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Fall Fun

Halloween costumes were optional at Aldersgate Church's Fall Festival on Sunday, Oct. 27. Eleanor, with mom Johanna, came dressed for the fun.

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Foundation Honors Ned Stone

Mount Vernon-area environmental steward Ned Stone, along with six others, was presented with the 8th Annual Alice Ferguson Foundation Award at the "Trash Summit." The summit is a forum where elected officials, government agencies and non-governmental organizations and others gather to discuss efforts to reduce litter and waste in the Potomac Watershed.

Stone, vice president of the Friends of Dyke Marsh, has for several years led cleanups, conducted educational workshops, and carried out cleanups of trash on land and on the water.

Glenda Booth, president of the Friends of Dyke Marsh, said, "Ned Stone is a tireless, devoted stew-



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Ned Stone

Restoring 'Hellhole Swamp'

Dyke Marsh to be part of \$25 million wetlands restoration.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

When George Washington lived at Mount Vernon, the area we now know as Dyke Marsh was known as Hellhole Swamp, a dismal spot of sunken land that was inhospitable to humans and impassable to sailing ships. These days, people think about wetlands differently, appre-

Yosemite, well this is our Yellowstone right here in metropolitan Washington."

The appropriation, announced last week as part of a \$113 million package assisting vulnerable coastal marshes harmed by Hurricane Sandy, was the realization of years of work for advocates of Dyke Marsh. During a press conference announcing the appropriation this week, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell described a new \$100

million program to restore key habitats and bolster natural systems.

"Places like this don't create themselves," said Jewell. "They are created by the wisdom and foresight of elected officials that set them aside."

"I know a lot of national parks as the big ones out west, Yellowstone and Yosemite, well this is our Yellowstone right here in metropolitan Washington."

— Glenda Booth, president, Friends of Dyke Marsh

THE STORY of Dyke Marsh restoration begins in 1959, when the land was acquired as part of a congressional

land-trade agreement. By the time commercial dredging ended in the early 1970s, the marsh had been transformed from an 184-acre tidal wetland into a geologically unstable 83-acre remnant. Congress mandated restoration in 1974, but nobody knew at the time how difficult and complicated that would be. Over the years, efforts to restore the wetland have been unable to reverse the trend.

"Today's event and the restoration of Dyke Marsh represent a real turnaround in American thinking about wetlands and how important they are," said Glenda Booth, president of Friends of Dyke Marsh. "I know a lot of national parks as the big ones out west, Yellowstone and

land-trade agreement. By the time commercial dredging ended in the early 1970s, the marsh had been transformed from an 184-acre tidal wetland into a geologically unstable 83-acre remnant. Congress mandated restoration in 1974, but nobody knew at the time how difficult and complicated that would be. Over the years, efforts to restore the wetland have been unable to reverse the trend.

"When we had earmarks, we used to put earmarks in," said U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8). "We did everything we could, but for all our

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Hollin Meadows Elementary Hosts Food Day

All the Food Day participants gathered for a group shot, before the activities began at Hollin Meadows Elementary School on Monday, Oct 28.



Chef David Guas, of Bayou Bakery, describes the next ingredients being added to the Giant Salad. Guas, along with volunteers Donovan, Fabiola and Natalie, made a salad with 8 lbs. of greens from Arcadia.



National Food Day Founder Michael Jacobsen talks to guests about the importance of healthy eating.



Chris Sampson (far left) of Growing Soul, shares the worm composting bins with interested visitors.



Morgan Maloney, farm education manager at Arcadia, helps the children make either a seed ball or a root cup. The purpose of the station was to get children interested in gardening at home.



Beverly Bates of Vidalia demonstrates how to make a tasty version of the No Bake Granola Bar. Bates was voted 2013 Pastry Chef of the Year by the Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington.



Visitors to Chris Guerre's tent could visit with chickens and see the eggs that they laid. Healthy eating also involves knowing where food comes from. Buying fresh from local businesses was encouraged.

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FRIDAY/NOV. 1

Film and Discussion. 7 p.m. at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1900 Windmill Lane. "Money & Life" will be shown and discussed. Free.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 1-3

Auditions. Aldersgate Church Community Theater, 1301 Collingwood Road, presents Disney's "Beauty and the Beast, Jr." Auditions held Nov. 1 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Nov. 2 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. with callbacks on Nov. 3. Children ages 8-18 can audition. There will be dancing, singing and acting. Visit actonline.org for the audition form.

TUESDAY/NOV. 5

Experts at Living Well Program. 1 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Learn about eating healthy through a nutrition program. Free. 703-765-4573.

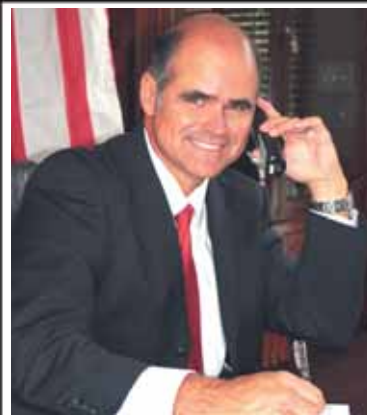
WEDNESDAY/NOV. 6

E-Reader and E-Book Workshop. 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Learn how to download free e-books from the library's catalogue. Bring your device and library card. Free. 703-765-4573. TTY: 711.

THURSDAY/NOV. 7

Contacts-for-Contracts Breakfast. 7:30-9:30 a.m. at Springfield Hilton, 6500 Loisdale Road, Springfield. Features an update on Fort Belvoir and more. \$35/person. Visit www.mtvernon-leechamber.org or 703-360-6925.

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Sweet Frog's Grand Opening

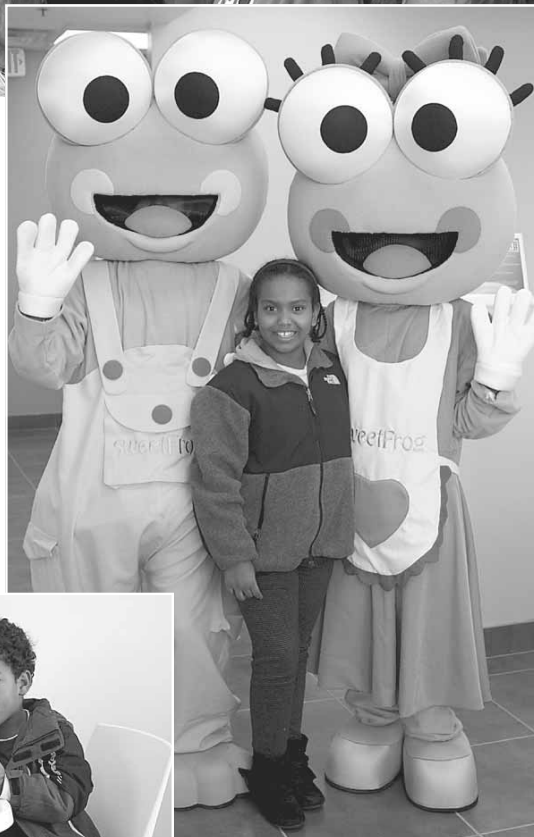
Store Operations Manager Angelo Stevens (center), with Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce and SFDC members, stands ready to officially open the new Sweet Frog shop. Mascots Scoop and Cookie had the honor of cutting the ribbon.



