

Route 1, Version 2.0

Long-awaited study to determine future of the corridor.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

After years of study and debate over the future of the Route 1 corridor, the future may finally be in sight. But what kind of future will it be? That's yet to be determined.

On one end of the spectrum is a bus-rapid transit system similar to Cleveland. On the other end of the spectrum is an extension of the Metro system south along the corridor, which would transform the area into something resembling the high-density areas of Arlington that are clustered around Metro stations. Somewhere in-between those extremes is another option, a light rail system similar to one in Charlotte, N.C. Those alternatives were spelled out during a public meeting at the South County Government Center last week.

"There's a growing awareness around the metropolitan D.C. area that our decisions with respect to how land is developed have a really close relationship with how we travel around," said Jason Mumford, project manager, ex-

plained to the crowd. "The goal in this corridor and other places where we are trying to figure out transportation problems is to look more broadly at how we are using the land."

The multimodal alternatives analysis is a collaboration between the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation in coordination with Fairfax County, Prince William County, the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment and the Virginia Department of Transportation. By April, the alternatives analysis is expected to issue a recommendation. Because that recommendation will become the basis for potential federal funding, the stakes are high for supporters of the various models of transit.

"We are going to evaluate every mode," said Amy Inman, administrator for the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transit. "We will evaluate each of those alternates equally, so we are not biasing bus-rapid transit or heavy rail transit. We want to put a level playing field."

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Climbing into Fall

Parents watch their children try to scale the rock climbing wall at Hollin Meadow's Fall Festival on Oct. 12. More photos, page 3.

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Our sympathy goes out to her husband Dave, her daughter Erin, son-in-law Paul, and grandchildren Robert, David and Margaret. Carol will be truly missed by all who know and love her.



Students filled a classroom at Hollin Meadows Elementary School to participate in a festival favorite: the Cake Walk. The school held the event on Oct. 12.

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RENÉE RUGGLES
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Hollin Meadows' Fall Festival Attracts Crowds



Erika Sandoval and her little girl show off their colorful face painting.



One of the craft options at the Fall Festival was decorating one's own small pumpkin. Children had several colorful options to choose from.



Devin was one of the many youngsters who gave the rock wall a try.



Brother and sister Cake Walk winners Jack and Claire. Jack decided to let his prize do his smiling for him.



The cafeteria was home to a MarketPlace where parents with home-based businesses set up tables.

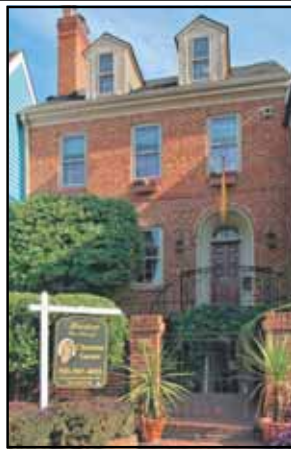
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people live along the Route 1 corridor. Within the next 30 years, though, the region is expected to add about 45,000 new residents and 18,000 new jobs. That's a 70 percent increase in people and a 60 percent increase in jobs, a scale of growth that would choke the already congested corridor without a major investment in transit. According to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, about 183,000 drivers use the corridor on an average weekday while only 16,000 people use transit.

"The stats are scary when you are talking about that kind of job growth and that kind of population growth and population growth and the traffic we already have out there," said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44). "The road needs some serious work, and we are going to need much higher capacity transit to move people in and out."

Surovell supports expanding the Metro line, a project that he says was part of a vision of the future that was incorporated into the design of the Huntington Metro station. Although it's currently the terminus of the Yellow Line, the station was constructed in a way that would facilitate an extension to the south. On the other end of the spectrum is Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay, who says heavy rail is not appropriate for the Route 1 corridor. He would like to see bus-rapid transit system.

"We don't have the density to support heavy rail," said McKay. "Nor is there the appetite to approve the enormous increase in taxes to finance a rail line."

THE STUDY is aimed at trying to create what organizers call "transit supportive development" along the corridor, a mix of housing and commercial development that is built around transit stations and walkable neighborhoods. County leaders say the next few years are critical to realize this vision, though, because of the growth and redevelopment that is on



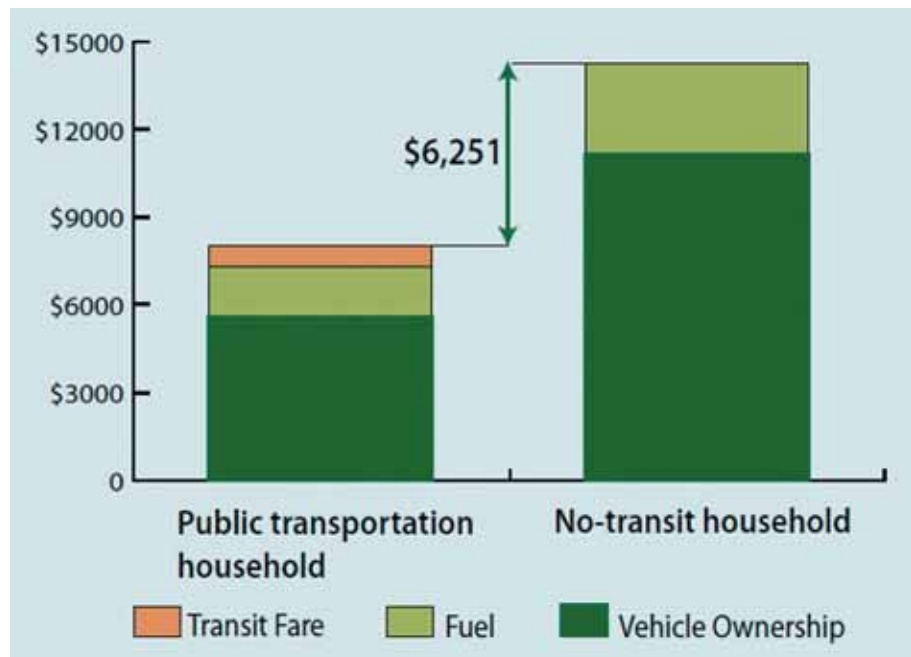
The analysis considers 15 miles of the corridor.

the horizon for the near future. That means the mode of transit supportive development selected by the analysis will guide development pressure that's already started to build up and down the corridor.

"Instead of commercial office, everyone is coming in asking for the right to do intense residential development," said Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland. "That is the trend in terms of the land-use developer."

County leaders stressed that the multi-modal alternatives analysis for Route 1 is not the only long-range planning effort being conducted. When one member of the audience expressed a concern that the scope of the analysis was too narrowly focused on Route 1, McKay said that the county was already conducting transit analysis to coordinate a transit network that's tied in to the rest of the county.

"That's a separate study that's being done countywide," said McKay. "If we are going to solve the problems of congestion on Route 1, part of that is going to be how you get people into the other parts of the county more conveniently."



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For his Eagle Scout project, Andrew Smith wanted to help the Fort Hunt Little League.



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Scouts work to improve the walkway at Darsey baseball field.

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Wear Jeans to Work, Help End Homelessness

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Jeans Day Fairfax
on Friday, Oct. 18.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE GAZETTE

Who knew? Just by wearing jeans to work, you can actively help nearly 3,000 men, women and children in Fairfax County who face homelessness and hunger every day.

On Tuesday, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors proclaimed Friday, Oct. 18 “Jeans Day Fairfax,” the third annual Jeans Day event in Fairfax County.

Launched in 2011 by the Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH), the event is a popular fundraiser for homelessness and other causes nationwide.

Jeans Day is a relatively simple idea. Companies go casual for a cause, inviting employees to wear their jeans to work in exchange for a \$5 contribution to fight homelessness.

Last year, more than 200 employers, schools and community residents became denim do-gooders, pulling on a pair of their favorite jeans to demonstrate their support for ending homelessness.

The day of community give-back is sponsored by The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness, The Connection Newspapers and Apple Federal Credit Union.

“Northern Virginia businesses step up every day to support our community in many ways, but we’re especially excited about this opportunity because it’s a chance for employees to get involved directly,” said Fairfax Chamber President & CEO Jim Corcoran of the Jeans Day initiative.

“The majority of people without homes in our community are children and working families,” said Dean Klein, Director of Fairfax County’s OPEH.

“Homelessness affects everyone, with social and economic costs to the community, including increased public costs for medical care and education. Everyone can help end homelessness by participating in Jeans Days Fairfax.”

Klein said businesses and individuals can make Jeans Day Fairfax another huge success by being creative.

“It’s fun and simple to organize. Ask people to come to work in their jeans and make a donation of \$5. It’s a great way to bring a team, a floor or the whole company together,” Klein said.



PHOTOS BY DEB COBB/THE GAZETTE

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors proclaimed Friday, Oct. 18 “Jeans Day Fairfax,” the third annual Jeans Day event in Fairfax County. From the front row on the left: Dianne Quebral, Office of Public Private Partnerships (OP3); Angie Carrera, office of Public Private Partnerships (OP3); Anna Smith, Pathway Homes; Sherri Link, Faith Communities in Action; Glynda Mayo Hall, Office to Prevent and End Homelessness; Supervisor Catherine Hudgins, Supervisor Hunter Mill District; Dean Klein, Office to Prevent and End Homelessness; Michael O’Reilly, Chairman, Governing Board of the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness; Sharon Bulova, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; Rev. Kathleen Kline Moore, Senior Minister of the First Christian Church of Falls Church; Jewell Mikula, Shelter House Inc.; Julie Maltzman, Office to Prevent and End Homelessness; KayAnn Shoeneman, Fairfax Chamber; Kathi Sheffel, Fairfax County Public Schools; Patti Stevens, Office of Public Private Partnerships, and Wendy Lemieux, Office of Public Private Partnerships. In second row: Jolie Smith, Shelter House Inc.; Beth Morrow, BB&T; Conrad Egan, Governing Board of the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness; Debbie Scaggs, Office to Prevent and End Homelessness; Don Owens, Chairman of Dulles Chamber of Commerce; Tom Barnett, Office to Prevent and End Homelessness; Andrew Reilly, Apple Federal Credit Union; Nikki Thomas-Campbell, Office to Prevent and End Homelessness; Mary Kimm, Connection Newspapers; Amanda McGill, Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, and the Rev. Katie Russell, First Christian Church of Fairfax. Back row: Michael Frey, Supervisor Sully District; John Cook, Supervisor Braddock District; Penelope Gross, Supervisor Mason District; John Foust, Supervisor Dranesville District; Jeff McKay, Supervisor Lee District; Pat Herrity, Supervisor Springfield District, and Linda Smyth, Supervisor Providence District.

Jeans Day Fairfax

❖ What is Jeans Day Fairfax?

Jeans Day Fairfax is an awareness campaign and fundraiser for ending homelessness in the community sponsored by the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, Connection Newspapers, Apple Federal Credit Union, and the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness in partnership with Fairfax-Falls Church businesses, nonprofit and civic organizations, Fairfax County employees, Fairfax County Public School employees, the faith community and individuals. Since 2011, Jeans Day has involved over 200 organizations representing more than 10,000 employees.

❖ When is Jeans Day Fairfax?

Jeans Day Fairfax is Oct. 18 this year, but you can get involved and donate to help the nearly 3,000 children, women and men who are affected by homelessness in the community.

Register to Put the ZIP on Homelessness by donating \$5 to the cause and wearing your jeans to show your support on Oct. 18. You can also help spread the word by posting or distributing the Jeans Day Fact Sheet.

❖ How Businesses Can Get Involved

The Chamber requests your community spirit and support by sponsoring a Jeans Day in your workplace or business.

On Oct. 18, allow your employees to wear jeans to support the 10-Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness and the Partnership to Prevent and End homelessness.

The cost to an employee to participate is \$5. Each participating business will collect the funds raised and, if they choose, can match the funds. Do-

nations will benefit the Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness.

Businesses who wish to participate may register and donate by going to <http://jeansday2013.eventbrite.com>.

❖ How Individuals Can Get Involved

You do not need to be affiliated with a business or organization to participate in Jeans Day.

Individuals who wish to take part in this initiative may donate online via Apple Federal Credit Union. You may also drop off your donation at any Apple Federal Credit Union branch.

❖ 3 Easy Ways to Donate:

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Homelessness

Dean Klein, the director of the county’s Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, had some good news to share about Jeans Day Fairfax at the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors meeting.

“We have been selected to receive a \$25,000 Challenge grant from the Phillip Graham Fund to support the 3rd Annual Jeans Day event,” Klein said, adding:

“This exciting grant is intended to help us to challenge businesses, schools, faith groups and individuals to help us meet a larger goal of \$25,000.”

When the county meets its \$25,000 goal, the Phillip Graham Fund will provide a matching \$25,000.

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❖ Where are the donations going?

All funds raised go directly to the Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness. There are many ways you, your business or your community organization can impact homelessness today. No matter what your skills, age or resources, there are ways you can make a difference for people who are homeless. This fund not only supports rapid re-housing activities, but also provides valuable resources that tackle multiple prevention issues.

