's Center designed an initiative to reduce isolation and loneliness amongst veterans, an often overlooked segment of the population. The Shepherd's Center modeled the new program after the organization's existing Friendly Visitors/Friendly Callers services. The keystone of the plans would be friendship based on similarities between veteran clients and veteran volunteers.

According to Garvey, the program would afford comfort not only to veterans in the Shepherd's Center's geographical service area but also to family members of the veterans who lived a distance away and worried about their loved ones.

THE INITIATIVE evolved when Board Secretary Tom Portman was made aware of the number of veterans who die of suicide in part because they are lonely, according to Steve Haraczak, SCOV Board Member in the organization's newly released YouTube video, "Veterans Helping Veterans." In it, Haraczak said the organization decided to focus efforts on veterans because "they've given their lives to the country, and the least we can do is give back and help them."

While Shepherd's Center is known for its no-cost driving services, other services and its education programs for adults 50 years and older, the organization's long-standing Friendly Callers/Friendly Visitors services provided good models to tweak with empha-



Susan Garvey, Executive Director, Shepherd's Center.

"We have a rich pool (and) hope to get this program up and going and share the pilot program with all Shepherd Centers across the U.S.A."

— Susan Garvey, Executive Director, Shepherd's Center of Oakton Vienna

sis on veteran to veteran involvement. Garvey described how initially Shepherd's Center reached out to area veteran organizations for feedback, as well as faith-based groups, Rotary Club of Vienna, American Legion Post(s), and more with the ultimate goal to establish "veterans clubs." From there, if the veterans were so inclined, they would be matched with SCOV veteran clients.

Garvey said that Shepherd's Center wove



Col. William K. Rockey, USMC (Ret.)

precautions into the program - they vetted volunteers through background checks. Also, to create the best chances for veteran pairs to develop ongoing friendships, the center added a survey of commonalities, to find similarities.

According to Garvey, Shepherd Center is working with The Goodwin House under the leadership of Colonel William K. Rockey, United States Marines (Retired), for veterans to join the center's current Friendly Callers/Friendly Visitors program. "I'm certain that some of our veterans would volunteer to do that. Many of us would like to volunteer to meet and perhaps help others. If one would become part of this activity, I'm sure that they would find great satisfaction in what they're doing," said Rockey. If pairs of veterans were so inclined, they could become a "Veteran Volunteer Team" and reach out to the younger generation of Wounded Warriors to provide the same kind of Friendly Callers /Friendly Visitors services according to Portman.

"We have a rich pool (and) hope to get this program up and going and share the pilot program with all Shepherd Centers



Steve Haraczak, SCOV Board Member

across the U.S.A.," Garvey said.

ACCORDING TO the organization's website, its vision is: "A World Without Loneliness;" its mission: "Dedicated to improving quality of life as we age, through supportive programs and services, personal enrichment and volunteer engagement. The organization offers services free of charge, with no income requirements to adults 50+ who reside in its geographic service areas Oakton, Vienna, Reston, Herndon, Dunn Loring, Merrifield parts of Fairfax: (22030/22031 residences north of route 50), Fairfax (22033 residences north of Route 50 and east of Fairfax County Parkway/Route 286) by SCOV's team of friendly, trained and vetted volunteers who provide transportation-to medical appointments and for errands; Friendly Callers, Friendly Visitors, Veteran Callers, Veteran Visitors, Minor Home Repair, Decluttering Advice and Health Advocacy. For more information, visit scov.org, or phone 703-281-0538. Offices are located on the 2nd floor of the Vienna Baptist Church, Rooms 203, 205 and 209, 541 Marshall Rd SW, Vienna.

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The McLean High School Highlanders Marching Band marches in 2018 parade; the 2019 Winterfest Parade will be Dec. 1.



The Girl Scout Troop 4022 marches in the 2018 parade; the 2019 Winterfest Parade will be Dec. 1.

McLean's WinterFest Parade to Honor Bulova, Strauss

Two retiring county leaders will serve as Grand Marshals for Dec. 1 parade.

McLean's WinterFest Parade marks the beginning of the holiday season on the first Sunday of December. Donations from local businesses and organizations cover the cost of the parade plus a donation each year to Share of McLean. This year, WinterFest will salute Grand Marshals Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Janie Strauss, Fairfax County School Board member, both retiring after 30 years of dedicated service to Fairfax County and its residents.

Join in the festive joy and fun at the 11th WinterFest Parade, Saturday, Dec. 1, 2019, as a parade entry, an attendee, a donor, or a volunteer. WinterFest parade entries include students and scouts to professionals, young and old, with color, costumes, and music celebrating the start of the holiday season. To review parade guidelines and register your business or local organization, visit: www.mcleanwinterfest.org. Donor forms for those who wish to contribute to the parade's success also can be found on the website.

McLean's WinterFest Parade begins with

The Cub Scout Pack 1127 marches in the Winterfest Parade in McLean on Sunday; the 2019 Winterfest Parade will be Dec. 1.



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pre-parade festivities at 2:30 p.m. at the reviewing stand at Langley Shopping Center and will include performances by the McLean Baptist Hand Bell Choir, Kent Gardens Elementary School chorus, Langley High School Madrigals and the McLean Youth Orchestra's brass and wind ensemble presenting a medley of holiday favorites (mcleanyouthorchestra.org).

McLean WinterFest welcomes back Master of Ceremonies Peggy Fox, as the parade kicks off promptly at 3:30 p.m. and moves through the streets of McLean from Elm Street and Beverly Road, to Old Chain Bridge Road, the main parade route. Handicapped seating will be available in front of the McLean Baptist Church as well as parking in their lot across the street from the activities. Before, during and after the parade enjoy, Mama's Donut Bites and Rocklands BBQ.

