

Kincaid Elected First Female Sheriff

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During the sheriff's race, Stacey Kincaid, attended the Jeans Day 2013 Challenge Breakfast at Herndon's Deltek. Kincaid (right), is standing with Sharon Bulova (D-at-large), chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

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Terry McAuliffe delivers his victory speech Tuesday night.

Democrats Score Narrow Victory

Division in Republican Party cited in loss.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

When Jim Dillard first ran to represent Fairfax County in the House of Delegates in 1965, the Republican Party of Virginia was a different animal. Recalling that race on Election Night 2013, Dillard said that was a time when the party welcomed diversity between moderates and conservatives. He lost that first race, but went on to serve in the House of Delegates for more than 30 years. This year, though, he worked for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe in a fierce race for governor against Republican Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli.

"The party has gone so far to the right, and they are trying to shove all these social issues down everybody's throat," said Dillard, who represented House District 41. "That's turned off an awful lot of Republicans who used to vote for me."

Although polls leading up to Election Day showed McAuliffe with an average lead of six percentage points, the actual vote was much closer. McAuliffe narrowly edged out Cuccinelli 48 percent to 45 percent. State Sen. Ralph Northam (D-6) enjoyed a more comfortable lead against Republican E.W. Jackson, 55 percent to 45 percent. That means Northam will resign his state Senate seat, upsetting the balance between 20 Republicans and 20 Democrats. The special election for Northam's seat is expected to become a hotly contested race because the stakes of the outcome could determine which party controls the state Senate.

"That's a seat that has a split between Norfolk and the Eastern Shore," said Clark Mercer, political director of the Democratic Party of Virginia. "So the key to winning that election will be having a candidate that can draw votes from both of those regions."

IN MANY WAYS, the results of the election have yet to play out. Aside from the special election for Northam's seat, the race for attorney general appears to be headed to a recount. Late Tuesday night, state Sen. Mark Obenshain (R-26) had a very narrow lead and Republican Party Chairman Pat Mullins issued a statement congratulating him on winning the election. State Sen. Mark Herring (D-33) appeared before reporters to say he was not conceding the race.

"Right now, it's basically 50-50 and the numbers have been moving in our direction all night," said Herring. "The race is far from over."

The numbers were, in fact, moving in Herring's direction as votes continued to be tallied. By Wednesday morning, Herring had a very narrow lead over Obenshain. Because the margin of victory is likely to be less than 1 percent, a recount in that race seems likely. For many Democrats who gathered at the Sheraton Premiere in Tysons Corner, it was yet another indication that election 2013 turned out to be much closer than many people had anticipated.

"It turned out to be a race that was so close that in the annals of Virginia history it's going to go down as one of the closest races of all time," said Pat McCune of Centerville, saying the race was closer than expected.

ELECTION 2013 was a long and bitter slog for candidates, who spent much of the campaign hurling accusations and counter-accusations. Cuccinelli was dogged by his association with a wealthy businessman who made lavish gifts to the governor and attorney general that went unreported on disclosure forms. McAuliffe was haunted by accusations about his relationship to a troubled green-car company. As the race unfolded, it became increasingly negative — especially in television ads that dominated screens across Northern Virginia.

"Election nights are emotional times," said Gov. Bob McDonnell in a written statement. "For the winner there is the thrill of victory, combined with the recognition that the hard work preceding this moment is but a prelude to the tremendous effort yet to come."



Del. Eileen Filler-Corn



Del. David Bulova

Battleground? Not Exactly

Competitive state races gave Northern Virginia voters more choices, but they stick with incumbents over challengers.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

2011, but the district remains strongly blue.

Every two years, Virginia holds all of its statewide elections. When it's time to elect a new Governor, every member of the Virginia House of Delegates, a 100-seat body currently held by a GOP majority (67 Republicans – 32 Democrats and 1 Independent), is also up for re-election.

While downballot races got the spotlight, Northern Virginia actually saw the most competitive two-party races this year, with 57 contested House seats. This marks only the second time in the last decade where at least half of the 100 House seats had more than one name on the ballot.

"So what?" voters seemed to declare when casting their ballots.

Despite more choices, voters stuck with the politician they knew, giving incumbents in nearly every Fairfax County district a decisive victory.

District 37

Incumbent: David Bulova (D) won a resounding victory with 60.95 percent of the vote (11,521 votes) over Republican challenger Patrice Winter's 38.86 percent (7,345 votes).