❖ Be Creative

Keep these ideas in mind when organizing your company’s Jeans Day event:

Help raise the profile of your organization by highlighting your fundraising in your annual report, on your Web site and in your local paper or trade magazine.

Raise morale. Staff will think it’s great and for a good cause. The boss will look good for letting you all wear your jeans.

Create a bit of role reversal and give the boss a

“day off,” sponsor him or her to make the coffee or do the photocopying.

Start the week-end a bit earlier by wearing jeans and having some fun in the office.

Make a night of it! The fun doesn’t have to stop at 5 p.m.; hold a happy hour or karaoke night!

Help your company meet its corporate civic responsibility targets by raising money on Jeans Day to Put the ZIP on Homelessness.

For more information on the event, contact Glynda Mayo Hall, Fairfax County Office to Prevent and



Dean Klein, Office to Prevent and End Homelessness; Anna Smith, Pathway Homes; Jim Corcoran, President, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, and KayAnn Shoeneman, Fairfax Chamber, gather before the Board of Supervisors meeting’s proclamation of Oct. 18 as “Jeans Day Fairfax.”

End Homelessness, at
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OBITUARIES

Tom Shaw Remembered by Friends and Family

BY GALE CURCIO
GAZETTE PACKET

Tom Shaw was a survivor. For years, he survived vocal cord cancer, strokes and a myriad of other health issues. To many he was dubbed as 'the man with nine lives.'

Unfortunately, Thomas Michael Shaw's body finally succumbed to the many attacks on his body and he died on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013. He was 67 years old.

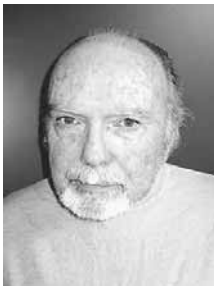
Shaw was born on July 23, 1946 in New York, N.Y. He was the son of Thomas and Kathleen Shaw and attended Don Bosco Prep and Fordham University.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Shaw, a supervisor of Cardiovascular Interventional Radiology at Inova Alexandria Hospital. Karen and his family were with him every step of the way. Early on, when he lost his voice and before he had a throat box installed, she said, "I miss hearing his voice."

He had one son, Bronhed Shaw, from a previous marriage, who married Sparkle Shaw. They were blessed with a grandson, Gavin Shaw, who Tom was able to enjoy before he died. He and Karen are the parents of Ian Shaw and Kate Cavanaugh, married to Greg Cavanaugh.

Steve Crane, client relations manager at

CACI Productions Group, was a close friend, and said, "I met Tom in 1979. I was his bartender at The Wayfarers in Old Town, and when he started a business in media production, he hired me and later we became partners in a firm that has been in business for over 25 years. Through his wife Karen, I was introduced to my wife Judy, and we have been close friends and travelers together since 1986, even godparents to each other's children. So I owe both my entry into my career and finding the love of my life to Tom."



Tom Shaw

"Tom was always a great listener, and had a gift for bringing people together to enjoy their camaraderie and good times. Tom had a special feeling for place and time, for history, an appreciation for living in the moment and sharing that moment with whomever accompa-

nied him. From the National ballpark to the Delaware Shore, from Ocean Drive on Miami Beach to Redskins games, Tom and I shared many memorable times together, and I will miss my friend very much."

"Tom was an innovator and ahead of his time in terms of applying media production with cutting edge distribution techniques to reach professional healthcare audiences."

Early on, Shaw was in magazine distribution and then sold X-ray film for Kodak. He decided to get into media production,

creating Med-Scene in partnership with radiologists from Alexandria Hospital in 1979. He created an interventional radiology video production firm in the U.S., a leader in educational media at the time.

In 1984, he merged his company to create Media Exchange, a production company based in Old Town, producing programming for pharmaceutical companies, the American Stock Exchange, Columbia Pictures, among other clients. He split away in 1987 to form International Information Resources (IIR), which grew into a major player in the sector of live interactive satellite programming.

Shaw helped create a number of private satellite networks that IIR produced the media for, including Clinical Center Grand Rounds in collaboration with NIH, CenterNet with the Association of Academic Health Centers, and ran production for Hospital Satellite Network for three years in the early 90s. IIR produced MedScholar, the first of its kind digital network to provide continuing professional health education to practitioner's homes via cable.

He began Outcome Communications in the mid-90s and was a partner in Celebrate Productions, a live event and staging company that provides production services to ExxonMobil among its other clients.

There were few networking events or causes that Shaw didn't support and he was a source of support and knowledge to many organizations. He served on so many boards

and committees.

"I met Tom several years ago and he introduced me to the SFDC [Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation] when Lara Fritts was the executive director and he got me involved with SFDC," said Peter G. Baldwin, MarketForce Strategies. "He was very generous in making connections, and always tried to create business opportunities. On top of that, he was just a nice guy with a good heart."

Shaw loved to contribute to and participate in community events. He spent a lot of time with the "Men's Group" and at Via Veneto. He also enjoyed taking his beloved dog Seamus to local dog parks and playing tennis and listening to NPR. His most precious time was spent with his family and friends.

Another good friend, Michael Lewan, said, "Tom was a Renaissance Man — comfortable talking politics, poetry, sports and culture. But in a way that made others feel comfortable and welcoming to his knowledge. Tom was a teacher in every sense of the word."

Memorial service will be held on Friday, Oct. 18, 4 p.m., at

Saint Louis Catholic Church (2907 Popkins Lane, Alexandria).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made in Tom's name to the "Stroke Fund" at Inova Alexandria Hospital Foundation, 4320 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304.

Cleary, Realtor, Philanthropist Dies

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

Carol Leann Cleary, a well-known Realtor, local philanthropist and longtime resident of Alexandria, died Oct. 6 after a seven-week battle with pancreatic cancer.

"Carol Cleary modeled a quiet dedication to children, family and community that inspired all of us who had the good fortune to know and interact with her," said Sonia Quinonez, executive director of SCAN, a nationally-recognized nonprofit dedicated to the prevention of child abuse founded by Carol Cleary's husband David in the couple's basement 25 years ago. "She has been a force of generosity and compassion in this community for decades and believed in the power of individuals to make a difference in our community."

Born Carol Leann Peterson in Minneapolis on July 9, 1943, Carol was raised in Hutchinson, Minn. She was the daughter of Margaret Prieve Peterson and Donald Peterson, a housing contractor. In 1970, she married David J. Cleary and lived in Bloomington, Minn., where she was active in political and civic activities. Carol Cleary

brought her passion for civic engagement with her when she and her husband left Minnesota for Alexandria in 1976, totting their 1-year-old daughter, Erin, so David could accept an appointment as a White House Fellow.

"Carol's presence at SCAN events always made volunteers feel special and important," Quinonez said. "She encouraged me and SCAN's staff in ways that kept us going even when facing difficult challenges. She believed in Dave's vision when he started SCAN 25 years ago, and she believed in each of us in ways that made us stronger and wiser."

Carol became a Realtor with McEneaney Associates in 1986 and subsequently became one of the top Realtors in Northern Virginia. Her expertise and focus was in Old Town, an area she called home for 37 years.

Carol is survived by her husband, David; their daughter, Erin Cleary Murtagh, son-in-law, Paul Murtagh, and grandchildren, David, Robert and Margaret Murtagh of Washington, DC; brothers, Gary Peterson of San Antonio, Texas, and Bruce Peterson of Hutchinson, Minn.; and a sister, Mary Peterson of Grand Forks, N.D.

"Carol will be terribly, terribly missed,"



Cleary



Carol Cleary, center, with husband Dave and daughter Erin at a SCAN event earlier this year.

Quinonez said. "But she has left a true legacy that lives on in the children who benefit from the generosity and leadership she and her husband devoted to SCAN's programs for local families."

A celebration of Carol's life will be held Thursday, Oct. 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested contributions to the Carol Cleary Fund at SCAN, an organization she remained involved with even while fighting her illness. For more information, visit www.scanva.org/cleary.

Local MDMA Cases Concern Police

Fairfax County Police Organized Crime and Narcotics Unit detectives have seen approximately 168 cases involving MDMA (Molly); an average of eight per month between January 2012 and August 2013. MDMA, also known as Ecstasy, is a semi-synthetic chemical compound that has been increasing in popularity across the nation, especially among high school and college-aged students. While it is most often seen in pill form, it is also seen in powder and capsules.

This drug, "Molly" can be a mixture of caffeine and speed and other stimulants; it is known as a recreational psychoactive. The Organized Crime and Narcotics Unit has seized approximately 16.67 pounds of MDMA and over 3,000 pills between January 2012 and August 2013.

Police remind residents that parents are still the strongest influencers in their children's lives. Help make children, of all ages, safer by having a discussion about illegal drugs:

- ❖ Make time to talk with children; explain the risks of these drugs.
- ❖ Learn the signs of recognizing drug use and how to intervene.
- ❖ Educate your family on harmful effects of drugs.
- ❖ Make it clear you do not approve of drug use.
- ❖ Be vigilant. Don't panic; help is available.
- ❖ Secure prescription drugs at home.
- ❖ Get involved; learn more.

NEWS



Brian McNamara, James McDaniel and Joseph Machosky



James Woods and Sherman McDaniel

Aldersgate Presents 'Life With Father'

Community theater takes audience back to 1880s.

BY CYNTHIA MULLINS

The curtain drew back to reveal the morning room of the Day house on Madison Avenue, New York City during spring in the late 1880s. The lights came up and the audience was transported back to spring of the late 1880s as Aldersgate Church Community Theater presented "Life With Father." At the time, the play held the title as longest running show on Broadway for more than seven years with 3,224 performances after opening in 1939. The play was inspired from a collection of stories written by Clarence Day Jr. about his experience growing up with his hot-tempered but lovable father.

Director Roland Gomez (who understudied for Harlan Day on Broadway) assembled the following cast centered around the Day family: Father (James McDaniel), Vinnie Day (Kacie Greenwood), Clarence

Day Jr. (James Woods), John Day (Aubrey Blount), Whitney Day (Brian McNamara), and little Harlan Day (Joseph Machosky).

The supporting cast added more situations into the mix that humorously aggravate Father. Cousin Cora (Sherman McDaniel) stops by the Day household for a short time bringing with her the energetic debutante Mary Skinner (Alyssa Denton). Cora and Mary are passing through on their way to Springfield when Vinnie invites them to stay without the knowledge of Father which sparks some hilarious arguments between the couple and a well-done moment between Vinnie and Cora over the frustrations of men. Mary also manages to catch the attention of the eldest Day, Clarence Jr., sparking an awkwardly adorable romance between the youths as they explore falling in love together for the first time.

The set, designed by Stuart Travis, Bill Glikbarg, and John Downing, provided an elegant characterization of a wealthy Wall Street Banker's home with its period furniture, fireplace, window seat, and a stained glass entryway. Georgia Harlow was in charge of costume design that captured the period clothing tailored for a wealthy family.



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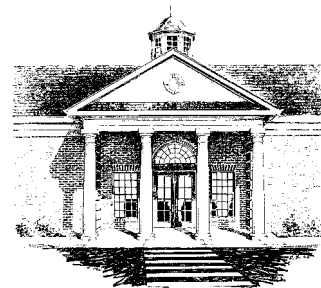
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OPINION

Don't Let Negatives Keep You from Voting

Choices are stark; think about what principles should guide in Virginia for the next four years.

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While much of the coverage and advertising at the top of the ticket has been negative in the extreme, it will still matter who is governor. Don't turn up your nose, hold your nose if necessary, and go vote. You can vote on Nov. 5; most likely you can vote before that.

EDITORIAL

Voter Identification

Virginia's existing voter ID requirements will change in July 2014. A law requiring photo identification at the polls was signed into law in May 2013. This new photo identification requirement will not take effect until July 1, 2014. The current law allows for the acceptance of all identification documents listed here.

When you arrive at your polling place, a voting official will verify that your name is on the registration list. Voters will be asked to present one valid form of identification. It can be any of the following: Virginia voter registration card; Virginia driver's license; military ID; any Federal, Virginia state or local government-issued ID; employer issued photo ID card; concealed handgun permit; valid Virginia student ID; current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter; Social Security card.

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- Enhance the capacity of Westbriar Elementary and South Lakes High School
- Replace or improve infrastructure, such as roofs, major mechanical systems and parking lots.

See <http://www.fcps.edu/news/bond13.shtml> for more details.

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It's worth looking at the absentee ballot ap-

plication online before going to vote absentee in person: <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/Files/Forms/VoterForms/ABApplication.pdf>.

In Fairfax County, you can vote at Fairfax County Governmental Center or any one of seven "satellite" voting locations.