After being welcomed by Chamber of Commerce Chairman John Bursa, Manager Angelo Stevens welcomes everyone to his new store. Stevens, a newly retired veteran, decided to donate a portion of the first day's profits to the USO.



Bennett was one of the first customers to try the yogurt.



Lia, one of the first customers, visits with Sweet Frog Mascots Scoop (left) and Cookie.

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Aldersgate's Fall Festival

Audrey watches as her sister Ava gets her face painted by Aurelie of Jolie Faces. Aldersgate Church on Collingwood Road hosted its Fall Festival on Sunday, Oct. 27.



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Army Voices, part of the Army Band "Pershing's Own" (Fort Myer) performed at the Fall Festival. Members of the group delighted the crowd with a lively rendition of the Andrews Sisters' "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy."



The Petting Zoo brought a lot of animals for guests to see. Scott spent time making a new friend.



Local band "Close to Home" was a crowd favorite.

River Bend Bistro & Wine Bar Offers Fine Dining

Responding to what co-owners Caroline and Bill Ross said was a huge gap in fine dining in a 40-square-mile area, they have opened a casual fine dining bistro and wine bar in the heart of the Mount Vernon community at the Hollin Hall Shopping Center, at the former location of the Village Wharf.

"Up until now there has been no fine dining available to the local residents east of Route 1 and from south at Fort Belvoir to the north in old town Alexandria," Bill Ross said. "Before we opened, if you wanted a fine dining experience you would have to travel to Old Town Alexandria or farther, and fight traffic and scarce parking."

"Our River Bend Bistro offers the local community casual fine dining right here in the Hollin Hall Shopping Center with plenty of parking."

Bill Ross is a longtime businessman who has been involved in a variety of business enterprises over the years including most recently the National River Tour Co., LLC, a Potomac River

Details

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sightseeing business.

Caroline Ross has been involved in various gourmet food and fine dining capacities in the restaurant and wine industry for the past 30 years. These include her leadership service as: chef de cuisine, Café Milano, in Georgetown; executive chef, La Bergerie, Alexandria; and a.m. supervisor, Restaurant Eve, Alexandria. She also served in various management roles for the past decade at Rick's Wine & Gourmet, Alexandria, where she was instrumental in helping the business receive recognition as the 2009 Retail Business of the Year from the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce. Her formal education includes attendance at the Ecole de Cuisine La Varenne in Paris, France.

— GERALD A. FILL



PHOTO BY GERALD A. FILL/THE GAZETTE

Chef and co-owner Caroline Ross inside the River Bend Bistro & Wine Bar.

\$25 Million To Help Restore Dyke Marsh

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noble efforts the ground was still eroding.”

A 2010 survey by the U.S. Geological Survey concluded that Dyke Marsh had become destabilized and that it was eroding at an accelerated rate during storm events. The shoreline was eroding at six to eight feet every year, authors of the report concluded, and unless some kind of intervention took place, the wetlands would not be around in a generation. That survey laid the groundwork for securing the \$25 million appropriation as part of relief from Hurricane Sandy.

“Sometimes now, you’ll find people fighting against environmental stewardship regulations and arguing that it’s bad for the economy. No it isn’t,” said U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine. “In a state like Virginia, which is in the top 10 in the country in terms of tourism, a strong economy and a strong environment go hand in hand.”

PLANS WON’T be finalized for another year, but the broad outlines for what to do with the money have already been

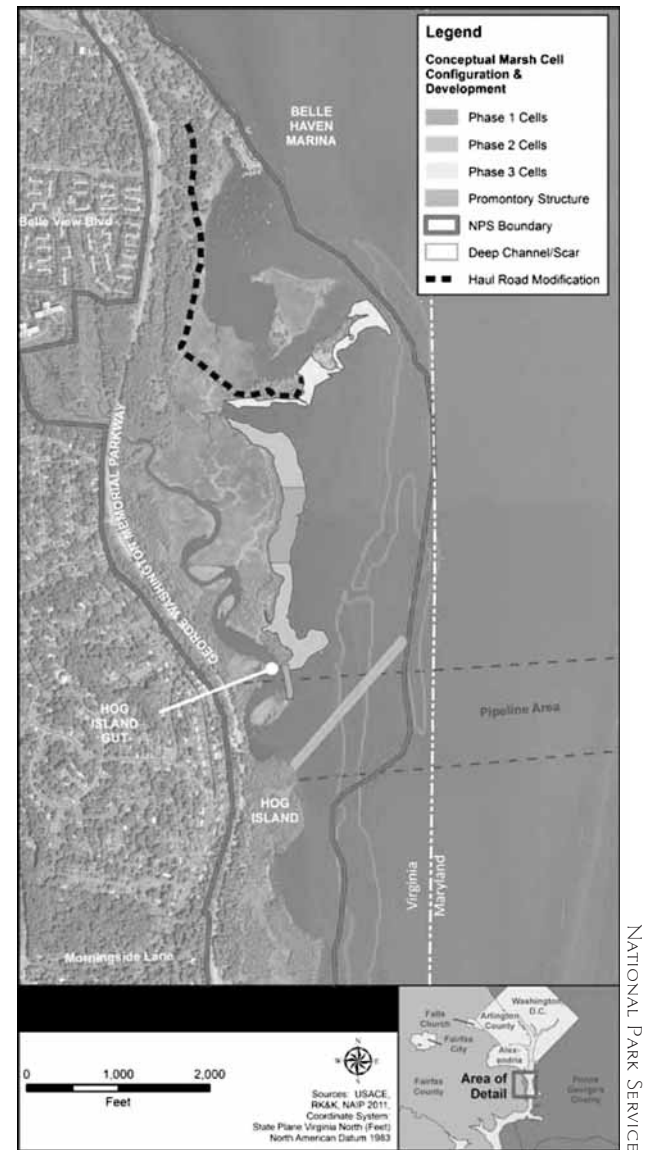
laid out as part of an environmental impact statement released last year. That document presented a series of options ranging from taking no action to restoring the marsh to 1937 borders. The most expensive option, known as “Alternative Concept D” includes a breakwater at the southern edge of the promontory as well as placement of fill in the channels that are part of the National Park Service boundary. It also includes construction of tidal guts similar to historic flow paths, including a new tidal gut that discharges upstream.

