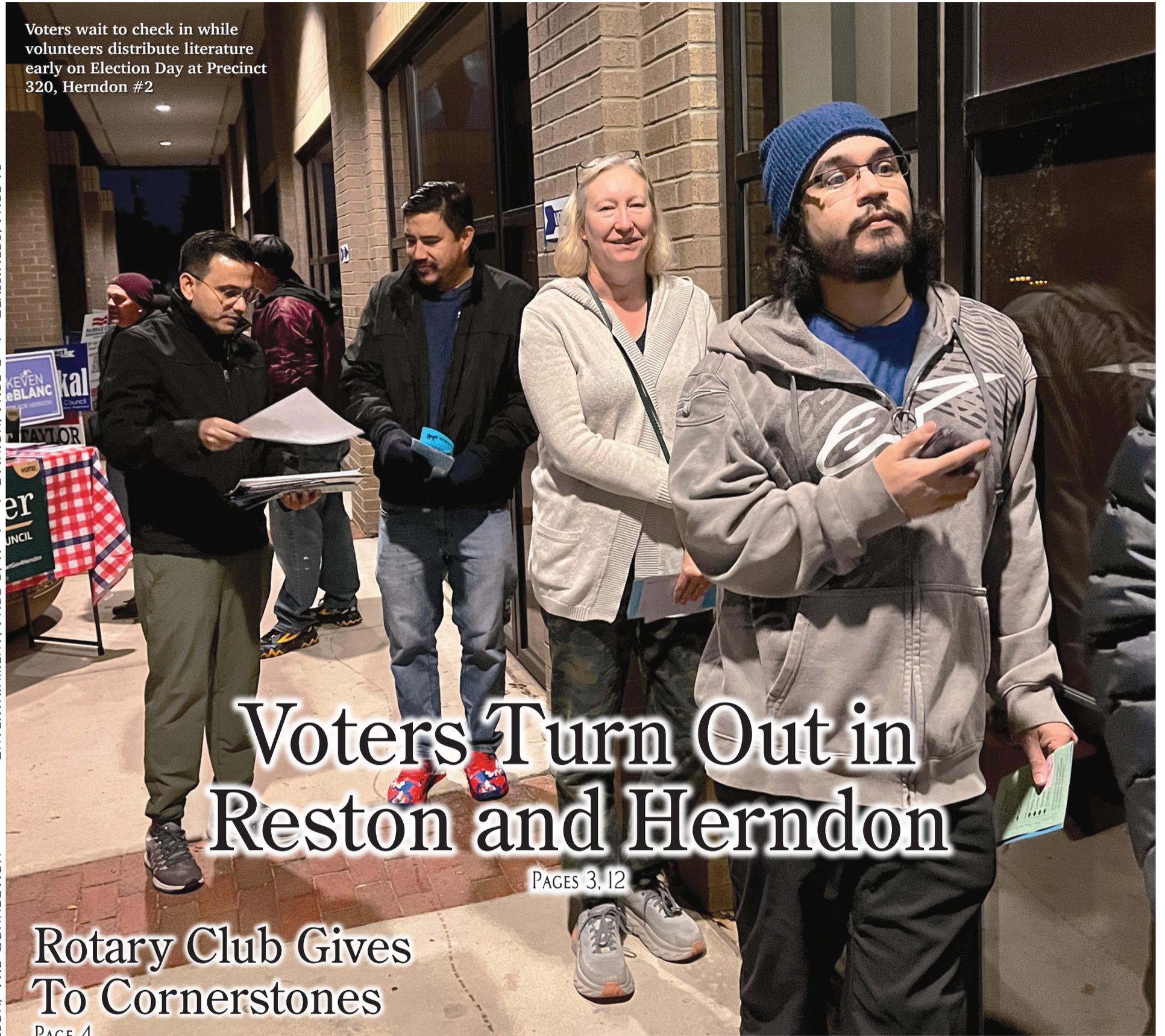


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Voters wait to check in while volunteers distribute literature early on Election Day at Precinct 320, Herndon #2



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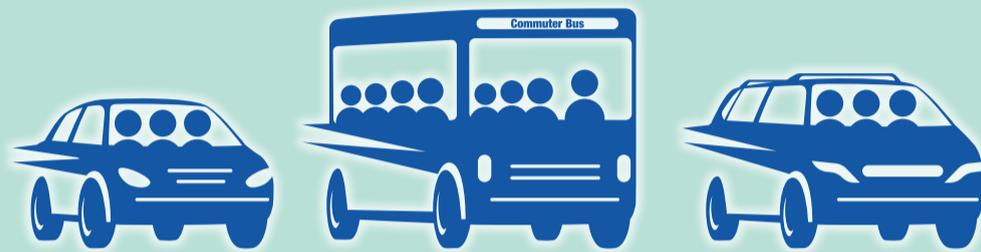
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Political signs outside the Herndon Community Center, Precinct 320

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Voters wait to check in while volunteers distribute literature early on Election Day at Precinct 320, Herndon #2



Distributing campaign literature and endorsements at Precinct 320, Herndon #2



A voter checks in at Precinct 222 at Lake Anne in Reston

Voters in Herndon and Reston Turn Out

Early Election Day coverage of 2022 midterm.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

Some Reston and Herndon voters were up early to cast ballots in the midterm elections of 2022. At Precinct 222, Lake Anne Community Center in Reston, voters quickly came in and out of the polling location before dawn. Only the 11th Congressional District race for the US House of Representatives was on the ballot, Reston. James (Jim) Myles (R) challenged Gerald E. (Gerry) Connolly (D), the incumbent (D).

The Virginia State Senate (District 38 here) races and the Virginia House of Delegates (District 6 here) races will be held on Nov. 7, 2023. Also, Virginia had no 2022 ballot initiatives, such as Maryland's Question 4, "Legalize marijuana in Maryland," and California's Proposition 1, "Provide a state constitutional right to reproductive freedom, defined to include abortion and contraceptives."

