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Cameron Quinn, Fairfax County's chief elections officer, displays voting materials in Korean, Spanish and French, one of the language outreach efforts to make all voters feel welcome on Election Day 2013.

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Battleground Northern Virginia

Competitive state races give voters more choices this election cycle.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

The 2012 presidential election is history, and that means another three years before a major election for Virginia voters. Right?

Not so fast.

While this year's combative race for governor is clearly the one to watch, savvy Virginia voters know that every year is an election year in the commonwealth, and this year is no exception.

According to an official candidate list released in August by the Virginia State Board of Elections, the state's House of Delegates race is shaping up to be the most competitive in a decade.

Fifty-seven House seats are contested this November — marking only the second time in the last decade where at least half of the 100 House seats will have more than one name on the ballot.

2013 is also the second election cycle since the

House Republican leadership redrew district boundaries following the 2010 Census. In 2011, voters in nearly two-thirds of the 100 House districts had no choice on the ballot.

Of the 57 contested races, 44 include races with at least one Republican and one Democrat, and most of the two-party races on the ballot will take place in the state's political frontline—Northern Virginia.

To help voters make informed decisions about their choice for state lawmakers, who make critical decisions affecting residents' everyday lives, we sent short questionnaires to all house candidates whose names qualify to appear on the ballot. Please note that responses to our questions are published as submitted by the candidates. They are not edited except to comply with predetermined and stipulated word limitations.

For more information on the candidates, visit their websites listed in biographical information, or one of these recommended sites:

- ❖ The State Board of Election website on candidates and PACS at www.sbe.virginia.gov/CandidatesAndPACS.

- ❖ Fairfax County's extensive voter information website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections.

- ❖ The Virginia Public Access Project at www.vpap.org, which contains district maps, voting history and candidate financial information.



DEL. EILEEN FILLER-CORN

Candidate: Springfield resident Eileen Filler-Corn, 49, is the Democratic incumbent.

Education: Bachelor of Arts, Ithaca College; J.D. American University; Washington College of Law

Occupation: director of government relations, Albers & Company

Website: www.eileenfillercorn.com



CHRISTOPHER F. DECARLO

Candidate: Fairfax resident Christopher F. DeCarlo (Independent)

Education: Course work, Northern Virginia Community College, George Mason University, Georgia Tech.

Occupation: Providing products and services to consumers in the free market.

Website: www.HonestyAndEthics.com



FREDY A. BURGOS

Candidate: Burke resident Fredy A. Burgos (Republican)

Education: Northern Virginia Community College and George Mason University, graduated with a degree in business.

Occupation: Small business owner

Website: www.goburgosgo.com

Two Challenge Filler-Corn in 41st District

Del. Eileen Filler-Corn challenged by Republican Fredy A. Burgos, Independent Christopher F. DeCarlo in the 41st district.

What is your legislative priority this session?

Burgos: My legislative priority would be to remove money as a requirement to take state business licensing exams. People should be judged by their ability, knowledge and experience not by the size of their wallet or purse.

DeCarlo: To fight the political party business model that has corrupted our government and emphasize that constitutionally the people are supposed

Job Description: The House of Delegates has legislative power, with the Senate, to enact laws. Delegates serve a 2-year term and are eligible for re-election. The salary is \$17,640 per year. A delegate must be at least 21 years old at the time of election and be a resident of the district he/she seeks to represent.

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Filler-Corn: Schools and jobs. Protecting our incredible schools, especially in light of the proposed cuts, is always a focus of mine. In addition—as we

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PATRICE M. WINTER

Candidate: Fairfax resident Patrice M. Winter, 59 (Republican)

Education: Bachelor of Science, physical therapy, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU); Master of Science, physical therapy, University of St. Augustine; MS, executive health management, George Mason University (GMU); DPT, Shenandoah University

Occupation: term assistant faculty at George Mason University and licensed physical therapist

Website: www.electpatricewinter.com



DEL. DAVID L. BULOVA (D-37)

Candidate: Fairfax Station resident David L. Bulova, 44, is the Democratic incumbent

Education: Bachelor of Arts, government, College of William and Mary; Master of Public Administration and Policy, Virginia Tech

Occupation: senior environmental planner

Website: www.davidbulova.com

Delegate—37th District

Republican Patrice Winter is challenging Democratic incumbent David Bulova in the 37th district.

Job description: The House of Delegates has legislative power, with the Senate, to enact laws. Delegates serve a 2-year term and are eligible for re-election. The salary is \$17,640 per year. A delegate must be at least 21 years old at the time of election and be a resident of the district he/she seeks to represent.

Q: What is your legislative priority this session?

Winter: As a health care provider, I have seen how Affordable Care Act has affected patients and even how companies are doing business. Seeing Virginians have access to high-quality and affordable health care is a top priority.

Bulova: My focus will continue to be on our economy and quality of life, which are integrally linked with transportation and providing our children with a world-class education. I will also fight for meaningful ethics reform.

Q: What makes you the better candidate?

Winter: Issues in education, healthcare, small businesses are important to many in the 37th District. I have significant experience in these areas as a health care provider who owned a practice for 17 years and an educator at George Mason University.

Bulova: I am a problem solver and have successfully worked in a bi-partisan manner to pass legislation on transportation, education, identity theft and human trafficking. I work hard to be open and accountable to district residents.

Q: In your role as a state legislator, how would you impact the lives of

your constituents?

Winter: We are more effective as statesmen, not politicians. A statesman listens to constituents, responds and acts. Engaging constituents in the legislative process is a key component in the actions of an effective state legislator.

Bulova: My most important job is to empower constituents to have a voice in our government. In Richmond, I serve on committees and commissions that make key decisions surrounding education, health care, housing and water supply.

Q: Tell us something about yourself that you think people would find surprising—a hobby, a talent, or an interesting fact.

Winter: I was the student representative to my town council my senior year in high school. Also, as the American Physical Therapist Association spokesperson, I was interviewed by "O" Magazine.

Bulova: I love history and believe in its importance in education. I can often be found volunteering at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, hanging out in colonial costume with re-enactors playing Washington, Jefferson and Madison.

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Standing beside a cardboard cutout of himself, Pierre Garçon presents a \$10,000 check to Tara Sankner, as her parents look on.

Donating From the Heart

Redskin, pizza-chain owner team up to help local girl.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

With their only child undergoing treatment for brain cancer, besides being concerned about her health, Craig and Tammy Sankner also worry about paying the medical bills. But things got considerably brighter for them last week when they received a check in daughter Tara's name for \$10,000.

It was donated jointly by Washington Redskin Pierre Garçon and Paisano's Pizza

owner and founder, Fouad Qreitem, outside the Paisano's Fair Lakes store. The presentation was Thursday night, Oct. 24, in front of Tara's family and friends.

All during September, Qreitem donated a portion of all his pizza locations' sales to Tara. And after he brought the 8-year-old Fairfax girl to Garçon's attention, the wide receiver wanted to do something, as well.

"Somebody helped me, so I'm happy to have the opportunity to help someone else and continue the cycle," said Garçon. After presenting Tara with an oversized, ceremonial check, he pointed out the many signatures of his teammates adorning it. And he stayed awhile to sign footballs and jerseys for his fans, after signing a Redskins football for her.

Garçon even visited Tara at her home last

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Pierre Garçon with Tara Sankner outside the Fair Lakes Paisano's Pizza; in the background is her dad, Craig Sankner.



Tara Sankner, 8, with parents Tammy and Craig, waiting for Pierre Garçon to arrive.

NEWS

Supporting Tara

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month, which was also a big thrill for her. So before he arrived at Paisano's, she said, "I'm happy and looking forward to seeing Pierre again." Actually, the event was supposed to be a surprise but, said Tara, "I overheard my mom talking about it on the phone."

Surprise or not, it was fun for all involved. Attendees included GMU's girls softball team and Tara's teammates in the Vienna Girls Softball League, plus fellow Chantilly High alumni like Tara's mom, who graduated in 1988.

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Pierre Garçon

"It's awesome and overwhelming," said Tammy Sankner, there with Tara's dad. "And it's great to see all the girls."

Qreitem has worked with Garçon for two years. Whoever orders the most Paisano pizzas during the football season has them delivered by Garçon. Besides their efforts helping the Sankners financially, said Qreitem, "It helps raise awareness of childhood cancer. Being part of the community, I wanted to help them. And I have an 8-year-old daughter, too, so it definitely hits home."

Tara has an astrocytoma, a treatable but inoperable form of brain cancer. So her parents hope Qreitem's and Garçon's generosity will also make people realize the great need for more fundraising for children's cancer research in general.

Tammy Sankner said their donation will "help tremendously with both medical and non-medical expenses for Tara's care, such as gas, parking at the hospital and the nonpaid time I have to take off from work. I'm in shock; it's just wonderful."

After the event, she said, "Tonight was just amazing. I'm speechless at the outpouring of all the support from the community. And I thank Fouad and Pierre for doing this for Tara."

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Making Voters Feel Welcome, No Matter Their Language

County election officials have stepped up outreach efforts and volunteer recruitment efforts.

By VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

It's been nearly a year since more than 450,000 Fairfax County voters cast their ballots at 237 precincts in the 2012 presidential election, and for most voters, the process was quick and painless.

But long lines and even longer wait times at some polls frustrated voters and prompted Fairfax County to investigate what went wrong.

Making sure that history does not repeat itself, Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova set up a special bipartisan Election Commission less than two weeks after the 2012 election to look into what caused the long lines, whether poll workers were trained properly and why some voters just gave up and went home.

Appointed by the Board of Supervisors, the 2013 Bipartisan Election Process Improvement Commission consists of county residents who represent the county's supervisory districts, communities within the county and organizations. Katherine Hanley, former chair of the the Board of Supervisors, and Stuart Mendelsohn, former Dranesville supervisor, co-chaired the commission.