“This marsh is essential for wildlife, and there are a number of species that make this marsh their home. Without this marsh they wouldn’t have a place to live in this area,” said Del. Rob Krupicka (D-45). “And it’s just a really nice place to have in a big urban area to have some natural setting that you can go and enjoy with your family and get away from it all for a little while.”

During Hurricane in 2003, the Belleview neighborhood was significantly flooded. Then when Hurricane Sandy hit last year, the shoreline of Dyke Marsh took a major hit. That’s why the area was on the list of funding priorities for Hurricane Sandy relief, a list that also includes the Great Dismal swamp and oyster restoration projects on Chincoteague Island. Here in Fairfax County, the project will triple the size of the existing wetland at Dyke Marsh, expanding the 60 acres to 200 acres.

“This used to be a common type of ecology up and down the Potomac River, but most of it’s gone now,” said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44). “Basically where the Jefferson Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial are now used to be just like this, but it was all drained and dredged in the 1800s and early 20th century to create all that space for the National Mall.”

— GERALD A. FILL



Stone Honored

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ard of our natural resources and especially the local jewel called the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve. Ned is regularly out numerous times per week and in his kayak collecting endless trash and working to improve the health of this valuable resource.”

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OPINION

Vote Nov. 5 or Before

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5

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.

EDITORIAL 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.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Missing from Menu of Cuts

To the Editor:

In response to "Difficult Choices for Schools - On the Menu" [The Gazette, Oct. 24]: No suggestion is given to creating savings through the downsizing of the offices of the superintendent, assistant superintendents, deputy superintendents or associate superintendents.

The quality of a school system is to be measured in the quality of its instruction, not the quality or cost of its management.

John Dickert
Mount Vernon Farms

Pedestrian Disconnection

To the Editor:

A search for "complete streets" on the Fairfax County website brings up five or six pages of citations and links to documents. A quick once-over reveals none that mention anywhere but Tysons Cor-

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.

On the Ballot 2013

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HOUSE OF DELEGATES 2013 ELECTIONS

- Every Virginia voter will vote for delegate in the voter's district. Delegates serve two-year terms.
- ❖ 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)

ners or Reston. The accompanying photograph of the northeast corner of Fordson Road at Richmond Highway would appear to confirm that the county doesn't consider complete streets important for the rest of us. "Complete Streets" is a marketing term of the National Complete Streets Coalition, and refers to the idea that we ought to build our streets so that they are safe, efficient, and pleasant for all of the people who use them — motorists, pedestrians, transit riders, bicyclists — everyone.

What's the photo got to do with this? It's the Fairfax Connector bus stop on that corner, and just to the left you can see the wide asphalt side path and connecting concrete sidewalk that the developer of the new strip mall just installed. The old concrete slab is for the pull-off bus stop. (Paving and pull-offs are rarities for bus stops along Richmond Highway, suggesting that someone at some time thought this an important stop.) But the picture shows at least three violations of the Complete Streets concept for pedestrians, and especially people with disabilities. The



developer carefully avoided connecting the side path to the bus stop, even though the path comes within 18 inches of it at one point. The developer did not run the sidewalk and path to the corner, even though there's demand. The "goat path" visible at both ends of the slab was made by walkers taking that route. And if your eyes are good enough, you can see an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant ramp on the opposite corner — which does not go all the way to the button on the

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 - ❖ Robert A. Rivera (I)

SCHOOL BOND REFERENDUM

- Fairfax County voters will be asked to vote Yes or No on the \$250 million school bond question in the general election. The schools plan to use the money to:
- ❖ Build two new elementary schools, one in the Richmond Highway area and one in the Bailey's area
 - ❖ Help renovate 22 schools including 17 elementary schools, two middle schools (Thoreau and Rocky Run) and three high schools (Langley, Herndon and Oakton)
 - ❖ Buy land for the South West County High School
 - ❖ Enhance the capacity of Westbriar Elementary and South Lakes High School
 - ❖ Replace or improve infrastructure, such as roofs, major mechanical systems and parking lots.
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Larry D. Huffman

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Ideology Over People?

To the Editor:

I would like to point out some things from [U.S. Rep.] Gerry Connolly's commentary titled "The Damage is Already Done" that are totally outrageous but not unexpected from such a partisan congressman. Mr. Connolly doesn't represent my district, however, the gentleman that does is his ideological equal.

Obamacare was passed without a single Republican vote or amendment. It was done in a Democrat vacuum with underhanded rule changes in the Senate because they didn't have the 60 votes needed. The law was passed despite the majority of Americans being against it. So much for a government that represents the people.

Not surprisingly, Mr. Connolly goes on to say how much destruction in terms of money and delay of services was caused by the "Republican" government shutdown. What Connolly fails to tell you is that the Republicans in the House proposed several plans to avoid a shutdown. A shutdown threatened

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ENTERTAINMENT

Taste of Hollywood comes to Alexandria

Bringing a hint of Hollywood to Old Town, the seventh annual Alexandria Film Festival kicks off Nov. 7.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE GAZETTE

It might be Patti North's favorite time of year, but it's certainly one of the most stressful.

As chair of the Alexandria Film Festival, North has spent months preparing for this year's event, pulling together movies ranging from a few minutes to an hour or more in length from around the world and helping to line up Q&A sessions with as many filmmakers as possible during the festival's four-day run.

This year, she's particularly excited to host a discussion with Benh Zeitlin, director of the film "Beasts of the Southern Wild," which was nominated for Best Picture in last year's Academy Awards.

"He comes from completely outside the whole Hollywood fishbowl," she said of the director, who has two short films included in this year's list of more than 60 offerings at four venues across Alexandria. "Now Hollywood is on bended knee for him," but Zeitlin seems determined to keep his "street cred" as an independent filmmaker.

Zeitlin is currently filming a movie and will be appearing via Skype, and North said he hasn't been sure where he'll be calling from on Nov. 9, following a screening of two of his short films, "Glory at Sea" and "I Get Wet." These films were

made prior to *Beasts*, but "you can really see the development of *Beasts*" in these works, North said.