IN THE TOWN of Herndon, though, the ballot looked much different. People gathered well before dawn at Precincts 319 Herndon #1 and 320 Herndon #2 Herndon Community Center. The town's ballot included the 11th Congressional District race for the US House of Representatives and all seven

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Police Seek Suspect in Home, Vehicle Shootings

Detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department's Major Crimes Bureau are currently investigating a series of overnight shootings in Centreville. They also believe the six incidents are related.

And although no one was injured in these shootings, shots were fired into two homes while the residents were inside, and a vehicle was fired upon while being driven. The shooting incidents were as follows:

- ❖ Oct. 23 at 10:42 p.m. – 7100 block of Ordway Road, someone shot into an occupied home.

- ❖ Oct. 28 at 8:30 p.m. – 6900 block of Hovingham Court, someone shot into an occupied home.

- ❖ Oct. 29 at 9 p.m. – 7100 block of Ordway Road, gunshots heard; no damage found.

- ❖ Oct. 29 at 10:30 p.m. – 7100 block of Ordway Road, gunshots heard; no damage found.

- ❖ Oct. 29 at 10:30 p.m. – Ordway Road/Compton Road, vehicle door struck while a person was driving.

- ❖ Oct. 30 at 7:10 p.m. – 7100 block of Ordway Road, gunshots heard; no damage found.

Hoping to obtain a description of the suspect, detectives are asking community members who live in the area to review home-surveillance footage and call them at 703-246-7800, pressing option 2. Anyone with information about this case, or others possibly related, is asked to contact detectives at 703-691-2131.

Tips may also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by calling 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477).

— BONNIE HOBBS

COMMUNITY

Rotary Club of Great Falls Provides \$2,000 in Gift Cards to Cornerstones

Support for Embry Rucker Shelter & Cards for Kids.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

“**D**ouble your pleasure, double your fun” is how the Rotary Club of Great Falls supports the community needs of Cornerstones. Michael Broyles, president of the Rotary Club of Great Falls, and Bob Dinkel, Rotary’s Cornerstones point person, presented \$1,000 in \$25 gift cards to Cornerstones at Reston’s Embry Rucker Shelter on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

Rotary had previously provided 75 to 100 clients at the shelter with a boxed restaurant meal each quarter. Volunteering was hardest when locating restaurants that catered with discounted boxed meals. Dinkel named four local restaurants that, knowing the cause Rotary was addressing, stepped up to the plate, literally; Canteen D’Italia in Herndon (Jason), Mookie’s BBQ in Great Falls (Brian), Gregorio’s Trattoria at North Point in Reston (Christopher), and Brx American Bistro in Great Falls (Ash). Rotary bought the food, served the clients, and helped in the kitchen.



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From left, Everett George at Cornerstones and Meridith Hovan, vice president of resource development at Cornerstones, accept \$1,000 of Target and Mobile gas gift cards from Michael Broyles, president of the Rotary Club of Great Falls, and Bob Dinkel, Rotary’s Cornerstones point person outside of the Embry Rucker Shelter in Reston.

For the third quarter, Rotary asked Cornerstones what they needed most. The Wishlist? Cornerstone said gift cards were appreciated. Dinkel approached the Great Falls Rotary Board, which granted \$1,000. Rotary bought \$25 Target and gas gift cards to distribute.

“You would think it would be easy to obtain gas cards, but many gas stations don’t offer them. You have to go high and low for gas cards,” Dinkel said. He found them at a Chantilly Mobile station, 20 in total. “It was as if it were meant to be,” Dinkel said.

Broyles recommends gift cards because they let displaced individuals buy food, toiletries, and gas to get back on their feet and then cover other costs. Everyone’s needs vary. In comparison to quarterly meals, gift cards fulfill a broader need. Dinkel and Broyles were thrilled with the idea. They gave the gift cards to Meridith Hovan, vice president of resource development at Cornerstones outside of the Embry Rucker Shelter on Oct. 25. She lauded Rotary’s quick project turnaround.

Hovan said Cornerstones knew of the many needs in the community before the

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I-66 Ramp Closures in Centreville

Continued reconstruction and paving of the permanent ramp from I-66 West to Route 28 South will require closure of the ramp during daytime hours, this Thursday, Nov. 10. Also that date, during the evening, crews will close the ramp from I-66 West to Stringfellow Road for continued construction.

This ramp will reopen later this year as a full-time, Express Lanes-only ramp and will no longer provide access from the I-66 general-purpose lanes to Stringfellow. Both changes are part of the Transform 66 Outside the Beltway Project.

Warm Gloves for Children Still Needed

Last winter, a Sully District police crossing guard noticed many children walking to school without gloves. So with his own money, he bought and gave them gloves. This year, Sully police are hosting a Lil Hands Glove Drive so he may continue giving gloves to students in need. Police will then deliver them to local schools.

Please drop off or mail new gloves (for ages 5-12) to the Sully District Station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. A large labeled black collection bin will be available in the lobby at all times. This drive has been extended until Monday, Nov. 14. For more information, email Megan.Hawkins@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Car Seat Inspections, Nov. 17

Parents may get their children's car seats inspected on Thursday, Nov. 17, from 5-8:30 p.m., outside the Sully District Police Station. It's at 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Inspections are done on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants are asked to wear a mask and adhere to social-distancing and safety precautions.

They should also install the child safety seat themselves, so the inspection can be performed. The seat will be properly re-installed, if necessary, and parents will be taught how to install the seat properly. Another car-seat inspection is scheduled for Dec. 1, at the same place and time.

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The popular Sully Historic Site is off Route 28 in Chantilly.

Educating the Public about Local History

Sully District's name will not be changed.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

The potential renaming of the Sully District is off the table, at least for now. Supervisor Kathy Smith (D-Sully) made the announcement during last week's Fairfax County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Noting the two virtual town-hall meetings on this issue, the emails she's received and the conversations she's had about it, she said she heard different viewpoints and that the most important thing she heard was about the need to heal our community. "The best way to do this is to work on ways to tell the true story of [Sully District's] sometimes complicated and misunderstood history."