One of the key reasons for the problems, election officials said, was a shortage of poll volunteers.

This year, Cameron Quinn, the county's chief election official, and the county's Electoral Board have been working together to implement some of the 50 recommendations made by the bipartisan committee in May.

"We've been doing a number of things since January to improve outreach and make things go smoothly for every voter this year," Quinn said last week. "We've done a lot more targeting of messages to people who need it, senior and disabled population, and we've been able to provide more bi-lingual volunteers at precincts that need language assistance."

In addition to printing all voting materials in English and Spanish, a federal requirement, Quinn said the county will have English/Spanish bi-lingual volunteers at every precinct, as well as Korean-speaking volunteers at some polling precincts with large Korean populations.

"I was touched with Korean community's efforts to help us translate materials and provide volunteers," Quinn said. "And so we're trying to encourage other pockets. My next target is Vietnamese. We've also printed recruitment brochures in Farsi, Arabic, Chinese Korean, French, and Spanish."

Another key improvement was raising the



Cameron Quinn, Fairfax County's chief elections officer, checks in with volunteers Mary Pat Lutz of Vienna (left) and Trudy Dixon (right) of Clifton as she prepares to vote absentee on Oct. 24. at the Sully District precinct.

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Highlights of Bipartisan Election Commission's Report

Last fall, the Board of Supervisors appointed a 26-member Bipartisan Election Process Improvement Commission to look into some of the problems encountered by voters and election officers during the 2012 general election, including long lines. In March this year the commission released its report, offering over 50 recommendations, including:

- ❖ Use electronic poll books at all precincts
- ❖ Avoid parent-teacher conferences on Election Day
- ❖ Encourage voters to use optically scanned ballots, reserving touch-screen machines for voters with disabilities
- ❖ Enable dedicated phone lines for the chiefs to use to reach the registrar and elections offices
- ❖ Purchase new voting equipment to modernize and improve the voting process

pay of election volunteers, from \$100 to \$175 per day, which Quinn said has helped in the effort to recruit more volunteers.

The county also encouraged absentee voting, starting the process three weeks earlier at satellite sites. As of Oct. 23, Quinn said there have been more than 17,248 absentee applications, a 50 percent increase from 2012.

"The Electoral Board agreed with the vast majority of the recommendations the commission made and most of those recommendations are being implemented right now or will be implemented in the future," said Brian Schoeneman, a Fairfax County attorney and secretary of the Electoral Board.

- ❖ Consider raising election officers' pay and increasing the number of rovers

The Office of Elections is considering the following recommendations to determine which may be implemented.

- ❖ Refer to "electronically scanned" ballots, not "paper"
- ❖ Configure lines and precinct room layout for maximum efficiency
- ❖ Meet with EO teams the night before election to set up and for a quick review of duties
- ❖ Post maps outside rooms of co-located precincts
- ❖ Be sensitive to and assist voters with disabilities and those with limited English skills

(Read the full report at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/electioncommission.)

"One thing we knew even before November was that we needed to begin thinking of replacing our aging voting equipment," Schoeneman said. "We have made significant progress in that area and are evaluating a variety of systems with a goal of implementing a new, fully integrated system by November 2014."

The Board of Supervisors allotted \$6 million for new equipment this year, which Quinn said gives the election office "more breathing room" to implement some improvements.

Last week, the Sully District precinct, received its first Ballot on Demand machine. Adrienne Free of Fairfax, an election offi-

cial stationed at the precinct, said the new technology would make it easier for both voters and volunteers.

"We have literally dozens of different ballot combinations of offices," Free said. "With the new equipment, we won't have to print as many ballots."

In some election years, like the upcoming 2015 elections, election officials will juggle more than 80 different ballots to accommodate the various jurisdictional boundaries across Fairfax County.

The multiple ballots are especially difficult to handle with absentee ballots and absentee in-person voting at the satellite locations and the Government Center, where officials have to have every single ballot combination available to allow every voter in Fairfax to vote.

"Ballot on demand technology lets us get around the need to print thousands of copies of each ballot and have them available, especially in the satellites and Government Center," Schoeneman said.

Instead, election officers can print the ballot for voters at the time they check-in, saving the time of finding the correct ballot, saving the money of printing thousands of ballots no one will ever use, and reducing errors caused by handing out incorrect ballots to voters.

"Many jurisdictions around the country are moving to this model and we hope Fairfax — if the tests are successful — will help lead the way here in Virginia," Schoeneman said.

AREA ROUNDUPS

Bike Summit at GMU

The second Fairfax Bike Summit is set for Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at GMU. Register by Oct. 31 at www.fabbikes.org/summit. Cost is \$25, which includes snacks and lunch. Sponsored by Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB), in partnership with GMU, Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax, it's open to everyone who wants more options for getting around their communities.

Time to Fall Back

Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday, Nov. 3, at 2 a.m. So before bedtime Saturday night, set back the time on all those clocks, watches and electronic devices one hour.

Author Jeff Waters Book Signing Event

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EDITORIAL

For voters in Virginia, it is hard to overstate how important it is to go out and vote next week. All Virginia voters will see statewide races for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general, plus one delegate race. In addition, there are a few local races in Alexandria and Arlington, a bond question in Fairfax County and a referendum question about the housing authority in Arlington.

These off-year elections attract many fewer voters.

In 2008, 74.5 percent of Virginia's registered voters turned out to vote in the presidential election. In 2009, the last time Virginians elected a governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and members of the House of Delegates, just 40.4 percent of registered voters came out to vote.

That is to say that 1.7 million voters went missing in the commonwealth.

Last November, more than 70 percent of Virginia's registered voters turned out. Will this November see 40 percent or less? Choices at the statewide level could hardly be more stark, and low turnout will make the outcome unpredictable.

This week's Connection includes what you need to know about the mechanics of voting and what is on the ballot.

Don't be among the missing.

Voter Identification Rules Same as Last Year

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, but this new photo identification requirement will not take effect until July 1, 2014.

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 this year when voting, 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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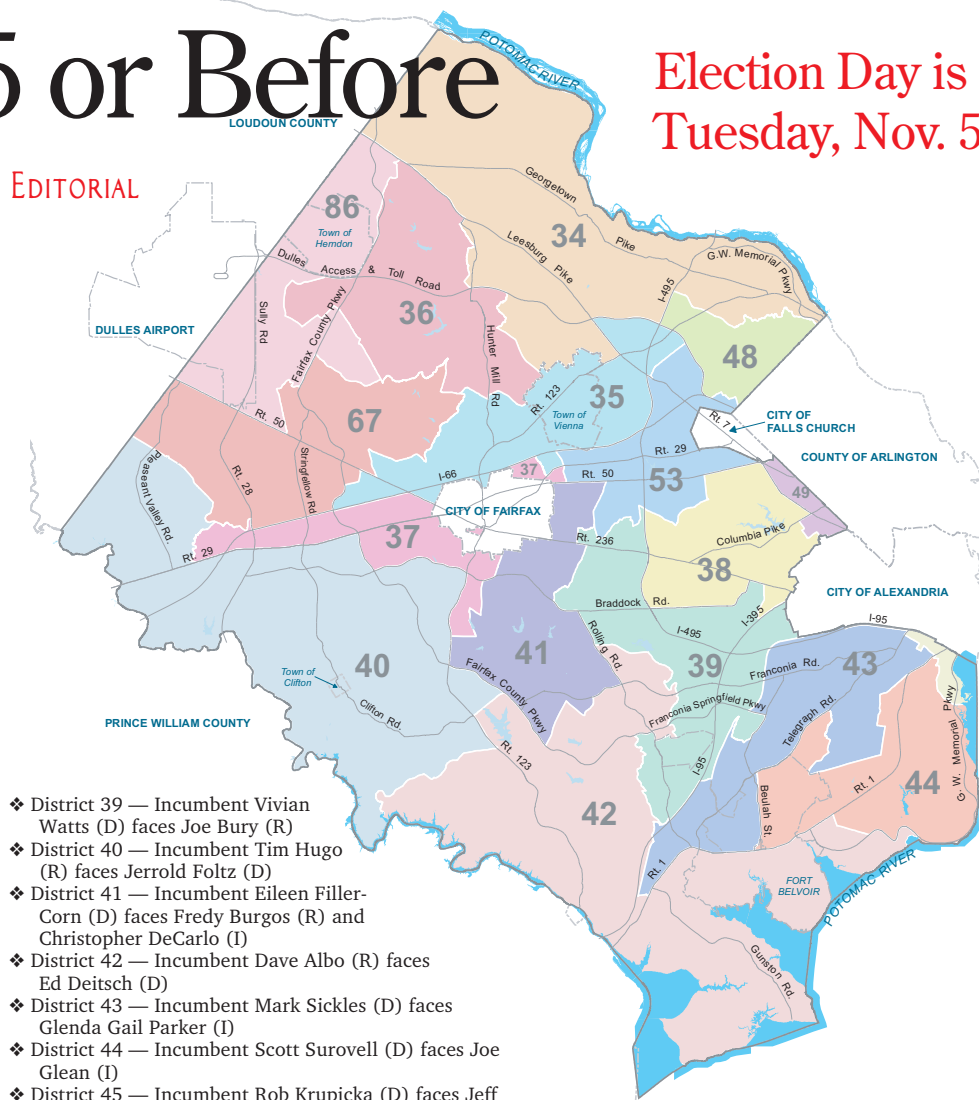
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- ❖ District 35 — Incumbent Mark Keam (D) faces Leiann Leppin (R)
- ❖ District 36 — Incumbent Ken Plum (D) is unopposed
- ❖ District 37 — Incumbent David Bulova (D) faces Patrice Winter (R)
- ❖ District 38 — Incumbent Kaye Kory (D) faces Jim Leslie (I)