North has been involved with the festival since its creation seven years ago, first as a member of the city's arts council and now as the festival's chair. A "huge movie buff" for many years, North said she's glad to have the backing of the city council for the largely volunteer event that she sees as a celebration of digital art.

Her long-term goal is to help Alexandria's reputation as a hub for traditional art forms, like the painting and sculpture that take place within the Torpedo Factory, expand and evolve to become a breeding ground for filmmakers, composers and directors.

"Without art, Alexandria would be like Williamsburg inside the Beltway," she said. "More than anything, I'd like to see the city embrace the notion of digital art."

There are several local filmmakers involved in the event as well, including the world premiere of a new movie, "Ass Backwards," from T.C. Williams alum and former "Saturday Night Live" comedienne Casey Wilson. The movie, which stars Wilson and Alicia Silverstone, will premiere in Alexandria before its national release, North said.

THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL will kick off with a red-carpet event on Nov. 7 and feature series of six food-



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Director San Banarje, who won Best Foreign Film at the 2009 Alexandria Film Festival, is back this year with new material. He's joined here by Trisha Ray, left, and Patti North, the festival's chair.

themed films, ranging from the near mythic respect for red and green chilies in New Mexico to the struggle for safe sources of drinking water in developing countries.

Another film to be featured opening night is "Capital Food Fight," a 26-minute film from Springfield resident Robert Paschen that takes a look at the dispute over the increasingly popular food truck phenomenon in Washington, D.C., and the challenges posed by and to established brick-and-mortar restaurants, which contributed more than \$250 million in taxes to Washington to help keep the city safe and clean.

The film started out as a student film at American University, studying the explosion in popularity in food trucks, which made their first appearance during President Obama's first inauguration in January 2009. Seizing upon an opportunity during that "super cold, super crowded" day along the National Mall, one proprietor, whom Paschen nicknamed the "godfather of the

local food truck scene" rolled out his cart and kicked off a firestorm.

Since then, Washington has become the fourth largest market for food trucks in the country, Paschen said. But "it happened so fast the law couldn't keep up."

"The argument, in general, or my sense of it, from the food truck organization is that if you live in a free market society, let the market decide, don't over-regulate it," because that could squash the entrepreneurial spirit of the endeavor, Paschen said. Traditionally, that's been the rallying cry of more established, longstanding industries, but food truck operators have embraced it as their motto.

There's also the fascinating timing of the food truck phenomenon, taking off at the same time that social media became a major communication tool. Food trucks could not operate without social media, as they

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Details

The Alexandria Film Festival will run from Thursday-Sunday, at four locations, including the Old Town Theater, the Lyceum, the Gates Learning Center Auditorium of the United Way, and the Charles Beatley Central Library. Find a full schedule and purchase tickets (\$12 in advance or \$15 at the door) at www.alexandriafilm.org. Festival films shown at the Beatley Library are free; all other events require purchased tickets.

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ONGOING

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.

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 performance from a visual perspective. The display is open from Oct. 10-Nov. 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/.

Art Exhibit. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery presents "Colors of Autumn" in Studio 18 at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Exhibit runs Oct. 22-Nov. 17. Free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com or 703-548-0935.

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Theater Performance. See "Shiloh Rules" by Doris Baizley, the second 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.

Theater Performance. See "High School Musical" by Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre at Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. \$12/person or \$11 for groups of 10 or more. Visit mvct.org. Features over 40 members from local schools.

Art Exhibit. Photographer Everitt Clark presents "Cities in the Air" from Nov. 7 through Dec. 2 in the Art League at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The exhibit will reveal how Richmond, Va., past and present intertwine. Free. Hours are Monday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thursdays from 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; and Sundays from noon-6 p.m. Visit www.theartleague.org or 703-683-1780.

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.

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>.

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.

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 through January. Gallery hours are Thursday-Saturday, noon-7 p.m. and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. or by appointment. Visit www.studio4oldtown.com.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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

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registration.htm to register.

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.

THURSDAY/OCT. 31

Mother Goose Story Time. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

Story Time. 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Pumpkin Parade. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children up to age 5 can enjoy stories and songs while parading around the library for non-food treats. Costumes or pumpkin orange colored clothing encouraged for both children and adults. Free. Registration required, 703-765-3645.

Story Time. 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

Children's Photographs. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Pink & Brown Boutique, 1212 King St. Children in costume can have their photos taken and then be eligible to win a gift card. Visit www.pinkandbrownboutique.com/.

Little One-Ders. 11:15 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Trick-or-Treaters Welcome. 3 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children can stop by the library before going trick-or-treating and receive a prize. Costumes encouraged. Free. 703-746-1703.

Exhibit Opening. 6-8 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. "Beyond the Battlefield," which depicts a Civil War Union hospital room, medicines and instruments are on display and more. \$3/person. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or 703-548-1789.

Spooktacular Story Time. 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 3-7 can enjoy Halloween stories, songs and more. Costumes encouraged. Free. 703-746-1704.

Martha's Family Movie. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. All ages can watch a film based on a children's classic book. Free. Registration required. 703-768-6700.

Marc Broussard. At The Birchmere 3701 Mt Vernon Ave. Tickets on sale now. Visit www.marcbroussard.com or www.birchmere.com.

Halloween at the Athenaeum. Twilight-9 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Drop by for hot cider and trick-or-treating. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