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The satellite locations in Fairfax County are also open for absentee in person voting; Saturdays: Oct. 19, Oct. 26 and Nov. 2; 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Man of His Word

To the Editor:

I grew up in P.G. County in a very liberal, Democrat household. A family member recently asked how I could be supporting Ken Cuccinelli for Governor of Virginia. I met Ken 5 years ago, and I know him to be a reliable, honest, hard-working, principled man. When he sees an injustice, he fights to correct it — as a student at UVA, he was appalled at the number of sexual assaults occurring on campus, formed a support group for the women affected, and held a vigil to convince the university to hire an assault counselor; as Attorney General, he fought to free a man who was wrongly convicted (and then hired that man to work

in his office); he sees children forced to attend failing schools because of their economic circumstances and so champions parental choice to allow all children an equal opportunity for success.

Ken has an economic plan that will create jobs and will keep our unemployment rate one of the lowest in the nation by continuing our right to work status.

He has pledged to keep taxes low to further assist Virginians in achieving their goals. I can count on Ken's word. I don't always agree with him, but I know what he believes. When questioned about policy, his answers are well reasoned and thoughtful, not vacuous and flippant. He doesn't change his policies to keep up with

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Service Above Self

Mount Vernon resident Martha Ann Alito, right, admires a Jefferson Cup presented to her by Alexandria Rotary Club

president Peter Knetemann Oct. 8 at Belle Haven Country Club. The wife of Supreme Court Justice Sam Alito, Martha Ann Alito was the featured speaker at the club's weekly luncheon and talked about the services provided by The Woodmont House at The Children's Inn at NIH, where she sits on the board of directors. The Woodmont House is a transitional home for families and their children with acute illnesses who have surpassed the maximum length of stay at The Inn. www.childrensinn.org



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the latest poll. Ken is running to be Governor of Virginia because he is a Virginian, he wants this to be the best State in the Union to live, work, and play in, and he genuinely cares about our future. How could I support anyone but Ken Cuccinelli for Governor?

Susan Bradley
Alexandria

Non-Stop Development

To the Editor:

Given that my commute from Alexandria to Capitol Hill has not improved very much over the past two weeks, I've been wondering just exactly how many government employees are actually furloughed.

The federal workforce is 2.1 million with an additional 600,000 postal employees. Postal employees are not affected. While some sources make wild claims high and low to drive their political agendas, a review of the more credible news reporting organizations indicates that while 800,000 were initially furloughed, it is now about 450,000 because the Defense Department recently called backed 350,000 employees.

Therefore the consensus seems to be about 21 percent of the federal workforce has been furloughed.

Of course, not all of those 21 percent of federal employees live, work and commute in D.C. It's probably closer to half that. That would explain why traffic isn't much better.

But then again, 10 percent is a lot of drivers and that reduction should result in getting around a bit more easily, but that's not evident. Clearly we have an out-of-control problem of overpopulation and unsustainability here in the Washington D.C. area.

Anyone driving anywhere at any time of the day or night around here already knows this. The exception seems to be our regional political leaders who insist upon non-stop development forgetting that perpetual growth in finite spaces is impossible.

Bob Dane
Alexandria

Democrats Are at Fault

To the Editor:

The following is an open letter addressed to U.S. Rep. Jim Moran.

Thank you for answering my letter to you in regard to the government shutdown. Unfortunately, [your] letter is yet another example of the hyper-partisan envi-

ronment that has so polarized our nation for the past 5 years and illustrates the lack of civility of your political party. I found your response to be petulant and unbecoming of a member of Congress. The lack of truthful content is both egregious and reprehensible for a member of Congress, as well as the unwillingness to step up and take responsibility instead of blaming the other side.

It is important to set the facts straight and to revisit how we got to where we are today with the government shutdown. Although the mainstream media has done a great job of telling the American people what your party would like them to believe, the facts tell a very different story. The fact that Congress has to keep passing CR's (continuing resolutions) to keep the government funded is a direct result of the Senate, controlled by your party and Harry Reid, refusing to allow any one of a number of budgets that have been passed by the Republican-controlled House of Representatives to be brought up on the floor of the Senate. We have not had a budget passed since 2009, and this is truly outrageous. The Democrats refuse to make cuts or even entertain the idea of Speaker Boehner's idea to cut one dollar out of the budget for every dollar the debt ceiling is raised. The problem is getting our spending under control so we don't hand future generations a massive debt that we can't possibly pay off. Why can't your party address this issue? Could it be that the more entitlements that Americans receive the less likely they are to vote the party out of office that gives it to them?

You also accused the "extremist tea party Republicans" of shutting down the government and that they were holding the American people "hostage". While I understand that this incendiary rhetoric is sanctioned and are the encouraged talking points of your party, this statement is completely erroneous. The House Republicans came back three times with proposals that would not even be heard by Harry Reid and your party. The last one was eliminating the mandate, which forces people to buy the insurance for at least one year. It seems to me that this could have been a win-win for both parties, yet the Democrats refused to listen or vote on such a measure.

Polls have shown that most Americans do not want the Affordable Care Act and believe that this form of forced income redistribution is a direct violation of their rights and freedoms. While you referred to the ACA as the "law of the land" it is important to note just how this law came into being.

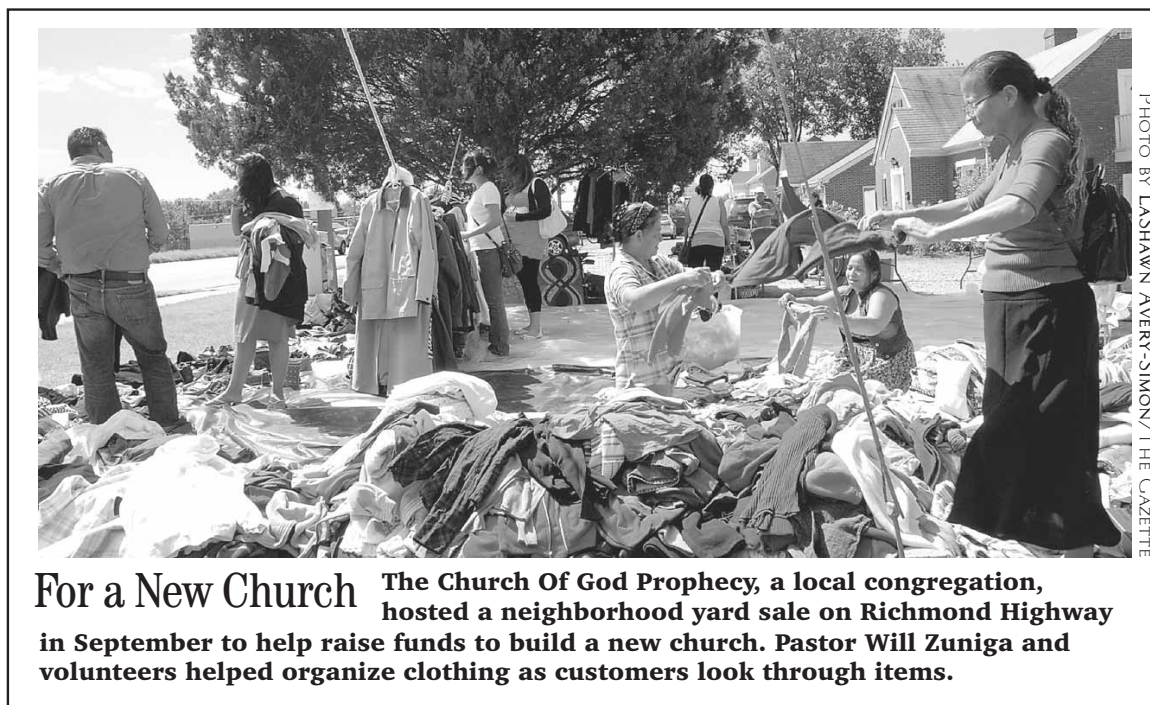


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For a New Church The Church Of God Prophecy, a local congregation, hosted a neighborhood yard sale on Richmond Highway in September to help raise funds to build a new church. Pastor Will Zuniga and volunteers helped organize clothing as customers look through items.

It was passed without a single vote from the Republican side of the aisle and was passed without the usual 60 vote majority needed. Instead, the Democrats pushed it through using a procedural gimmick known as "Reconciliation" which is only supposed to be used to pass an emergency budget. Never before has such a massive entitlement program been passed without bi-partisan support, let alone one that will control one sixth of our economy.

Here is an idea Congressman Moran. Stop passing CR's and shutting down the government and use the Reconciliation measure to once and for all put into place a responsible budget. That just might go a long way into avoiding being in this position down the road.

Kathleen E. Karau
Alexandria

Wanted: Good Shepherds

To the Editor:

A mid-week devotional directed my attention to the parable of the good shepherd (John 10:1-21), where our Lord spoke such favorable words of the one he describes as the 'good' shepherd — the trustworthy keeper of the flock, who is continually led by the dictates of conscience, even in the face of death and danger.

In contrast, the "hireling" is described as a worthless shepherd (cf. Zechariah 11:17), led entirely by the love of lucre. He looks after the sheep for the wages he is paid, and does his duty well enough in normal times. But as commentator F. F. Bruce remarks, "He will not risk his life to defend against the marauding wolf, as the true shepherd will."

According to John Wesley, this man of lesser character is called a "hireling" in order to emphasize his true motive: "The loving the hire more than the work; the

working for the sake of the hire. He is a hireling who would not work, were it not for the hire."

When push comes to shove, the one type of shepherd, motivated by conscience, is proven to be 'good.' And the other, motivated only by the promise of personal gain, is proven to be 'worthless.'

Perhaps on account of my involvement in politics these past few go-rounds, the reading of this parable seemed to hit home rather profoundly.

Here in Virginia House District 44, our GOP defenders (like worthless shepherds) have deliberately abandoned the Republican cause. Allowing the Democrat incumbent to run unopposed in his bid for re-election is their way of intentionally falling back and surrendering us to the wolf.

But I am confident there are some 'good' shepherds among us — at least 10,000 strong — who stand with me on the issues. If only there were a sure way to get these good men and women out to the polls to vote on Election Day, the incumbent wouldn't stand a chance.

Instead of allowing his wolf-shaped political ideology to take center stage in 2014, let us endeavor to take up staff and stone, and drive that razor-toothed abomination back to the shadows.

Joseph A. "Joe" Glean,
Independent Candidate
Virginia House of Delegates,
District 44

Protect Freedom Of Speech

To the Editor:

The first amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees freedom of speech and the right of people to peaceably assemble and protest. The tea party people are ordinary U.S. citizens who have every right to their viewpoints on issues and every right to express themselves in a civil manner. But, the liberal

progressives seem to demonize the tea party at every opportunity. Why should that be?

Everyone's right of free speech should be protected at all costs. Because without that right, we have no freedoms. We should all defend everyone's right to speak their mind whether we agree with them or not. The greater the citizens participate and hold elected officials accountable, the better it is for all of us. That's what makes our country a great republic. So those who claim to be tolerant but demonize those who they disagree with should stop it and instead be civil and defend everyone's right to participate in our republic — the sooner the better for everyone.

Frank Medico
Mount Vernon

Scandal Disqualifies

To the Editor:

I waded into political campaign issues with great reluctance. This story screams out for public outing and the so-called mainstream media is doing its best to minimize it, by refraining from highlighting it on a daily basis, although the Washington Post is beginning to catch on. The Gazette, by publishing this letter, is doing more to inform the public than other local newspapers.

Virginia Democratic gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe^oinvested in a^oscam in which the identities of terminally ill people were stolen and used to create annuities that paid out to investors when the people died. McAuliffe has denied he knew about these details and^oasserts he would never have invested had he known them. These claims are now in serious dispute. The important facts are:

(1) The details of the scam became public when its originator Joseph Caramadre was indicted in

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Hot on the Trail

Finding people is fun for new, police bloodhound pups.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE GAZETTE

The newest members of the Fairfax County Police Department don't wear badges or carry guns. But they're officers, just the same — and they're awfully cute.

They're Bolt and Silas (Sy, for short) and they're 14-week-old bloodhound puppies being trained to track and find people by scent. They were introduced to the public recently by their partners, MPO Pete Masood and PFC Kevin Clarke, respectively.

"They've got thousands of years of instinct using their noses in trailing and tracking," said Clarke. "They have the capability to run a very old trail, which is a forte of bloodhounds. They won't do narcotics or criminal apprehension; they'll only learn one discipline — tracking."

The pups will be used to follow clues in homicide investigations and find missing adults, such as Alzheimer's patients, and lost children. And when they locate the object of their search, they won't bite.

Instead, said Clarke, "They're friendly and non-aggressive. All they want to do is be around people. So they'll love [whoever they've found]. They'll jump on them, lick their faces and give them hugs and kisses. Then they'll be ready for their reward from us — which is the love we give them."

First, though, the warm-brown puppies with tender, expressive eyes have to be trained. Last Wednesday, Sept. 18, outside the police K-9 Training Facility in Chantilly, the pair of puppies — who are brothers — stayed close to each other and to their partners.

Since the facility is next to the police firing range, multiple shots often rang out while the pups stood on the grass. And each time, the puppies startled. But it's just one of the many sounds and surfaces they'll have to get used to.