- ❖ District 39 — Incumbent Vivian Watts (D) faces Joe Bury (R)
- ❖ District 40 — Incumbent Tim Hugo (R) faces Jerrold Foltz (D)
- ❖ District 41 — Incumbent Eileen Filler-Corn (D) faces Fredy Burgos (R) and Christopher DeCarlo (I)
- ❖ District 42 — Incumbent Dave Albo (R) faces Ed Deitsch (D)
- ❖ District 43 — Incumbent Mark Sickles (D) faces Glenda Gail Parker (I)
- ❖ District 44 — Incumbent Scott Surovell (D) faces Joe Glean (I)
- ❖ District 45 — Incumbent Rob Krupicka (D) faces Jeff Engle (I)
- ❖ District 46 — Incumbent Charniele Herring (D) is unopposed
- ❖ District 47 — Incumbent Patrick Hope (D) faces Laura Delhomme (I)
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- ❖ District 49 — Incumbent Alfonso Lopez (D) faces Terry Modglin (I)
- ❖ District 53 — Marcus Simon (D) faces Brad Tidwell (R) and Anthony Tellez (L) to replace retiring Del. Jim Scott (D)
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LETTERS

Delegate Focused on Real Issues

To the Editor:

The recent turmoil created by the gridlock in the federal government may tempt many of us to ignore politics all together. However, Virginians shouldn't allow the circus in Washington to cause us to lose sight of the importance of our state's gubernatorial and house elections on Nov. 5. Personally I will be heading to the polls first thing that morning to show my support for Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn, who works across party lines and stays focused on the real issues that affect us as Virginian citizens.

Over the past few weeks, I have received many negative postcards using smear tactics against Delegate Filler-Corn. Her opponent has not clearly articulated a plan for what he would do as a delegate, and has offered no vision for our commonwealth. Not only has Delegate Filler-Corn worked across party lines on important issues such as transportation, she has demonstrated consistent leadership support for fully funding our public school system.

I am a teacher. I work long hours (far longer than most people realize) and my profession is becoming more and more challenging with new administrative demands and the changing dynamics of our student population.

I work hard to enrich my students' lives and help them learn to be productive citizens in our community. My passion is educating students, making a difference in their lives.

This year's election is critical to my ability to fulfill that passion. Most decisions about what I teach are made at the state level. Our elected officials in Richmond alter the course of education in the state each winter.

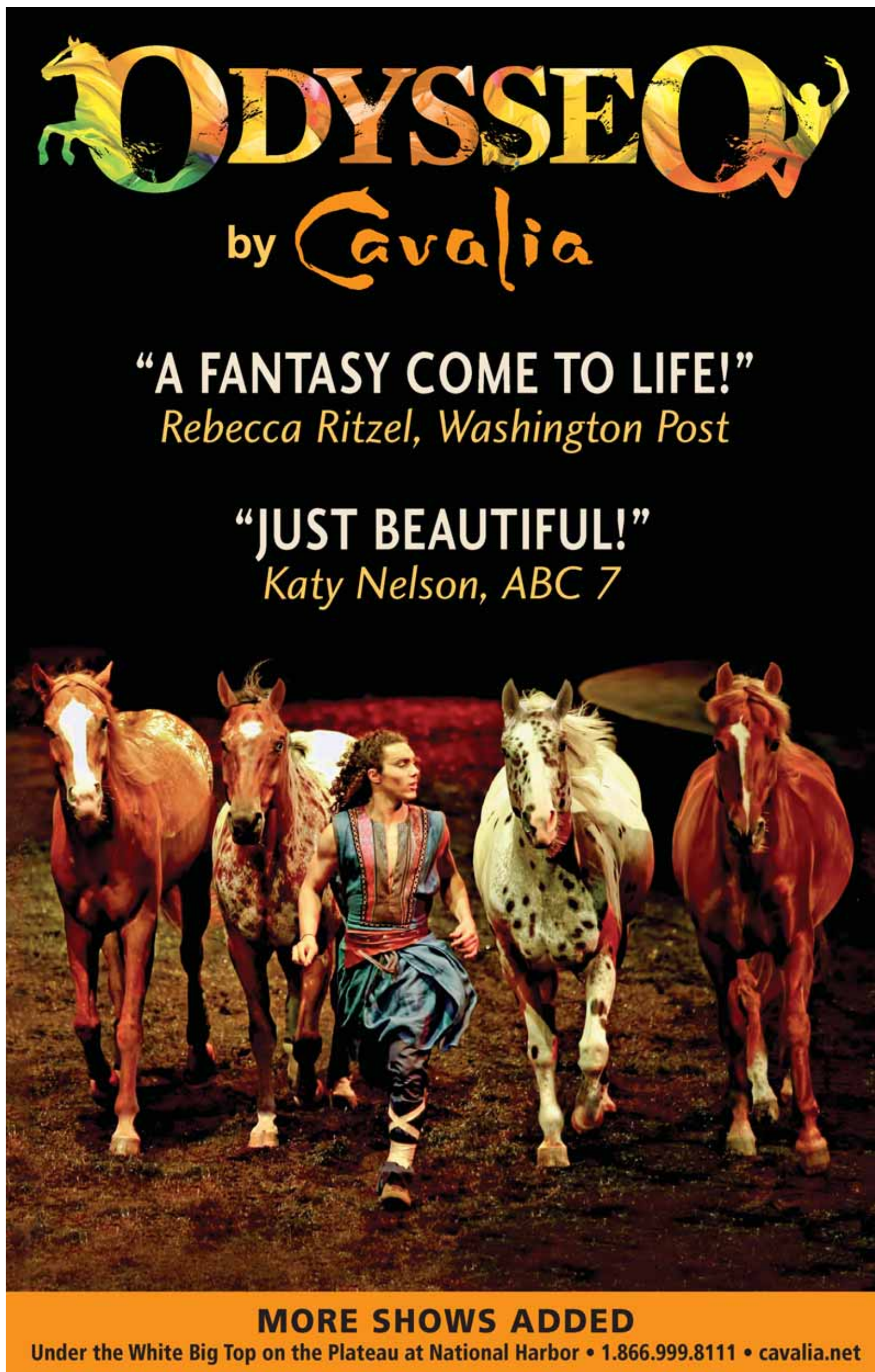
While I believe that the legislation written by our elected officials is well intended, it does not always match reality when it comes to what is best for our students. Politics often drive legislation, to the detriment of teachers' ability to find practical solutions that meet the learning needs of each child. When schools and students lose, we all lose.

However, I truly believe that this election is an opportunity to make a difference for schools across the state.

We can educate ourselves about the candidates and select those who believe that education is an investment in our future and a

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Fairfax County Sheriff's Race Heats Up

Kincaid, Wolfe trade barbs over guns, vandalism.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Like many of her neighbors, Vienna resident Jane Li said she didn't know Fairfax County had a sheriff's department until a few weeks ago.

"That's when I started to see the campaign signs along Hunter Mill Road, and I thought I should find out what the sheriff does," she said.

The sheriff's office, with more than 600 employees and a \$60 million budget, has three primary functions: operating the Adult Detention Center, providing security in the courthouse, and serving civil papers, such as eviction notices, child protective orders and subpoenas.

"The police do a good job of rounding up the bad guys, and the sheriff's deputies make sure they stay where they're supposed to," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee), a reserve deputy sheriff himself. "Most people don't know the sheriff exists because they're not doing anything wrong."

"This race matters," McKay said. "There's the potential for a lot of things to go wrong in courthouse security. We've never had that happen. No one has escaped from the jail; no tragedies at the courthouse; the sheriff's department returns money to the general fund, and deputies do a lot of things that we take for granted."

Fairfax County Sheriff's Capt. Stacey Kincaid, the Democratic candidate, and her Republican opponent, retired Fairfax City Police Officer Bryan A. Wolfe, agree the campaign is an opportunity to educate residents about the role of sheriff.

But that may be the only issue on which they agree.

Kincaid, a 26-year-veteran of the sheriff's department, said her first order of business if elected would be to sign the Civil Service Protection Agreement which guarantees due process for department employees.

"I've been on record and said countless times that the primary thing it does it prevents any employee for being fired without just cause and prevents any political retaliation," Kincaid said.

Wolfe does not see the protection agreement as a priority. "That's a critical difference between me and my opponent," Kincaid.

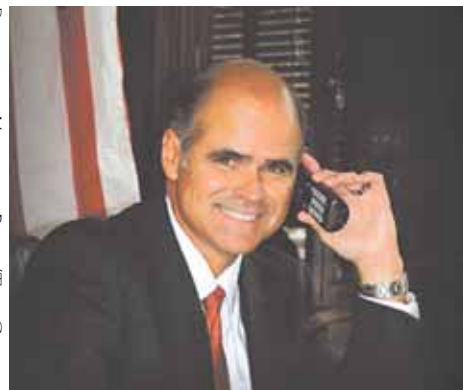
Instead, Wolfe said his first act as sheriff would be to "modernize" the department with video recording equipment in the jail.

"Video cameras protect inmates and deputies in the jail and the cameras protect the taxpayer from frivolous lawsuits and suspicion of law enforcement generated by lawsuits," said Wolfe, who said that Kincaid "has said several times that it's too costly" and "it's a solution for a problem that doesn't exist."

The contest is the only county-wide office on the ballot this year, a special elec-



Stacey Kincaid, a 26-year veteran with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Department, in front of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee headquarters on Oct. 21.



Bryan Wolfe, a retired officer with the Fairfax City Police, was selected Officer of the Year twice during his 26 years with the police department.

