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A late summer night at the Grange is spent under the trees, with good company, delicious food and beverages.

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OPINION

'Is This the Fast I Desire?'

Reflections on Yom Kippur and the Fight for Workers Rights.

BY DAVID BRODER



Next week, my family will join Jews around the world in observing Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish year. Known as the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur is a time for prayer, reflection, repentance and fasting.

Every year, we read from the Book of Isaiah, in which God sends the prophet Isaiah to admonish those whose wicked acts undermine their fasting and prayers.

The people ask, "Why, when we fasted, did you not see? When we starved our bodies, did you pay no heed?"

Through Isaiah, God answers:

"Because on your fast day, you see to your business and oppress all your laborers! Because you fast in strife and contention, and you strike with a wicked fist! Your fasting today is not such as to make your voice heard on high.

"Is such the fast I desire, a day for men to starve their bodies? Is it bowing the head like a bullrush and lying in sackcloth and ashes? Do you call that a fast, a day when the Lord is favorable? No, this is the fast I desire: to unlock the fetters of wickedness, and untie the cords of the yoke. To let the oppressed go free, to break off every yoke."

In selecting this text for Yom Kippur, the rabbis were clearly making two points: our prayers are meaningless if our actions undermine them, and how we treat workers is central to our faith.

These lessons are as critical today as they were in Isaiah's time of the 8th century BCE.

In recent years, the pandemic has shone a spotlight on the in-

equities that have always existed in our economy. Frontline workers – disproportionately Black, Brown, API and immigrant – are called essential but not treated as essential.

However, in response, essential workers are rising up and demanding better. From Starbucks baristas to Amazon workers to Fairfax County employees, working people are now forming and joining unions in record numbers.

According to data from the National Labor Relations Board, workers across the country have won 80% more union elections in 2022 than the year before, with twice as many workers represented. Meanwhile, here in Virginia, tens of thousands of county and city workers – mental health workers, educators, sanitation workers, and first responders – have won collective bargaining rights for the first time in Fairfax, Arlington, Alexandria, Loudoun and Richmond.

The benefits of unionization are clear. Joining together with your co-workers to bargain a contract is the best way to improve your pay, benefits, and working conditions. While raising standards for all workers, collective bargaining also closes racial and gender pay gaps, ensuring a more equitable, resilient economy for all. By improving recruitment and retention, collective bargaining enhances the quality of public services. So, it's no wonder that 71% of Americans support labor unions, according to the latest Gallup poll.

Unfortunately, just as in the Book of Isaiah, we see those who "strike with a wicked fist" against

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From left, Graciela Adeler, Taylor Persinger, and Wendy Adeler Hall see the interior of the historic Forestville Schoolhouse, which is part of the Grange property.



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From left, Mike Ferguson, Emma Woodward, and Kevin Keithley prepare to receive food from Mookie's BBQ, 1141 Walker Rd., coming for guests attending the Gathering at the Grange.

Gathering at the Grange 'For the Love of Great Falls'

BY MERCIA HOBSON
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The Great Falls Grange Foundation invited the community to its Gathering at the Grange on Friday, Sept. 9. Guests met board members and learned more about the project and volunteer opportunities.

The event celebrated the historic Grange and Forestville Schoolhouse and its new landscaping. "I think it's important for the community because they have a place to

get together," said Graciela Adeler of Great Falls. "I can see it as a very happy place."

Claire Duncan is the junior project manager at Fine Landscapes, Ltd., which has partnered with the Foundation. She looked over the newly planted garden bed installed by the company in front of the Schoolhouse. "They are all native plants," she said.

In 2022, the Great Falls Grange Foundation plans to lease event space for community and business meetings, celebrations, visual and performing arts shows, and more. Visit <https://www.gfgrange.org/>.

Great Falls Grange Foundation Held Inaugural Estate Sale

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

The Great Falls Grange Foundation held its first-ever Estate Sale the weekend of Sept. 24. According to Julie Maher, the program director for the Foundation, the funds from the sale of donated items for the two-day event will benefit both the Foundation's programs and the programs of other Great Falls non-profit organizations that took part in the event. According to the Foundation's website, arrangements had been made for Purple Heart and Habitat for Humanity to pick up all unsold items from the Grange.