Support and funding for the WinterFest Parade is 100 percent volunteer and voluntary contributions from local businesses and individuals. Current and past sponsors can be found on the website <http://www.mcleanwinterfest.org/>. Entry registration will be accepted through Nov. 22.

For more information about this event please visit: mcleanwinterfest.org or contact Trish Butler at 202-550-4019 or sagecommunications@earthlink.net.

OPINION

Historic Election Results in Virginia

BY KENNETH R. "KEN"
PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)



The Nov. 5 elections in Virginia produced results of historic proportions. The House of Delegates that has had a Republican majority since 2000 was flipped to a blue Democratic majority of 55 Democrats to 45 Republicans. As recently as the election for 2014-2016, Democrats in the House had dropped to 32 members. The turnaround came decisively in amazing political time; there will be a recount in only one seat the Democrats won. The Senate that had a Republican majority before the election flipped to blue with 21 of the 40 Senate seats now being held by Democrats.

The General Assembly when it convenes in January will have a Democratic majority in both houses. In addition, as a result of elections held in 2017 Democrats occupy all statewide offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General. The historic level of Democratic wins is not only about party, it is about representation. There will be more women in the General Assembly than ever before in Virginia's history. In the House of Delegates there will be 30 women in the 100-member legislative body. In the Senate there will be 11 women in the 40-member body bringing the

total number of women to 41 in the General Assembly. While the number is small relative to the proportion of women in the total population, the number of women

in the legislature is a huge increase when compared to past years when it could be counted on the fingers of one's hands. The number of women running this year in both parties was at a historic level of 85.

There were other historic changes in the oldest continuous legislative body in the western world celebrating its 400th anniversary this year. A Muslim woman will join the Senate as the first ever elected to that body. The number of African Americans in the General Assembly will increase to the highest number since Reconstruction. The first ever Indian American man was elected to the House of Delegates.

The new members of the legislature have already indicated their willingness to make history. The Democratic caucus of the House met this past weekend and chose as its Speaker-designee, Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn, the first woman to ever serve as Speaker of the House of Delegates in the 400 years of its history. She will be elected formally by the entire House when the General Assembly convenes in January. Adding



Speaker-designee, Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) is the first woman to ever serve as Speaker of the House of Delegates in the 400 years of its history.

to this historic moment, she will assume the leadership position, considered the most powerful in Virginia government next to the governor, with the least seniority of anyone ever taking the position in the modern day. She will be the first Jewish Speaker serving along with the Senate majority leader who is also Jewish. While I had hoped to become Speaker myself, I fully support Eileen who is amazingly smart and talented and I will

do everything I can to ensure her success.

The electorate broke through many hurdles in its votes this election year. Some results called historic today will become commonplace in the future as the General Assembly reflects more the demographics of the state as a whole. I have always felt honored to serve, and with the historic results of this election year I feel even more honored. Thank you, voters!

LETTERS

Two Years of Justice Delayed

To the Editor:

Nov. 17 will mark the two year anniversary of the shooting of Bijan Ghaisar by two US Park Policemen. He died of his wounds 10 days later. The FBI has refused to provide any information of substance to his parents, the Senators and Congressional representatives who interceded on their behalf or the media, all of whom have kept the pressure on since day one. If those two Park Policemen are not put on trial, and convicted at a minimum of Manslaughter, justice will not have been served. And if that happens, I believe there will be a ground swell of cries of an FBI cover up.

Kevin Bergen
Alexandria



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OPINION

Reduce, Reuse, Confuse: The Issue of Recycling in America

BY JAMAL BAIG

Ever since I was a kid, I would always hear the three Rs: “reduce, reuse, recycle.” I would hear it from parents, from teachers, and even from random adults whom I barely knew. “Reduce, reuse recycle” became a mantra for waste reduction. Yet for me, and virtually all of my generation, only one of these directives has really stuck in our heads: “recycle.” Every day, we carefully and painstakingly make sure that every water bottle, each yogurt cup, and the weekly pizza box is put into the “recycling” bin—not the “trash” bin. And we feel good about it. We think that we are saving the environment, one milk carton at a time — until we find out the truth.

To put it quite bluntly, America recycles next to nothing. According to the National Waste and Recycling Association, 25 percent of all recycling is contaminated — meaning that the recycling is mixed with non-recyclables. We often do this ourselves, putting grease-soaked pizza boxes or candy wrappers in the recycling. What’s worse is what happens with the remaining 75 percent. Recycling in America is expensive — much more expensive than in other countries. Part of the root of the problem stems from American culture itself; at the end of the day, we prefer convenience over everything else. As such, we have “mixed recycling”, where we throw in all of our Amazon boxes, pickle jars, soda cans, and everything else we erroneously think to be recyclable into the recycling bin. When we do that, recycling companies cannot differentiate between types of materials. Recology, the major recycling provider for the city of San Francisco, often has to throw away large tracts of recycling because of this problem. The Atlantic frames it as “trying to get the sugar and eggs out of a cake after you’ve baked it.” And that’s just the start... the real fun starts internationally.

Until last year, we have been sending most of our recycling to China. NPR reports with researchers from Yale University that more than half of our recycling was sent to China. And it wasn’t just us — Japan, Germany, and other countries followed suit. In China, valuable commodities (such as semiconductors and precious metals) are picked out by low-paid workers. Those materials are then used in China’s vast manufacturing industry. The rest is dumped into landfills around the country. That all changed in 2018. China announced its National Sword program, which tightened up on contamination rules for importing recycling. This effectively stopped recycling imports to China.