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On the Issues

STACEY KINCAID has made diversity a key issue of her campaign:

"Diversity is as important to me as it is to the citizens that I will serve. When I became a deputy sheriff in 1987, women were underrepresented in policing. The same can be said of many other underrepresented groups as well. The Fairfax Sheriff's Office has been slow to adapt to the change. No longer can values be self-serving. It is my belief that the Office of the Sheriff must face up to the evolving needs of the community and the expectations placed upon its top leadership. I am committed to developing new strategies and approaches that can be used to increase our effectiveness and, in turn, better serve our community. I am deeply committed to equal protection of the rights of all members of our community."

❖ For more information on Stacey Kincaid, go to www.staceycincaid.com

tion to fill the post held by Democrat Stan Barry, who retired midway through his fourth term in July.

If elected, Kincaid will become the first woman sheriff in the County's history, and one of a handful of women sheriffs in the nation. A 26-year veteran of the sheriff's office, Kincaid has worked all four divisions. She began her career with the sheriff's office in 1987 as a summer intern, and in 2008, she received the agency's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award.

A self-proclaimed "rookie politician," Kincaid soundly defeated acting Sheriff Mark Sites for the nomination in a July caucus, 63 percent to 37 percent. She won with the guidance of Kate Hanley, a family friend and former chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Wolfe garnered the Republican nomination in late August. Although he has been endorsed by several prominent local Republicans, he has not received any campaign

BRYAN WOLFE has said better programs for the mentally ill would be a top priority if he is elected sheriff:

"The mentally ill are currently thrown in with hardcore criminals in a toxic situation. That's why I want the mentally ill whose only offense is causing a disturbance or committing a misdemeanor diverted into a program that helps the underlying problem, which is psychiatric and not criminal."

"As sheriff I want to start a Crisis Intervention Team approach modeled on the program currently in effect in Memphis. I propose that deputies receive an initial 40 hours of specialized training from experienced mental health professionals and law enforcement experts. After completing the initial training, qualified deputies would have annual in-service training and an additional eight hours of classroom work. The goal of this new CIT program is to provide immediate response to situations where the mentally ill are in a state of crisis and to prevent, reduce or eliminate potential injuries to deputies and inmates. Finding appropriate care — whether in the ADC or in an outside mental health facility — and working on a treatment program will help keep the mentally ill out of jail."

❖ For more information on Bryan Wolfe, go to www.wolfe4sheriff.com.

contributions from the Fairfax County GOP.

While the race has put the sheriff's office in the spotlight, it has also exposed the uglier side of politics. One of Wolfe's first acts as a candidate was to do "oppo research" on Kincaid and her family. Through the Freedom of Information Act, he requested all of Kincaid's emails, iPhone photos and texts.

In August, he called Kincaid a "hypocrite" on gun control issues, and said he was motivated to run for the office after hearing Kincaid say she supports expanded back-

ground checks on firearms. Wolfe, an NRA member, opposes such measures.

While declining to confirm or deny Kincaid's allegations that she recently purchased two AR-15 rifles, Kincaid said she is a responsible gun owner and has purchased firearms legally.

On Friday, Oct. 25, Fairfax County Republican Committee (FCRC) Chairman Jay McConville entered the fray with a statement also denouncing Kincaid as a "hypocrite" for her gun purchases.

"When addressing the nominating body of the Fairfax Democrats, Stacy Kincaid said that she was in favor of both an assault weapons ban and a ban on high capacity magazines," wrote McConville.

"Specifically she railed against the notion that anyone would need either. I guess that is what she needed to say to get the nomination. Why then, did Stacy Kincaid order and purchase, for her own personal use, both an AR-15 Rifle and multiple high capacity magazines? This is hypocrisy of the most blatant sort, and should cost her the election now that it has become known," McConville said in the statement.

Kincaid declined to comment on McConville's statement, but said she stood by her earlier statements.

Wolfe also alleged that Kincaid's supporters tried to intimidate him by vandalizing his vehicles and tearing up a flower bed on his property in Clifton.

"They are bullying me ... and now the intimidation factor is affecting my volunteers," Wolfe said in a phone call on Friday. "(My volunteers) don't want to drive their cars into Fairfax County with my signs because they're afraid their vehicles will be vandalized. They tell me 'This has gotten too hairy for me.'"

Wolfe said the repeated vandalism has impacted his entire family. "I just want the race to be over. I want to get my life back," he said.

"Unfortunately vandalism seems to be a common occurrence. My campaign has had a number of instances where my signs have been stolen or destroyed," Kincaid said in a call Sunday.

"While the appropriate response is to report these incidents to the police, as a law enforcement officer, I have no intention of diverting police resources for such childish behavior," she added. "Campaigns are about discussing the issues and making the community a better place and there is no place in campaigns or otherwise for acts of vandalism to personal or campaign property."

The two major party candidates are joined on the ballot by independents Robert Rivera, a security analyst and former sheriff's deputy, and Chris DeCarlo, a propane salesman.

A frequent candidate for local offices, the 55-year-old DeCarlo, who is also running against Del. Eileen Filler-Corn, the Democratic incumbent in the 42nd district, has livened up the race with rap videos against government corruption.

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Runners prepare to begin the Goblin Gallop 5K race.



(From left) are the Winans brothers, Tyler, 5, and Brandon, 8.



Trying to be scary are the Reams brothers, from left, Diesel, 5, and Wolf, 3.



(From left) are the Purvis brothers, Maxwell, 5, and Zachary, 4.



Mia Thelin, 4.



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Jason and Heather Gray with children, Callum, 20 months, and Cillian, 4.

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Potomac Marlins ‘Swim Pink’

Volunteers and swimmers from the Potomac Marlins gathered at the Lee District Recreation Center in their “Swim Pink” attire for their fundraiser meet, the PVS October Open Saturday, Oct. 19. The Potomac Marlins conduct this annual fundraiser to raise funds for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation, a nonprofit working to put an end to breast cancer.

This year, Speedo supported the annual fundraiser by providing shirts for the Marlins Coaches and donating caps to the event winners of the October Open.

The Marlins raised \$3,150 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. In addition to the Breast Cancer Awareness fund, the Marlins also support the Fairfax County Special Olympics State Qualifying swim meet held at George Mason University in April.

Marlins head coach Bill Marlin presenting NCSA Junior National Qualifiers Holly Jansen, of Clifton, and Kyle Marshall, of Alexandria, with caps for winning 400 IM in the 13 and over age group at the Marlins’ fundraiser meet Saturday, Oct. 19.

Andrew Gause’s Martial Arts Donates \$1,000 to Kings Park PTA

Andrew Gause’s Martial Arts has teamed up with Kings Park Elementary School to help raise funds for various projects. Starting on Tuesday, Oct. 1, Master Gause goes to Kings Park Elementary once a week for five weeks and teaches basic martial arts skills to Kings Park students with all of the proceeds from the program going to the PTA. At the conclusion of the five-week session, the participants are invited to earn their white belts at Master Gause’s school. Because the program was filled in a matter of days, a second session will be held in the spring to accommodate more students from the school.

The fundraiser helps the PTA organization reach their monetary goals and the students in the program gained valuable martial arts instruction to help them focus and succeed.

Andrew Gause gave \$1,000 on behalf of his martial arts business to the Kings Park Elementary PTA.

If you would like more information about the PTA/Andrew Gause’s Martial Arts fund raising program, please feel free to call one of the two schools: Ravensworth (Springfield) 703-321-0300 and Fairfax Station 703-272-7700.

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And they're off! The participants in the Kids Sending Smiles 5K to fight Breast Cancer took off the second the horn sounded, headed for trail around Burke Lake Park.



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The winner! Michael Carlson, 19, of Alexandria ran the race because of his mother's connections to parents of the KSS kids. He sailed in at 25:12, but only 2 minutes in front of much-younger Melanie Becker of Springfield.

All Smiles at Burke Lake

Kids Sending Smiles organizes 5K run to fight breast cancer.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

Kids Sending Smiles (KSS), the 501c3 non-profit established and run by a group of elementary school girls from the Springfield and Alexandria areas, successfully completed their most ambitious charitable event to date on Saturday, Oct. 19 at Burke Lake Park. In the two years since they first got together, the girls have raised funds toward the purchase of a seizure dog for a local toddler, collected donations for victims of Hurricane Sandy, and made and sold jewelry for an orphanage in Liberia, to name just a few of the projects they have undertaken in their mission to "...bring happiness to ourselves and others by helping those in need in the United States and around the world." But at the pre-event meeting last weekend, most admitted to feeling a bit nervous about pulling off an open-to-the-public 5K run/walk to raise funds for the fight against Breast Cancer, even with the help of family and friends, and sponsors like the Metro Run and Walk store, personal concierge CallCindi.com, and the Law Offices of Sean Underwood. Turns out their fears were needless.