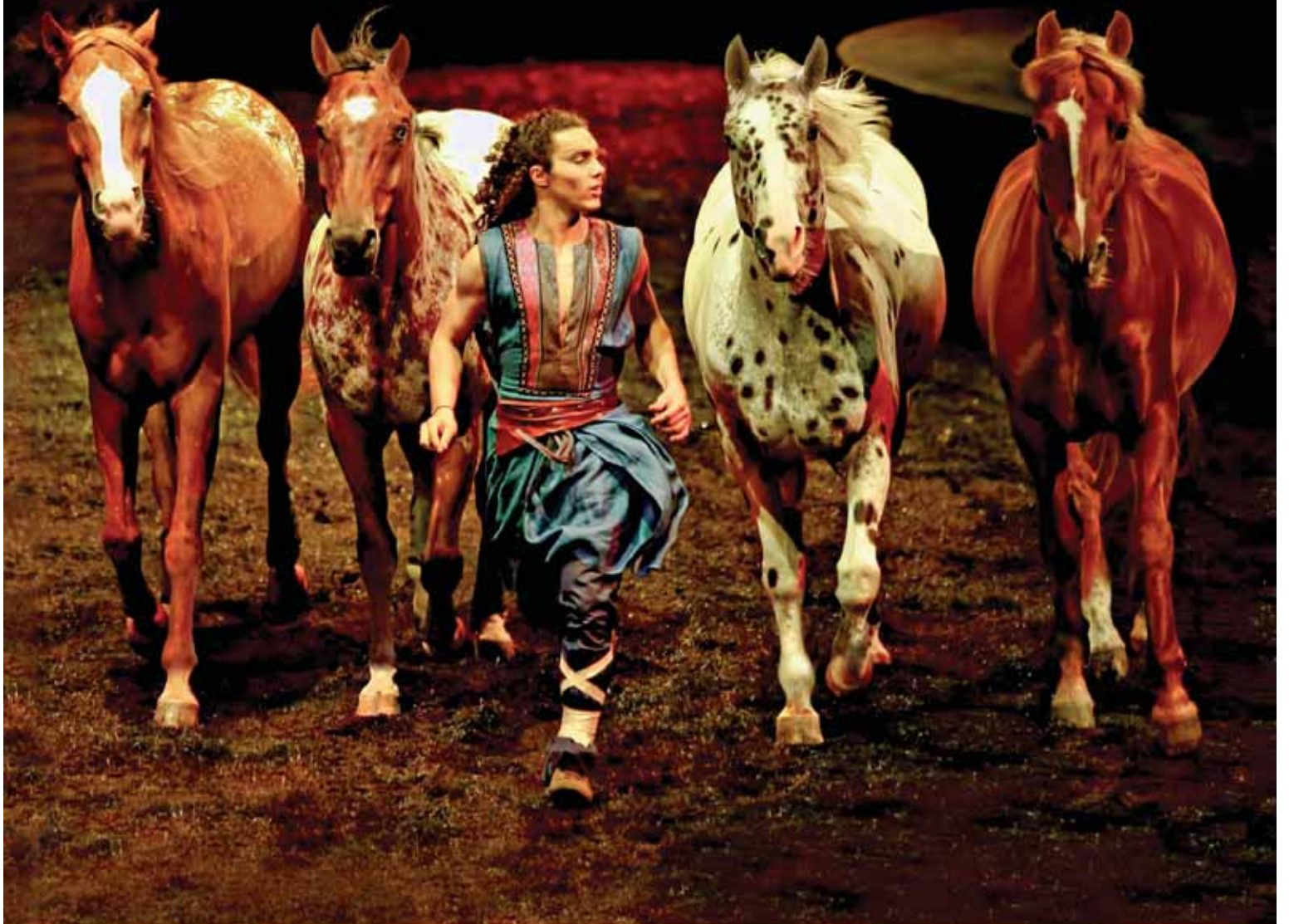
Halloween Musical. 7 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Mantua Finials will play selections from their 26-song musical work that tells the story about the life of local urban legend The Bunnyman. Free. Visit www.legendofthebunnyman.com, www.torpedofactory.org or call 703-838-4565.

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Film Festival Returns

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have no other way to tell their potential patrons where they are located on any given day, he said. "Social media is the lifeblood of the food truck industry," he added.

Paschen is excited for his first film to be shown during the Alexandria Film Festival this year. "I'm really glad to be a part of it," and though he admits he's a little nervous for the Q&A session following the film, he's looking forward to seeing the other films showing on opening night.

THE SEVEN-MINUTE FILM "Pedestrian," by Claire Ensslin, an Alexandria native who now lives and works in New York City, tells its story with no dialogue at all. The short film shows a man struggling with his urges to attack a young girl.

Ensslin, who received her first video camera at the age of 12 but always thought of herself as an artist, filmed the movie in Alexandria and Falls Church, using locations she frequented when she lived here and attended T.C. Williams High School.

This film is based on a short story from the 1930s which was set in New York City and "really haunted" Ensslin when she read it. She kept the storyline the same and changed the era and the location, but stayed true to the subject over the course of the three-day shoot.

"This guy is obsessed with the idea of this small girl, but he always gets scared" when he sees her, she explained.

Ensslin said she submitted her script early last year to Panavision in order to be able to use their revered camera equipment, a request that was granted for three days worth of shooting, despite her wishes for six. Without dialogue, however, the mood of the film comes through lighting and "tons of music," made by two instruments she won't name.

"No one's ever guessed them correctly," she laughed. "It's very creepy music."



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CALENDAR

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Dailey & Vincent. At The Birchmere 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$29.50. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com or <http://daileyandvincent.bombplates.com/>.

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.

Opening Reception. 7-10 p.m. 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. For more information, visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School, Performing Arts Center, 1000 St. Stephen’s Road. Watch “Alice in Wonderland.” \$5/person. Visit www.sssas.org/arts or 703-212-2950.

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Ornament Decorating Workshop. 10 a.m.-noon at Alexandria Archaeology Museum in the Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. Bring cookie sheets, rolling pins, lunch and wear comfortable clothes and roll out, cut and bake dough ornaments in the shape of artifacts. Free. RSVP to www.alexandriarchaeology.org or 703-746-4719.

Art Sale and Exhibit. 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. at Snyder Center, 6450 S. Van Dorn St. The Kingstowne Area Artists will exhibit and sell a variety of media including acrylics, pen and ink, photography and more. Free. Visit www.kingstowne.org.

Gardening on the Edge. 1-2:15 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn about the latest gardening trends. \$15/Fairfax County resident; \$17/out-of-county visitor. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring or 703-222-4664.

Huntley Harvest Festival. 1-4 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., and Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane. Make crafts, see puppet shows and re-enactors and more. Children can earn a small trinket at each station, and then get a finger puppet prize for visiting them all. \$10/person, children under 4 are free. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

Author Signing Event. 3 p.m. at Dunbar Boys & Girls Club of Alexandria, 401 N. Payne St. Monet Bradley will sign copies of her book “The Prodigal Daughter.” Free.

Reception. 4-9 p.m. see never-before-seen hats from Dr. Seuss’s private collection along with prints and sculpture from the art of Dr. Seuss Collection at P&C Art Gallery, 212 King St. Visit www.pcart.com.

Toast to Hope. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, 551 John Carlyle St. in Alexandria. Stop Child Abuse Now of Northern Virginia is hosting the fundraiser. Enjoy a silent auction, tasting samples, games and more. Tickets start at \$75/person. Visit www.scanva.org/support-scan/upcoming-events/toast-to-hope/.

Music Performance. 7 p.m. at St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. IONA performs. \$18/general; \$15/advance. Visit focusmusic.org for tickets.