In March, concerned about Sully Historic Site's ties to slavery, Fairfax County's Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) recommended renaming the district. Off Route 28 in Chantilly, Sully was the home of Richard Bland Lee and his wife, Elizabeth Collins Lee.

They lived there from 1794-1811, and Richard was a planter, jurist and politician – as well as Northern Virginia's first representative to Congress. He was also the uncle of Robert E. Lee. While the Lees lived at what was then called Sully Plantation, the farm work was done by enslaved African Americans.

Although many Lee family members supported the Confederacy, none lived at Sully during the Civil War. But for 18 years, beginning in 1811, other people

lived there and held enslaved people. The property was later renamed Sully Historic Site; and in 1976, the Park Authority restored the home and furnished it with Federal-period antiques.

Fast forward to 1991, and by then, western Fairfax County's population had grown so much – especially in the Centreville and Springfield districts – that a ninth county magisterial district was needed. Created out of some of the Centreville, Springfield and Providence districts. It was named Sully District after Sully Historic Site.

The grounds still feature the original, 18th-century kitchen/laundry, smokehouse and stone dairy, plus representative quarters for the enslaved people. Richard and Elizabeth are buried in the cemetery there. And throughout the year, various educational events and other activities for area residents are held at Sully Historic Site.

Meanwhile, two virtual meetings – one in June and one in September – were held about Sully's possible renaming. During the public comment period at the latter, resident Paul Spisak asked, "Instead of spending all this time to change Sully's name, has any effort been put into educating people about the past and why what happened was so bad? It seems like this is erasing history."

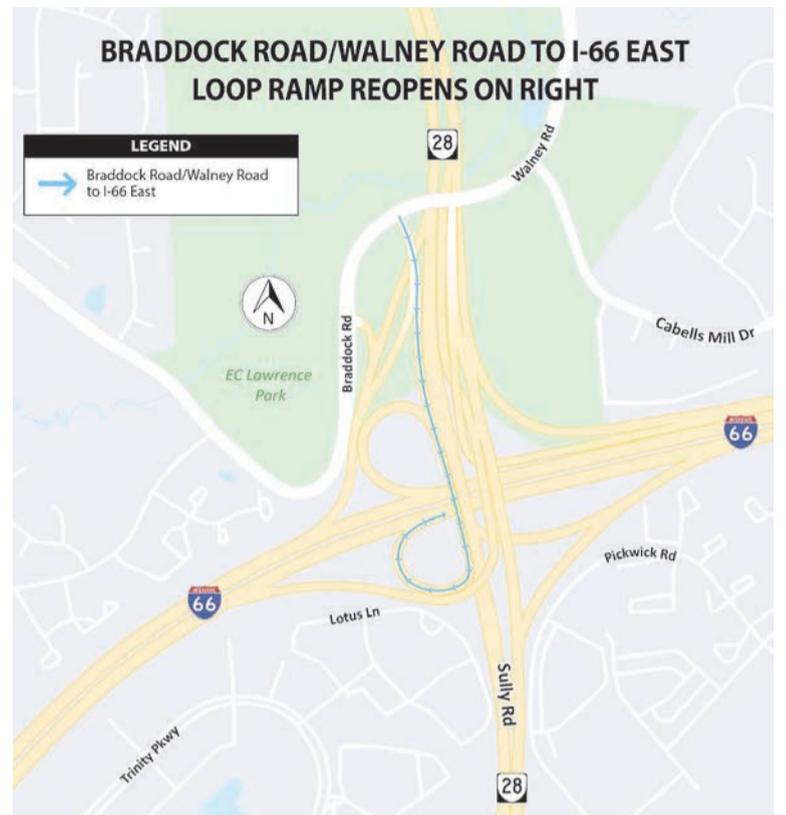
And Centreville's Jeff Flading found it "curious that only Sully was found in violation of the One Fairfax policy [encouraging equity in county decisions and services], when it's clear that George Washington owned slaves and Mount Vernon had many more slaves."

"The RAC went out of the way to make excuses for George Washington and George Mason, so this is an



Kathy Smith

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Map showing how drivers coming from Braddock and Walney roads will access the I-66 loop ramp.

New Way to Reach I-66 East from Braddock/Walney

The right-side loop ramp from Braddock and Walney roads in Centreville to I-66 East is scheduled to reopen this week as part of the permanent traffic pattern at the I-66/Route 28 Interchange. This change is part of the Transform 66 Outside the Beltway Project.

Drivers traveling on the ramp from Braddock Road/Walney Road

to eastbound I-66 will stay to the right and cross over I-66, then use the right-side loop ramp to reach I-66 East. Motorists in the Route 28 South through-lanes will continue to stay to the left to access the current, left-exit ramp to I-66 East.

All work is weather dependent and will be rescheduled if inclement conditions occur.

Man Fleeing Police on Foot Struck by Car

At 4:09 p.m. on Nov. 6, Fairfax County police officers responded to an in-progress weapons call at 13209 Parcher Avenue, Hutchison Elementary School, where a community event was taking place. A man wearing a black jacket and blue jeans was reported to have discharged a handgun in the air and appeared to be intoxicated. When officers arrived and approached the group of men involved, a man matching the description ran into a woodline toward the Dulles Toll Road.

Officers lost sight of the man in the woodline and moments later heard what sounded like a vehicle crash. The man was struck by the driver of a 2015 Lexus RX350 traveling westbound on the Dulles Toll Road. The driver immediately stopped and rendered aid to the man with the assistance of officers. The man was initially transported to a local hospital with injuries that were considered life-threatening. His injuries were later downgraded to non-life-threatening.