The U.S. and other countries started sending their recycling to smaller countries that couldn’t refuse, such as Vietnam and Cambodia. They eventually got tired of it, too. President Duterte of the Philippines threatened war against Canada if it didn’t take back more than 2,900 tons of “recycling,” which turned out to just be waste. Now, recycling is piling up in America as companies struggle to find recycling for their waste. In desperation, some companies are even now just putting their recycling in landfills because they can’t find a cost-effective recycling program. Many cities and counties are doing the same. Blaine County, Idaho started collecting its mixed paper recycling when National Sword was announced, stockpiling it in hopes of a local, sustainable recycling option. After a few months the county sent the paper to the landfill. The town of Fort Edward, N.Y. admitted to sending recycling to the incinerator for months after National Sword without telling its inhabitants. Our own school dumps everything from the gray and blue bins alike into the same two dumpsters destined for the landfill.

Recycling has failed in America. The domestic industry has struggled to deal with the sheer amount of recycling that Americans produce, especially now that China has closed its doors. Recycling is now ending up in landfills across the nation. The solution now lies in the other two parts of the three Rs—reduce and reuse.

Single-use plastics can easily be replaced with little to no economic cost but a huge ecological one. Americans use 80 million bottles a year, and bottled water is 1,000 times more expensive than tap water. Plastic bottles alone account for 14 percent of litter, but the simple switch to a reusable water bottle could effectively end more bottles entering our environment. The world goes through a million plastic bags a minute. Keeping a few tote bags in your car wherever you go is convenient, fashionable, and ecologically conscious. Buying reusable and environmentally conscious products won’t completely stop the problem, but it’s a start. So here’s my ask: in the next few days, I hope that each and every one of you reading this will switch to a reusable water bottle, start keeping shopping totes in your car, and eat seasonally as much as possible. It’s up to our generation to fix the problems the previous ones have created. A few people making big changes in their lives is not going to fix this issue; a lot of people making small changes will.

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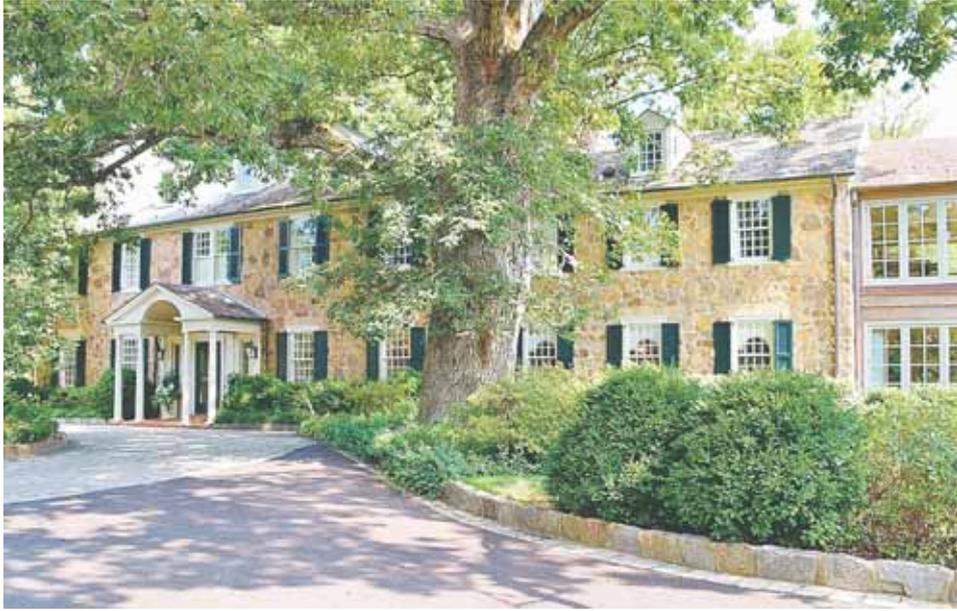
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Colonial Revival Stone Manor House at Ballantrae Farm Estate.

“Little Ballantrae”, the original farmhouse at Ballantrae Farm Estate.

Holiday Homes Tour to Include Ballantrae Estate

This year’s Holiday Homes Tour, sponsored by the Woman’s Club of McLean, will highlight a 6-1/4-acre estate in the Ballantrae Farm area and two large, elegant homes on Benjamin Street in Langley Forest. The tour, set for Thursday, Dec. 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., will be the club’s 53rd and will support numerous local charities and nonprofits.

The Ballantrae Farm estate includes a three-story, Colonial Revival stone manor house built in 1925 and renovated and enlarged several times through 2014. The house has an above-grade living area of 9,700 square feet and a full basement. On the main floor are a great room, a billiard room convertible into a dining room seating 24, a living room, a library/office, and a farm-style kitchen. A magnificent white oak

tree, estimated to be 250 to 300 years old, overhangs the home’s front entrance, which leads to a gracious foyer. A beautifully appointed living room and adjacent spaces suggest the classic elegance of yesteryear.

The grounds are extensively landscaped, with stone patios, decorative plantings, perennial beds, and paved walks. There are a swimming pool, a tennis court, a soccer field, and even a large tree house within a

grove of spruce trees.

Also on the grounds is the restored original farmhouse, called “Little Ballantrae,” which had been on the site of the manor house and dates to the mid-19th century. The hand-hewn timbers, wood spikes, and nails typical of the period are still visible in some of the rafters and floor joists. In 1922 the

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HOME LIFE STYLE

In this table design, Anne Walker used neutral linens which provided a rich, but subtle backdrop to Royal Copenhagen china.



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Setting a Thanksgiving Table

Local designers share ideas for creating a festive tablescape.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Whether celebrating with large gathering of family or hosting an intimate dinner with friends, Thanksgiving offers an opportunity to express gratitude, merriment and creativity. Though the day is noted for football games and parades, it's the turkey dinner that takes center stage. Setting an aesthetically appealing table on which to place the perfectly prepped bird adds to a special touch to the quintessentially American meal.

From monogrammed linen napkins to centerpieces crafted with backyard foliage, area designers offer ideas for creating a backdrop for one of the most anticipated meals of the year.