District link on VPAP at www.vpap.org/elections/district/

Localities: Fairfax County (69 percent), City of Fairfax (31 percent); 2012 elections: Obama 60 percent/Romney 38 percent/Johnson 1 percent, Kaine 61 percent/Allen 39 percent

Many political watchers considered this district up for grabs in

District 40

Incumbent: Tim Hugo (R) soundly defeated Democrat Jerrold Foltz, a first-time candidate with 60 percent of the vote (14,878 votes) to Foltz' 40 percent (with 9,891 votes)

District link on VPAP at www.vpap.org/elections/district/

Localities: Fairfax County (83 percent), Prince William County (17 percent)

2012 elections: Romney 51 percent/Obama 48 percent, Allen 51 percent/Kaine 49 percent

District 41

Incumbent: Eileen Filler-Corn (D) faced two challengers: Republican Fredy Burgos and frequent candidate Christopher F. DeCarlo (who also threw his hat in the ring for the sheriff's race.) Filler-Corn sailed past both challengers with 57 percent of the vote (15,021 votes) over Burgos' 40 percent (10,388 votes) and DeCarlo's 3.58 percent (944 votes).

District link on VPAP at www.vpap.org/elections/district/

Locality: Fairfax County
2012 elections: Obama 57 percent/Romney 41 percent/Johnson 1 percent, Kaine 59 percent/Allen 40 percent. Filler-Corn ran unopposed in 2011 in what is considered a Democratic-leaning district. After this win, the district may be considered a solid blue.

District 42

Incumbent: Dave Albo (R) knocked off Democratic challenger Ed Deitsch with 59.82 percent of the vote (15,232 votes) to Deitsch's 40.07 percent of the vote (10,204 votes).

District link on VPAP at www.vpap.org/elections/district/

Locality: Fairfax County. 2012 elections: Obama 52 percent/Rom-

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Capt. Stacey Kincaid, a 26-year veteran with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Department, stands outside the Fairfax County Democratic Committee Headquarters in October.

Kincaid Elected First Female Sheriff

Kincaid, a Vienna resident, pledges commitment to diversity, department's employees and community outreach programs.

By VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Democrat Stacey Kincaid, a 26-year-veteran of the sheriff's department, made local history Tuesday by becoming Fairfax County's first female sheriff.

Kincaid, 48, won in a four-way race with 53.74 percent of the vote against Bryan Wolfe, the GOP candidate, and independents Chris DeCarlo and Robert Rivera.

The contest was the only county-wide office on the ballot this year, a special election to fill the post held by Democrat Stan Barry, who retired midway through his fourth term last July.

Kincaid's decisive victory ends a race that became increasingly rancorous in the past several weeks, with near daily attacks from the Wolfe camp alleging intimidation, vandalism and "hypocrisy" over Kincaid's purchase of firearms.

Kincaid said she would rather focus on the positive aspects of campaigning.

"The way that I've looked at this race, it's a bonus that I've had this opportunity to talk about the department. So many people don't know what sheriff's office does, so it's been a chance to talk about the department and the community outreach programs we have," Kincaid said.

The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, the

largest in the state with more than 600 employees and a \$63 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 SIGNIFICANCE of being the first woman in the county's history to serve as sheriff — succeeding 76 men in the department's 271-year history — is not lost on Kincaid.

She began her career with the sheriff's office in 1987 as a summer intern. As she rose through the ranks in the male-dominated profession, Kincaid said she often took inspiration from her mother, who died in 2003 after a long battle with breast cancer.

During an interview in October, Kincaid said her mother was often her biggest cheerleader and her hero.

"I saw the fight she had with breast cancer, the obstacles she overcame. She was my hero," Kincaid said. "And from the beginning, she would say 'you could be the first female sheriff.'"

In 2008, Kincaid received the Distinguished Service Award, the agency's highest honor. In 2011, she was eligible to retire, but chose to continue her career.

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"Throughout the years, my mom's words had been on my mind," Kincaid said. "I never thought the race was about me. I wanted to run for this office because I care about our 600 employees and the community we serve."

Kincaid, who has worked all four divisions of the department, said her first order of business will 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.

Kincaid also said she was "passionate about collaboration with the community," and enhancing services of the sheriff's department, particularly in the areas of mental health and programs aimed at reducing recidivism.

She said she'd like to expand one of the programs called Project Life-saver, a program that provides tracking devices for people who tend to wander, such as the elderly with Alzheimer's or children on the autism spectrum.