The westbound lanes of Dulles Toll Road were closed while detectives from the Crash Reconstruction Unit conducted an investigation. Preliminarily, detectives do not believe that speed or alcohol were factors for the driver. Alcohol appears to be a factor on the part of the man who was struck.

An officer from the canine unit responded for an article search. The canine team located a handgun in the wooded area along the path the man ran through the woods.

Detectives obtained warrants for felony reckless discharge of a firearm within 1000 feet of a school and possessing a firearm on school grounds for the man. The man's name and mugshot will be released upon service of his warrants. He remains at the hospital receiving additional care.

Investigators from the Internal Affairs Bureau responded to the scene and will conduct an administrative investigation.

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Sully District's Name Will not Be Changed

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inconsistent application of the policy," he continued. "Do the same for all the districts or don't change any, at all. It's just not right; treat everyone fairly."

In the same process, the Lee District was renamed the Franconia District.

Smith said people worked hard on the RAC report, but she was interested in hearing residents' thoughts about it. Flading replied that "The result led to some bad recommendations, and I don't support them. We ought to be equitable and fair – and [the renaming decision] should be put to a vote countywide."

Resident Liz Walker said she associates the name, "Sully," with the pilot who landed on the Hudson River, and France. But, she added, "Do we want our district named after a plantation where people were enslaved? This is an opportunity for Sully District to establish a new history of what we want to be known for, going forward. It's also a representation for our children of who we are."

Agreeing, Phil Beauchene said, "We should acknowledge that wrong was done. And I believe that, if something causes pain or harm to a group of citizens and we can fix it, then we should do that."

And Prince Howard said the district's name should reflect "who we are today and One Fairfax's diversity, equity and inclusion."

But the Sully District Council of Citizens Associations – representing more than 6,100 local families – oppose changing Sully's name and contend the main reasons RAC cited in its report as justifying a change aren't valid. The organization's president, Jeff Parnes, explained why in a letter to RAC.

"We fail to see how Criteria 3 – Is the name related to the Confederate past? – is applicable," he wrote. "At best, the 'Confederate relationship' is that Richard Bland Lee was the uncle of Robert E. Lee. Richard Bland Lee died on March 12, 1827, some 34 years prior to the beginning of the Civil War. We don't believe a family relationship

of this nature validates Criteria 3."

In addition, wrote Parnes, "We didn't see any valid reason why Criteria 1 – Does the name violate the spirit or explicit meaning of the One Fairfax policy? – would apply only to the Sully District. If the use of any former plantation name is unacceptable in Fairfax County as a violation of One Fairfax, how can Mount Vernon be retained?"

What's needed, he said, is more interpretive signage at Sully Historic Site, plus "better Virginia-history education, not an erasure of history. If we acknowledge the truth of our history, we can teach all ages that people are people, regardless of our differences, and that slavery was wrong."

During the Nov. 1 Supervisors meeting, Smith seemed to agree. She said one way to tell Sully's history is to "educate the public about how land was developed [in Fairfax County], who benefited and who was marginalized in the process. This includes historically Black neighborhoods that were eliminated as the county expanded to the west."

Re Sully Historic Site, specifically, she noted it contains a 225-year-old house, 120 acres of parkland, gardens, out buildings and slave quarters. Said Smith: "We can do more with this site and be creative in providing enriching and meaningful experiences for all visitors to learn about the history of slavery at the site, as well as in the county, through immersive, educational, experiential and reflective programming and interpretation."

"I've realized there's so much we don't know about our past," she continued. "Therefore, I believe the best step forward at this time is to retain the name of Sully District and learn more about the impact our history has on us today."

Doing so, said Smith, will "enable us to move forward and embrace One Fairfax for all. I'm talking with the NAACP, the county's equity officer and the Fairfax County Park Authority executive director about ways we can have a more honest conversation about the history of our country, county and the Sully District."

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While many have commented on the rail extension easing trips to the airport, the persons on those trips will constitute only ten to fifteen percent of persons using the line. Most of the riders will be commuters going to and from work from Loudoun County through the District of Columbia to Largo, Maryland or vice versa and any of the stops in between while remaining in the same seat.

The Silver Line will tie Northern Virginia into the Metropolitan region as nothing has before.

Certainly there will be workers in Loudoun and Fairfax who will take the train downtown to the District of Columbia saving them time and gas and parking money. At the same time there will be workers in Arlington who will commute to western Fairfax on the Silver Line, and there will be airport workers up and down the line who will get to work by train. You can substitute tourist for worker in any of these scenarios for those visiting the region will realize the value of this new artery in the area.

I have been involved in Dulles Metro Rail issues since the late 1980s for I was convinced that heavy rail was the best option to serve our region. Washington, D.C. up until this time was the only major capital city in the world that did not have a rail connection to its major airport. Beyond the airport traffic demands was the commuter traffic that jammed our roads even as we added and then expanded toll lanes to the Dulles Access Road. While the extension is now complete, it is over-budget and past deadline, it is miraculous to those of us working on it daily

over the decades that it has now been finished.

There was a debate that went on for years as to whether heavy rail was the best option over bus rapid transit or light rail. Each year we will learn that heavy rail was the best option to carry the increasing ridership that will develop. There was a strong debate over whether the line should be built over or under Tysons Corner. Costs made that decision for us as the above ground option was less expensive except for the short tunnel that goes under the hill at Tysons Corner. Many of us wanted the station at Dulles Airport to be under the terminal, but again the issue of cost won out.

In 1998 I founded the Dulles Corridor Rail Association (DCRA) to advocate for the rail extension along with many business and community leaders. We breathed life back into the project the many times it seemed doomed. I know the people who worked with me on DCRA share the pride I feel in this important infrastructure addition that will enhance the quality of life in our communities.

Meet Tempestt Ware Harmon

General manager of The Closet of Greater Herndon shares information on voucher program.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

The Closet of the Greater Herndon Area hosted an open house for representatives of local social service agencies. The event allowed the store's new manager, Tempestt Ware Harmon, to introduce herself and speak about updates to the voucher program.