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The Great Falls Grange Foundation's Estate Sale is popular among bargain hunters.



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NIGHT SKY

Proposal for Dark Sky Preserve

Clashing and education about dimming the night sky around Great Falls Observatory.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

There are only a few remaining places in Fairfax County where a child looks up at night, and it is not under the washed-out dome of light pollution. More than likely, they cannot see the dark skyscape similar to that viewed by their great-grandparents when they were children. Thousands of stars and constellations are not visible in 2022, and if the moon is bright and the shine of human-made items on Earth's surface is scattered into the night's atmosphere, known as "sky glow," they cannot see planets or the arced band of the Milky Way Galaxy.

On Sept. 19, the Dranesville District Office of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Great Falls Citizens Association co-sponsored the Second Dark Sky Preserve Town Hall Meeting in a virtual series. Presenters discussed a proposal by county staff for a zoning amendment to minimize glare and overlighting around the Turner Farm Observatory in Great Falls to protect it from light pollution. The First Dark Sky Preserve Town Hall Meeting was held on March 23, 2022.

The meeting's presenters offered solutions to enhancing dark skies, such as shielding lights and using amber lighting, not white lighting.

According to MPO Katy Defoe, Reston Crime Prevention, Fairfax County Police Department, lighting is one piece of the puzzle and does not solve all security issues. Other measures are available that will announce activity, such as motion detectors. A homeowner's first concern centers on what one wants to see, which is different in every situation. Lighting should have a clear purpose, be directed only where needed, be no brighter than necessary, and be used when it is useful. If possible, the use of warmer-colored lighting is better. "What we've talked about frequently in crime prevention is if you light it, they will come," Defoe said. Over-lighting is not security lighting.

"Sky glow does limit the effectiveness of the telescopes and the programs that take place there. Additional zoning regulations may be appropriate in this area," said Carmen Bishop, senior assistant to the zoning administrator at the Sept. 19 town hall. She noted the Observatory is the only one in the county to which zoning regulations would

apply. They would not apply to the observatory at George Mason since it is under the jurisdiction of the State of Virginia.

According to presenter Peter Plavchan, the director of George Mason Observatories and associate professor of physics and astronomy, light sources emit energy, and different light sources produce different colors of the rainbow or spectra. Plavchan said nighttime light pollution is when the Earth's atmosphere scatters or spreads out light, preferentially blue light, moonlight, and starlight. "Improperly shielded light fixtures and light reflected off the ground go up into the earth's atmosphere, and some of that gets scattered back down like dim, continuous fireworks."

According to Supervisor John W. Foust (D-Dranesville), the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors revised the county-wide lighting standards in 2020 to better address glare and light pollution. Per Va. Code 15.2-920, the Board approved a follow-on motion that directed staff to research and analyze zoning rules to protect dark skies around astronomical facilities.

The preliminary concepts document on the county's proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment topic dated Aug. 31, 2022, details the current effective (5109. Outdoor Lighting section 02/23/2022) and the proposed Draft Zoning Ordinance Text for Discussion to support dark skies around the observatory while also maintaining the flexibility to install lighting as needed for safety, security, and nighttime visibility.

Carmen Bishop, deputy zoning administrator with the county's Zoning Administration Division, said that from 2021 to now, the zoning ordinance amendment process is in the research and community outreach state. According to the Fairfax County website, "Research and community engagement will continue, potentially leading to authorization of the amendment later in the fall or winter of 2022/2023."

Carmen said that the proposed Draft Zoning Ordinance Text for Discussion, subsection 5109.5, covers the half-mile area of parcels surrounding the observatory and would be subject to subsection 5.

The two options for lawfully existing lighting are that it is allowed to remain indefinitely and requires all lighting to comply within a specific timeframe, such as five years. Carmen also said that grandfathering would let lights that are already legal stay up even if they don't meet the proposed new rules.