SUNDAY/NOV. 3

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At the Library

Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Call 703-768-6700.

Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Call 703-339-4610.

John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Call 703-971-0010.

Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Call 703-765-3645.

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

English Conversation. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library. Adults can converse with other adults learning English. Free.

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

Martha’s Poetry Discussion. 2 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. Ages 13 and up can hear local poets read and discuss their works. Free.

MONDAY/NOV. 4

Early Words. 10:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy songs and stories. Registration required.

Baby Lap Sits. 10:30 a.m. or 2:30 p.m. at John Marshall Library. Literacy programs for parents and babies. Ages birth through 12 months. Registration required.

Bilingual Story Time. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Regional Library. Children ages 3-6 can enjoy English/Spanish stories, rhymes and songs. Free. Registration required.

Read to the Dog. 2 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. Children ages 6-12 can read aloud to a trained therapy dog. Register for 15-minute session. 703-768-6700.

Wild and Wonderful: Hidden Pond. 3:30 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Children ages 6-12 can learn about animals in nature. Free. Registration required.

Books and Ideas. 7:30 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library. Discuss “Midnight in Peking: How the Murder of a Young Englishwoman Haunted the Last Days of Old China” by Paul French. Free. Registration required.

TUESDAY/NOV. 5

Let’s Play. 1 p.m. at Sherwood

Christmas Sale. 8:45 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Parish House Meade Room, 121 N. Columbus St. The Historic Christ Church Gift Shop holds its annual Birthday Bash Christmas Sale featuring Christmas decorations, cards, calendars, gift items and more. All profits go to outreach and missions. Free.

Music for All Saints Day. 10:45 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road. Hear a string prelude followed by four movements from Lauridsen’s Lux Aeterna. Free. 703-549-5500.

Art Sale and Exhibit. Noon- 4p.m. at Snyder Center, 6450 S. Van Dorn St. The Kingstowne Area Artists will exhibit and sell a variety of media including acrylics, pen and ink, photography and more. Free. Visit www.kingstowne.org.

Performance. 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St. Enjoy an All Saints’ Sunday Choral Evensong. Free-will offering taken for the Lazarus Ministry. 703-549-3312.

MONDAY/NOV. 4

R.E. Lee Camp Dinner. Social hour starts at 6:15 p.m. followed by a

Regional Library. Children ages 6-12 can play board games, card games and puzzles. Free. Registration required.

Sherwood Poetry Read-Around.

6:45 p.m. at Sherwood Library. Adults can share favorite poems, either original or by a favorite poet. Free.

One-on-One Internet/Computer Training.

8 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. Learn basic skills. Free. Call for appointment.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 6

English Conversation. 10:15 a.m. at Kingstowne Library. Adults can converse with other adults learning English. Free.

Toddler Time. 10:30 a.m. at John Marshall Library. Children ages 13-23 months can listen to stories. Registration required.

Fall for Books. 10:30 a.m. at Martha Washington Library. Stories, songs and literacy-boosting activities about fall and Thanksgiving for children ages 4-5. Free. Registration required.

Daytime Book Discussion. 12:15 p.m. at Kingstowne Library. Discuss “Lost in Shangri-la” by Mitchell Zuckoff. Free.

THURSDAY/NOV. 7

English Conversation. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library. Adults can converse with other adults learning English. Free.

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

Independent Living Project. 1 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. Fairfax County’s Independent Living Project is a free six-week series of educational seminars of interest to older adults. Pre-registration is required and space is limited.

English Conversation. 2 p.m. at John Marshall Library. Adults can converse with other adults learning English. Free.

Behavior as Communication in Alzheimer’s Disease. 3 p.m. at Kingstowne Library. Learn ways to promote effective communication between caregivers and their family members as well as ways to anticipate and minimize troubling behaviors. Presented by the Fairfax Caregiver Seminar Consortium. Free.

English Conversation. 7 p.m. at Kingstowne Library or Sherwood Library. Adults converse with adults learning English. Free.

catered dinner and then a presentation by author Dr. Bradley M. Gottfried who will discuss “Lee Invades the North: How the Two Invasions Compare and Contrast.” Located at the American Legion Post 24 Hall, 400 Cameron St. \$25/advance; \$30/door. RSVP to J.J. Smith at 703-299-1725. Visit www.leecamp.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 5

Ornament Decorating Workshop. 10 a.m.-noon at Alexandria Archaeology Museum in the Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. Bring cookie sheets, rolling pins, lunch and wear comfortable clothes and roll out, cut and bake dough ornaments in the shape of artifacts. Free. RSVP to www.alexandriarchaeology.org or 703-746-4719.

Lecture. 6-8 p.m. at Morrison House, 116 S. Alfred St. Artist Jessica Beels will present a background on paper making and describe some techniques used for handmade paper. Free. Food and drink available for purchase. Visit www.morrisonhouse.com or www.torpedofactory.org.

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by the President, not Republicans. And sure enough, the Obama administration shut down the government as they refused to negotiate or even talk to the House Republicans. The damage that Mr. Connolly is so incensed about was also made worse by Obama and the Democrats. Here are a few examples. Open air memorials that were never guarded by the U.S. Park Police all of the sudden had barricades and constant guards. How much did that cost and why? And it doesn't get more hypocritical than this: Government employees were furloughed but Gerry and his colleagues continued to get paid.

Finally Mr. Connolly boasts about how he worked with Democrats and moderate Republicans to bring about a bi-partisan compromise. There was no compromise. In the end, the moderate Republicans caved. I guess that's compromise to Mr. Connolly.

Here's a dose of Obamacare reality. I have a decent health plan that pays prescriptions, a \$20 co-pay to see the doctor I want to, dental and vision coverage. I have a manageable deductible. It's an individual plan the costs me \$500 per month. I was notified that my plan will be cancelled because it is not a "reform compliant plan." I don't yet know what that means. None of the choices I was given are as good as what I had and they are not cheaper.

And I hope that the voters negatively affected by this horrendous law go to the voting booth and remove people like you who represent their ideology and not the people that elected them.

W. Munkacsy
Alexandria

Excessive Regulation?

To the Editor:

In the letter to the editor (Mt. Vernon Gazette Oct. 24) "Liberal ID Requirements," H. Jay Spiegel expresses his support for the relatively new voter ID requirements and criticizes Del. Scott Surovell's opposition to them. But perhaps Mr. Spiegel would express a different opinion about the law if he looked at it from a different perspective, i.e., as an example of "unnecessary and excessive government regulation."