"We'll get them out here and acclimate them to the noises — gunfire, [vehicle] brakes and birds," said Masood. They'll also be exposed to airplanes, wind, rain, heat, car horns honking, plus obstacles such as



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The 14-week-old bloodhound Sy already demonstrates rapt attention to scents he finds in the ground.

fences. And they'll learn how it feels on their paws to walk in the woods, through brush, on cement, carpet, tile floors, etc.

That way, said Clarke, "When they get out on the street, when they're almost a year old, they'll be ready."

The police got the purebred puppies from Huntsville, Ala., for \$600 each, when they were just 7 weeks. But, added Clarke, "A fully trained bloodhound goes for \$15,000-\$20,000 because of the training they've received."

Masood said police have had success with this bloodline, as these pups are the second pair from the Alabama site. They'll eventually be 90-100 pounds but, said Masood, "If they're leaner, they'll have less hip problems and more endurance. We want to be able to work them long hours. It's also easier on us, lifting them up over obstacles, if they're not so heavy."

Bolt and Sy are eating specially designed, high-protein, dry dog food. "But they eat a lot of it — and anything else they can get a hold of — children's toys, hardware," said Clarke. "Officer Masood's dog is named Bolt because, after a week home, he removed a bolt from his crate and ingested it."

"He worked the bolt loose overnight," said Masood. "I found the nut, the next day, and took him to the vet, who X-rayed him, saw the bolt still in his stomach and got it out."

As for Clarke's puppy, he said, "My kids named him Silas after Uncle Sy on [the TV show] 'Duck Dynasty,' and I think it's a fitting bloodhound name."

The department has 15 patrol K-9 officers, including current bloodhounds Shnoz and Cody. Masood and Clarke also each work with a patrol dog, trained to apprehend criminal suspects. And usually two or three dogs a night are on the job.

"I've been in this section 12 years, working with German Shepherds, and have worked with Shnoz since 2008," said Masood. "Officer Clarke has worked with Shepherds five years, but this is his first bloodhound. Officer Marshal Thielen works with Cody."

Ideally, police would like the dogs to work for 10 years; but sometimes, health problems force them to be retired early. So they want to get Sy and Bolt up and running as soon as possible because they'll eventually replace Shnoz and Cody.

The bond between the K-9s and their partners is critically important. "They want to please us — that's their reward — so the dogs come home with us and our families," said Clarke. "They're with us 24/7; we have safe and secure backyard kennels at our houses."

"My wife used to be a vet," said Masood. "And she and our 4-year-old daughter both love Bolt."

Colt, Clarke's German Shepherd, and Sy are part of a team now, as are Shnoz and Bolt, where the more-experienced bloodhound teaches the newcomer. "If Sy sees Colt do something, he does it, too," said Clarke. "The same is true of Shnoz and Bolt."

The bloodhound pups will train 30 hours/month and, once they're done, Clarke expects they'll be requested for help throughout the region and even across state lines. "Most regions have patrol dogs," he said. "Bloodhounds are rare because of the time, energy and expense to train them. They're smart and obedient, but stubborn, because

they think with their nose first and their brain second."

"They can be given a piece of clothing and they'll stay with that scent, despite other, different odors in an area," continued Clarke. "And they can follow a scent even a week later. For example, they could find a person missing in a park, although hundreds of other people were hiking there."

He said one of the "biggest perks" of having bloodhounds is their scent-specific training. Said Clarke: "A dog can also be trained to identify someone — almost like in a lineup — by putting his paws on the chest of the person whose scent he tracked."

"Each track always yields positive, successful leads for the detectives," he added. "Even if the dog can't find the subject, he could, for example, find the bus stop where the subject last was. Or he could tell us where the scent stopped by just circling around that spot."

Police dogs are also considered law-enforcement officers. "They're working dogs," said Masood. "And if someone assaults them, that person can be charged."

Currently, Bolt and Sy are focusing on bonding with Masood and Clarke. But within a month or two, they'll begin short tracks. "We'll then stretch out the time and distance to teach them to eventually run three- and four-day tracks," said Clarke. "Tracking is in their blood; they're one of the oldest tracking dogs in the world — we're just harnessing it."

Actually, he said, "It's a game to these dogs. So when it becomes real, it's still fun for them."

"Their natural instinct is to hunt animals," added Masood. "We just train them to hunt humans."

The puppies are first trained by someone showing them food and then running away with it, and they have to find it. "They'll learn the game through repetition," said Clarke. "And at the end, there's a party — verbal and physical praise, plus a food reward."

Eventually, said Masood, they'll receive scent articles to track. That's because, said Clarke, "It's what they're bred to do — and they love it."



50th Reunion

Groveton High School Class of 1963 held its 50th Reunion on Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Waterford Banquet Hall in Springfield. Classmates came from as far as Utah and Florida. The reunion attendees were entertained by the Live Band "Route 66." The Class of 1963 gathers every year for a BBQ at the home of classmates Covert and Janet (Boynton) Williamson and every five years for a dinner dance, the only class from Groveton with this tradition.

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Jack Evans, 83 who lived in the Mount Vernon area for many years, passed away in Lebanon, PA on October 2, 2013. Jack is survived by his loving wife, Paula; they were married 50 plus years. They moved to Cornwall Manor in Lebanon, PA in 2006. Jack graduated from The Citadel in 1952 and then had 24 years of active military service in the U.S. Army. Following his Army retirement he worked 15 years in private industry. In 1992 Jack became the founder of the volunteer program at Mount Vernon. After nearly a decade, the program grew to 400 devoted volunteers who serve in every public event at the Estate as

well as helping with a wide variety of tasks on a daily basis. In February 2012, Jack was honored with the dedication of the, John C. and Paula P. Evans Volunteer Center. He also received Mount Vernon's highest award, the Ann Pamela Cunningham Medal that year. Jack was buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Gettysburg, PA on October 8 and a Memorial Service will be held at Cornwall Manor, Lebanon, PA at 2:00 P.M. on October 26, 2013 at the chapel within the community grounds.

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PEOPLE



Washington Community Church's senior pastor, Steve Bradcovich, swings at a pinata as the picnic crowd enjoys the fun together.

Forever Young at Fort Hunt Park

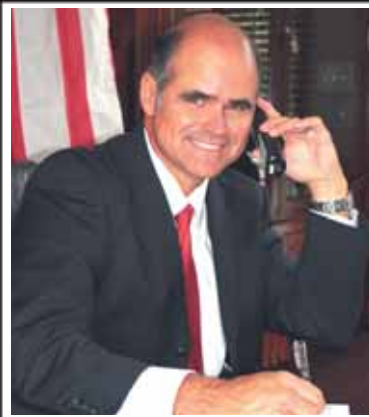
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Younger and older folks dedicated to staying young enjoyed the weather in September at Fort Hunt Park for the Washington Community Church annual picnic. Washington Community Church meets each Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Mount Vernon High School auditorium where it leases space for its weekly service.



Jesenia Rios and Tamara Vireut enjoy themselves at the children's table.

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Six-year-old Caroline Ford knows how to use a hula hoop at the Washington Community Church annual picnic.



Psiquis Campbell, 9, found a few items at the props table to make her photo shoot more interesting.




Dottie Greene, 14, concentrates on catching a water balloon.

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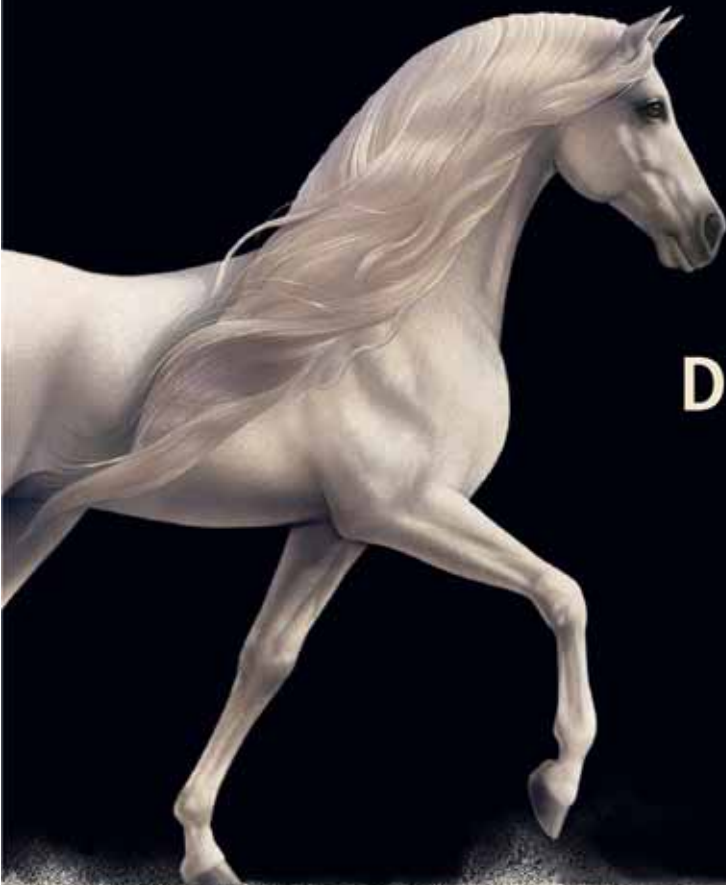
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dangling
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from its beak
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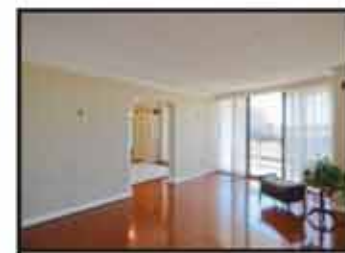
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Cameron Kahl, class of 2016, is a member of the Denison University foot-

ball team. Kahl is a graduate of Potomac School.

Adrianna Watson from was selected to perform in Randolph College's production of "Our Town" in October. Watson was cast as Emily Webb, one of

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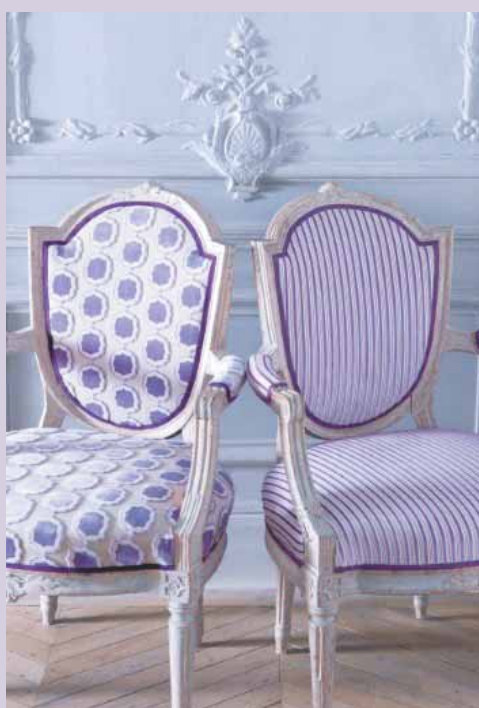
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Find Spooky Inspiration Everywhere

Local artists suggest Halloween crafts to make with your kids.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Local artists say one of the best things about the month of October is the opportunity to find inspiration in nature and create spooky crafts that stretch from now through Halloween and beyond.

Samantha Marques-Mordkofsky, of the Arlington Art Center, suggests finding inspiration in nature, such as the abundance of falling leaves in vibrant colors like red, orange and yellow.

"We're collecting leaves and other natu-

"Pumpkins have round surfaces that are fun to paint on. With washable paints, paint it now and the same pumpkin can be carved later in time for Halloween."

— Kathryn Horn Coneway of Art at the Center in Mount Vernon.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KATHRYN HORN CONEWAY

Kathryn Horn Coneway, of Art at the Center, in Mount Vernon, implements a spooky optical illusion project that is ideal for Halloween.

painting pumpkins. "It's a great early fall activity for young children. Pumpkins have round surfaces that are fun to paint on," she said. "With washable paints, paint it now and the same pumpkin can be carved later in time for Halloween."

Anne Ross, a visual arts teacher at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School in Alexandria, makes spooky houses, a project designed for elementary school students. "I use a paper lunch bag and very basic materials: construction paper or card stock, markers or crayons, glue or a glue stick, scissors, a stapler and newspaper stuffing for 'the house.'"

Coneway implements a spooky optical illusion project that is ideal for Halloween. "Ever wondered how those portraits in scary movies seem to follow you with their eyes?" she asks. Coneway has developed simple instructions for creating such portraits.

"Have an adult help you cut two oval holes in a paper plate," she said. "Cut off the handle of a white plastic spoon and draw an eye with permanent marker in the spoon. Tape the spoons to the back of the plate so the eyes show through the holes. Turn over to see the eyes peering through your plate. Decorate your plate with a unique character drawing. Notice how the eyes seem to follow you as you look at your portrait from different sides."