Foust said as part of the community outreach effort, in the spring of 2022, the county sent out 521 postcards to people who might be affected directly by the regulation. The postcards told them about a survey that would be open from March 24 to April 24 and asked all property owners in the proposed amendment area for feedback. According to a county document available online, 30.7 percent took part. Asked if they believed light pollution was a problem in their area, 68 percent responded "no," 24 percent "yes," and 8 percent said, "I don't know." Asked if they supported additional limitations on lighting within the half-mile around the Observatory to protect it, 50 percent said, "no," 41 percent said "yes," and 9



SCREENSHOT PHOTO VIA FAIRFAX COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING
The telescope at Turner Farm Observatory, Fairfax County Park Authority (Source: Zoning Ordinance Amendment-Outdoor Lighting, Dark Skies Around Turner Farm Park)



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Turner Farm Observatory in Great Falls would benefit from light pollution protection

percent said, "I don't know."

Jeffrey Kretsch of the Analemma Society said that people come to Observatory Park for the hands-on experience of observing and classes. The park has seen over 7,500 visitors in the last four years, according to Kretsch.

The Observatory contains a roll-top with multiple telescopes and a former National Defense Mapping Agency observation tower that will be converted into a remote access telescope observatory. It offers classes, summer camps, and scout badges. Weather permitting, the Observatory is free to the public on Friday nights for viewing, with no registration needed. The Analemma Society provides volunteers to open the park during eclipses and comets. Currently, the Observatory is working towards becoming an International Dark Sky Association Urban Night Sky Place and a leader in dark sky preservation and value-centered lighting.

Tammy Schwab, the Park Authority's manager for education and outreach, said that they are increasing the efforts county-wide in support of dark skies. Schwab explained how the county is "walking the walk" and doing its part to support dark skies. The Park Authority is in the process of switching to am-

ber-colored lights (not orange) for the outdoor ballasts at the Observatory. Evidence shows that lighting with amber reduces light pollution and is a safer, viewer-friendly environment than white lights with their disability glare and a reduction in visibility. She added that the county applied to the International Dark-Sky Association to designate the area around the observatory as an Urban Night Sky Place.

Highlights of Q&A (Edited lightly for clarity and length)

Is Fairfax County using eminent domain to force compliance?

Foust: Regarding zoning ordinance enforcement, eminent domain would not be the remedy; the most likely enforcement remedy would be a fine for failure to comply.

How much impact do vehicle lights have on dark skies?

Plavchan: Vehicle traffic is minimal at night. It peaks around rush hour and then tapers off significantly from there.

Could the proposal be scaled back to one day per week?

Kretsch: We are up to the 263rd day of the year and have had events on 92 days.

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Mlima's Tale by Lynn Nottage. Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. At 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. Tickets: Tickets: \$50 general admission, \$47 seniors (65+), \$15 students, educators, and military. Purchase online at www.1ststage.org or 703-854-1856.

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SATURDAY/OCT. 1

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Mlima’s Tale has been extended thru Oct. 9, 2022 at 1st Stage in Tysons.

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SUNDAY/OCT. 2

Vienna CROP Walk. 2 p.m. The Vienna CROP Hunger Walk supports local and international hunger relief efforts. The walk is approximately 2 miles and takes about an hour. Registration/check-in starts at 1:30 p.m. at CHO, Vienna Court Condos, 133 Park St. NE, Vienna. Water and light snacks will be provided along the route. To register, donate, or for more information, go to Vienna CROP Hunger Walk.

Reflections on Yom Kippur

FROM PAGE 2

working people. Rather than recognize their workers’ unions and sit down at the bargaining table, massive corporations like Starbucks and Amazon are attacking working people. Here in Virginia, many jurisdictions still refuse to pass union rights for their frontline employees.

Earlier this year, the NLRB accused Starbucks of 29 unfair labor practice charges, including over 200 violations of the National Labor Relations Act. The complaint accuses Starbucks of threatening and intimidating workers, firing workers, closing stores that voted to have a union, reducing workers’ pay, and more.

The lesson of Isaiah, central to the Yom

Kippur holiday, is that for our prayers to be heard above, we must take action and live our values here on earth. It’s time for Starbucks, Amazon and all employers to live their supposed values and come to the bargaining table with their workers.

Doing so will mean a more just, more prosperous, and brighter future for us all. As the Book of Isaiah says: “If you banish the yoke from your midst, the menacing hand, and evil speech ... then shall your light shine in the darkness.”

David Broder is the President of SEIU Virginia 512, whose union members are county and city employees, and home care workers, dedicated to building an economy that works for everyone. He lives with his family in Oakton.