At about 8:30 a.m. the runners, walkers, and baby-stroller pushers were lined up, instructed and ready to go. And to the relief of the young organizers, there was quite a good turn out. "There's a lot of people here I don't know," said one of the KSS members, in some astonishment. Then the charitable competitors were off, following the well-marked trail around one side of Burke Lake, led by a pacing cyclist, and with members of the Burke Volunteer Fire



Team Stephanie ran as a family, and had other family members on the course, even as the Jetty family crossed the finish line together. They were running for Stephanie, who on the day was a 10 month, 7 days and counting breast cancer survivor. The Jetty family, from left, Luke, Kyle, Jack and Stephanie.

and Rescue Department paramedic staff standing by, just in case. Thankfully, their help was not called upon as all of the entrants returned safely. Twenty-five minutes and 12 seconds after the start of the race, Michael Carlson, an Alexandria resident and freshman at NoVA, was the first to cross the finish line. Just over two minutes later, Melanie Becker of Springfield became the first youngster to finish, while Rose Kwok, who had come from D.C. to join in, was the first woman to finish. There were ribbons for the winners, but all the participants were greeted at the finish line with cheers and applause for their financial support as well as their physical efforts on the day. When all the entrants were accounted for—safe and sound—those who wanted to linger and enjoy the

park and the company wandered back to the picnic area where the KSS'ers had set up some refreshments and goodie bags. Springfield Estates Elementary student Stephanie Underwood, the 11-year-old who founded the group with some seven of her friends when she was just 8 years old, was pleased with the results of the day. "We did this because it's Breast Cancer Awareness month, and most of us know someone or have somebody in our family who had breast cancer, or maybe has it now. This was good." Even by their own account, the members of Kids Sending Smiles have taken their charitable efforts to a new level. Check out their website at www.kidssendingsmiles.org or find them on Facebook to see what they will be up to next, and how you can help and get involved.



The Goldsmiths of Springfield wait to cheer on their mom Marisa. From left, Anna, 2, dad Steve, and Ayla, 3. Ayla couldn't control herself. When mom came around the corner, Ayla took off to help her across the finish line.

AREA ROUNDUPS

Bike Summit at GMU

The second Fairfax Bike Summit is set for Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at GMU. Register by Oct. 31 at www.fabb-bikes.org/summit. Cost is \$25, which includes snacks and lunch. Sponsored by Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB), in partnership with GMU, Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax, it's open to everyone who wants more options for getting around their communities.

Time to Fall Back

Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday, Nov. 3, at 2 a.m. So before bedtime Saturday night, set back the time on all those clocks, watches and electronic devices one hour.

Robinson Student Stars In Children's Show

The Alliance Theatre presents "The Little Mermaid Jr."

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Ariel, Prince Eric, Flounder, Sebastian the crab and all the other characters from the popular story and movie are in The Alliance Theatre's production of "The Little Mermaid Jr." And a Robinson Secondary student has one of the starring roles.

Performances are Nov. 9-24 (see box for details) at Mountain View High School, 5775 Spindle Court (behind Glory Days Grill) in Centreville. The musical features 10 adults and 35 students in grades three through 12, and Director Maggie Swan says they're all really talented.

"We have kids from at least 15 different schools," she said. "A hundred kids auditioned and we knew right away who'd play which role—they all fit their parts. They work well together, too, and are having a great time with each other."

The scenes take place on an ocean, in a ship, under the sea, on a beach and in a palace. And the actors will portray mermaids, crabs, fish, sailors, a prince and several princesses.

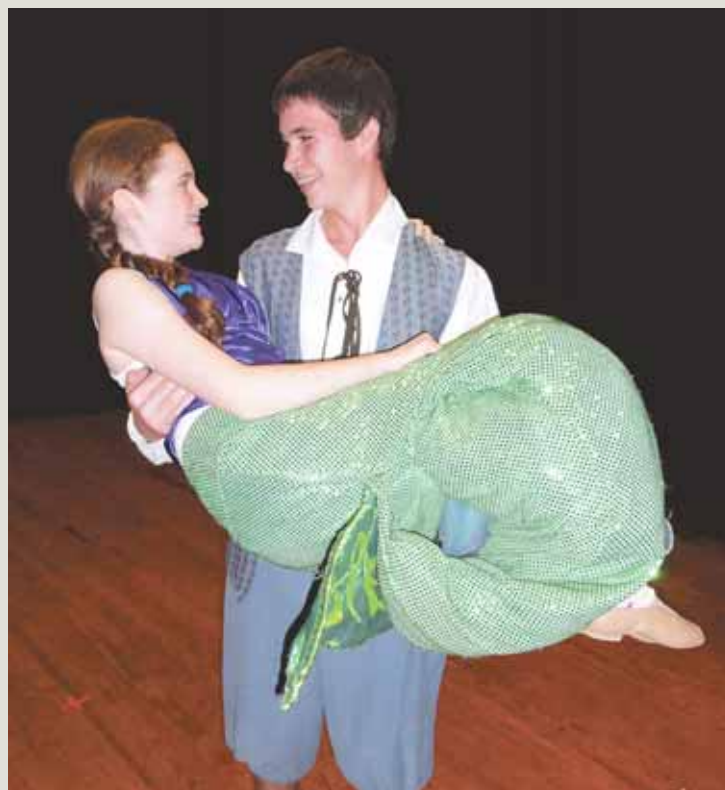
"The audience will be impressed and touched with the kids' talent," said Swan. "They'll love the colorful costumes, cool lighting and neat special effects. And our villain, Ursula—played by Chloe Gilfoil—is pretty scary. It's a fun story families will enjoy seeing together."

Playing the title role of Ariel, the mermaid, is Herndon Middle's Allie Lytle. "Ariel's spunky, fun, full of life, adventurous, proud, stubborn and curious," said Lytle. "She's in love with the human world and falls in love with a prince, so she asks Ursula, the sea witch, for legs. She gets them; but if by sunset after three days, she and the prince haven't kissed, she'll turn back into a mermaid and Ursula can keep her soul."

Elijah King, a Robinson



(From left) Lila York, Allie Lytle, Elijah King and Alan Gutierrez rehearse a scene from "The Little Mermaid."



Allie Lytle and Elijah King play Ariel and Prince Eric.

sophomore, portrays Prince Eric. "He's adventurous, bold and loud, yet controlled and polite because he was raised to be a king," he said. "He's also kind and caring. It's fun playing a Disney prince because you have the freedom to be big and animated. And I like how the cast is all different ages and personalities."

King's favorite song is "One Step Closer," which he sings to Ariel while they dance. "It's a fast-paced, ballroom dance in which she's introduced as the prince's love interest," he said. King also said the audience will like the show's message "to be yourself and

follow your dreams, because good things happen if you stick with what you want."

To Go

The Alliance Theatre presents "The Little Mermaid Jr." Saturday, Nov. 9 and 23, at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 10 and 17, at 2 p.m. (with Behind the Scenes program); Friday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m. (with Behind the Scenes program); and Sunday, Nov. 24, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12; discounts for groups of 10 or more.

Go to www.thealliancetheatre.org or e-mail BoxOffice@TheAllianceTheatre.org.

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basic right for every child. Together, we can educate others on the importance of having certified, professional teachers in every classroom and giving them the latitude they need to prepare each individual student to be a responsible, productive—and happy—member of their community.

Delegate Filler-Corn believes that all of Virginia's children should have access to a great public school and she will continue to do what is right for the community and our great state.

Please join me in ensuring that we reflect of our district's hard-working, dedicated Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn.

Precious Crabtree
Fairfax

Vote 'Yes' on the School Bond

To the Editor:

I am writing to help inspire your readers to vote "yes" on the 2013-2014 Fairfax County School bond referendum on Nov. 5th. If you vote yes you are supporting prudent reinvestment of money back into our world class school system that helps attract new businesses to Fairfax County, one of the best places to live and work in the U.S. Delaying capital improvements will result in a lower quality education to a growing student population.

Our children deserve to have excellent facilities, resources and a highly educated and talented staff so they can be successful through college and in their working years.

These school bonds are issued at a low interest rate and will fund the construction of new schools and improve more than 20 FCPS facilities across the county! As you know, construction costs are at an all-time low and therefore the timing is now. We need to make those improvements! Our continued growth has resulted in more students being taught in temporary "trailer" classrooms because the current school buildings do not have the space for increased enrollment. Building more classrooms will provide the learning environment our kids need and will maintain Fairfax County's reputation for top-notch public schools.

When your readers vote "yes," they are also supporting over 2,000 community organizations that use these FCPS facilities and about 250,000 of your friends and neighbors that participate in recreational activities on school grounds.

The benefits to our children and the community are invaluable and the only vote that makes sense is "yes." On Nov. 5th, please vote to support our schools by voting "yes" on the school bond referendum.

Dana Weinberg
Fairfax

Vote Yes on Referendum

To the Editor:

As a former Fairfax County teacher, I know that many families move to our area in part for the excellent reputation of our school system. It attracts families and businesses alike because an excellent school system is an investment in the economy and the community. I encourage all county residents to vote "Yes" on the School Bond Referendum on Tuesday, Nov. 5 to continue Fairfax County's trend of excellence in education.

In order to build our reputation and keep Fairfax County as a destination for the best and brightest, we need to make a much-needed investment in our school infrastructure. Students benefit from modern facilities with safe, designated learning spaces.

The bond will provide tax-free, low-interest funding for a number of renovation projects across the county and millions of dollars for much needed infrastructure projects and school security enhancements. With continued growth and high enrollment expected over the next five years, now is the time to make improvements to get our kids out of temporary "trailers" and into classrooms that are more conducive to learning.

As a result of the economic downturn, construction costs and interest rates are at an all-time low. Now is the best time to take advantage of these low costs and make an investment that will pay dividends for the future of our children and the future of Fairfax County.

Vote "yes" for the School Bond on Nov. 5th!

Jessica Bowser
Kingstowne

The Damage Has Only Just Begun

To the Editor:

Congressman Connolly's recent op-ed ["The Damage Is Already Done," Connection, Oct. 24] is a diversion from the Democratic-engineered train wreck known as

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CALENDAR

To have community events listed, send to south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416 with questions. The deadline for submissions is the Friday prior to publication; we recommend submitting your event two weeks ahead of time. To see more entertainment events, go to: <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2013/sep/26/fairfax-county-calendar/>.

THURSDAY/OCT. 31

19th annual Fall Festival & Pumpkin Playground. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. at Burke Nursery, 9401 Burke Road, Burke. Inflatable slides, obstacles courses and playgrounds, pumpkins galore, artisan market, fall plants and foliage for sale, many children's activities and all the fall-themed fun you can imagine. 03-323-1188 or www.pumpkinplayground.com.