Marques-Mordkofsky is running a class now where students are learning about trees native to Virginia. "Students are doing leaf rubbing," she said. "Basically you get a sheet of paper and crayon and put the paper over the leaf and rub it with a crayon and you get a relief image of the leaf. The students are learning about native trees in Virginia and compiling all of their projects into a book."

One of Coneway's favorite activities is

ral materials. You can take paper plates [and] decorate them with leaves and feathers, which is a cheap and easy thing to make," she said.

Kathryn Horn Coneway, of Art at the Center in Mount Vernon, believes in getting out into nature while temperatures are still mild. "Fall is a great time for taking art outside," she said. "Let kids paint outside. If you use washable paint, it doesn't take a lot of parental supervision."

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Teacher Wassila Taylor reads with Lower School students at The Potomac School in McLean. School visits give families a chance to see classes in action and observe the level of student engagement.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MADEIRA SCHOOL

These students at The Madeira School in McLean, enjoy each other's company on campus. School visits offer prospective families an opportunity to learn about student life.

Choosing a Private School

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

Marta Soltes was sitting in an Arlington coffee shop recently pouring through catalogs and application packets from some of the area's most elite independent schools. Her stack of brochures was almost as high as her extra-large latte.

"There are so many options," said Soltes, who is a mother of twins. "And the application fees are outrageously expensive. I can't apply to all of them."

As the independent school application process gets underway, many parents are struggling to find the best fit for their child. Author and education consultant Ann Dolin, president of Educational Connections Inc., in Fairfax, and Bethesda, Md., says when choosing a school, key factors to consider include the school's location, single-sex versus co-ed, the level of academic rigor, methods of instruction, athletics and a child's chance of acceptance. Dolin recommends school visits, tours and open houses as a way to start narrowing down your choices.

"You'll want to consider certain factors," said Dolin. "Is the school close by or logistically feasible? Are you looking for all-out rigor and accelerated academics or would your child benefit more from a balanced, less intensive approach? Are sports important to your child? If so, this factor may make a school more or less attractive. Is the school known to be highly competitive, meaning that only a small percentage of students gain acceptance each year? Is the school looking for very high test scores and top grades? These are the schools that might be hard to get into. Be sure your list contains some of these 'reach' schools, but also others that may provide a better chance of acceptance."

LOCAL ADMISSIONS DIRECTORS agree that attending open houses and scheduling school visits are effective ways to start the application process. "An admis-

sion open house is a great venue to get an overview of a school's environment, sense of community, and the approach to teaching and learning," said Julie Jameson, director of admission at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac, Md. "Opportunities to get to know the school are offered through tours, speaking with current students and parents, meeting faculty and administrators, and learning more about curriculum, activities and student life."

Charlotte Nelsen, director of admission and financial aid for The Potomac School in McLean, suggests visiting a school during the day when classes are in session. "Visiting campus gives families a chance to see classes in action, sense the level of student engagement and picture their child at the school," she said.

"Observing classes and teacher-student interactions will give families a feel for the culture of the school," said Mimi Mulligan, assistant head and director of admission and enrollment at Norwood School in Bethesda. "How is the learning environment set up? How do teacher and students interact? Are students working independently or collaboratively? Are they happy and engaged? Do the walls and the sounds in the hallway sing to you?"

Julie Lewis, director of admissions and financial aid at Alexandria Country Day School in Alexandria, said, "Being in the hallways and seeing how students and teachers interact with one another gives a prospective family a feel for the school and its culture that cannot be found on a website."

Richard S. Moss, director of admissions at The Height School in Potomac, Md., says that an open house offers families an opportunity to look into the "heart and soul

Local educators offer advice on selecting the right independent school for your child.

of a school" and to get a sense of a school's true environment. "On a superficial level, a good school ought to present an organized and welcoming open house, but a discerning parent and student will look beyond the external trappings to discern what values and principles an institution holds dear and how it implements those principles," said Moss. "If the principles line up with those of family, and the school does a good job of implementing them, it could be a good fit."

Open houses, said Mulligan, offer a different experience than a school tour. "[They] are wonderful opportunities to re-

ally delve into curricular discussions with faculty," she said. "Because open houses typically happen during non-school hours, teachers and administrators are available for conversation. Current students and parents are also usually in attendance, so if hearing about the school experience from that perspective is important to you, then an open house would be a worthwhile activity."

Mulligan said she believes it's important to experience a school in more than one setting. It "allows for a deeper understanding of how a school's mission comes alive."

Ann Richardson Miller, director of admission and financial aid for The Madeira School, in McLean, also suggests that prospective families visit frequently and spend time on campus outside of scheduled tours and open houses. "Come often," she said. "We all have sporting events, announced on our website. You should stop by a game sometime. School plays and concerts are my favorite way to learn about a school. These events often have large numbers of parents and students from the school, and it is a wonderful way to see the culture of the

school in one place."

DURING THE VISIT or open house, parents and prospective students should consider the school's environment and ask themselves several questions, said Katherine Carbo, director of Lower School admission at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria: "How comfortable do I feel in this environment? Do the faculty appear passionate and enthusiastic about teaching? Are the students focused and engaged? What is the overall philosophy of the school? Is the approach traditional or progressive?"

Classroom size and structure are other factors to note. "Keep your eyes peeled for the number of children in the classroom, and try to get a feel for their daily schedule," she said. "Could you imagine your child working and playing with the students and teachers you see? Visiting a school provides parents with one snapshot of the community. Learning more about that community takes time."

Carbo also suggests visiting several schools. "Most of the information you collect through reading and conversations will be reliable," she said. "But the right match for your child may be vastly different than your neighbor's child or coworker's child. This is why touring different schools is important."

Start now by calling or emailing a school's admission office to request a tour, said Carbo. "When should you get started?" she asks. "That really depends on what program you are seeking out. Most admission seasons begin in October, and parents will tour in the fall or winter, a year before they hope their child will start school."

The most important guide, say experts, are a parent's instincts. "Each school has its own distinct feel," Carbo said. "It is up to you to visit and see what seems to be a good fit for your family."

Dolin said, "Parents' intuition is a good guide, but you have to balance it with the needs of your child."

SPORTS



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West Potomac quarterback DeMornay Pierson-El passed for three touchdowns and ran for three more against West Springfield on Oct. 14.



West Potomac quarterback DeMornay Pierson-El leaps into the end zone for a Wolverines' touchdown against West Springfield on Oct. 14.

Pierson-El Leads West Potomac Past West Springfield

Wolverines quarterback throws 3 TDs, runs for 3.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

West Potomac senior DeMornay Pierson-El stood confident in the pocket, looking calmly down field without fear of a pass rush. The West Springfield defense took a passive approach, with linemen focusing on containment rather than pressuring Pierson-El, leaving the Wolverines' running back-turned-quarterback looking statuesque as he searched for an open receiver.

The Spartans' strategy? Force Pierson-El, who is committed to the University of Nebraska as a slot receiver and kick returner, to throw rather than tuck the ball and use his blazing speed.

"Our athleticism and speed just doesn't compete," West Springfield head coach Jason Eldredge said. "... We had to do a couple things schematically to try to hold down

DeMornay."

The Spartans' attempts to contain Pierson-El proved futile, as No. 5 rushed for 200 yards and three touchdowns and passed for 166 and three more scores during a 47-29 Wolverines win on Oct. 14 at West Potomac High School. The game was rescheduled from Friday to Monday due to inclement weather.

Pierson-El completed 8 of 16 passes, including a 57-yard bomb to CJ Burch on the game's first play. His 18-yard touchdown pass to Jordan Alexander gave West Potomac a 26-17 lead with 6:06 left in the third quarter. Pierson-El had a 35-yard scoring toss to George Williams IV, who made a leaping catch in double coverage to give the Wolverines a 33-17 advantage. Pierson-El's final touchdown pass came with 3:10 remaining in the fourth quarter, when he connected with David Appiah for a 20-yard score that put West Potomac up 47-29.

"What they're trying to make him do is be a quarterback and he's doing his best imitation right now," West Potomac head coach Jeremiah Davis said. "Everybody knows he's not a classic trained passer or nothing like that. ... He did a good job get-

ting the ball to people in open sports, making the right decision ... and taking off and running."

Pierson-El's first touchdown run came late in the opening quarter, when he rolled to his right, paused for a moment to look down field and then exploded up the middle of the field for a 64-yard scoring scamper.

On third-and-goal from the 5-yard line late in the first half, Pierson-El leaped into the end zone to give the Wolverines a 19-10 lead.

His final touchdown run came in the third quarter, when he took a chance and made a play. The call from the sideline was a toss left, but Pierson-El noticed there was only one Spartan to beat to the right side. Instead of tossing the ball to the left, Pierson-El kept it and raced around the right end for a 48-yard touchdown.

"That kid, you can't stop him," Eldredge said. "... If we do [rush the passer], which we did a couple times, just to try to see, he's right in the end zone. It's a feast-or-famine kind of deal with that. What I needed us to do on offense was kind of keep him off the field and we just couldn't do that well enough."

Alexander scored a rushing touchdown for West Potomac. Senior linebacker Darien Pickett, who was an all-region guard last year, carried 10 times for 38 hard-nosed yards.

How would Pierson-El describe Pickett's running style? "A nightmare," he said. "... He's tough to bring down, he's strong, he's quick for his size and people are not used to that."

At 5 feet 10 and 220 pounds, Pickett, who is a rugby player, gives the Wolverines a powerful presence in the ground game.

"I knew from his rugby stuff that he can definitely carry the ball," Davis said. "... He adds another dimension. You've got a big guy to stop [and] you've got a little fast guy to stop. It's kind of tough."

West Springfield trailed by 16 points early in the fourth quarter but came charging back with a pair of touchdowns during a 17-second span. Senior quarterback Jacob O'Connell scored on a 16-yard run with 8:14 remaining, cutting the West Potomac lead to 33-23. The Spartans pooched the ensuing kickoff and recovered the ball at the West Potomac 30-yard line. Two plays later, running back Adis Ojeda scored on an 8-yard run, cutting the Wolverines lead to 33-29 with 7:57 left.

That was as close as West Springfield would get, however, as West Potomac added a pair of late touchdowns.

"It felt good," Pickett said about scoring 47 points. "But, [defensively], it's a good win but we've got to play better. We were kind of slacking."

Glen Rushing and Michael James each had one interception for West Potomac.

Ojeda carried 11 times for 94 yards and two touchdowns for the Spartans. O'Connell completed 14 of 29 passes for 162 yards and two interceptions. He carried 20 times for 77 yards and two scores.

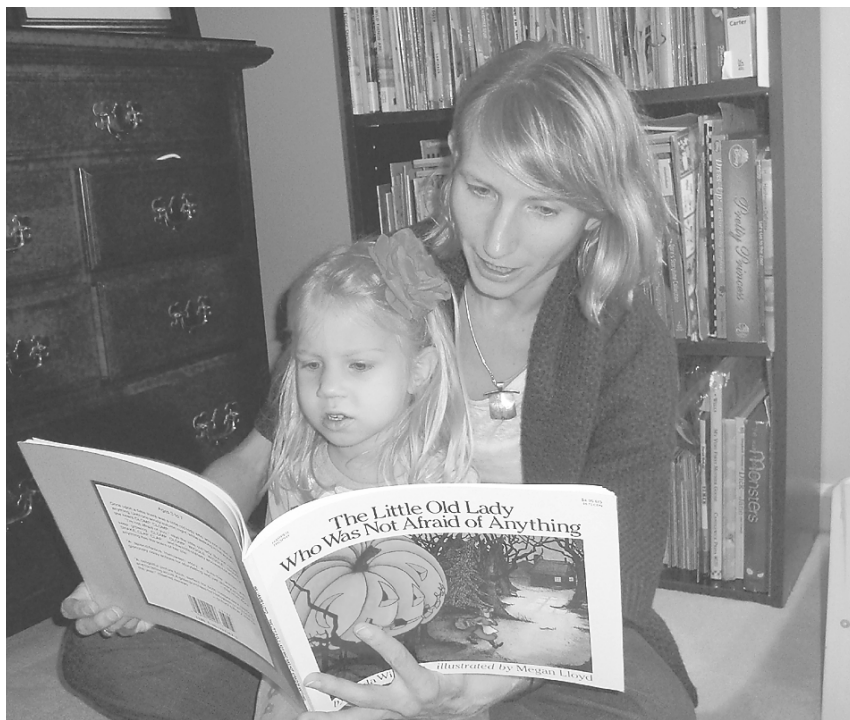
West Potomac (2-4) will travel to face South County (5-1) at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18. West Springfield (2-4) will travel to face Lake Braddock (6-0).



West Potomac senior Darien Pickett carries the ball against West Springfield on Oct. 14.



Jordan Alexander scored a touchdown for West Potomac against West Springfield on Oct. 14.



Holly Karapetkova reads the Halloween book "The Little Old Woman Who Was Not Afraid of Anything" with her daughter. "The main thing about reading with your child is giving your child your attention and having quality fun time together," she said.