The Closet's authorized referring agencies, including LINK, Herndon-Reston FISH, Ayuda, and others, can provide vouchers up to two times per year to their clients who need assistance to meet their basic needs. Harmon said that the clients could visit The Closet and based on their needs, select household items, toys, clothing, and most any type of knickknacks to decorate their new home or shelter space. They are responsible for determining what shoes, clothing, blankets, and bed sheets they require.

"It is entirely up to them," said Harmon. "Only glass case items, including jewelry and the more expensive knickknacks, are exempt." According to Harmon, vouchers have range from \$60 per person to \$380 per family.

Gene Wiley, president of the executive committee of The Closet said the organization donated over \$100,000 worth of free merchandise to the voucher program the

year prior and over \$1 million in goods since 2007.

Harmon said, "My number one goal was to make sure that I got familiar with the staff and the volunteers to build a good rapport with everybody. But then also making sure that I put the customer first and the clients participating in the voucher program." Harmon said that with her background in fashion merchandising, she is maximizing The Closet's square footage and efficiency. In addition, The Closet provides free bakery items donated by local grocery stores.

The Closet at 845 Station Street, Herndon, is accessible via public transportation, including the Fairfax Connector buses 937 and 950, and RIBS 5. For the Metro trip planner, visit <http://www.wmata.com>.

The Closet's Annual Everything Christmas Sale

The Closet's Annual Everything Christmas Sale will be held on Friday, Nov. 11 (3 - 7 p.m.) and Saturday, Nov. 12 (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.) at the Herndon Moose Lodge, 779 Center Street, Herndon. This is just around the corner from The Closet and should be your first stop for Christmas and seasonal items for holiday decor, gifts, toys, and entertaining.

Besides shopping at the sale, please consider helping The Closet make the sale a tremendous suc-

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Tempestt Ware Harmon, general manager of The Closet of Greater Herndon, Inc.

cess by volunteering. Volunteers are needed on Nov. 11 and 12 during and after the sale. Go to our SignUpGenius link to see the volunteer opportunities: Volunteer for Everything Christmas Sale. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c45aba62ba6f4c61-theclsets>



Representatives of six agencies, Hunters Wood Fellowship House, LINK, Martin Luther King Jr. Christian Church, Fellowship Square Foundation, Ayuda, and Herndon-Reston FISH, along with Gene Wiley, president of The Closet of Greater Herndon, Inc. (front), listen to Tempestt Ware Harmon introduce herself as general manager of The Closet.

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"Frankenstein." At NextStop Theatre Company, 269 Sunset Park Dr., Herndon. By Nick Dear, adapted from the novel by Mary Shelley. Celebrate Halloween season with this thrilling stage adaptation of Mary Shelley's science fiction masterpiece. Enter the dark world of Victor Frankenstein, as he attempts to decipher the secret of life by creating a childlike, but grotesque shadow of a human. Recommended for mature audiences. Visit www.nextstoptheatre.org

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 9

Talk on Lyme and Vector Borne Illnesses. 5:30 p.m. At Greenfare Restaurant, 408 Elden Street, Herndon. What is the incidence and prevalence in our area? How do you prevent bites? How do you remove a tick? What are the signs and symptoms of Lyme? Is labwork accurate? What is the status of a vaccine? Come hear answers to these questions and more from a Lyme survivor, advocate, and health coach. RSVP: mveiga@mylymeguide.com

Link to event: <https://greenfare.com/event/the-latest-on-lyme-disease/>

NOV. 10-12

"Blue Stockings." At Marshall High School. Marshall High School's Statesmen Theatre kicks off their 2022-23 season with the play Blue Stockings by Jessica Swale. For more tickets and information, visit their website at www.statesmentheatre.org.

THURSDAY/NOV. 10

Albert Castiglia Band. At JVs Live Music Room in Falls Church. Albert won the Best Blues Rock Artist award from The Blues Foundation in Memphis, toured on his own and with friend and label-mate Mike Zito, on their Blood Brothers Tour and recorded a Blood Brothers album with Zito that Joe Bonamassa and Josh Smith produced.

FRIDAY/NOV. 11

Veterans Day Ceremony. 11 a.m. at Great Falls Freedom Memorial, behind Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The ceremony will honor all who have served our country in the Armed Forces. The event will include a color guard, patriotic songs by the Langley Madrigals, and remarks by retired Army Command Sergeant Major Howard E. Urban. Updates to the schedule will be posted at www.gffreedom.org

SATURDAY/NOV. 12

Gin Dance Company Presents 'I Am Here.' At the Capital One Hall, Tysons. 7:30 p.m. "I Am Here" will be



"Blue Stockings" will be performed at Marshall High School on Nov. 10-12, 2022.

comprised of three World Premier pieces choreographed by GDC Artistic Director, Shu-Chen Cuff. Visit www.gindance.org

SATURDAY/NOV. 12

Fall Bazaar and Craft Show. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center Street, South Vienna. Offered for sale will be crafts, holiday decorations, items for your home, clothing and gifts for that special someone. A delicious lunch menu is planned, as well as a bountiful homemade baked goods table. Looking for a unique find? Come shop at Vera's Attic table. Fire Department T shirts will be available for purchase. Proceeds from the rental of the table spaces and raffles benefit the fire department in their effort to raise funds for life saving fire and rescue equipment. For information, or to reserve a space and request an application, please call Carol at 703-309-3468 or email Dancers1023@aol.com, or Lisa at 703-981-4504 or email lisaemerson3@verizon.net. Admission is free.

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SATURDAY/NOV. 12

Dark Sky Celebration. 6:30-8:30 p.m. At Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The Fairfax County Park Authority is partnering with the McLean Citizens Association, Dark Sky Friends and the Analemma Society to host a celebration of the importance of dark skies. The free event will have hands-on activities and educational opportunities about how to protect the night sky. Learn about night time wildlife and constellations. Come experience the night with us and enjoy a small campfire and cocoa. Call 703-324-8671.