"The key to setting a beautiful Thanksgiving table is to keep it simple, said Amanda Mertins of Patina Polished Living in Alexandria. "The big focus for Thanksgiving is, of course, the food."

Designer Anne M. Walker, Anne Walker Design in Potomac says that she's created tablescapes that range from ultra-formal to super-casual. "By far my favorite is the unassuming, simple style of Scandinavian table décor," she said. "I like to use linen placemats, rather than tablecloth, so you can see the beautiful wood of the table."

"I prefer table linens made by Ekelund, a family-owned Swedish company that has been producing fine linens since the 1600s," said Walker. "Their placemats and napkins have body and heft to them, and the natural flax color complements any style and color of table."

Patterned, colorful napkins can add just the right amount of interest to a table set with neutral china, suggests Mertins. "Bold napkin rings always add a nice punch," she said. "Place cards make it very easy for guests to find their seat and they add a note of importance to the meal."

Adding fresh greenery to a table setting is one of the easiest and most cost effective ways to elevate your dining table decor, said Pamela Harvey of



PHOTO BY STACY ZARIN GOLDBERG

Designer Pamela Harvey used china, colorful napkins and placemats to add color to this table setting.

Pamela Harvey in Oak Hill, Va. "Adding a simple stem of pine needles to a napkin ring at each setting," she said. "I always survey my own yard for clippings of magnolia or a great branch to add to the table."

"A runner of eucalyptus branches mixed with tangerines or pears and casual ribbon makes for a great fall look," continued Harvey. "Simple flower arrangements using all the same flower or color make an impact."

Forgo a centerpiece created by a florist, says Walker. "Why not cut a few branches from your own garden and create your own floral display?" asks Walker. "Many plants, including Nandina, produce beautiful red berries in the fall, which makes for a lovely, simple table decoration."

The holidays are a perfect time to uncover treasured china and other pieces stored away, said Harvey. "I love the nostalgia of using pieces that were handed down," she said. "Varying the dish patterns is also a fun way to display china, such as using your grandmother's china mixed with more casual or everyday place settings."

"Use your real silver and your best crystal – these things are meant to be enjoyed," added Walker. "Food and drink taste better when delivered from a glass that's been hand-blown and a silver fork."

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Carefully transported from Durham, NH, Jim Dolph attracted visitors with his fine Asian antique glassware. Some dated as far back as the Ming and Qi Dynasties, he said.



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Pastel-colored kitchen tins from France sit on a farm-style shelf in Mary Homer's booth at the antique show.

Antique Show Returns to McLean

BY OLIVIA ANELLO
THE CONNECTION

This past weekend, the 43rd annual McLean Antiques Show was held at the McLean Community Center. A two-day event, the McLean Antiques Show attracted vendors and visitors from all over the Mid-Atlantic region, and as far as New Hampshire and Florida. Produced by expert antique collector and promoter, Dordy Fontinel Mason, the show featured a wide variety of guaranteed authentic jewelry, glassware, silver, pottery, artwork and more.

A lifelong antique collector, Fontinel Mason got her start as a child, following her grandparents as they traveled to shops, buying and collecting antiques for their

former home on Balls Hill Road in McLean. "Going 'junkin,' we called it," Fontinel Mason said as she shared her long history of antiquing. "I remember decorating my dorm room with antiques," she continued, "it wasn't until I was a young adult that I realized not every family collects antiques for their homes."

An accomplished collector, she became an antique dealer at 26, and a show promoter by the age of 40. Fontinel Mason's shows feature the quality vendors, who are carefully vetted before arriving to their first show. Returning vendor, Charlotte Whitenight of Curiosities Antiques in Baltimore, Md, appreciates that Fontinel Mason requires pinpoint accuracy and authenticity in order to have merchandise displayed in the show.

"Antiquing is more exciting that way, if the seller knows exactly the story of where something comes from. That in turn, gets the buyer excited because they know what they're getting is quality," Whitenight said of the vetting process.

Fontinel Mason's lasting connections with fellow antique collectors brought more than 50 returning vendors, and three that were new to her shows. A Dordy Fontinel Mason Show first-timer, Mary Homer, brought colorful pieces from her antique shop called MSealie's in Adamstown, Pa. A taste for French antiques and barn style, Homer summarizes her goods as "Farmhouse with French flair." Much of Homer's merchandise was pink or mint green, which brought such light to a room of otherwise wooden or dark-colored antiques.

This year's show was the first time back in the McLean Community Center after two years, due to the Center's recent renovations. Vendors and guests alike appreciated the layout and flow of the event. McLean resident and budding Russian antique collector, Toni Ianniello, called the show "sophisticated" and admired "how beautifully everything [laid] out in the Community Center."

Fontinel Mason closed out the event on Sunday and said, "antiquing is the passion of [her] life," and getting to execute and share that with others brings her such purpose. She pointed over to a booth where a vendor from New Hampshire sat and said, "he has bronze figures from Ancient Egypt circa 1100 B.C... 1100 B.C.! How remarkable is it that we can hold something in our hands, something in perfect condition, from 1100 B.C.?"



Visitors wander the McLean Community Center in search of something one-of-a-kind for their homes.



American antiques from the Depression Era were displayed at Dordy Fontinel Mason's booth.



A vendor makes the sale to a customer, happy to be taking home an antique print.



Mary Homer traveled from her antique shop, MSealie's in Pennsylvania, to share her "Farmhouse with French Flair" style with the people of McLean.

Holiday Homes Tour

FROM PAGE 8

house was moved down a slight hill to its present location, and in the early 1990s its grounds were purchased and reunited with those of the manor house. Little Ballantrae was renovated in 1996 and again in 2018. It currently has four bedrooms and a kitchen and is used as a guest house.