THURSDAY-MONDAY/ OCT.31-DEC. 16

"Page Turners." Daily, at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. The exhibit highlights visual artists who are also illustrators, to run concurrently with the 8th annual Northern Virginia Jewish Book Festival. Features Valerie Brown, freelance photographer with images from her "Capital Splendor: Gardens & Parks of Washington, DC," Ian Frank, architect and artist, Katherine Janus Kahn, illustrator of the Sammy Spider series and Ziz, a gigantic bird of Jewish mythology and The Ladysmiths: 16 of the group of local female metalsmiths' jewelry creations. 703-323-0880 or www.jccnvarts.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 31

Passion Pit w/ Joy Formidable. 8 p.m. at the Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Massachusetts based indie pop band plays songs from their newest album, "Gossamer." \$45. <http://patriotcenter.com/>.

FRIDAY/NOV. 1

The Graduate. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at GMU Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. L.A. Theatre Works brings the American classic to the stage. Paid parking is located in the Mason Pond Parking Deck adjacent the Concert Hall and free parking is located in university Lot K. \$22-\$44; tickets are half price for students through grade 12. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Book & Author Luncheon. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Country Club of Fairfax, 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax. All booklovers are welcome to attend the AAUW Fairfax City Branch's event to raise funds for scholarships for women in the area. \$40 (includes lunch). Reservations by Oct. 30. 703/978-3258 or suzanne070946@mac.com.

Polish Heritage: Stories and Food. 2 p.m., at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Learn about Polish heritage through the stories, recipes and sample dishes of local authors Laura & Peter Zeranski, authors of "Polish Classic Recipes" and "Polish Classic Desserts." www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library.

Irish Chamber Orchestra. 8 p.m., at GMU Center for the Arts, 4400 University Ave., Fairfax. Sir James Galway, renowned flutist of Ireland, performs with the orchestra, under the baton of JoAnn Falletta. \$37.50-\$75; half off for youth through grade 12. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.



PHOTO BY KRISTA BONURA

Parsons Dance presents "Round My World" Saturday, Nov. 9, at GMU's Center for the Arts at 8 p.m.

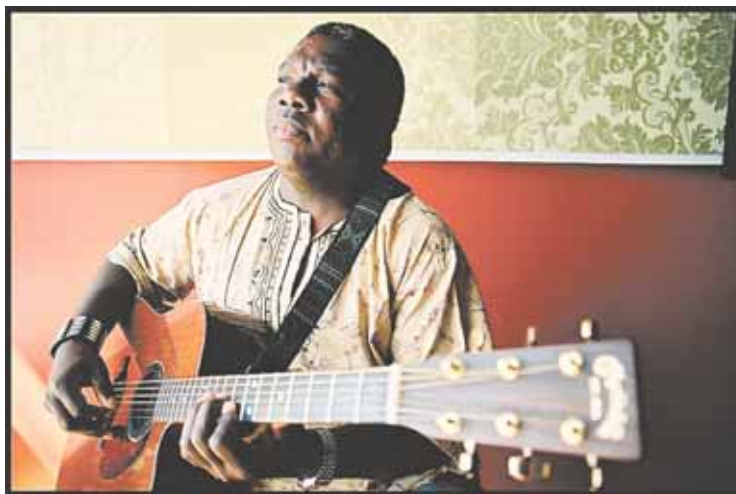


PHOTO BY AARON FARRINGTON

Vusi Mahlasela performs soulful, blues-based, world music at George Mason University's Center for the Arts in Fairfax on Friday, Nov. 15 at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY/NOV. 3

15th Annual Charity Shag-a-Thon. 1-5 p.m., in the ballroom at Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. The eight-time Carolina Beach Music Award-winning Rick Strickland Band plays for the charity dance courtesy of the Northern Virginia Shag Club. Light snacks available. \$10. 703-560-2188 or www.nvshag.org.

THURSDAY/NOV. 7

11th Annual Veterans' Powwow. 1-9 p.m., at the Johnson Center, Dewberry Hall, GMU Fairfax Campus, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. An event held by the Native American and Indigenous Alliance highlighting modern, contemporary and historical Native American culture during Native American Heritage Month through honoring veterans, ceremonial dancing, food and Native American handicrafts, art and jewelry. <https://www.facebook.com/MasonNAIA>.

"The New Black." 4:30 p.m., at the Johnson Center Cinema, 10900 University Blvd., Fairfax. GMU's Visiting Filmmaker Series screens the documentary that explores the African-American community's response to the gay rights movement in Maryland. Following the screening is Q&A with the filmmaker, Yoruba Richen.

SATURDAY/NOV. 9

Charity Bazaar. 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at New Hope Church, 6905 Ox Road, Lorton. Crafts, artwork, jewelry, baked goods, collectibles, raffles, silent auction, stuffed animals, food, nearly new items, etc., for sale to benefit those in hunger. 703-644-0139 or 571-234-7322.

21st Annual Holiday Happenings Craft Show. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at W.T. Woodson High School, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. One hundred exhibitors sell handmade fine arts, jewelry, fiber arts, wood, photography, pottery, giftware, pet accessories and stress relief items. Event takes place on Sat, Nov 9

Fall Festival. 3-7 p.m., at St. George's United Methodist Church, 4910 Ox Road, Fairfax. A silent auction precedes a 5:30 p.m. spaghetti dinner and bake sale, with a live auction to follow at 7 p.m. \$7.50 for adults and \$5.50 for children under 10; \$22 for entire families. Free childcare available. www.stgumc.org or 703-385-4550, TTY 711.

Parsons Dance. 8 p.m., at GMU Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Choreographer David Parsons' company performs his well-reviewed, internationally acclaimed dances; discussion session held 45 minutes prior to show. \$23-\$46; half price for grade school students. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

SUNDAY/NOV. 10

Round Robinson 5K. 8:30 a.m. race, 7:30 a.m. registration/check-in, at Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Run, Fairfax. An annual benefit race with prizes for winners. \$25 before Nov. 3; \$30 until day of the race. Register. <http://prrracing.racebox.com>, <http://www.robinsoncrew.org/boosters/round-robinson-5k> or 571-641-0849.

Jeffrey Siegel's "The Glory of Beethoven." 7 p.m., George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, MS 2F5, Fairfax. The acclaimed pianist performs Beethoven's compositions as part of his Keyboard Conversations series. \$19-\$38, Mason ID permits 1 free ticket on Oct. 29. cfa.gmu.edu.

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6297 TIMARRON COVE LN	4	4	1	BURKE	\$783,000	Detached	0.27	22015
6525 LEGENDGATE PL	4	3	1	BURKE	\$670,000	Detached	0.08	22015
6017 BURNSIDE LANDING DR	5	3	1	BURKE	\$626,500	Detached	0.19	22015
7018 EBBTIDE LN	3	2	1	BURKE	\$595,000	Detached	0.23	22015
5607 HERBERTS CROSSING DR	5	3	1	BURKE	\$579,500	Detached	0.20	22015
9605 CHAPEL HILL DR	4	3	0	BURKE	\$549,900	Detached	0.20	22015
6112 WINDWARD DR	3	3	1	BURKE	\$549,888	Detached	0.20	22015
5406 DUXFORD PL	4	3	1	BURKE	\$540,000	Detached	0.21	22015
5439 FLINT TAVERN PL	4	2	1	BURKE	\$530,000	Detached	0.22	22015
9036 BROOK FORD RD	3	2	1	BURKE	\$515,000	Detached	0.22	22015
6302 CAPELLA AVE	4	2	0	BURKE	\$510,000	Detached	0.22	22015
6102 WINNEPEG DR	3	2	0	BURKE	\$505,000	Detached	0.26	22015
9513 MILLGATE PL	3	3	1	BURKE	\$470,000	Townhouse	0.04	22015
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10100 WALNUT WOOD CT	3	2	1	BURKE	\$401,100	Townhouse	0.05	22015
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4909 TIBBITT LN	3	1	2	BURKE	\$205,000	Townhouse	0.03	22015
10310 LURIA COMMONS CT #1B	3	1	0	BURKE	\$135,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	22015
10310 LURIA #2E	3	1	0	BURKE	\$130,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	22015

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Obamacare and officially referred to as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). While the damage from the shutdown was particularly painful for Virginians, it pales in comparison to the damage being inflicted on millions of hard working middleclass Americans across the country courtesy of the Democrats’ Obamacare.

The \$500-\$600 million exchange Obamacare portal rollout was a breathtaking tech wreck but is just the shiny object. The full impact of the law is only just beginning to wreak havoc on the lives of millions of Americans. Since 2009, President Obama has repeatedly promised Americans that “If you like your current health insurance plan you can keep it.” In a recent CBS interview, Gerry Kominski, director of public health policy at UCLA said: “About half of the 14 million people who buy insurance on their own are not going to be able to keep the policies that they had previously.” For Virginians, the impact is already being felt. On Oct. 25, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield informed the Washington Examiner that 76,000 of its Virginia, Maryland and

Washington, D.C. customers will lose their health plans with the advent of Obamacare—that’s more than 40 percent of the people CareFirst covers in those areas. During a recent call to Congressman Connolly’s office inquiring about this issue, I was advised that the cancellation of the policies by CareFirst was the insurance company’s choice. False.

The reason people aren’t going to be able to keep their insurance is due the Obamacare mandate that insurance company plans provide for higher coverage than the policies many people had previously. Compounding the pain, many of the replacement plans being offered have higher premiums to help insurers cover the law’s new requirements, such as accepting patients with pre-existing conditions and providing preventative care. No wonder a recent Quinnipiac Poll found that Americans disapprove of Obamacare 53 to 37 percent. This is more evidence that only 12-14 percent of Americans approve of Congress because Congress isn’t listening to the people. In this case, Democrats are placing the survival of the president’s signatory achievement health law above the welfare of

their constituents.