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Reading About Halloween

Local literature experts recommend their favorite Halloween books for children.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

Mark Burch, who lives in Oak Hill, recently browsed through the children's Halloween book section at a library near his Washington, D.C., office. He had his three children in tow and an armload of books with covers that included carved pumpkins, willowy ghosts and witches in black hats.

"We've got about 15 books," he said. "I think the limit of books you can check out is 50 and we might reach it."

Children's literary experts say the month of October is a perfect time for children to explore their imagination, address their fears and have fun reading with their parents. In addition to traditional Halloween favorites, local booksellers say this season brings forth new offerings in children's Halloween literature.

"Halloween is a time that can be very exciting, but it can also be a little bit scary for small children," said Holly Karapetkova, Ph. D., an associate professor of literature and languages at Marymount University in Arlington. "Halloween books can help children explore the idea of dressing up and help children to master some of their fears. This is a good time to pick up a book when a character confronts and overcomes their fear."

Jill Beres of One More Page Books in Arlington says Caldecott honor book "Creepy Carrots" by Aaron Reynolds, "The Monstore" by Tara Lazar and "Zombie Baseball Beatdown" by Paolo Bacigalupi are among her favorite Halloween children's books.

"As a parent, I am drawn to books with nice illustrations and themes," said Beres. "And anything that has a nice message for kids."

Ellen Klein, co-owner of Hurray for Books!, in Old Town Alexandria, said that children between the ages of 3 and 6 might enjoy "Click Clack Boo: A Tricky Treat" by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin, the same authors of the popular children's book "Click Clack Moo: Cows that Type."

Klein said children under the age of 3 would enjoy "Maisy's Trick-or-Treat" by Lucy Cousins, a sticker book as well as a storybook that introduces Halloween to young children. "It has a Halloween theme and is more of a story that is fun and funny, but not scary," she said. "It has an activity and introduces young children to what the holiday is."

Children who are old enough to read or appreciate chapter books could enjoy "Desmond Pucket Makes Monster Magic" by Mark Tatulli. "It is a fun book," says Klein.

When helping children choose books, Karapetkova recommends that parents start preparing children for the holiday early. "Children like things that are silly and things that are gross," she said. "It is fun to explore things through a book. It is a good outlet for children to explore their imagination and do things they are not allowed to do in real life." Two of her favorites are "The Little Old Woman Who Was Not Afraid of Anything" by Linda Williams and "The Candy Witch" by Steven Kroll and Marilyn Hafner.

Karapetkova recommends books that expose children to rhyme and rhythm. "There is all kinds of research that shows that children who have a good grasp of the rhyme and rhythm become better readers," she said. "Choose books that use puns, a play on the meaning of words or that include words that have multiple meanings."

Children's literature experts, including Karapetkova, who lives in Arlington, who has small children, say the most important part of reading Halloween books with children is making it a pleasurable experience. "If you sit down and read with your children and you're having fun, it will be hard for your child not to have fun too," she said. "For me, as a parent and someone who thinks about children's literature, the main thing about reading with your child is giving your child your attention and having quality fun time together because children pick up on your emotions."

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a 75-page indictment^o on Nov. 17, 2011. As of that date, Mr. McAuliffe had to know the details although at that time they were allegations, and Mr. Caramadre was presumed innocent.^o

(2) On Nov. 19, 2012, Mr. Caramadre pled guilty^o for his involvement in the scam. As such^o as of that date, Mr. McAuliffe^o could not credibly deny he knew^o the facts concerning the investment scam;^o

(3) Mr. McAuliffe's involvement as an investor in the scam was publicly revealed for the first time on Oct. 9, 2013 when prosecutors filed papers in Federal Court in Rhode Island which list the investors. Mr. McAuliffe is on the list.

(4) The same day, Oct. 9, 2013, Mr. McAuliffe announced he would donate his profits from the scam to charity.^o

McAuliffe only agreed to^o donate to charity his profits from the scam when he was publicly identified as one of the investors. If McAuliffe was so concerned about the corrupt appearance of this scam and his investment in it, why didn't he make his charitable donation as soon as the facts became publicly known, no later than Nov. 19, 2012, or better yet when the indictment was publicized in 2011? Why did he wait 11 months^o until he was publicly outed as an investor? It appears he hoped his role would never be revealed and he could keep his ill-gotten gains. Now it has been pointed out that Mr. McAuliffe failed to disclose this "investment" in forms required to be filed in 2009 in connection with his failed candidacy for Governor in 2009. The Washington Post reported this week, to its credit,^o that McAuliffe's failure to disclose the scam in 2009 was on the advice of counsel. Said Virginia House Speaker William J. Howell this week: "Former Rhode Island Supreme Court Judge Robert Flanders said this [the death benefit investment scam]^o was all disclosed to the investors The fact is, McAuliffe knew what he was investing in. I just find this simply disgusting. ... If Terry McAuliffe is willing to make unethical decisions to enrich himself, there's no telling what he'd do as governor." This scandal grows by the hour.^o

This scandal should be disqualifying for a gubernatorial candidate. If you substitute the name Cuccinelli for McAuliffe, it would be. I can't imagine anyone voting for^o a candidate who invested in a scam preying on vulnerable, terminally ill people, which candidate waited until he was outed as an investor, 11 months after the scam became publicly confirmed, to agree to disgorge his profits. Clearly, Terry McAuliffe hoped his investment would never be publicly revealed and wanted to keep his blood profits.

The argument that this is an election about the lesser of two evils no longer washes. Nothing could be^o as evil^o as stealing the identities of terminally ill patients and profiting from their deaths. Nothing comes close.

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State Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) participates in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Korean National Cemetery where the Korean War dead are buried. In August, Marsden and his wife, Julia, spent a week in South Korea as guests of the Government of the Republic of Korea. He was invited to discuss his sponsorship of the “East Sea” bill, and also to present a resolution from the Southern Legislative Conference encouraging trade development between the United States and Korea.



State Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) talks with the first female Korean Coast Guard captain during a trip to South Korea in August. Marsden, and his wife, Julia, spent a week in South Korea as guests of the Government of the Republic of Korea. He was invited to discuss his sponsorship of the “East Sea” bill, and also to present a resolution from the Southern Legislative Conference encouraging trade development between the United States and Korea.

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What's in a Name? Virginia legislators work with Korean American groups to push for “East Sea” in textbooks.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE GAZETTE

Virginia's gubernatorial candidates Ken Cuccinelli (R) and Terry McAuliffe (D) may be light years apart on most issues, but on one issue they've reached a consensus.

Last month, they both pledged support to Virginia's growing population of Korean Americans to use the dual names of “East Sea” and “Sea of Japan” to denote the body of water between Korea and Japan in Virginia's textbooks. Koreans view the “Sea of Japan” designation as a legacy of Japanese colonial rule.

Currently, more than 2.5 million Korean-Americans reside in the U.S. and nearly 150,000 of them live in Virginia.

“As governor, going forward, I will wholeheartedly support the effort to have our textbooks and other teaching materials reflect the concurrent names as we pursue education excellence in Virginia,” Cuccinelli wrote in a Sept. 16 letter to the Korean Community of Virginia.

“As governor, I will ensure that as new texts are purchased or downloaded, they reflect this important historical truth,” McAuliffe wrote to the Korean Community of Virginia on Sept. 25.

For the past year, state Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) has been leading Virginia's legislative efforts to add the “East Sea” in public school textbooks.

Marsden has been working with Peter Y. Kim, a Chantilly businessman, who is president of the non-profit Voice of Korean Americans (VoKA). In January, Kim formed VOKA to promote the use of “the East Sea,” contending the naming dispute is critical to Korean Americans for a number of reasons.

“The entire Korean-American community in Virginia is very concerned about the situ-



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From left—Jung Ki Un, chairman of Voice of Korean Americans (VOKA), State Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37), and Peter Kim, president of VOKA, display a petition to use the dual names of “East Sea” and “Sea of Japan” to denote the body of water between Korea and Japan in Virginia's textbooks. Currently, Virginia's textbooks only use Sea of Japan, which Koreans view as historically inaccurate and a legacy of Japanese colonial rule.

ation, particularly related to educating Korean-American children about their heritage that is currently not recognized by the state,” Kim said.

“The effort is gaining momentum in Virginia,” Marsden said, noting the “East Sea” Bill will require all future textbooks purchased by the Virginia Public Schools of Education to reflect both names.

“What we call things is important, and

names have deep meaning,” Marsden said. “This would go a long way in speeding up the integration of our Korean-American population, and making people feel accepted and respected.”

The dispute over the name has been simmering between Japan and South Korea for decades. In 1992, objections to the name Sea of Japan were first raised by North Korea and South Korea at the Sixth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names.

Since 1997, South Korea has campaigned the International Hydrographic Organization, the governing body responsible for the naming of bodies of water, for the additional use of the East Sea name on the grounds that the term Sea of Japan only became popular globally during Japan's colonial rule of the peninsula. Japan says the name Sea of Japan has been used internationally since the 19th century, before the Korean Peninsula came under Japanese rule.

“What's important to me as a state representative is that we already teach students

about the controversy, so our textbooks ought to reflect that fact,” Marsden said. “All they are looking for is a position of respect.”

Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) announced he is sponsoring a similar bill in the House this year.

“It is not right that their position on this issue be ignored,” said Hugo in a statement. “It is not right that so many of our Korean-American students are taught that there is only one name for this body of water, when their culture and history say otherwise.”

Kim said his group's final goal is to include “the East Sea” in all textbooks used at elementary, junior high and high schools in 50 states by March 2017, when the International Hydrographic Organization holds a meeting to discuss Seoul's request for the concurrent use in formal international maps.

“In keeping with America's high standard of education, our children would benefit from learning geography that includes current geo-political information,” Kim said.



State Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) talks with the chairman of the Korean Federation of Industries during a trip to South Korea in August. Marsden, and his wife, Julia, spent a week in South Korea as guests of the Government of the Republic of Korea.

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ENTERTAINMENT

E-mail announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon.

ONGOING

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union Street. Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

Encore Chorale. Mondays 10:30 a.m.-noon at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr. Register now for Encore Chorale's fall season. The group of singers, ages 55 and up, practice classical and holiday songs to prepare for December performances. \$150 tuition. Visit encorecreativity.org or call 301-261-5747.

Occupied City: Life in Civil War Alexandria Exhibition. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St., through Sunday, March 23, 2014. This exhibit traces life in Alexandria following Virginia's decision to secede from the Union in May 1861. The Lyceum is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Suggested admission is \$2. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org or call 703-746-4994.

Art Exhibit. See the second Front Porch Installation by Ned Egan. "Leci n'est pas une Magrite" is on display at 18 W. Linden St.

Art Exhibit. See "Collaborations" through Oct. 20 at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery in Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Artists share inspirations to create pieces combining the input of two or more artists. It is open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. everyday except on Thursdays when it is open from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com for more.

Art Exhibit. See "Deep, Full, and Not Quite Real" at The Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St., through Oct. 20. Features four artists exploring concepts of depth and three-dimensionality. Visit www.nvfaa.org/ for more.

Art Exhibit. See "Disconnect" at Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., through Nov. 3. This all-media exhibit showcases how technology impacts our lives. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target for more.

Theater Performance. Through Sunday, Nov. 3, see the premiere of "Gee's Bend" at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. Watch as the true story of the Pettway family unfolds during the Civil Rights Movement and they become famous for their iconic quilts. Performances for Gee's Bend will be Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. For ticket reservations call 800-494-8497 or visit www.metrostage.org. For information and group sales call 703-548-9044.

Art Exhibit. See "Onstage" at the Art League Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Composed of musicians, instruments and audiences, Cindi Lewis' paintings allow viewers to enjoy a musical performances from a visual perspective. The display is open from Oct. 10-No.v 4. Visit www.theartleague.org or 703-683-1780.

Art Exhibit. "Sacred Earth, Healing Water" by Anne Bouie at Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Runs through Nov. 11. Gallery

hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and during performances. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/ for more.

Art Exhibit. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery presents "Colors of Autumn" in Studio 18 at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Exhibit starts on Oct. 22 and closes Nov. 17. Free. Some items will be for sale. Visit www.potomacfiberarts-gallery.com or 703-548-0935.

Art Exhibit. See never-before-seen hats from Dr. Seuss's private collection along with prints and sculpture from the art of Dr. Seuss Collection. Runs Nov. 2-17 at P&C Art Gallery, 212 King St. Visit www.pcart.com.

Theater Performance. See "Shiloh Rules" by Doris Baizley, the second production that is part of "A Salute to the American Voice." Performances are Friday-Saturday, Nov. 8-9, 15-16, 22-23 and Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 8 p.m.; Saturday matinees Nov. 16, 23 at 2 p.m. All performances are at Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. \$18/adult; \$16/senior, military and student; \$14/groups of 10 or more. Visit www.portcityplayhouse.org/ for more.