Kincaid also made diversity a key issue of her campaign, and said she was "deeply committed to equal protection of the rights of all members of our community."

"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," she said, adding that the office must "face up to the evolving needs of the community and the expectations placed upon its top leadership."

TO RELIEVE THE STRESS of an intense job, Kincaid said she enjoys working out, watching NFL football and making jewelry that she donates to charities.

"One of my proudest moments was running in the Ovarian Cancer 5K. I had made 112 pairs of earrings with silver and teal. When we started the race, I could see all these silver and teal earrings. That was such a gift to me, to see these courageous women wearing my earrings," Kincaid said.

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Cuccinelli Visits Old Stomping Grounds

Virginia Attorney General and Republican gubernatorial hopeful Ken Cuccinelli came home to the Centreville/Clifton area Tuesday morning, Nov. 5, visiting some local precincts on Election Day.

After a quick stop in Prince William County, he went to three polling places here, starting in the Town of Clifton at the Clifton Presbyterian Church. He then made an unscheduled stop at Centreville High, in the Newgate South precinct, before going to Eagle View Elementary in Fair Oaks.

There, Cuccinelli spoke with Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, who was at that location to support her son David's reelection campaign as the 37th District delegate. He also answered some questions from the press and shook hands with well-wishers.

"I feel good," said Cuccinelli, who lived in Centreville with his family when he was the 37th District senator. "It's nice to be home and see people I used to live near and go to church with."

He looked relaxed and at ease and said he'd spent his "car time"



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(From left) As Sharon Bulova hands out sample ballots, Ken Cuccinelli stops to chat with her while photographers capture the moment.

traveling between stops talking to undecided voters on the phone, while someone else drove.

Cuccinelli said taxes, the economy and Obamacare are the main issues in this election and noted that he'd gotten questions Tuesday from local residents, asking for "clarification" of some of the TV ads they'd seen. "We need to diversify the economy so we can grow business in Virginia," he told voters outside Eagle View.

He also chatted with Fairfax resi-

dent Bernie Hite, Cuccinelli's former co-campaign manager when he ran for state delegate and senator. Then, at the request of a local family, he posed with them for a Facebook photo.

Gazing at the area around him, Cuccinelli commented on how much had changed since he'd moved away. Pointing at Eagle View Elementary, he said, "This wasn't here when I first started running."

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Ken Cuccinelli (far right) poses with the Downey family (from left) Matthew, 4, parents Therese and Bob, and Anna, 2.



(From left) Ken Cuccinelli chats with Fairfax resident Bob Downey outside Eagle View Elementary.

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The annual Children's Connection is a tradition of well over a decade, and we begin getting inquiries from teachers and parents about submitting artwork and writing almost as soon as each school year begins.

We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or gardens or other creative efforts.

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in jpeg format.

Identify each piece of writing or art, including the student's full name, age, grade and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name

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Helping Most Vulnerable Neighbors

Individuals with mental illness represent a disproportionately high percentage of the homeless population.

BY RUSSELL SNYDER

Once in a while you read or hear about mental health illness, probably in this very paper. However, more often than not, mental illness is discussed only when a tragedy occurs that brings it to the forefront of the national dialogue. We should strive, as a community, to change that.

More than 260,000 adults in Virginia live with serious mental illness. In the Fairfax-Falls Church community approximately 1,350 people are homeless; more than half of those individuals suffer from serious mental illness.



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Individuals with mental illness represent a disproportionately high percentage of the homeless population. With statistics like those above, this is an issue that needs our attention all year round.

For readers that do not know, Volunteers of America operates Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter, a 50-bed emergency homeless shelter in Fairfax County for men and women. In our shelter, clients receive case management based on individualized service plans. They attend various life skills groups to empower them to make positive changes. Bailey's also has an outreach partnership

with the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board. A Community Case Manager works directly with our clients who have been identified by staff as having a mental health diagnosis. These individuals receive services and support to build their self-sufficiency, the end goal for all of our clients in every single program we run.

It takes many resources to help homeless individuals with a mental health diagnosis find their way to recovery, but it is possible to accomplish this goal with programs like Bailey's and collaborations among community partners.

If you would like a behind-the-scenes look at the work Volunteers

of America Chesapeake is doing to assist those that are homeless and challenged with mental illness, call Tonya Fulwood, Vice President of Homeless Services, at 240-764-2661. Be an advocate and help us create awareness so we can continue to help our neighbors travel the road to self-sufficiency.

