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COMING OF AGE | *Graying of the Suburbs*



BY CAROL GUZY — THE WASHINGTON POST

LIFE IN FORT HUNT IN FAIRFAX

On the way to the beach for a weekend getaway, Susan Conlan, who says she is in her early 60s, stops at Hollin Hall Automotive Service Station in Fort Hunt, a Fairfax County neighborhood in which 22 percent of the population is 62 or older. Conlan, a semi-retired director of a federal audit firm, has lived in the area since 1986.

Brave New Boomers

Area Officials Plan for a Generation That Won't Call Itself Old And Opts to Stay Put Far From Transit and Health Services

The first of two articles

By ANNIE GOWEN
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Marshall Mundy was retired from his teaching job barely a week when he got bored with "the judge shows" on TV, found a part-time job and started lifting weights at the new community center near Glenwood. The 59-year-old was there recently, bench pressing during the free period for seniors, when he spotted one of his buddies across the room. "How's your blood pressure?" he called out.

Howard County has started preparing for people such as Mundy. The fitness room in its \$14 million community center has been outfitted with weight machines that have features to aid baby boomers as they age, such as hydraulics to lessen pressure on stiff joints and recumbent cycles with removable seats for wheelchairs.

With the first wave of the 80 million baby boomers headed toward retirement, Washington's sub-

U.S. Counties with The Fastest-Growing Senior Populations

PERCENTAGE CHANGE, 1990 TO 2005

1. Douglas, Colo. 361%
2. Nye, Nev. 280
3. Prince William, Va. 193
4. Collin, Tex. 189
5. Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Alaska 172
6. Rockwall, Tex. 167
7. Douglas, Nev. 167
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Note: Counties with populations ages 65 and older that exceed 2,000.
 SOURCE: William H. Frey, Brookings Institution

urbs are planning for what Fairfax County Supervisor T. Dana Kauffman (D-Lee) calls the "silver tsunami" — when the percentage of those 65 and older in many suburban counties is expected to double over the next 20 years. The population shift mirrors what is happening nationally and will be so significant, lawmakers and experts say, that it will affect every aspect of municipal government, including transportation, health services and public safety.

Suburban communities traditionally built around the needs of young families with small children are beginning to grapple with how they will meet the needs of aging residents and whether to shift priorities from schools and parks to transit, health care and other services.

"The suburbs used to be 'Ozzie and Harriet' Land — places with young families raising kids," said William H. Frey, a demographer with the Brookings Institution who has been studying the shift. "Now

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Hsu Cast Wide Net For Clinton Donors

List Included Strangers, His Own Investors

By JOHN SOLOMON and MATTHEW MOSK
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To raise \$850,000 for Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's presidential campaign in just eight months, Norman Hsu tapped an eclectic group of donors that included wealthy investors in his apparel ventures, hotel shopkeepers, a 96-year-old in a Florida retirement home and an auto-body worker who mistakenly thought he would get a tax break for his political generosity.

The Clinton campaign has not yet released any information about the 260 donors whose contributions it is now refunding because they were credited to the prodigious fundraising of the former fu-

gitive, but a detailed analysis of donors Hsu brought to Clinton shows that he tapped many Asian American donors in California and New York, including complete strangers as well as his relatives. He also raised political funds from people who had already invested large sums in his private business ventures.

Some donors among the nearly 100 identified this week said they never met Hsu and did not know that their donations had been credited to his fundraising. Others had trouble explaining why they gave the funds to Clinton or could not recall the circumstances in which they met Hsu.

"He called me and asked me if I'd

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ANALYSIS

Accord on Iraq War Slips Further Away

By PETER BAKER and JONATHAN WEISMAN
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When Army Gen. David H. Petraeus last week proposed withdrawing more than 20,000 U.S. troops from Iraq, some congressional Democrats nodded their heads and saw it as a positive, if insufficient, step forward. Some wanted to take credit. After all, they reasoned, the drawdown, the benchmarks report, even Petraeus's Capitol Hill testimony came about only because of Democratic pressure.

Within hours, that idea was shot down. When House Democratic leaders convened in the office of Speaker Nancy Pelosi (Calif.) at 5:30

p.m. Monday, strategists concluded they were already getting credit for what was happening but that voters wanted much more. So Pelosi, according to aides at the meeting, insisted that Democrats coordinate their message and dictated what that message would be: The general's plan meant 10 more years of war, or even "endless war."

Either way, what seems increasingly clear is that Washington will remain locked in an endless war over Iraq — at least until President Bush leaves office in 16 months. Following long-awaited congressional hearings, progress reports and presidential speeches, the prospect of a

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BY KEVIN CLARK — THE WASHINGTON POST

Thousands of people march toward the Capitol in a rally against the Iraq war, which was preceded by a demonstration on the Mall in support of it. The events were largely peaceful, although nearly 200 antiwar protesters were arrested. Story, A8; columnist Marc Fisher, C1.

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To hear more of the region's senior voices, visit www.washingtonpost.com/metro

TOMORROW | A tour through Fort Hunt, which has a higher percentage of elderly residents than most Fairfax County neighborhoods and offers a window into the graying of a suburb.

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Pig Disease in China Worries the World

Lack of Data Impedes Research

By ARIANA EUNJUNG CHA
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FOSHAN, China — At first, it was just some of the piglets. The mother gave birth to 13, all of them stillborn. Within a few weeks, however, she and other adult pigs in neighboring stalls became feverish and died. By the end of the summer, all but a handful of the village's 300 pigs had succumbed to the mysterious disease.

"It was quick, very quick. Before we knew something was wrong, they were all dead," said Lo Jinyuan, a 55-year-old pig farmer in the village of Shandi.

Moving rapidly from one farm to the next, the virus has been devastating pig communities throughout China for more than a year, wiping out entire herds, driving pork prices up

nearly 87 percent in a year and helping push the country's inflation rate to its highest levels since 1996.

The Chinese government has admitted that the swine deaths amount to an epidemic but contends that the situation is under control.

China says it is moving swiftly to stop the infections by quarantining and slaughtering the affected pigs. It says its researchers have developed an effective vaccine in record time for the likely cause — blue ear pig disease, a reproductive and respiratory illness that is highly fatal in pigs but that so far does not seem to pose danger to humans. And it maintains that it has been "open and transparent" all along.

Some experts, both inside

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Sunbelt City in Grasp of Housing Undertow

By NEIL IRWIN and DAVID CHO
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Ripple Effect Could be National Omen

FORT MYERS, Fla. — To understand how the housing bust may ripple through the broader American economy, look beyond the countless for-sale signs that dot this middle-class city. Instead, stop by Boater's Landing, where salespeople sit idle, hoping someone will once again want to buy a boat.

Or visit the women answering

phones at the local United Way, which is dealing with a flood of aid requests from the unemployed, whose numbers have nearly doubled in a year. Or talk to the Shervins, a real-estate agent and a carpenter, whose combined incomes dropped from \$350,000 to less than \$60,000 in two years.

Across this city, even businesses that have little to do with real es-

tate are reeling. Unemployment is up, sales are down and redevelopment ambitions have been scaled back.

The Sun Belt city of Fort Myers saw real estate and construction grow to dominate its economy, accounting in recent years for nearly one out of every four jobs. That meant the housing downturn hit swiftly here, making it a kind of

early and extreme indicator of what might happen to the U.S. economy as a whole.

The effect could be less dramatic in places like Washington, where government contracting and other industries may provide a cushion. What the Federal Reserve is trying to determine, as it decides Tuesday how much to cut a key interest rate, is to what degree the rest of the U.S. economy will behave like that

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