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As I Was Saying Last Week



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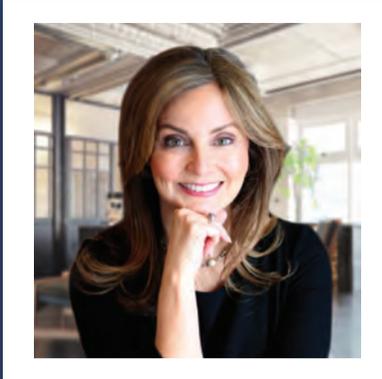
I was venting about the difficulty I was having locating a specific Entenmann’s cake: the “Marshmallow Devil’s Food Iced Cake” for what seems like my lifetime. Whatever timeline actually applies, it minimizes the impossibility I was experiencing finding this staple of my diet. However, let me state for the record before you read and I write any further: I am not undernourished and, I am, generally speaking, able to satisfy my sweet teeth. Nevertheless, there was something definitely missing from my diet. I wouldn’t say I was deprived, more that I was chronically disappointed; especially when I would walk by the Entenmann’s display at my local Giant, and occasionally at Safeway or some other less conveniently located supermarkets (Aldi’s, Magruder’s, Food Lion, et cetera). Now that you’re reminded of the context and of my perspective/need, let me set the scene as to how this cake (times two) made its way into my house in Maryland on September 10th, 2022. A date that will be long remembered in Burtonsville, Md. (If I was Klingon, we’d sing songs about it.)

My wife, Dina and I were day-tripping to Phoenixville, Pa., approximately 130 miles north, to visit some close friends, Shelley, and Fran. It was late afternoon on that Saturday as we sat in their living room after spending an enjoyable day together preparing to say our good-byes when I asked Fran (the husband) quite casually if there was a supermarket nearby. I then mumbled something in Dina’s direction about looking for the cake since we were a few hours from home. I was thinking (hoping) that we were far enough away from Maryland that this cake might be available here somewhere. (After all, I’m a Red Sox fan; I know about hope.) When I mentioned cake/my need, Fran perked up and asked what kind of cake I was looking for. Shelley, his wife chimed in that Fran loves sweets. I didn’t need to be asked twice: Entenmann’s “Marshmallow Devil’s Food Iced Cake,” I said. To which Fran asked: “Is that a vanilla frosted cake?” Then I perked up. “Yeah,” surprised by his familiarity, I again reiterated my desire for this cake. “I saw that cake in my local supermarket last week. It was a ‘BOGO,’ I almost bought it,” Fran recalled. I immediately asked/insisted on directions to that store and/or asked Fran if he would mind driving us/driving ahead with us following him - so there would be zero chance that I’d get lost. (I was too close to take any chances now.) To which Fran responded with the following words which will endear him to me for the rest of my cake-eating life: “Don’t bother. I’ll just drive down there myself. It’s only two miles away and see if they have any left.” Incredibly hopeful, and appreciative, I said: “Sure, if you don’t mind?” “Don’t be silly.” He says. “I’ll be right back” Fran then happily grabbed his car keys and headed out to his car.

It couldn’t have been more than 10 to 15 minutes before Fran came walking back into the living room smiling as he moved closer to where the three of us were still sitting on the living room couch and deposited two Entenmann’s “Marshmallow Devil’s Food Iced Cakes” on the coffee table right in front of me, almost like magic. (My over-the-top salivation for this cake had convinced Fran to buy one for himself, he offered.) I wasn’t totally dumb founded by the cake’s appearance; we’re only talking about cake here, but I was nearly speechless nonetheless while gushing my gratitude and excitement over his effort, and his awareness even for noticing this cake in the store in the first place. It’s not exactly my white whale but locating it has been the bane of my existence as well as a reoccurring void in my dessert selections.

Now I have a resource/outlet, at least, one place I know where I can, for the moment anyway, buy this cake. Unfortunately, its location is a two hours-plus drive from home and as for mailing it, it’s an item that I don’t think would travel very well, considering its packaging, if you know what I mean? Still, my future (cake wise) looks brighter than it has in years. I am finally going to have my cake and eat it, too; literally and figuratively; thanks to Fran in Pennsylvania, (my new favorite state).

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