Thank you to the Fairfax community and our partners throughout Northern Virginia for your support as we continue to serve our most vulnerable neighbors in the fight to prevent and end homelessness in our communities.

The writer is President/CEO of Volunteers of America Chesapeake, a faith-based health and human services nonprofit assisting more than 8,000 people each year at 31 programs, many serving the homeless and mentally ill. Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter has been the community's primary emergency homeless shelter since 1994.

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District 42 is often called a swing district, although it’s not clear why. Albo, a senior member of the house, has fought off several Democratic challengers in the last several elections. Although Albo may have felt some backdraft over general voter distaste for the tea party agenda, particularly on women’s rights, Albo held firm, voting with many Democrats this year for the landmark \$3.5 billion transportation bill.

District 43

Incumbent: Mark Sickles (D) solidly held his seat with 73.56 percent of the vote (14,444) over Republican challenger Gail Parker with 25.28 percent of the vote (4,985 percent)

District link on VPAP at www.vpap.org/elections/district/

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Hannah L. Moody, of Fairfax Station, graduated from Boston University with a Master of Science in biomedical forensic sciences.

Martin VanderHoeven, an Earlham College first-year and son of Marianne Marsolais and Edward VanderHoeven of Springfield, has enrolled at Earlham College.

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(From left) Brionna Simmons, Sarah Marksteiner, Spencer Boyd and Anna Ready rehearse a number from the show.

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'It's a Really Fun Horror Story'

Robinson presents 'Little Shop of Horrors.'

By BONNIE HOBBS THE CONNECTION

Horror, romance, music – and a hungry, man-eating plant – they're all in Robinson Secondary's production of "Little Shop of Horrors." And for Theater Director Chip Rome, this musical's been a long time coming. "This is a show I've wanted to do since I saw it in England in 1984," he said. "I thought it could be great for high school." But various circumstances intervened, so Robinson didn't do it – until now.

The 21-person cast and crew of 80 have been working hard to make it an unforgettable production. "Having the same stage-management team for three shows in a row makes life easier," Rome said. "And the cast is really talented. Our leads, Jamie and Katie, are a perfect fit for their roles. Jamie oozes a nice, affable innocence and Katie has a solid vulnerability."

Also featured are the Doo Wop Girls – singers who comment on the action. There are three sets of them so more actors can perform. Scenes take place in Mushnik's Florist Shop, the street outside and in a dentist's office.

"It's a really fun horror story," Rome said. "It's Faustian; it's about someone who has to choose how much he's willing to give up to get what he wants – and whether he can make that decision before it's too late."

Senior Jamie Green plays Mushnik's employee, Seymour, who's timid and socially awkward. "He was an orphan and Mushnik took him from the orphanage, but was never kind to him," Green said. "He's in love with fellow employee Audrey, but is too shy to tell her. One day, a plant in the shop turns his life around. The business grows, everyone's happy and Audrey likes him, but he has to feed the plant human blood to keep things that way."

Green loves playing Seymour because "he's so quirky and it's fun to bring out my inner dork. He's unintentionally funny and it's incredible to be able to sing this show's music."

He said the audience will think of Seymour and Audrey as "2013's cutest couple" and will like the rock/R & B/jazzy music. Green added, "We have



Shy Seymour (Jamie Green) has a crush on Audrey (Katie Rogers), while the ominous plant lurks behind them.

really strong group vocals, plus cool plant puppets."

Portraying Audrey is senior Katie Rogers. "She's vulnerable and insecure, has an abusive boyfriend and is a doormat," Rogers said. "She knows how to get boys, but her dream is to have a family and be a housewife in the suburbs."

Senior Spencer Boyd plays Audrey's boyfriend, the dentist. "He's basically a sadist who lives off other people's pain," said Boyd. "He's a terrible human being."

He can be smooth and suave, but is really dark and evil and only cares about himself. It's different from any role I've ever done."

Props master and plant constructor is senior Mary Cate Turgeon. "We decided on the show in June, so all summer I was designing the plants," she said.

She appreciates the cast and crew's help buying and finding the other props needed for this production. "They really stepped up," she said. "We've put in a lot of hard work, and it's going to be a really great show."

The curtain rises Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 14, 15 and 16, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 at the door and via www.RobinsonDrama.org.

"It's great to have an exhibit that educates people about the roots and origins of yoga and what it can do for their lives and their health"

— Sara VanderGoot of Mind the Mat Pilates & Yoga



Maryam Ovissi, a sponsor of "Yoga: The Art of Transformation" and the owner of BelovedYoga studio with locations in Reston and Great Falls, attends the exhibit's opening gala with her student Jean Edelman, also an exhibit sponsor.