SATURDAY/NOV. 12

Second Saturday at Reston Town Center. 1-6 pm. The streets of

Town Center will come alive with a Kids' Zone, Game Zone, Pet Zone, musical entertainment, and much more! Free and open to the public. Second Saturdays: October 8, 3-8 p.m.; November 12, 1-6 p.m.; and December 10, 1-6 p.m.). Sip & Stroll will be allowed on Market and Library Streets between the red lines (barricades), with alcohol available for purchase from and at the starred establishments on the map. For November and December, alcohol must be cleared from the footprint by 6:30 p.m.

NOV. 12-13

McLean Antiques Show and Sale. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. At McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The McLean Antiques Show and Sale will feature an exciting selection of designer vintage clothing and American Folk Art as well as well-known traditional show offerings. The show brings together a fine selection of antiques dealers from eight states from New England to North Carolina. Admission is \$10 per person for both days of the show. Children and teens under age 18 will be admitted free of charge. For a list of dealers, visit www.dfshows.com.

SUNDAY/NOV. 13.

Explore the War of 1812. Noon to 3 p.m. At Historic Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Visit Colvin Run Mill to discover how communities, such as Colvin Run, supported the young U.S. Navy during the War of 1812. Government procurement was different in the 19th century; learn how women made uniforms, while grist mills, such as Colvin Run, helped feed sailors. Come hear members of the Ship's Company and the War of 1812 reenactors describe life at sea. Call 703-759-2771.

UNDAY/NOV. 13

Traditional Celtic Music. 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. At the Old Brogue Pub in Great Falls. Featuring The Sean Heely Celtic Trio which features U.S. National Scottish Fiddle champion, singer and harper Seán Heely, bouzouki genius, singer and bass guitarist Beth Patterson, and dancer Agi Kovacs who accompanies their innovative repertoire

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Obituary

Lynn Langman Lilienthal

It is with the utmost sadness that we say goodbye to Lynn Langman Lilienthal who passed away on October 30 with family by her bedside.

Her family: husband and partner for 59 years, Phil Lilienthal, of Reston, VA; her three children; Andy Lilienthal, Cathy Deutchman and Ben Lilienthal, and their respective partners, Laura Lilienthal Blaisdell, Josh Deutchman and Abbey Lilienthal, and seven grandchildren whom Lynn loved deeply; Ella, Maya, Zev, Levi, Rafe, Leah, and Simon.

Lynn was born in New York City. Her parents were Louis Langman and Anne Wertheim Langman. She was the third of four siblings, all of whom she predeceases: Thomas Langman, of Gaithersburg, MD, Deborah Lesser, of Berkeley, CA, and Betsy Schulberg, of New York City.

Although Lynn grew up in a cradle of comfort, her spirit for adventure, social development, and exploration began at an early age. In high school, she traveled to Sweden with The Experiment for International Living, and later, to Kenya with Operations Crossroads Africa. Lynn studied at the University of Wisconsin and the New School in New York City, where she graduated with a degree in Social Work. She then received a degree in Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University; Richmond Professional Institute After receiving a master's degree in social work, she and Phil served as Peace Corps Volunteers in Ethiopia for two years. Lynn worked in a mental hospital, a juvenile remand home, and an orphanage for children with mental and/or physical disabilities. A few years later, she and Phil, along with her three children lived in the Philippines and Thailand. Lynn established deep connections with the Yakan weavers on Basilan Island in the Philippines, helping them market their crafts. In Thailand, she volunteered at Jim Thompson's House and enjoyed becoming an expert on a single room which she would explain to guests. Her zest for travel never waned as she and Phil experienced the world both with friends and family, and shared with her children and grandchildren the opportunity to explore new and remote regions; whether in Morocco, Ethiopia, Bhutan, the Amazon, or a remote Costa Rican peninsula.

A resident of Reston, Virginia since 1967, Lynn, along with her dear friend, Peggy Jansons, established and directed PALS Child Care Center, the first licensed infant day care center in Virginia. Lynn was a beloved networker and volunteer in the Reston community and beyond, and was a mentor for many who she encouraged to follow their dreams. She served on the Board of the Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE), Public Arts Reston, was a key figure in the creation of the Reston Museum, was president of Waterview Cluster, and influenced many to continue to make her adopted hometown a connected, thoughtful, and inclusive place for all to enjoy. She also worked for over two decades with Phil directing Camp Winnebago, a boy's summer camp in Maine, helping to empower and sensitize thousands of boys and young men to societal issues.

Apart from her many organizational successes, Lynn was one of the kindest, most thoughtful, and loving people. She especially loved children and had a knack for making them feel valued and loved. This special power was especially evident with her grandchildren as she always accepted an invitation to celebrate a birthday, graduation or any other excuse to be with them. When a dear friend's health failed, Lynn selflessly became her advocate in getting the best services for her. Lynn's default was both to empower those around her and to volunteer for whatever was needed. Lynn also appreciated art and nature. Whether it was a work of art, sublime sculpture, or finding simple delicate shells on the beach, Lynn connected with the profound wonder that surrounded her. In her later years, Lynn took up painting and taught us all how to express ourselves through her outrageous and wonderful "intuitive art." She especially loved Martha's Vineyard where she spent time almost every year since her childhood.

We grieve her loss and honor her memory and the immense positive impact that Lynn had on so many. A service will be held at the Reston Community Center in Reston, VA on November 12 at 2:00 PM. There will be a reception following the service.