According to the experts who keep track of these things, for example the Republican National Lawyers Association, cases of voter ID fraud are practically non-existent in Virginia, and the rest of the United States as well. Why then the perceived need for new laws and new requirements? As many Republican Party operatives and officials around the country have admitted, these laws are being passed in an attempt to suppress the Democratic Party turnout and vote — plain and simple. Thankfully, they have had the opposite effect on Democratic Party supporters resulting in apparently larger and record turnouts in the last Presidential election, for example.

We should not forget that the original law passed by the Republican-led Virginia Legislature was much more onerous than the law that is currently in effect because, to his credit, Republican Gov. McDonnell amended it to include the wider variety of proof of ID Mr. Spiegel cited in his letter.

Gov. McDonnell also had new paper voter ID cards mailed out to all registered voters in Virginia. It must have cost the State of Virginia a significant amount of taxpayer money to print and mail out all those new ID cards. Has Mr. Spiegel considered how much these new requirements cost the taxpayers of Virginia, now and in the future, and for such little benefit?

Mr. Spiegel asserts that there is no excuse for anyone not being able to comply with Virginia's Voter Identification law. Perhaps. However, as I recall, I had to show proof of identity, residency in Virginia, as well as age, only when I first registered to vote. I was then issued a paper voter ID card which I dutifully carried with me and used for decades. I see no reason why I, nor any other already registered voter in the United States, should have to go to the time and expense of getting a new ID to prove that I am who I am every time I vote. These voter identification laws are like something one would expect in a country living behind the iron curtain or under a dictatorship.

As for the purging of the voter list, the supposedly duplicate registrations from other states on the list may be errors. The old expression, "to err is human to really screw up you need a computer" comes to mind. Many people have the same or confusingly similar names though they live in different states.

For example, a quick Internet search I did found many people in other states with the same or a very similar name as Mr. Spiegel's. Besides our own "H J Spiegel, Alexandria, Virginia," there was "H J Spiegel, Buffalo Grove, IL" and "H J. Spiegel, Miami, FL" and "H J Spiegel, Staten Island, NY" and so on.

Assuming those people are registered to vote in those respective states, perhaps it will turn out that Mr. H. Jay Spiegel of Alexandria has been purged from the voter list in error? If so, I imagine that we will be subjected to yet another rant to the editor from Mr. Spiegel in the Mt. Vernon Gazette after the election.

Finally, the positions taken by Del. Surovell and his party apparently have the support of myself and most of the rest of the Mt. Vernon District, despite what Mr. Spiegel's favorite pollster Rasmussen might mislead him into believing.

C. Hunter Lynt
Alexandria

Governance Takes Work

To the Editor:

In the Gazette's Oct. 24 issue, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly stated some meaningful truths. Congressman Connolly described the recent scene on Capitol Hill as "shameful and dangerous, but sadly, not unprecedented." I believe this observation indicates to most Virginians that the congressman comprehends perfectly the situation on Capitol Hill. Yes — I believe most Virginians — most Americans — would be hard pressed to come up with better/more precise phrase to describe Capitol Hill. Yep — "Shameful and Dangerous" is a perfect a way to sum up Capitol Hill. (Note: Capitol

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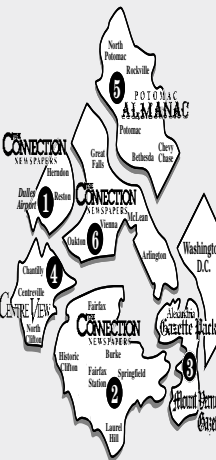
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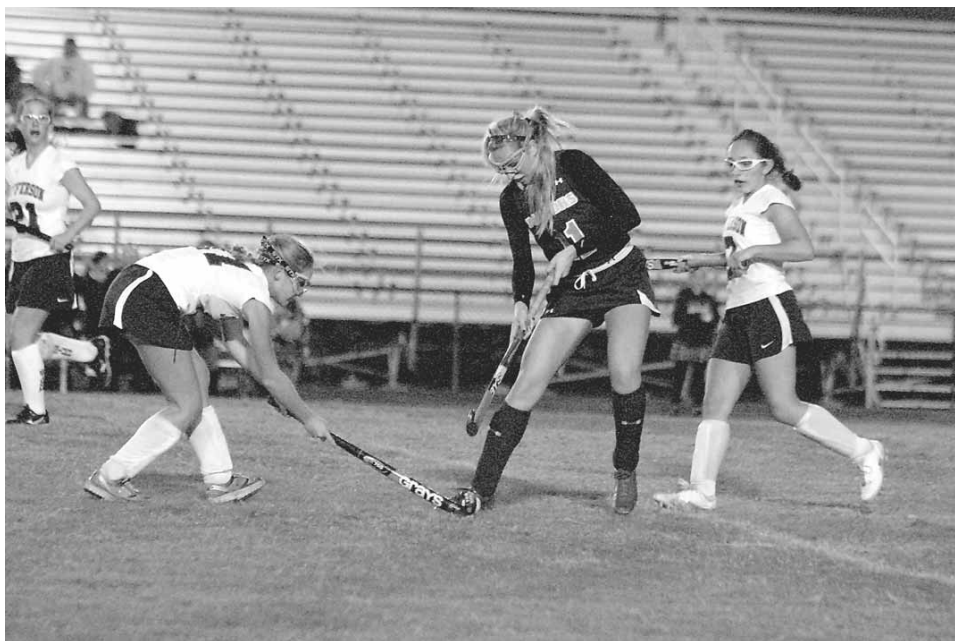
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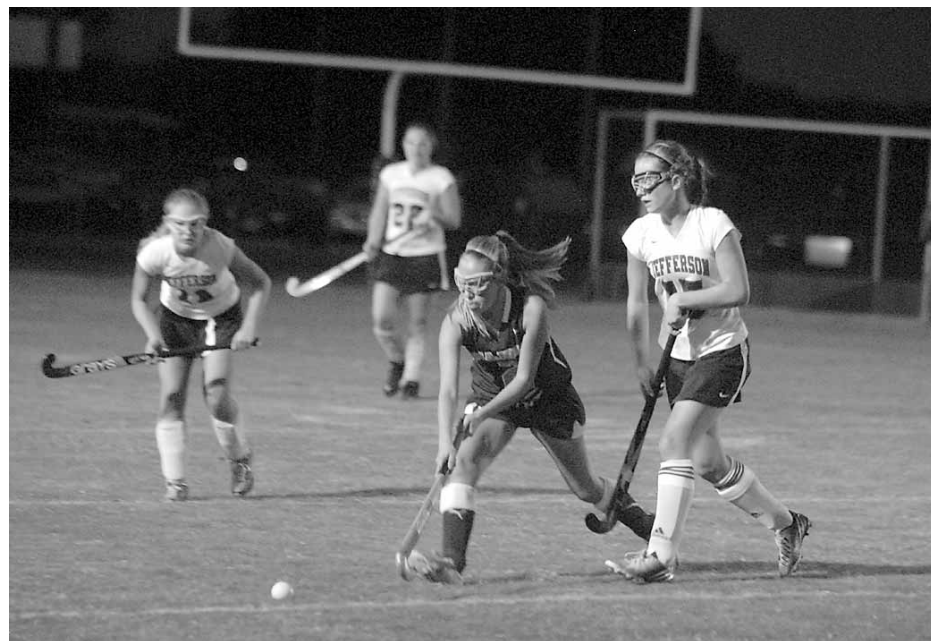
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Maggie Heltzel and the Mount Vernon field hockey team face a win-or-go-home game against Marshall on Thursday, Oct. 31.