Yoga students Teresa Duncan and Jean Edelman attend a gala to celebrate the opening of "Yoga: The Art of Transformation" at the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery.

Yoga Community Lauds New Smithsonian Exhibit

Sackler exhibit is first of its kind.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL THE CONNECTION

Yoga instructor Luann Fulbright of McLean moved her practice from the mat to a gallery recently when she joined diplomats, philanthropists, artists and fellow yogis at a gala to celebrate the opening of "Yoga: The Art of Transformation" at the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery in Washington, D.C. It is the world's first exhibition on the art of yoga.

"I couldn't be more excited to have been able to attend this exhibit," said Fulbright, a director of Dream Yoga Studio & Wellness Center in McLean.

"It's not only the first of its kind, but it was put together by a team of scholars led by Debra Diamond, an exquisitely studied and curious curator who brings her depth knowledge of Indian and Asian art and yoga together to shed light on the history and fascinating, many missing stories of yoga that are like yoga itself — mind expanding."

The exhibit, which opened Oct. 19, features temple sculptures, devotional icons, manuscripts and court paintings created in India over the past 2,000 years. With artifacts borrowed from 25 museums and private collections in India, Europe and the United States,

the exhibit explores yoga's diverse history.

Museum officials said the exhibit reunites three monumental stone yogini goddesses from a 10th-century Chola temple for the first time, as well 10 folios from the first illustrated compilation of asanas, or yogic postures, made for a Mughal emperor in 1602, which have never before been exhibited together. The exhibit also includes Thomas Edison's "Hindoo Fakir" (1906), the first movie ever produced about India.

Maryam Ovissi, one of the exhibit's sponsors and the owner of BelovedYoga studio in Reston and Great Falls, said she appreciates such a comprehensive exploration of the evolution of yoga.

"Yoga has become a very loaded word in our society, and there are many facets to it. You can think of yoga as a gem," she said. "The exhibit shows that yoga has philosophical roots."

It offers an understanding of [yoga] as a healing modality and gives a perspective of how it was introduced to the West and evolved into what has become today. The curator did an excellent job of showing that it's an entire journey. People will walk away knowing that yoga is rich and has layers to it."

YOGA INSTRUCTORS said the exhibit will educate people about the practice. "Having an exhibit like this confirms that yoga is so

much more than most folks today think," said Fulbright. "It's not a fad. It's not a particular religion. It's not just exercise. It's a constantly developing practice that people from many cultures have embraced for thousands of years to transform and empower themselves and their nations. I'm encouraging all [of my] students to see this exhibit, which can't help but motivate and deepen their practice."

Great Falls resident Jean Edelman, an exhibit sponsor and one of Ovissi's students, hopes those who make the trek to the Sackler Gallery will walk away inspired. "I think it is a wonderful opportunity to bring to light yoga to people who never knew anything about it. It is a great for the mind, body and spirit."

Dawn Curtis, owner of East Meets West Yoga Center in Vienna, also attended the opening gala. She believes the exhibit will offer attendees "a great education about the vastness of yoga and its practices."

It is an amazing exhibit. The most extraordinary room ... is what I would call the Goddess room: three beautiful yoginis brought together in one room," she said, referring to the Chola goddesses.

Alexandria resident Heather Sutliff, of East Meets West Yoga Center, said the exhibit will make yoga more accessible to a wider audience. "I think the fact that the

Details

"Yoga: The Art of Transformation" will remain at the Sackler Gallery until Jan. 26, 2014. Visit <http://asia.si.edu/exhibitions/current/yoga.asp>.

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THURSDAY-MONDAY/OCT31-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/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



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

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.
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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.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 13

Expressions of the Holocaust: Dinner Honoring Survivors.

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SATURDAY/NOV. 16

Carrie Koffman, Saxophone. 8 p.m. Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, 3905 Railroad Ave., Fairfax. The internationally renowned saxophonist performs Grieg’s “Peer Gynt: Suite No. 1,” Larry Alan Smith’s “Concerto for Soprano Saxophone and Strings,” and Rachmaninov’s “Symphonic Dances.” Price to be determined. 703-563-1990 or www.fairfaxsymphony.org/.
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Beauty Found After a Catastrophic Event

Hub Theatre presents 'Carried Away on the Crest of a Wave'

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION



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Hedy Hosford as the orphan girl from the play, "Carried Away on the Crest of a Wave," which explores the enormity of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.