Employment

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of tunes, ballads, sea shanties, and songs in the Irish and Scottish folk traditions. Visit seanheely.com/sen-heely-celtic-trio

TUESDAY/NOV. 15

Five Hills Garden Club welcomes all to join us as they enhance their knowledge and skills in gardening, floral design, landscape design, garden therapy, beautification, and preservation. Club highlights include new friendships, local field trips, community service, monthly guest speakers, and educational opportunities through National Garden Clubs. Meetings held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Vienna Presbyterian Church, Vienna. Visit: www.https://fivehillsgarden-club.org

THURSDAY/NOV. 17

Performing Arts Documentaries. 1 p.m. At the Alden Theater, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Learn a little about the performing arts through these one-hour (or so) documentaries. Join Performing Arts Director Sarah Schallern Treff for a discussion after.

NOW THRU DEC. 31

Crafts for Kids. 10 a.m. to 12 noon. At Reston Art Gallery and Studios, 11400 Washington Plaza W at Lake Anne, Reston. Free, themed art projects for children (with guardian) are offered at Reston Art Gallery and Studios every Saturday from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Visit the website: www.restonartgallery.com

SATURDAYS UNTIL DECEMBER

The Reston Farmers Market (sponsored by the Fairfax Co. Park Authority) will take place at Lake Anne Village in Reston from 8 a.m.-noon. SNAP beneficiaries receive up to \$20 match. The market will continue until December. Visit <http://restonfarmersmarket.com/>

MCLEAN FARMERS MARKET

The McLean Farmers Market opened for the 2022

COMMUNITY

Support for Embry Rucker Shelter & Cards for Kids

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pandemic but did not realize their depth or breadth. Food insecurity, affordable housing, and family and individual stability remain priorities. Gift cards help shelter residents cope with unexpected crises we all experience, but people who are financially on the edge are hit the hardest.

Rotary announced a surprise on Monday, Nov. 7. It is nearing the next quarter. Rotary Club of Great Falls is also giving Cornerstones \$1,000 in gift cards for its "Cards for Kids" holiday campaign, from Amazon, Dick's, Kohl's, and Walmart.

"We plan to stop by and meet with Meredith at Cornerstones on Wednesday to deliver the cards, as we did at the shelter. I'm glad to see that Rotary is able to support Cornerstones and the local community they serve," Dinkel said.

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The McLean Antiques Show and Sale will take place Nov. 12-13 at the McLean Community Center.

season on May 6th, at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The market will run every Friday from 8 a.m. to noon through Nov. 11. Local farmers and producers will sell fresh produce and fruits; breads and pastries; prepared foods; meats; herbs; flowers, and more. All products are grown or produced by the vendors and come from within 125 miles of Fairfax County. For more information, see: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/>

GREAT FALLS FARMERS MARKET

The Great Falls Farmers Market Outdoor Market is open Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. For vendors and weekly highlights see <https://www.greatfallsfarmers-market.org/>



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From left, Everett George at Cornerstones and Meredith Hovan, vice president of resource development at Cornerstones, accept \$1,000 in gift cards from Michael Broyles, president of the Rotary Club of Great Falls, and Bob Dinkel, Rotary's Cornerstones point person outside of the Embry Rucker Shelter in Reston.

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The pandemic has hit small businesses hard, which in turn has reduced advertising revenue that keeps these local newspapers alive to provide hyper local news to residents. It feels like no small miracle to be looking forward into 2022. The pandemic has been a bear, financially and otherwise. Revenue plummeted at the beginning in 2020. Some beloved advertisers have stayed the course supporting us throughout, and many more have done what they can. In the fall of 2021 we saw the return of some advertising for events and Grand Openings, but now omicron clouds the horizon in so many ways. Revenue still remains short of expenses despite our greatly curtailed costs.

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Give Me Some Credit, Will You?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As a former C.F.P. (Certified Financial Planner) and insurance broker prior to joining Connection Newspapers as an advertising representative in late February 1997, I have an above-average familiarity with stocks, bonds, mutual funds, insurance, annuities, and money matters in general. It's not as if I could teach a class on any of these topics, but I'd likely have a pretty good understanding of what I was being taught. Moreover, debt consolidation, mortgage refinancing and the use and abuse of credit was similarly familiar to me. I understood their pros and cons, and their dos and don'ts. They were not exactly products I could sell. Rather they were situations I could possibly discuss/utilize to provide clients some unexpected financial relief/assistance.

Speaking of credit cards: I got my first credit card in 1977. How do I know that year? Because that was the year I got engaged and I used my brand new "Central Charge" card (a credit card local to the DMV) to pay for the dinner the night I surprised my wife, Dina with the engagement ring that I had laid away. Once I experienced the convenience of using a credit card to pay for something I couldn't readily afford, I was hooked, like so many of us; and I've been on a slippery slope ever since. Over the ensuing years, I've cash-advanced and consolidated mountains of debt enabling me to navigate the many cross currents of familial and financial ups and downs. And from my perspective, I should receive a lifetime achievement award for keeping our credit history as clean as it still is. Unfortunately, my wife, Dina has never agreed with this assessment. Not that the mundane world of income and outflow ever interested her; nevertheless, she expected results.

So here we are, almost 45 years since that engagement still having differences of opinions concerning money; made even more significant now that we're both over age 65 and I'm only working part time and Dina is, as she's fond of saying: "Presently not working." There's enough money to go around but after it has completed its journey, it's kind of tucked out and the few dollars remaining make very little sense.

Consolidating credit card debt into one lower monthly payment at a lower interest rate is on paper a reasonable and mostly prudent action. However, as a practical matter, I don't see how, given today's online lifestyle and new consuming patterns, it could work, especially if the goal is to have fewer monthly payments; not the same number, just with different lenders/cards. Albeit at a lower rate - for a while. Still, fewer monthly obligations are the goal, not having the same amount. Consolidate doesn't mean differentiate.

As a few examples of my dilemma: Many of us shop at Costco. A membership is required to shop there. A membership card, with your picture on it is also required. For convenience, and miscellaneous other benefits, it makes sense to use a Costco Visa credit card as your method of payment. Not using their card wouldn't be a hardship per se, but it would minimize the gains realized shopping there. Since it serves its own unique purpose, I feel compelled to keep it.