A long, gated driveway connects the estate to Ballantrae Farm Drive. Visitors may either park on the street or take free vans available at Trinity United Methodist Church, in McLean.

The tour houses on Benjamin Street were built in 2009 and 2010, respectively. They are on lots of about one acre each and display two architectural styles: relatively traditional and north European contemporary. The “traditional” home exemplifies “casual elegance with a nod to traditional southern living,” according to the owner. It has 10-foot ceilings and many designer touches. A spacious basement is used for sports activities and has a fifth bedroom and full bath. The home’s area is 5,300 square feet, and the yard’s landscaping certifies it as a National Wildlife Sanctuary.

The more “modern” home has an open floor plan and large, uncurtained windows for maximum light. Interior walls on the main floor have been mostly omitted,



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“Traditional” Home on Benjamin Street, Langley Forest.



“Modern” House on Benjamin Street, Langley Forest.

but dining and living areas are well-defined by shape and furnishings. The house area is 8,500 square feet, and the roomy basement contains a recreation room and a mini-soccer court. Behind the home are large patios, a swimming pool, a garden house, and a dining cabana. A three-car garage is attached to the home. The house is unusual in being equipped for geothermal heating.

During the Homes Tour, a “Mini-Marketplace” offering lunch, gift

and bakery items, tour tickets, and free vans to the Ballantrae Farm area will be set up at Trinity Church. Tour tickets, \$30 before Dec. 5 and \$35 on that day, will also be available at Mesmeralda’s Gifts of McLean, Karin’s Florist, of Vienna, and Great Dogs of Great Falls and be obtainable via credit cards/PayPal on the club’s website, www.mcleanwomansclub.org.

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Kathryn Mackensen, past president of the Woman’s Club of McLean, presents donations to representatives of charities and nonprofits.

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Woman’s Club of McLean Donates \$13,500 to Local Charities and Nonprofits

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, at its monthly meeting, the Woman’s Club of McLean donated \$13,500 to the following local organizations: Second Story, SHARE Inc., Historic Pleasant Grove Church, the Falls Church-McLean Children’s Center, the Wounded Warrior Transitional Housing Project at Vinson Hall, and the McLean Volunteer Fire Department. The funds were the result of the club’s efforts through its annual Holiday Homes Tour and other projects to support worthy charities and nonprofits in McLean. For more information, visit www.mcleanwomansclub.org.

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

Great Falls Farmers Market. Year-round, Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. Music, vendors, fresh produce, fresh prepared food, delightful bakery, spices from around the world, wild-caught fish, grass-fed, free-range meats, organic-fed poultry and eggs. Email kathleen@greatfallsfarmersmarket.org

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WEDNESDAY/NOV. 13

Gourds and Gobblers. 1-2 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls. Turkeys seem to be on everything this time of year. Did you know that wild turkeys still roam in Great Falls? Give your kids a chance to learn about this shy bird and some of the other animals and plants that are an important part of our Thanksgiving tradition. For youngsters age 2-5. Call 703-759-9018 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend.

Duckhorn Wine Dinner. 6:30 p.m. At Broadway Gallery, 1025-I Seneca Road, Great Falls. Broadway Gallery and BRX American Bistro present the Duckhorn Wine Dinner. Come savor a five-course meal paired with five wines. Cost is \$85/person. Broadway Gallery will be presenting new works by lauded Japanese artist, Hiromi Ashlin, known for her intricate multimedia origami creations. Hiromi's work will be featured on the BRX gallery wall from Nov. 13 to Jan. 4, 2020. To RSVP, call 703-433-9050.

NOV. 14-16

"A Midsummer Night's Dream." 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 14, 15, and 16 and 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 16. At James Madison High School, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna. This classic Shakespearean comedy is full of whimsy as magically confused lovers fight, craftsmen rehearse a poorly-produced play for a wedding, and fairies meddle in the lives of mortals. Tickets www.madisondrama.com for \$10 and at the door for \$12.

FRIDAY/NOV. 15

Young Adult Game Night. 7:30-9:30 p.m. At Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The Young Adult Ministry at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church will be hosting its third Game Night of the program year. Bring friends and games you are interested in playing. Contact Pastor Annamarie Groenenboom at email: agroenenboom@lewinsville.org or call 703-356-7200. www.lewinsville.org/events/young-adult-game-night/

NOV. 15-17

Still Life & Floral Workshop. Friday, 6-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. At The Arts of Great Falls, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. The paintings of nationally-acclaimed artist Robert Johnson evoke a newfound appreciation for the power and elegance of work done in the classical tradition. This workshop will present the principles underlying this approach to art that have been passed along for the last five centuries from master to apprentice, teacher to student, and artist to artist. Call 703-232-1575.



The cast of McLean High School's production of "You Can't Take It With You."

'You Can't Take It With You' at McLean High School

"You Can't Take It With You," Nov. 21-24. Show times are Thursdays thru Sundays at 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinee at 1:30 p.m. at McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. Meet the Sycamores, the family that is the very definition of eccentric itself. Directed by Phillip Reid and Assistant Directed by Annalise Kirby.

Tickets are \$12 online, \$15 at the door, and \$8 for students, and can be purchased at <https://www.etix.com/ticket/v/15599>.



The Irish Inn Mates will play at The Old Brogue Irish Pub in Great Falls on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 5 and 7 p.m.

Traditional Celtic Music at The Old Brogue

Traditional Celtic Music, Sunday, Nov. 17. 5 and 7 p.m. at The Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Fall concert of traditional Celtic music of the Irish Inn Mates which features Tina Eck (Irish flute and whistles), Jesse Winch (bodhrán Irish bouzouki, banjo), Mitch Fanning (fiddle) and Zan McLeod (bouzouki, guitar, mandolin). The band of highly skilled musicians is much beloved by the Mid-Atlantic Irish community, and are performers of traditional Irish music. The Old Brogue is a fully licensed restaurant, with a masterful selection of ales and world and Irish cuisine. Tickets must be purchased in advance at oldbrogue.com - \$18 general admission/\$12 children. Call 703-759-3309.