Art Exhibit. See "Concrete, Glass and Color," mosaic art by Jane Pettit at Crossroads Gallery at Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, 3440 S. Jefferson St., Falls Church. Free. The exhibit runs Oct. 16 through Nov. 24. 703-578-7201.

Art Exhibit. See "Del Ray Dozen Invitational Photography Show" at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Subject matter ranges from landscapes to portraits and a little bit of everything in between and the select photographers approach their craft in different ways—as traditional film shooters, digital image-makers, darkroom junkies, print makers, and experimentalists. Exhibit runs Nov. 1 through Dec. 1. For more information, visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Art Exhibit. See "Portent" in the Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St., from Oct. 24 through Dec. 8. The works attempt to visually come to terms with, reflect or represent the magnitude of natural events. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Friday Affair Market. Noon-4 p.m. at Historic Hollin Hall on the grounds of Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Held the first and third Fridays through December. Vendors vary from week to week, but usually include baked goods, jewelry, pet items and more. Visit <http://mvuc.org> for more.

Art Exhibit. See "Photographers at the Factory" Nov. 1 through Dec. 31 at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The exhibit celebrates FotoWeekDC. Hours are Thursdays 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; all other days from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Photographs will line the hall walls and in multiple studios. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Art Exhibit. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery presents "Holiday Sizzle" in Studio 18 at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Exhibit starts on Nov. 19, additional items will be added Dec. 9 and the exhibit closes Jan. 5. Free. Some items will be for sale. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com or 703-548-0935.

Art Exhibit. Artist John Gascot of Studio 4, 218 N. Lee St., suite 101, creates an art exhibit to honor the life journeys of transgender individuals. It will be on display the whole month of January. Gallery hours are Thursday-Saturday, noon-7 p.m. and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. or by appointment. Visit www.studio4oldtown.com for more.

African American Activists Exhibition. Through Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014, Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing photo-



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Pictured at 2012's Alexandria Shelter Walk for Homeless Animals are Shari Bolouri and Pomeroy, Mary Beth Norris and Sandy, and Gordon Kromberg and Champ.

Walk for a Paws

Join the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria on Sunday, Oct. 20 at Market Square for the second annual Alexandria Shelter Walk for Homeless Animals. The walk raises critical funds to support AWLA programs and is the only walk to benefit the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter. Walkers are encouraged to bring their canine friends. Please leave cats, small mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians at home but join the walk and represent your companion animals. Adult registration is \$25 and includes an event t-shirt and bandana. Youth registration (ages 6-16) is \$10 and includes a t-shirt. Children 5 and under are free. Prizes will be awarded to the top team and individual (adult and youth) fundraisers. Online registration closes Oct. 18 at noon. Day-of registration is \$40 for an adult and \$15 for a youth and will be available the morning of the walk, starting at 8 a.m. Visit www.alexandrianimals.org.

documentary project created in 2006 by artist-photographer Nina Tisara to identify, honor and chronicle people making current history in Alexandria. This free exhibit is at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 601 Wythe St. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or call 703-746-4356.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Learn How to Make Toscana Food.

Saturday, Oct. 26 at 11 a.m. at Osteria Marzano, 6361 Walker Lane. Learn how to make the dishes with Chef Carmine Marzano and then dine on the food you've made. \$85/person. RSVP with name, number of participants, and contact info to info@osteriamarzano.com.

Art Classes. Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. For children ages 12 and up. Begin with drawing figures and lines and work up to drawing in detail and on larger scale. Visit www.artatthecenter.org/registration.htm to register.

Art Classes. Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. for children ages 9 and up. Focuses on clay work in the studio. Begins Sept.11 at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Visit www.artatthecenter.org/registration.htm to register.

Registration Still Open. The Art League School has openings in more than 200 classes and 50 workshops, from painting, jewelry, photography and more. Visit www.theartleague.org to register.

Seasonal Cupcake Decorating Classes. Tuesdays from 5-7 p.m., Wednesdays from 5-7 p.m., Saturdays as scheduled and Sundays

from 3-5 p.m. at Occasionally Cake, 207 King St. Learn four different designs for take-home cupcakes. \$60/person. Age 11 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Visit www.occasionallycake.com or 703-647-9638. Call for designs.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Submit Art for The Christmas Attic's Holiday Advent Calendar Art Celebration.

The Christmas Attic is looking for 25 artist and/or community organizations (churches, schools, charities, businesses, individuals) who are interested in participating in this project. Each day at sundown, one advent art piece will be revealed and illuminated. Visit www.christmasattic.com on how to submit the art. Sign up by Nov. 1.

OCT. 4 THROUGH 27

Art Exhibit. See "Del-Ray-geous" at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. The exhibit focuses on the outrageous parts of Del Ray and community. Free. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for more.

THURSDAY/OCT. 17

Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon. 10 a.m. at Fort Belvoir Officers Club. Fashions for women of all sizes will be provided by Bloomingdales. Proceeds will be donated by Yacht Haven Garden Club to local charities and organizations. For tickets contact Terra at tadmommy@verizon.net.

Yoga. Enjoy free outdoor yoga classes at 1900 Mt. Vernon Ave., from 6-7 p.m. Taught by Maureen Clyne of Prasada

Yoga, Harvest Moon Yoga classes are suitable for all levels. Contact Maureen at yoga@prasadayoga.com or 703-967-8884.

Poems and Stories of Edgar Allan Poe. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Actors from Guillotine Theatre will read some stories and poems. \$10/person. Visit www.nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

Scavenger Hunt. All day at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Teens in grades 6-12 can hunt for clues around the library. Completed forms turned in by Oct. 19 will be eligible for prizes. Free. 703-765-3645.

Martha's Poetry Discussion. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Discuss the poetry of Sappho. Free. 703-768-6700.

Origami Fun for Teens. 7 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Learn to fold bookmarks, Star Wars figures and more. Teens age 12-18. Free. 703-339-4610.

Meet the Author. 7:30 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Meet James H. Waggoner, author of "Empty Soul for Hire." Books will be available for sale and signing. Free. 703-971-0010.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Vanessa Carlton performs. \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Lecture. 7:30 p.m. at The Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St. "Death & Dying During the Civil War" lecture. Free. 703-746-4554.

Fundraiser. 7-8:30 p.m. at Artfully Chocolate Old Town, 506 John Carlyle St. A portion of all book sales of "Ruby and Baby an Unlikely Friendship" will be donated to the



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FRIDAY/OCT. 18

Friday Affair Market. 12-4 p.m. at historic Hollin Hall, 1909 Windmill Lane. Purchase baked goods, treats, flowers and crafts from local vendors. Held the first and third Fridays of every month through December. Call 202-256-5332.

Scavenger Hunt. All day at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Teens in grades 6-12 can hunt for clues around the library. Completed forms turned in by Oct. 19 will be eligible for prizes. Free. 703-765-3645.

SATURDAY/OCT. 19

5K Family Walk/Run. Registration begins at 7 a.m., race begins at 8 a.m. at Cameron Run Regional Park, 4001 Eisenhower Ave. Run and walk to show appreciation for the caregivers of wounded warriors. Visit www.operationhomefront.net or 703-421-9033.

Guided Bus Tour. Learn about the events surrounding the death of President Abraham Lincoln on April 14, 1865 and the escape route of his assassin, John Wilkes Booth. The itinerary will focus on sites in Washington, D.C. and southern Maryland. Tour departs from Fort Ward Museum at 8 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. Registration required. \$95/ members of Friends of Fort Ward, and \$110 for non-members, and includes a box lunch. Deadline to register is Oct. 7. 703-746-4848.

Annual Bazaar. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. More than 30 crafters will display their wares, lunch items will be offered, silent auction, bake sale and door prizes. 703-765-4573.

Theater Performance. 2 p.m. at Olde Towne Theatre, 815 King St. See a performance of "The Big Meow," adapted from the book by Elizabeth Spire. \$10-\$20/person. Visit www.oldtowntheater1914.com or 703-544-5315.

Author Discussion. 10 a.m. at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum. Jay Roberts will discuss and then sign copies of his book "River to Rails: A Guidebook to Historical Markers in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia." Free, but reservations required.

Nelly's Needlers Fall Bazaar. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Woodlawn Plantation, 9000 Richmond Highway. Browse hundreds of handmade gifts and items for the home, as well as preserves and home prepared goodies. All proceeds benefit Historic Woodlawn. Visit www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org/ for more.

Community Fair. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Louis School, 2901 Popkins Lane. Events include train rides, slides, games, food, bake sale, vendors and apple pie bake-off. Free admission. Small fee for each activity. 703-799-4844.

Fall Festival. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Armistead L. Boothe Park, 520 Cameron Station Blvd. Watch a puppet show, hear music, nature center displays, face painting and more. Admission is free, but tickets required for pony rides, scarecrow building and other events. 703-746-5592.

Scavenger Hunt. All day at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Teens in grades 6-12 can hunt for clues around the library. Completed forms turned in by Oct. 19 will be eligible for prizes. Free. 703-765-3645.

Wag A Tale. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Children ages 5-12 can register to read aloud to a reading therapy dog. Registration

Get Crafty

Del Ray Artisans' Craft Night Social provides time to work on a project in progress or start a new one. It is also an opportunity to get to know other creative individuals.

The evening is open to all who knit, crochet, sew, scrapbook, make cards or jewelry, or any other fiber, paper or general craft that does not involve wet media other than glue. Each crafter will receive 2-3 feet of table space. Each four-hour session is \$8 for Del Ray Artisans members and \$10 for non-members. Space is limited; register at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/craft. Contact Lisa at artenuestra@yahoo.com.

Craft Night Social is 5-9 p.m. Oct. 22, at Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave.



required, 703-339-4610.

Curiosity Crew: Science You Can Sing To. 11 a.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children ages 6-12 can watch an interactive science program. Free. Registration required. 703-765-3645.

Fall Festival. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Plymouth Haven Baptist Church. Features a chili and mac 'n cheese cook-off, obstacle course, games, bake sale and more. Tickets cost \$0.50 or 40 for \$15. There will also be a raffle. Visit www.plymouthhaven.org for more.

Improv and Comedy Theater. 2 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Teens age 12-18 can join Letty Tomlinson and friends for an afternoon of improvisation and acting. No experience required. Free. 703-339-4610.

Oktoberfest & Silent Auction. 3-7 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Enjoy games, live German music, authentic German food and more. Visit staidansepiscopal.com or 703-360-4220 for more.

Author Signing. 3 p.m. at Potomac Barnes and Noble, 3651 Jefferson Davis Highway. Maggie Sefton will sign copies of her book "Poisoned Politics." Free. 703-299-9124.

Spirits, Suffering, and Society: Death in Civil War Alexandria. 6-9 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. Enjoy re-enactments of a soldier facing his death and more. \$15/person. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org for more.

Italian Concert. 6:30-10:30 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall, 8592 Richmond Highway. Features Washington National Opera singers. \$30 includes dinner by Pema's at 6:30 p.m. Call 703-360-1964 ext. 4 for reservations.

Speakeasy Party and Silent Auction. 7-10 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Enjoy cocktails, heavy appetizers, silent auction and more. \$40/ member; \$45/non-member. Visit www.gadsbystavernmuseum.us for tickets. Period dress encouraged.

Cake Tasting and Decorating Contest. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital. Children 18 years of age and under can enter in one category; adults above age 18 can enter the second category. There will also be a Kids Zone, Lucky Dog Animal Rescue, food and more. Submit an entry application online at www.celebrationMVL.com or 703-360-6925. Deadline is Oct. 14.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road. See Countertop in concert. \$15 suggested donations, with proceeds benefiting United Community ministries. 703-765-4342.

SUNDAY/OCT. 20

Walk for Homeless Animals. 9 a.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Enjoy a 1.5-mile walk through Old Town to help the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria prevent pet overpopulation and curb animal homelessness. Visit www.alexandriaanimals.org/walk to learn more and register.

Civil War Sunday. 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St. #327. See an original May 26, 1861, edition of the "The New-York Tribune," a diorama of a heating system, a cocked and loaded Wickham musket discarded in a privy during the 1860s and more. Free. Visit www.alexandriaarchaeology.org or 703-746-4399.

Cauldron Tea. 2 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Enjoy a spooky afternoon tea and a tour of the museum where you can learn about 18th century funeral and mourning practices in Virginia. Costumes encouraged. \$30/adult; \$15/child age 5-12. Reservations required 703-549-2997.

In the Company of President James Madison. 3-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Be transported back to Oct. 20, 1813 as President James Madison discusses the unfolding events. Reservations recommended. \$15/ person; \$10/student. Visit shop.alexandria.gov or 703-746-4242 for tickets.

"All That Jazz" Benefit. 5-8 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St. Celebrate and support At Home in Alexandria with a silent auction, music and more. 703-231-0824.

Music Performance. Focus Music presents Jack Gabriel with Michelle Swan at 7 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St. \$18/advance; \$15/ member. Visit www.focusmusic.org or 703-501-6061.