Many of us also shop online with Amazon. To facilitate your online transactions, using their Amazon-brand Visa makes an otherwise arduous process, simpler. If I consolidate it elsewhere, that next Amazon purchase won't be as easy or as beneficial. Again, that card is a keeper.

Our everyday Visa is a United Miles Visa. We've used it for over 20 years. Fortunately, or not, due to years of accumulating debt, we've earned multiple airline trips for free to California, Idaho, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, and Montana, expensive trips, especially to Bozeman in Montana. The West is amazing, but it usually requires an airline flight to get there. If we have to carry/accrue debt, I'd rather there be some benefit to it, considering the interest isn't as deductible as it used to be.

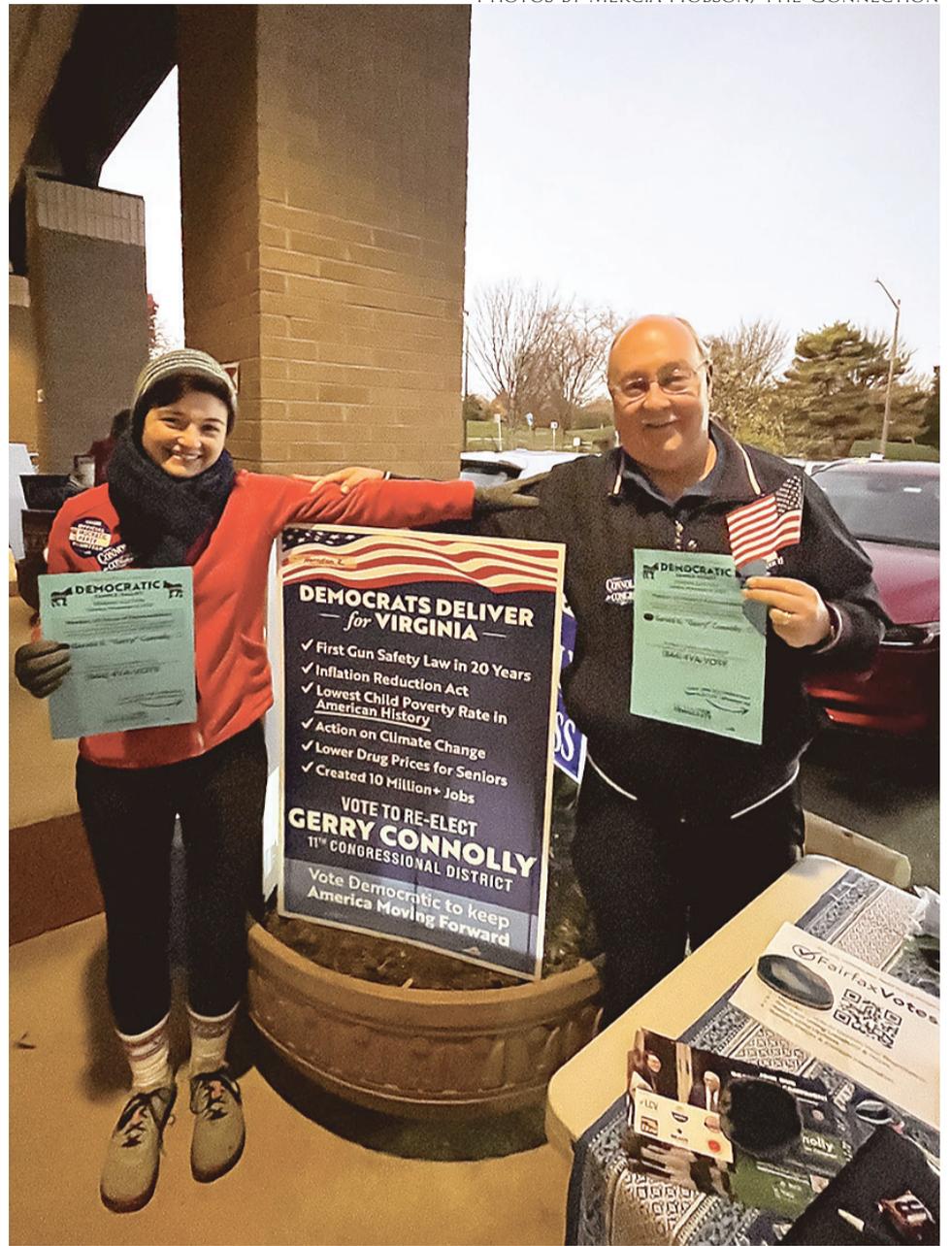
Lastly, my wife has her own American Express card. It provides her independence - from me. If we consolidate, it must go. Do I really want to sacrifice her independence for my financial gain. As you can see, there are other consequences/extenuating circumstances, to consolidating. It's not always about the money.

If I were to consolidate, it seems to me, given the consuming world in which many of us live, I'd be stuck with more cards, more payments, less convenience, and more aggravation. The exact opposite of what I intended. "Too much for anybody's nerves," to quote my late mother.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.



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The Virginia Democratic Sample Ballot General Election Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, distributed in the Town of Herndon.

Election Day

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seats on the Herndon Town Council, the mayor, and six councilmembers. The local campaigns had been contentious.

Three candidates ran for mayor and nine for the six councilmember seats. Early elections had been dogged by multiple versions of one unofficial “Democratic Sample Ballot” in the nonpartisan race.

Why did voters turn out?

Edgar, a voter in Herndon, said, “One of the most important parts (that matters) is education.”

Another person, Dorothy, new to the town, said, “I just always vote. It doesn’t matter what is on the ballot.”

Outside the Herndon precincts, voters could be heard asking for sample ballots. The official Democratic Sample Ballot for General Election, Tuesday, Nov. 8, named only the 11th Congressional District, marking the oval for Gerald E. “Gerry” Connolly-D.



The first dozen voters in the door at Precinct 320, Herndon #2, are prepared to vote in both the local and federal election