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

Harvest Marketplace. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. At Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 8601 Wolftrap Rd., Vienna. Come browse for keepsakes that will make great gifts and home decor as we transition into the Christmas Season. A variety of vendors will be present. Relax and enjoy a cup of coffee and baked goods at the Cafe. Prepare for Christmas this year by making your own Christmas Lantern (Parol). www.olgcva.org/news-post/~post/harvest-marketplace

Model Railroaders Open House. 1-5 p.m. at the Vienna Depot, 231 Dominion Road NE. 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. Call 703-938-5157 or visit www.nvmr.org.

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NOV. 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. Tickets must be purchased in advance at oldbrogue.com — \$18 general admission/\$12 children. Season ticket: \$80/\$60. www.ionamusic.com/brogue.shtml or www.oldbrogue.com or call 703-759-3309.

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TUESDAY/NOV. 19

Heroines of Washington. 6 p.m. At The Ritz Carlton Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Heroines of Washington is a March of Dimes event that recognizes and honors professional women in the D.C. Metro Area for their dedication to community service. Cost is \$300. Email: Kate Leib at kleib@marchofdimes.org

Author William S. Connery. 7:30-9 p.m. At Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave., E, Vienna. Discussion of Col. John Singleton Mosby, the Grey Ghost, in the Civil War and beyond. Books available for sale and signing. Free. Visit the website: <https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/541197>

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 20

Holy Happy Hour. 6:15 p.m. at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Rock music from the 1969 Woodstock event featuring Lewinsville's pipe organ with guitars, bass, drums, and vocals. Artists: Bruce Deatley, drums; Joe Koenig, guitar; Clay McConnell, bass & vocals; John Nothaft, organ. For more information, visit <https://www.lewinsville.org/concerts/> or call the church office during business hours 703-356-7200.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 21-23

Christmas Craft Sale. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. At Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Rd., Vienna. This big annual fundraising craft sale features a variety of handmade items, craft supplies, holiday decor, baked goods, a soup-and-salad lunch, and more. Free admission. Hours are 10-7 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10-4 p.m. Saturday. Visit the website: www.oaktonbrethren.org.

Book Sale. At Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The Friends of the Great Falls Library hold their semi-annual book sale in the branch in time for the Christmas season. In addition to a nice selection of Christmas books for kids and adults alike, we feature a great variety of genres in books, DVDs, audio books, CDs and eclectic. Donations for the sale will be accepted for as long as we have the space! Dates and times: Thursday, Nov. 21, Members Pre-Sale (join at the door, \$15) 6-8 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 22, Book Sale open to public 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 23, Book Sale open to public 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 23, 4-5 p.m. Books \$5/bag. For details, contact the Library at 703-757-8560, or friendsofthegreatfallslibrary@gmail.com.

NOV. 21-24

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FRIDAY/NOV. 22

McLean Art Society Meeting. 10 a.m. to noon. At The McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Gale Pean, a proponent of palette knife painting, will be the featured artist. She will be doing a demonstration of techniques. Guests are welcome. Call 703-790-0123.

"Simon and Garfunkel [Revisited] Live in Central Park." 7 p.m. At The Alden Theater, at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Recreated by Lee Lessack and Johnny Rodgers. Cost is \$40/\$35 senior/\$30 MCC district residents. Accurate and honest recreation of the concert's original 21-song set list, including two songs not included on the 1982 concert album. Call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit: www.aldentheatre.org.

PEOPLE

Sophia Lin is a Division Finalist in the MTNA Junior Piano Competition

Sophia Lin, a Falls Church, Virginia native, seventh grader at Longfellow Middle School, will compete as a Division Finalist in the MTNA East Division Junior Piano Competition.

Lin has been studying piano for 7 years and is currently a student of Dr. Marjorie Lee. In May 2019 in McLean, she had her concerto debut with Amadeus Orchestra as the piano soloist. She is selected to perform at Young Artist PianoMusicales program at George Mason University in January 2020.

Lin has won many international and national competitions throughout the United States. She is the First Place winner of 2019 Robert Spencer Concerto Competition, the First Place winner of Virginia State Audition, and the First Place winner of 2018 Ylva Novik Memorial Concerto

Competition. She is the Third Place winner of the 2019 William Knabe International Piano Competition and 2018 East Tennessee State University International Piano Competition. As the Semifinalists of the 2019 LangLang International Piano competition in China, she was selected to have master class with Lang Lang.

Lin loves music and enjoys serving the community



Sophia Lin

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through performing. She is an active volunteer performed in many Community Centers, including National Institute of Health's Hospital. Sponsored by the Tacy Foundation, she recorded her music on CDs for patients nationwide. She loves reading and Math. She won Gold Medals in both Science Olympiad Competitions and Math Competitions.

The winner of the division competition will compete in the National Finals during the MTNA National Conference in Spokane, Wash., in March. National Finalists will be announced in mid-January.

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Carole L. Herrick speaks at a meeting of The Woman's Club of McLean as Club President Cecilia Glembocki looks on.

Historian Carole Herrick Addresses Woman's Club of McLean

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, local author Carole L. Herrick spoke at a meeting of The Woman's Club of McLean, describing in detail a famous incident in McLean involving a Union soldier during the Civil War. While serving as a sentinel on Chain Bridge, the soldier fell asleep and as a result was court martialed and sentenced to death. He was later pardoned by President Lincoln.