So, who is listening to the people on the important issue of health care? The Democratic Party that is forcing Americans to accept an unpopular law under the threat of tax penalty and causing millions of Americans to lose the insurance plans they like and forcing higher premiums for replacement policies? Or the Republican Party that is fighting to repeal and replace or at least ensure Obamacare is fairly implemented by giving hard working middleclass Americans the same one-year compliance extension as rich corporations? The president unilaterally granted rich corporations with more than 50 employees a one-year extension to provide insurance to employees. I thought the Democratic Party was the party of social justice as a moral imperative—what happened to the narrative on this important issue?

It’s not difficult to predict that the president and his fellow Democrats will blame Obamacare’s failures on health insurers and Republicans and press for a single payer system to achieve their real goal of nationalized health care. One has to wonder whether failure was

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Pictured are 16-year-old twins Joseph and Marien, Diane and husband Mario.

Local Mom Wins \$2,529 For Twins’ Education

A local mother of 16-year-old twins has won \$2,529 for her children’s college education from the Virginia529 College Savings Plan (Virginia529). Diane Alejandro of Fairfax received the prize for entering Virginia529’s “Turning Dreams into Reality” contest that was part of September’s College Savings Month celebrations.

Alejandro saves for the twins’ quickly approaching double college tuition bill with Virginia529 inVEST, one of four 529 College savings programs available from Virginia529. All Virginia529 programs allow families to save tax-free for qualified higher education expenses like tuition, books and room and board.

“We make a regular monthly contribution, and put in more when possible,” wrote Alejandro in her entry. “[College] still will cost us something ... but we won’t have to empty our retirement funds and work until we are 85 to pay for it. And our children won’t be paying off student loans until they are old enough to be sending their own kids through college.” Although having twins has been “doubly expensive,” Alejandro refers to the effort of saving for college with Virginia529 inVEST as “a huge success.”

Three other entries earned honorable mention prizes; each will receive a \$529 inVEST contribution. Leslie Croson of Centreville is saving to help four young granddaughters with college expenses. She is motivated by a 20-year-old promise she made to her father the night before he died.

“I made a promise to him then and there that his two grandsons would go to college,” Croson wrote. “Today we are grandma and grandpa and I pray a new tradition has started and will stay intact for generations to come. Our

legacy and a tribute to my father [will be] to leave our granddaughters with enough money for each to go to college when the time comes.”

University of Virginia student Samuel Brott wrote from the perspective of a college savings account beneficiary. He credits his mother for making “the best investment any parent could make” by paying for his college tuition in advance using Virginia529 prePAID. “Many of my friends are paying for their own college tuitions and working hard jobs to pay their loans back,” Brott wrote in his entry. “I go to class, do my homework ... knowing that I am financially secure and don’t have to pay back student loans.”

Karen Cotto of Alexandria was a single mother working an entry-level job when she followed a family member’s advice and opened a Virginia529 prePAID account for her daughter.

“I was afraid to commit to paying a bill for 14 years,” she described. “[However] I realized it would secure a future for her ... and [be the] one thing I could give her that I wasn’t able to give to myself.”

The winners were selected from more than 350 submissions. The goal of the contest was to collect testimonials from current and past Virginia529 account holders that would inspire and motivate other families to begin saving.°

The stories highlight the many ways that families are using Virginia529 programs to plan for the future.

Virginia529 CEO Mary Morris noted, “Each of our programs is unique and has features to help families find a path that works for them, from the certain benefits of a prePAID contract to the flexibility and very low contribution requirements—as low as \$25—with inVEST or an FDIC-insured CollegeWealth account.”

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built into Obamacare from the beginning as a roundabout way to nationalized health care. Only time will tell.

Wake up America! Damage from Obamacare has only just begun. You are staring a key component of President Obama's "Fundamental Transformation" in the face and the damage it is causing is a clear and present danger for us, our children, grandchildren and all future generations of Americans. Get informed, talk to your friends, family and neighbors. Help wake America up and work for a wave election that will vote the politicians wrecking our health care system out of office before it's too late.

Chris Lusk
Burke

Government Shutdown Politics

To the Editor:

Lost in the talk of the leverage that 40 or so Tea Party Republicans have in the House of Representatives is the fact that their success depends on their being part of a larger majority (at least 218) of Republicans in the 435-member House. So, the ultimate political influence question is not whether those 40 Tea Party members come from safe seats that guarantee their re-election.

The real point is that those 40 can only be an effective force if at least another 178 more-moderate Republicans (218 minus 40) are re-elected in 2014.

In other words, if the acknowledged damage done to the GOP by the shutdown and the threat of debt default leaves the GOP in January 2015 with fewer than 218 members (spread among both moderate and extreme), then the speakership will go to the Democrats, and 40, 50 or 60 "safe-seat" Tea Party members will be unable to stifle Democratic legislation. It is the loss of those not-so-safe-seat GOP members that will neutralize the Tea Party minority.

The radical right has thus ignored the obvious fact that the umbrella party need lose no more than 19 seats in the autumn 2014 congressional elections to lose its majority in the House and, thus, its entire power to obstruct. In its own self-interest, that wing of the GOP should be moderating its behavior in the name of simple self-preservation.

Jerry Leedom
Springfield

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SPORTS

Lake Braddock QB Wins Battle of Future UNC Teammates

Henderson's Bruins beat Titans, lineman Clarke, linebacker Carney.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

With the Lake Braddock football team threatening to score early in Saturday's contest, T.C. Williams linebacker Malik Carney tackled Bruins quarterback Caleb Henderson for a 3-yard loss on second down.

Two plays later, with Lake Braddock facing fourth-and-short inside the TC 5-yard line, Carney smashed Henderson to the ground short of the first down.

Lake Braddock again drove deep into TC territory on its next possession but failed to reach the end zone. Titans defensive tackle Jeremiah Clarke stopped Lake Braddock running back Trevor O'Brien for a 1-yard loss on first-and-goal from the 5 and the Bruins would eventually settle for a field goal.

The Lake Braddock-T.C. Williams matchup on Oct. 25 pitted future University of North Carolina teammates against one another. Carney and Clarke, who will play defense for the Tar Heels, had their moments, but the rest of the afternoon belonged to the Bruins and UNC quarterback commit Henderson.

HENDERSON THREW A TOUCH-DOWN PASS and rushed for two more scores as Lake Braddock cruised to a 44-0 victory at T.C. Williams High School, improving the Bruins' record to 8-0. Lake Braddock has outscored its five Conference 7 opponents 271-0.

Henderson completed 11 of 26 passes for 182 yards and carried 12 times for 120 yards against TC, according to stats from the Post's allmetsports.com. Henderson's 45-yard touchdown run gave the Bruins a 24-0 advantage in the second quarter. His 16-yard scoring scamper extended the Lake Braddock lead to 31-0 with less than two minutes left in the opening half.

The Bruins' first possession of the second half ended with a 26-yard touchdown pass from Henderson to AJ Alexander.

T.C. Williams entered the game with a 5-2 record, but the Titans and their Division I defensive duo had no answer for Henderson and the Bruins.

"It's a lot of fun," Henderson said about facing his future UNC teammates, Clarke and Carney. "I get to see what my team's going to look like. They look pretty big and athletic so I'm excited to play with them."

Henderson was the first of four Northern Virginia prep football players in the class of 2014 to commit to the University of North Carolina, committing as a junior on April 11. Clarke (June 16), Carney (June 22) and Yorktown running back/defensive back MJ Stewart (July 15), who will play DB for the Tar Heels, eventually also decided to play at Chapel Hill. Henderson said he tried to

convince former West Potomac teammate DeMornay Pierson-El to choose UNC, but Pierson-El committed to the University of Nebraska, where he will be a slot receiver and kick returner.

"I talked to Jeremiah and Malik every time I saw them at 7-on-7s," Henderson said, "and I would text Jeremiah and just say, 'Hey, keep Carolina in your mind, blah, blah, blah,' because he had a ton of offers, same with Malik. It's a really big grab for us to have Jeremiah and Malik."

Henderson, who was selected to play in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, is listed at 6 feet 4 and 217 pounds. ESPN.com ranks Henderson No. 187 in its latest list of the country's top 300 college recruits. He's rated the No. 11 quarterback recruit in the nation, receiving a grade of 83 out of 100 and four out of five stars. Other schools that offered Henderson include Virginia, Virginia

Tech, Maryland, Michigan State, Purdue and Miami.

Clarke was the next Northern Virginia player to commit to UNC. Listed at 6 feet 4, 265 pounds, Clarke is rated by ESPN.com as the 48th-best defensive tackle recruit in nation, receiving a grade of 79 and three stars. He also received offers from Virginia, Virginia Tech, Tennessee, Penn State, Nebraska and Miami, among others.

Clarke, who also plays left tackle on the Titans' offensive line, finished with two tackles against Lake Braddock while battling ankle and Achilles tendon injuries.

"It's fun going against somebody that's going to be your future teammate," Clarke said. "... It's fun to get a last play in before you're not allowed to hit [Henderson]."

Clarke said already knowing a few of his Tar Heel teammates will help with the transition to college.

"It's great because you already have some friends," he said. "You don't have to worry about that awkward stage."

Carney, listed at 6-foot-2, 208 pounds, said UNC coaches are looking at him as a weakside linebacker. ESPN.com ranks Carney as the No. 111 outside linebacker in the nation, giving him a grade of 74 and three

"It's fun going against somebody that's going to be your future teammate. ... It's fun to get a last play in before you're not allowed to hit him."