Farewell Tour: Dr. Ralph Stanley. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mt Vernon Ave. Cost is \$35. Call 703-549-7500.

MONDAY/OCT. 21

It's Time for Halloween Fun. 10:30 a.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Children up to 23 months can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required, 703-768-6700.

Baby Lap Sits. 10:30 a.m. or 2:30 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Literacy programs for parents and babies. Ages birth through 12 months. Registration required. Call 703-971-0010.

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Terrific Twos and Threes. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children ages 2-3 can enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays. Free. Registration required, 703-765-3645.

Music Performance. Jonah Tolchin will open for Rickie Lee Jones at 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for tickets.

TUESDAY/OCT. 22

Early Words. 10:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy songs and stories. Registration required, 703-339-4610.

Small Wonders. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Stories, songs and games for ages 12-23 months with an adult. Registration required. Call 703-765-3645.

Craft Night Social. 5-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans. Bring unfinished projects that are in progress and be social with other creative individuals. \$8 DRA members / \$10 non-members. Register: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/craft

Martha's Mystery Book Discussion. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Adults can discuss "A Place of Execution" by Val McDermid. Free. 703-768-6700.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 23

Artful Cocktail Competition. 6-9 p.m. at The Art League, 105 N. Union St. \$35/person. The Art League has challenged five local mixologists to each select a juried piece of artwork

from the October "Body Language" exhibit as inspiration for a new cocktail and then compete at Art on the Rocks. Sample the cocktails, enjoy appetizers and enjoy exhibits and live music. Must be 21 years of age or older with ID. Proceeds benefit The Art League's outreach programming. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

SOLA Uncorked. 7-9 p.m. Symphony Orchestra League of Alexandria presents an evening of wine, cheese and chocolate pairings. There will also be a silent auction. \$50/person. RSVP to Susan Yonts-Shepard at seysrls@comcast.net.

Lecture. 7 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Dr. Peter Henriques, professor emeritus of history from George Mason University, presents George Washington and the Invention of Nationhood, from the years 1789-1797. \$12/person or \$10/member. Visit shop.alexandria.gov or 703-746-4242 for tickets.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Hugh Laurie performs. \$79.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

THURSDAY/OCT. 24

Real Kids Read Books. 7 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Children ages 10-13 can discuss "My Side of the Mountain" by Jean Craighead George. Free. 703-971-0010.

Evening Storytime. 7 p.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children of all ages can wear pajamas and enjoy stories and activities about bedtime. Free. Registration required, 703-765-3645.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Avenue.

Performance by Madeleine Peyroux. Visit www.birchmere.com or www.madeleinepeyroux.com.

Halloween Concert. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. The Alexandria NOVA Band will perform "Spooktacular Sounds in the Haunted Hall: A Halloween Concert." Attendees can come in costume and receive special prizes. Everyone who attends will receive a goodie bag. Free. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/ for more.

FRIDAY/OCT. 25

Annual Holiday Crafts Bazaar. 1-7 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church - Sharon Chapel, 3421 Franconia Road. Free. Visit www.Sharonchapel.org for more.

Ghosts and Folklore of Alexandria. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Hear stories of Alexandria's haunted past. A dessert reception and short ghost walk will follow. \$10/person. Visit www.nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Noam Pikelnny will perform. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

SATURDAY/OCT. 26

Family Dig Day. At Alexandria Archaeology 105 N. Union Street. Learn and assist City archaeologists as they examine soil and artifacts gathered from a real dig. The day begins with a lesson on the history and archaeology of Shuter's Hill and continues with a tour and an opportunity to sift through excavated soil in search of artifacts. \$5; children under 16 must be



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2013

***9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.**

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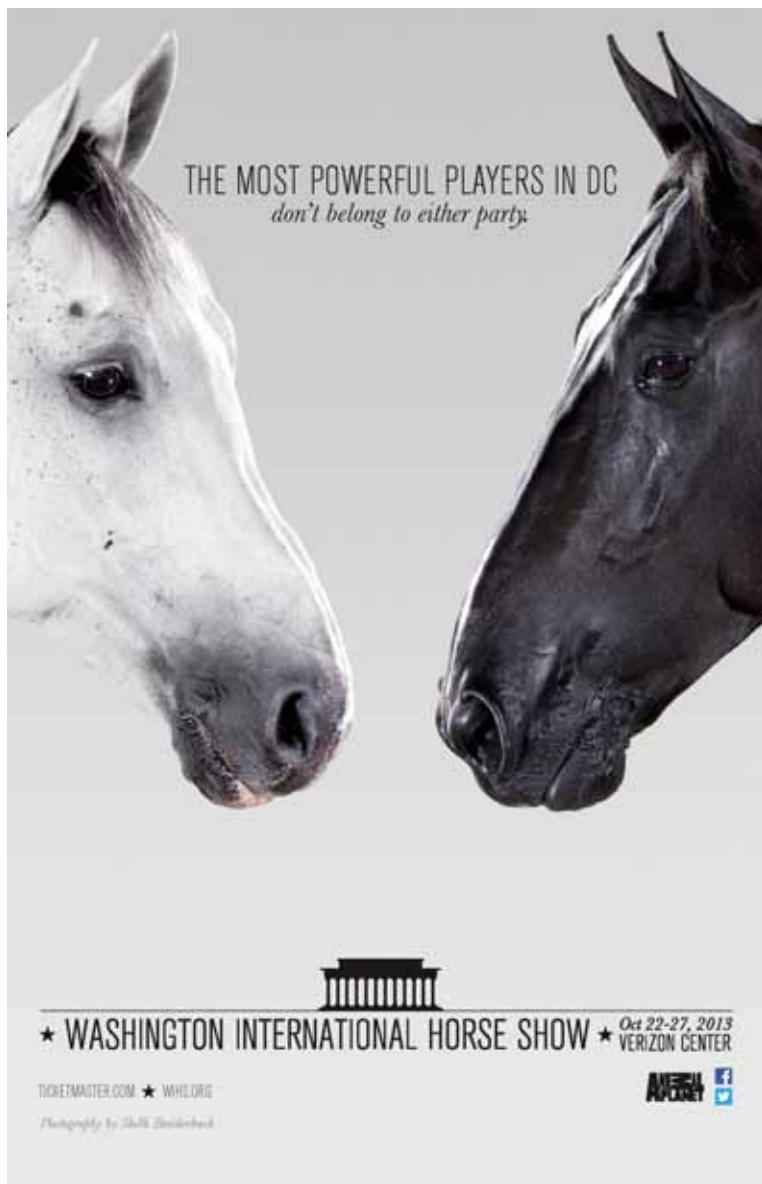
Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro of Connecticut

Rosa DeLauro is a leader in Congress on issues affecting women, families and children, serving as the top Democrat on the influential Labor, Health, Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee.

The conference will include workshops on major issues impacting women and information tables representing local and national non-profit organizations.

**Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.; event will start at 10:00 a.m. to prevent a conflict with the Alexandria Breast Cancer Walk.*

For more information and to register, visit moran.house.gov or call 703-971-4700.



ENTERTAINMENT



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Pumpkin Time

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill's 20th annual pumpkin sale runs Oct. 6-31, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. daily. This non-profit fundraiser benefits many of Alexandria's charities, such as ALIVE, Carpenter's Shelter, Community Lodgings, and the Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry. International charities include the Heifer Project and the Haiti Micah Project. Autumn crafts and cookies, brownies, cake, candy, hearty soups, gourds, mini pumpkins, apple crisps, Indian corn and cornstalks are also available. Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill is located at 3606 Seminary Road, (corner of Seminary Road and Quaker Lane).

accompanied by an adult. Equipment provided. Reservations required. Call 703-746-4399 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/Archaeology.

Annual Holiday Crafts Bazaar. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church - Sharon Chapel, 3421 Franconia Road. Free. Visit www.sharonchapel.org for more.

Bark or Treat Halloween Canine Cruise. 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. at Alexandria City Marina, 0 Cameron St. Cruise around the Potomac River with your costumed canine companion. \$15/adult; \$9/child; dogs are free. Visit www.potomacriverboatco.com or 703-684-0580.

Wag A Tale. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Children ages 5-12 can register to read aloud to Chester, a reading therapy dog. Registration required, 703-339-4610.

Trick or Treat with the Boo-tiques. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. around Old Town Boutique District. All ages welcome. Visit www.oldtownboutique.com for more.

Old Town Haunted Halloween Scavenger Hunt. 1-7 p.m. around Old Town. Solve mysteries and perform challenges. Proceeds benefit King Street Cats. \$10/person. Ends at a local bar. Must be 21 and older. Register at <https://tickets.ontaponline.com/Haunted-Halloween-Scavenger-Hunt&Tickets>.

Ghoulish Graveyard at The Sugar Cube. 1:30-3 p.m. at 1218 King St. Children age 6 and up can create chocolate pudding "dirt" and chocolate skulls. \$35/child. Visit www.sugarcubesweets.com or 703-548-2868 to register.

Halloween Story Time Tea. 2-4 p.m. at The Grill at Morrison House, 116 S. Alfred St. Children can come dressed in a costume and enjoy an activity. Children can enjoy a pot of hot chocolate, sandwiches and more. There is an adult menu available, which includes scones, tea, smoked salmon and more. Reservations are required. \$38 for adults and \$28 for children. To book, guests can call 703-838-8000 or e-mail storytime@morrisonhouse.com.

Costume Party and Art Reception. 6-9 p.m. at Studio 4 Old Town, 218 N. Lee St. Artful prizes will be awarded for best costume. Free. Visit www.studio4oldtown.com for more.

Carlyle Funeral Re-Enactment and Historic Haunts Tour. 6:15-9:30 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Admission includes a ghost tour of Old Town, during

which participants will visit the candlelit Carlyle House to view the coffin and pay respects to surviving family members of John Carlyle. \$15/person for the full event; \$5/visit Carlyle House Museum for the Death and Mourning program; \$10/visit museum and attend the funeral re-enactment. Reservations recommended. For ghost tour reservations call 703-683-3451. For all other reservations visit www.carlylehouse.org.

Cabaret Macabre. Sideshow starts at 5:30 p.m., dinner concert starts at 6:30 p.m. and the cabaret starts at 7:30 p.m. Suitable for adults over 18. At The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com for tickets.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road. Michael Sheridan will perform. \$20/adult; \$15/senior; \$10/student or teacher. 703-765-4342.

Fair Trade Choc-toberfest. Customers can visit Ten Thousand Villages, 915 King St., and try samples of food that has at least one ingredient of fair trade chocolate, and then judge the winners. Recipes of the dishes will be printed on cards that customers can take home. Visit www.alexandria.tenthousandvillages.com or 703-684-1435.

SUNDAY/OCT. 27

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Fall Festival. 12:30-2 p.m. at Aldersgate Church, 1301 Collingwood Road. Features live music by Close2Home and the U.S. Army Voices. There will also be games, petting zoo and food trucks. Children are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite hero. Visit www.aldersgate.net for more.

Fall Feast. 1-2:30 p.m., 2:45-4:15 p.m. or 4:30-6 p.m. at Union Street Public House, 121 S. Union St. Enjoy seasonal dishes including locally-raised grass-fed beef. \$49.95 excluding taxes, gratuity and beverages. Visit www.unionstreetpublichouse.com or 703-548-1785.

17th Annual Del Ray Halloween

Parade. 2-3:30 p.m. on Mount Vernon Ave. Free. Visit www.visitdelray.com for more.

Closing Awards. 3-6 p.m. awards from the "Del-Ray-geous" at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., exhibit will be presented. The exhibit focuses on the outrageous parts of Del Ray and community. Free. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Performance. 3 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., N.E., Vienna. Ready Hands Home Care in Alexandria sponsors the event, which features humorist Jeanne Robertson. \$20/advance; \$25/door. Proceeds benefit the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna. Visit www.scov.org or 703-281-0538 for tickets.

Music Performance. 4 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. New Dominion Chorale will premiere Thomas Beveridge's new piece "Orpheus with his Lute." Visit www.newdominion.wildapricot.org/.

Opening Reception. 4-6 p.m., see "Portent" in the Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St., from Oct. 24 through Dec. 8. The works attempt to visually come to terms with, reflect or represent the magnitude of natural events. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

Music Performance. 7 p.m. at Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Ave. Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic will perform. \$20/adult; 18 and under are free. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or 703-799-8229.

MONDAY/OCT. 28

Rainbow Readers: Halloween Parade. 10:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Children ages 3-5 can wear a costume and enjoy stories and songs. Free. Reservations required, 703-339-4610.

Libraries for Homeschoolers. 2 p.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children ages 7-11 with adult can learn how the library can benefit families that homeschool. Free. Call 703-765-3645.

Food Day Celebration. 3-5 p.m. at Hollin Meadows Elementary School, 2310 Nordok Place. See demonstrations of recipes that are healthy, delicious and child-friendly. There will also be a chance to garden, sample food, take part in races, games, and more. Free. Visit www.realfoodforkids.org for more.



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