The incident is contained in the ninth of Herrick's books, "Legendary Locals of McLean", published in 2015 as part of a "Legendary Locals" series. Herrick is a well-known local historian and is president of the McLean Historical Society. She is a former chair of the Fairfax County History Commission and has given courses at the McLean Community Center.

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Anastasia S. Karloutsos (endorsed by Republicans) 11,523 36.84%
Ardavan Mobasher 1,715 5.48%

Hunter Mill District, School Board
Melanie K. Meren (endorsed by Democrats) 22,893 69.25%
Laura Ramirez Drain (endorsed by Republicans) 10,054 30.41%

Lee District, School Board
Tamara J. Derenak Kaufax, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats) 20,736 95.70%

Mason District, School Board
Ricardy J. Anderson (endorsed by Democrats) 16,077 76.89%
Tom L. Pafford 4,431 21.19%

Mount Vernon District, School Board
Karen L. Corbett Sanders, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats) 17,611 62.31%
Steven D. Mosley (endorsed by Republicans) 8,844 31.29%
Pamela C. Ononiwu 1,716 6.07%

Providence District, School Board
Karl V. Frisch (endorsed by Democrats) 16,644 61.72%
Andrea L. "Andi" Bayer (endorsed by Republicans) 10,167 37.70%

Springfield District, School Board
Laura Jane H. Cohen (endorsed by Democrats) 17,745 50.46%
Elizabeth L. Schultz, incumbent (endorsed by Republicans) 14,809 42.12%
R. Kyle McDaniel 2,529 7.19%

Sully District, School Board
Stella G. Pekarsky (endorsed by Democrats) 18,585 58.43%
Tom A. Wilson, incumbent (endorsed by Republicans) 13,144 41.33%

Soil and Water Conservation Director Northern Virginia District Vote for Three
Monica A. Billger (endorsed by Democrats) 153,051 21.87%
Gerald Owen "Jerry" Peters Jr., incumbent (endorsed by Democrats) 148,091 21.16%

Chris E. Koerner (endorsed by Democrats) 139,641 19.95%
C. Jane Dudik (endorsed by Republicans) 80,604 11.52%
Edward F. McGovern (endorsed by Republicans) 80,281 11.47%
Christopher A. Bowen (endorsed by Republicans) 78,558 11.23%
Jonah E. "Jet" Thomas 17,888 2.56%

CANDIDATES, GENERAL ASSEMBLY

House of Delegates District 34
Kathleen J. Murphy (D), incumbent 15,166 57.69%
Gary G. Pan (R) 11,100 42.22%

District 35
Mark L. Keam (D), incumbent, unopposed 15,330 92.63%

District 36
Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum, incumbent, unopposed 17,659 92.78%

District 37
David L. Bulova (D), incumbent, unopposed 13,470 91.98%

District 38
L. Kaye Kory (D), incumbent, unopposed 12,619 93.22%

District 39
Vivian E. Watts (D), incumbent 14,361 67.91%
Nick O. Bell (R) 6,740 31.87%

District 40
Dan I. Helmer (D) 14,015 53.46%
Timothy D. "Tim" Hugo (R), incumbent 12,172 46.43%

District 41
Eileen Filler-Corn (D), incumbent 15,526 71.14%
John M. Wolfe (I) 4,213 19.30%
Rachel D. Mace (L) 1,713 7.85%

District 42
Kathy K. L. Tran (D), incumbent 14,532 59.53%
Steve P. Adragna (R) 9,857 40.38%

District 43
Mark D. Sickles (D), incumbent 14,488 77.64%
G. Gail Parker (I) 3,876 20.77%

District 44
Paul E. Krizek (D), incumbent 12,271 70.52%
Richard T. Hayden (R) 5,105 29.34%

District 45
Mark H. Levine (D), incumbent, unopposed 19,208 91.41%

District 46
Charniele L. Herring (D), incumbent, unopposed 12,270 92.03%

District 47
Patrick A. Hope (D), incumbent, unopposed 20,993 96.16%

District 48
Richard C. "Rip" Sullivan (D), incumbent, unopposed 18,680 94.27%

District 49
Alfonso H. Lopez (D), incumbent 13,393 83.43%
Terry W. Modglin (I) 2,522 15.71%

District 53
Marcus B. Simon (D), incumbent, unopposed 15,554 93.83%

District 67
Karrie K. Delaney (D), incumbent, unopposed 15,415 89.48%

District 86
Ibraheem S. Samirah (D), incumbent, unopposed 13,588 89.45%

VIRGINIA STATE SENATE

District 30
Adam P. Ebbin (D), incumbent, unopposed 40,942 91.67%

District 31
Barbara A. Favola (D), incumbent, unopposed 44,347 91.82%

District 32
Janet D. Howell (D), incumbent 44,424 73.17%
Arthur G. Purves (R) 16,171 26.64%

District 33
Jennifer B. Boysko (D), incumbent 32,258 64.83%
Suzanne D. Fox (R) 17,446 35.06%

District 34
J. C. "Chap" Petersen (D), incumbent, unopposed 39,971 91.15%

District 35
Richard L. "Dick" Saslaw (D), incumbent, unopposed 33,563 92.75%

District 36
Scott A. Surovell (D), incumbent, unopposed 35,131 95.82%

District 37
Dave W. Marsden (D), incumbent, unopposed 37,720 90.49%

District 39
George L. Barker (D), incumbent 37,989 65.92%
S. W. "Dutch" Hillenburg (R) 19,571 33.96%

CLERK OF COURT (Alexandria City)
J. Greg Parks (D), unopposed 26,466 93.98%

Commonwealth's Attorney (ARLINGTON COUNTY-FALLS CHURCH CITY)
Parisa Dehghani-Tafti (D) unopposed 45,334 90.01%