Mount Vernon's Lindsay Gardiner (2) goes for the ball against Thomas Jefferson on Oct. 29.

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Mount Vernon Field Hockey Faces Win-or-Go-Home

After conference tournament games on back-to-back nights, the Mount Vernon field hockey game had a day to regroup before taking on Marshall in a win-or-go-home contest on Thursday, Oct. 31.

No. 5 Mount Vernon defeated No. 4 Lee in strokes, 0-0 (3-2), in the opening round of the Conference 13 tournament on Oct. 28. The following night, the Majors lost to top-seed Thomas Jefferson 2-0. Mount Vernon will now travel to face No. 2 Marshall on Thursday in the consolation game to see which team earns the conference's third and final berth in the 5A North region tournament.

"There are a lot of things that we could have improved upon tonight, so I'm glad that we have practice tomorrow," Mount Vernon head coach Jessica Edwards said after Tuesday's loss to TJ. "Playing back-to-back from last night to tonight with no discussion [was tough]. I get off work and we're on the bus coming here, so there's not really an opportunity to talk to the girls

about tonight's game."

After winning three National District titles in four years, Mount Vernon has struggled with inexperience this season. The Majors' season opener against Lee during the Under the Lights Tournament on Aug. 26 ended in a scoreless tie. Mount Vernon followed with a 10-game losing streak, before earning its first win against Hayfield on Sept. 30. The Majors closed the regular season by winning four of their final five games.

"We definitely got better," Edwards said. "Before we played Lee [Monday] night, I watched the game that we played Lee in the tournament, and I was like, 'Oh my goodness, we were both terrible at that time.' ... Last night when we played, we [showed we] all knew how to play hockey."

Junior Amber Sable, a first-team all-conference selection, is one of two returning starters on this year's team.

"I think we lacked in varsity experience," she said. "We lost nine of our starters, we only had two left over, [but] I think we've

grown as a team. They've all had so much more experience and we're starting to play like a varsity team should. I think by next year, we'll definitely be good competitors in the conference."

Kelly Quigley, Maggie Heltzel and Shenice Brunson converted their strokes during Monday's first-round game against Lee.

Marshall defeated Mount Vernon 1-0 during the teams' regular-season meeting on Sept. 6.

— JON ROETMAN

WP Football Scores Season-High Point Total

The West Potomac football team set a season high for points during a 51-32 win over Lee on Oct. 25.

West Potomac's Darien Pickett carried 15 times for 115 yards and a touchdown, according to stats from the Washington Post's

allmetsports.com. He also returned an interception for a touchdown.

Wolverines quarterback DeMornay Pierson-El carried 15 times for 28 yards and three touchdowns. He completed 6 of 15 passes for 98 yards and a score.

West Potomac's previous season-high for scoring was 47 during an Oct. 11 victory against West Springfield.

The Wolverines improved to 3-5 and will host Annandale at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1. West Potomac will conclude the regular season at T.C. Williams on Saturday, Nov. 9.

Mount Vernon Football Loses To Hayfield

The Mount Vernon football team dropped to 3-5 with a 40-16 loss to Hayfield on Oct. 25.

The Majors will conclude the regular season with a pair of home games against Yorktown (Nov. 1.) and Wakefield (Nov. 8).



Darien Pickett and the West Potomac football team produced a season-high 51 points against Lee on Oct. 25.

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West Potomac's Jordan Alexander carries the football against Lee on Oct. 25.



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Hill being the sum of those elected
by their states to serve in the Sen-
ate and House of Representatives.)

In the article Rep. Connolly goes
on to list some examples he se-
lected that showcased the result
of the "Shameful and Dangerous"
results of Capitol Hill. His ex-
amples included: 1) the shutdown
of the government (Note: The gov-
ernment did not shut down. It did
operate at a reduced level.), 2) a
worried 12-year-old boy, 3) federal
contractors that were either laid
off or caused to use vacation time
(Note: I had to use my vacation
time.), 4) a stressed home owner,
5) an "inference" that chambers of
commerce and other business
leaders experienced negative busi-
ness effects, 6) an "estimated" cost
to Virginia of \$200 million a day
(Note: Next time Rep. Connolly,
please cite your source of such
data.), and, 7) the very real threat
of default jeopardizing the world
standing of the U.S.

Weaved throughout these ex-
amples, Rep Connolly offered that
the "Shameful and Dangerous"
result of Capitol Hill was caused
by — ready for this? — the Repub-
licans. Who would've guessed?

How about this: The "Shameful
and Dangerous" scene on Capitol

Hill is the result of the laziness that
party politics creates. I say laziness
because it takes work to get things
done. As it is with any institution
that consists of more than one per-
son — disagreements will come.
It is when disagreements come
that work begins and must be done
to advance the cause of the insti-
tution. The work that must be
done is "compromise." Collabora-
tion is a win-win situation, which
one can conclude doesn't take
much work. Much of the time col-
laboration — where those in dis-
agreement get all that they want
— cannot be attained. Compromise
is a lose-lose endeavor where
those in disagreements lose some
of what they want. Compromise
takes work.

A question — not 'the' question
— but 'a' question to consider is
this: Had Capitol Hill compro-
mised (worked) to give the nation,
over the last few years, budgets as
the law requires, would examples
one-through-seven (see above)
have evolved?

Rep. Connolly does offer a fix
and an observation in his closing
paragraph. He writes, "we must
stop playing politics" — "America
deserves better."

I couldn't agree more.

Nick A. Sottler

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