— T.C. Williams lineman Jeremiah Clarke, who will be teammates with Lake Braddock quarterback Caleb Henderson at UNC



Lake Braddock quarterback Caleb Henderson got the better of T.C. Williams standout defensive players Jeremiah Clarke and Malik Carney on Oct. 25. The trio will play for the University of North Carolina next year.

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T.C. Williams linebacker Malik Carney (28) makes a tackle during a game against Lake Braddock on Nov. 12.



T.C. Williams defensive tackle Jeremiah Clarke (74) will play college ball at UNC with Titans linebacker Malik Carney and Lake Braddock quarterback Caleb Henderson.

stars. Carney also received offers from Tennessee, Connecticut, Marshall, Pittsburgh and Toledo, among others.

Against Lake Braddock, Carney tallied six tackles, two tackles for loss and one sack.

"Just seeing what [Henderson is] going to bring to the table," Carney said when asked about the experience of playing against future college teammate Henderson. "Just going against [him], being competitive. Just acting like I don't know him at all."

Carney is also a running back for the Titans. He carried 15 times for 46 yards against the Bruins.

LAKE BRADDOCK will host South County on Friday, Nov. 1 in a game that will likely decide the top spot in the Conference 7 standings. T.C. Williams will travel to face West Springfield.

FAITH NOTES

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

Temple B'nai Shalom, 7612 Old Ox Road, Fairfax Station, hosts an Active Military & Veterans Shabbat service Friday, Nov. 8 at 8 p.m.; congregation members who are active military and veterans will speak about what it means to be a Jew in the military. 703-764-2901 or www.tbs-online.org.

Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a Bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children's church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or www.fbtministries.org.

The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism. The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming inner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness.

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Lord of Life Lutheran offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or www.Lordoflifeva.org.

First Baptist Church of Springfield offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. worship service at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500 or www.fbcspRINGfield.org.

Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. 703-817-1770 or www.st-andrew.org.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, offers casual worship services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. featuring contemporary music. More traditional services take place on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School is from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for children and adults. The church also offers discussion groups for adults. 703-451-5855 or www.poplc.org.

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway in Springfield, supports a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. All mothers and children are welcome. The program provides mothers an opportunity to get to know other mothers through discussions and craft activities. Register. 703-451-5320.

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Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria, offers traditional Sunday church services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. plus Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Childcare is available 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. There will be a Terry Hall Concert on Saturday, April 14 at 4 p.m. with old spirituals, classic hymns, southern gospel favorites and more. 703-971-5151 or admin@franconiaumc.org or www.franconiaumc.org.

Delegate—41st District

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deal with the lasting effects of the sequester and the government shutdown—jobs and the economy is also a major priority.

What makes you the better candidate?

Burgos: I am more qualified to represent District 41 because of the most important issue facing our district which is the economy and jobs. For 25 years I have worked for small business in the home improvement industry and 12 years running my own small business right here in Burke. I have learned how to negotiate with people and how to come up with incentives to come together.

DeCarlo: I have experience with how money has corrupted the process of governance and I want to dispel the myth that candidates have to sell their soul to the devil before they can be elected.

Filler-Corn: With a long history of service to Virginia and Fairfax County, I am proud to have a reputation for working with members of both parties to bring back more funding for our schools and our roads throughout our community.

In your role as a state legislator, how would you impact the lives of

your constituents?

Burgos: If I were our state legislator I would impact the lives of my constituents by working hard to make sure that the state government moves out of the way of economic opportunity and progress.

DeCarlo: By promoting the principles of democracy as we were taught in school and striving to restore their trust in their government.

Filler-Corn: My experience working for Governors Mark Warner and Tim Kaine, and serving as Delegate for 3 1/2 years prepare me to successfully navigate state government on behalf of my constituents. My goal is to assist residents of my community. I am available and accessible, always.

Tell us something about yourself that you think people would find surprising—a hobby, a talent or an interesting fact.

DeCarlo: I am a 55-year-old white male that has written and produced five anti-corruption rap videos that are posted on YouTube.

Filler-Corn: I hold regular office hours monthly at neighborhood coffee houses throughout the 41st district, where I meet with constituents to discuss issues, potential legislation and anything of importance to residents.

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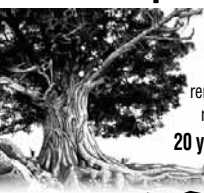
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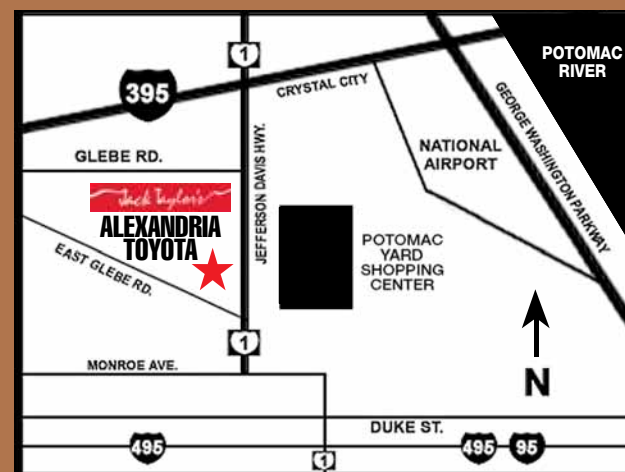
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Don't wait! Oh so lovely rambler in Fairfax Club Estates won't last long! 3 bedrooms + den, 3 full baths, finished basement, huge lot, with large fenced back yard. Deck and two car garage come too!
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Lake Anna **\$412,000**
Great Waterfront Home! Cozy layout, family room with wood burning fp, lrg screened in porch, rear deck overlooking waterfront & covered front porch. Finished basement with bedroom, full bath, rec area. Garage has large storage area. Paved driveway, gravel walkway to waterfront w/fire pit, boathouse w/lift, great swimming area!
Angel Hough 540-207-9963



Gainesville **\$479,900**
Heritage Hunt 55+ Golf Club gated com, 5BR, 4.5BA, m/lvl MBR, 2nd MBR up, w/out LL w/in-law suite & Kit, Din, Liv rm w/Gas Fpl, Sun rm, Loft, 2-Car Gar. HOA incl phone, Internet, TV, trash, pools.
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Arlington **\$1,399,999**
Elegance galore! Built in 2006, over 6500 sq. ft. finished living space w/over 5 BRs, 5.5 BAs, 2 story living room, balcony on 2nd floor & array of custom upgrades throughout. Gourmet kitchen w/stainless steel appliances & Breakfast room overlooking the fenced back yard. Finished basement. Nice sized deck stepping to paved patio. Yards from Arlington bus transportation, public metro bus, East Falls Church Metrorail, Route 7, I-66 and I-395.
Kinder Saund 703-278-8885



Fairfax/Fair Lakes **\$189,999**
Stonecroft Condo. Nice 1 Bedroom/1 Bath condo. Second floor unit with Fireplace, Balcony, Storage Room, Washer & Dryer. Close to Target, BJ's, Walmart, transportation.
Buzz Jordan 703-503-1866



Fairfax **\$850,000**
Lovely Stone & Brick Colonial beauty, sited on 1.08 acres of plush property backing to the 15th green of the Country Club of Fairfax, Fenced in Pool, Surround Decking & Pool House. 4 BRs, 3 1/2 Baths, Dual stair cases, Brick Corner FP and much more.
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Clifton **\$595,000**
Deck house sited on 5.18 acres with a beautiful pond. Sold "as is" but in great shape. This property can be sold alone or with adjoining 5 acre parcel.
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Gainesville **\$559,900**
Heritage Hunt 55+. Sought-after "Lakemont" with finished walkout lower level. 3 BR, 3 BA, gourmet maple Kitchen, Living, Dining, Den, Family, 2 bonus rooms, storage, 2-car garage, irrigation system, deck, backs to trees.
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Oakton **\$629,850**
Immaculate 4 bedroom, 3 bath brick rambler on gorgeous half acre lot in Foxvale Estates! 2 car oversized garage with workshop, large family room off eat-in kitchen, formal living room with fireplace, deck overlooking private back yard, huge Rec room, and much more. Owner will pay closing costs.
Steve Childress 703-981-3277



Fairfax Station **\$995,000**
Luxurious Southern Colonial is a feast for the eyes! Nestled on 5 beautiful acres with features including gourmet kitchen, 2-story family room with stone fireplace and main level master suite.
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Alexandria **\$725,000**
Classic colonial with beautifully renovated kitchen and updated baths! First floor den or bedroom with full bath. Family room and "Florida" room across the rear of the home. Many updates including roof, windows, hot water heater, furnace & AC. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 3 finished levels. Gorgeous landscaping & fully fenced rear yard.
Betty Barthle 703-425-4466



Clifton **\$560,000**
One Level Living! On 1.48 acre wooded lot with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. All new SS kitchen appliances and remodeled bathrooms.
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Manassas **\$498,900**
Premium 1/2 acre lot on cul-de-sac in Meadowbrook. 5/3/1 Colonial, 3 fin. levels, private suite with 2nd MBR, kitchen, LR, bath, W/O on lower level. Granite, hardwoods, office, patio & deck. Close to Quantico, Ft. Belvoir, VRE. Photos at: www.CallMaryNow.com.
Mary LaRoche 703-919-0747



Burke **\$620,000**
One of the largest homes in Burke Centre with over 4,900 sq ft. Features 5 BR, 3.5 BA including main level in-law/au pair suite, full bath, separate living area and screened in porch that walks out to a fenced back yard.
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Oakton/Vienna **\$865,000**
Beautiful 4 BR, 3BA, 2 Car Den can make 5th BR, over 1 acre backed up to park land. Renovated to perfection, access to W&OD bike path.
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