Sheriff (ARLINGTON COUNTY)
Elizabeth F. "Beth" Arthur 49,929 97.29%

Commissioner of Revenue (ARLINGTON COUNTY)
Ingrid H. Morroy 49,406 97.50%

Treasurer (ARLINGTON COUNTY)
Carla F. de la Pava 49,741 97.34%

Member County Board (ARLINGTON COUNTY) vote for 2
Kate A. "Katie" Cristol 41,097 40.51%
Christian E. Dorsey 38,087 37.55%
Audrey R. Clement 13,326 13.14%
Arron O'Dell 7,189 7.09%

Member School Board (ARLINGTON COUNTY)
Reid S. Goldstein 47,880 95.85%

Unofficial Election Results Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019

For more results see www.elections.virginia.gov/2019-election-results/

BULLETIN

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Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Meetings in 2019

12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, VA 22035
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

PLAYGROUND CLOSING TEMPORARILY

The playground at Tysons Pimmit Park will be closing temporarily to allow for the replacement of the existing picnic shelter at the park. Work on the installation of a picnic shelter with new metal roofing is scheduled now through Feb. 28, 2020. The \$120,000 project is being funded by the 2016 Park Bond. The address is 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. For details, call 703-324-8662 or at parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

COMMUNITY HELP NEEDED

Recycling Project. At Church of the Good Shepherd, 2351 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna. The church has a new project lined up for its January 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Morning of Service and is asking community residents to begin now to collect plastic caps and lids. The special recycling effort already has engaged the church's membership in starting to bring plastic caps and lids to fill "Chomper," a fun, child-friendly recycling container in the main entrance to the church. A second special recycling bin for easy drop-off is located just inside the church's office entrance. For details of what plastic caps/lids are suitable, see www.GoodShepherdVA.com.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 13

Transportation Meeting. 6:30-8:30 p.m. At Westgate Elementary School Cafeteria, 7500 Magarity Road, Falls Church. The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will host a second community meeting on the proposed Magarity Road Walkway improvements. FCDOT staff will update attendees on scoping and design changes that have occurred since the June 2018 meeting. This project will provide a continuous curb and gutter and an 8-foot-wide asphalt walkway along the south side of Magarity Road. New crosswalks across Magarity Road are proposed at Tremayne Place, Cherri Dr. and Ware Rd. Westgate School drop off/pick-up turning movements will be simplified and made safer. Several bus stops will be relocated. Several sidewalk ramps will be upgraded to current standards. A new 8-foot wide asphalt walkway will also be added in front of the Westgate School. Feedback is due by Nov. 27, 2019, and may be submitted at the meeting; via the online feedback form; in writing to FCDOT at 4050 Legato Road, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22033; or by calling 703-877-5600. Visit the project website at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/projects/magarity-road-sidewalk>.

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.

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Chino Lourie, Rest in Peace



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As much as I try not to self-indulge in my weekly column, I am aware that I don't always succeed. It seems I can only write about what I feel, what I see and what I hear, be it personal, professional or public. To that end — which justifies my means, I have often involved you regular readers in my cancer life, as well as a few other "privacies" I've been comfortable sharing: family (including pets), friends, finances and the occasional faux pas (if I am anything, I am open, perhaps too open, if certain other familial opinions are to be considered).

This meandering start is meant to explain — indirectly, how when something is preoccupying my mind, it is difficult/near impossible for me to write about something that's not. At present my preoccupation is with one of my cats: Chino. He is not doing well, at all. After multiple emergency room visits and follow-up appointments with veterinarians over the past few weeks, it appears his diabetes has finally gotten the best of him leading to the worst possible outcome: death, with some dignity, hopefully.

In two of our most recent visits to the veterinarian, we have had preliminary discussions about euthanizing Chino. We have resisted so far and have continued, especially my wife, Dina, to give him as much t.l.c. as we can. However, his quality of life, as described by our primary veterinarian on Friday, is "not good." To invoke/rework a phrase commonly associated with some human beings in early childhood: Chino is failing to thrive, though he turned 13 in late September. Other than engaging with us when we call his name or pet him, Chino is not able to do nearly enough (eating, drinking, grooming, using the litter box) to give us much hope. Nevertheless, he is home and curled up in his favorite spot in the kitchen, though barely able to get around.

I wouldn't characterize our activity as a vigil, but neither Dina nor myself are planning to leave the house (or one of us will be at home if the other needs to go out) anytime soon. With this weekend of inactivity, our focus is exclusively on Chino. Yet here I sit, a literary task at hand, attempting to navigate emotionally the prospect of his passing and the significance of such a loss.

It's been 10 years or so since we've had to consider euthanizing a pet. It was either Bailey, our second golden retriever or Chester, our second dwarf rabbit. I can't remember exactly as it was around this time that I was diagnosed with lung cancer and began heavy-duty chemotherapy. But we've all survived since then and even added a few critters: Chino's brother, Biscuit, Twinkle, our white cat with an attitude and two more rescues "The Blackies," as we call them: Andrew and Sloane, black, domestic short hair siblings. As longtime animal owners, we knew this day would come, but given my cancer diagnosis: "13 months to two years," I think we figured I'd be the first to go. So it's both upsetting and distracting in a way, our normal pursuits, because what's happening — both good (me still being alive) and bad (Chino succumbing to his illness) is not what we anticipated happening. As a result, I am self-indulging you in my preoccupation because I'm unable to think/write outside the box. A figurative box on which Chino sits front and center, mostly down but not quite out.

Still, we're not exactly sitting and staring blankly into space, but neither are we entertaining too many other thoughts. We are here for Chino so with a column to write, it is being written with Chino as the subject, and excuse for what is written in this space. For 13-plus years Chino has been my companion. We have rubbed noses too many times to remember. He has my scent and as such, I have belonged to him. Soon I fear he'll belong to no one and I'll have lost his loving feeling. He was a sweet and affectionate cat. We will miss him terribly.

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