Finding new plays for local area audiences is something Helen Pafumi, Hub Theatre, artistic director relishes. She seeks out plays that will fascinate, rivet and enthrall. She has an affinity for newer American writers and Canadian playwrights who may be lesser known in this area.

Pafumi has found a work by Canadian playwright David Yee, with the intriguing title, "Carried Away on the Crest of a Wave." Pafumi was attracted to the play because it deals "with the aftermath of an incredibly huge event in a unique way. The writing is poetic, gutsy and wonderfully thoughtful." The play investigates the enormity of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.

Yee's play centers on stories of "individual's healing, rebuilding, sadness and hope." The work is "based on true events, interviews with survivors, and stories." With its six-member cast, "this is a play that embraces life," added Pafumi.

What can the audience expect? Playwright David Yee said, "I was interested in capturing the tsunami's moment of impact in a more metaphorical way. The set is a statement piece, almost installation art, and the sound, costumes and lights will guide us into the varied locations that need to be created for these many different stories. The audience can expect a play that is at times shocking, heartbreaking and surprisingly

funny as well."

Yee suggested his "work will bring you somewhere unexpected. This, I think, is my job as a writer: to lead you to a place you never knew was out there." He took what he "learned in 5 years about this epic event and distilled it, not as an event-log of the incident, rather as an extra-narrative account of how it impacted people."

When asked what he wants audiences to come away with after seeing this play, Yee responded, "Hope."

That's the big thing. It's the thing I didn't expect to find when I set out to write the play, to begin with. But it's there.

In every interview I did, every story I was told from survivors, some people who had lost everything... their stories were stories of hope."

Andrew Ferlo one of the cast members wants the audience to know that even "with such heavy, heartbreaking subject matter, 'Carried Away' is a hopeful play...ultimately the message is one of connectivity and the hope that comes from it." See for yourself.

When & Where

Hub Theatre presents "Carried Away on the Crest of a Wave" at John Swayze Theatre, The New School, 9431 Silver King Court, Fairfax. Performances Nov. 15-Dec. 8. Friday 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Tickets: \$20-\$30. Call 1-800-494-8497 or visit www.thehubtheatre.org.

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The Fresh Beat Band, 6:30 p.m., at the Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. The band from the Nick Jr. series of the same name performs. \$46.70-\$165. <http://patriotcenter.com/>.

ONGOING

First Fridays at the Clifton Art Guild. 6-9 p.m. at Clifton Wine Shop, 7145 C Main St., Clifton. Enjoy a wine tasting and mix

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Saturday Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at the parking lot at the intersection of West and Main Streets behind Wells Fargo Bank in Fairfax. Every Saturday there is fresh produce, goods and wares at the market. church@sovgracefairfax.org or www.FairfaxSaturdayMarket.com.

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Fairfax Mosaic Wednesday Night Freshbikes Rides. 6:30 p.m., at Fairfax Mosaic Freshbikes, 2910 District Ave., Fairfax. Weekly bike rides leave from the Fairfax Mosaic store, the newest addition to the Freshbikes family of stores in the area. www.freshbikescycling.com.

Northern Virginia Shag Club. 6:30-10 p.m., at the Elks Lodge Fairfax, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Dance for two hours every Wednesday with free beginner lessons starting at 7:30 p.m. and dancing preceding and following; no partners needed. \$4. www.nvshag.org.

Join Jewish War Veterans of the USA. The Burke Post E 100 at 5712 Walnut Wood, Burke, invites Jewish veterans and servicemembers to join. 703-209-5925.

NVSC Dance. 6:30-10:30 p.m., at the Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Beginner lessons at 7:30 p.m. and a buffet dinner preceding from 6:45-8 p.m.; cash bar available. No partners needed. \$4; \$5 additional for buffet dinner. www.nvshag.org.

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The Mantua Finials (from left) Mark Johnson, Carol Gaylor, Josh Rowley, Chris Piller and Jim Waters.



Artist Susan Makara's painting of Jim Waters as the Bunnymen.

'Legend of the Bunnymen' Music from rock musical being performed locally.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

The Bunnymen has been a mysterious figure in local lore for more than 40 years, and now Clifton's Jim Waters has written a rock musical about him called "Legend of the Bunnymen."

Waters grew up in Fairfax during the height of the Bunnymen hysteria, and he and his band, The Mantua Finials, will perform segments of the musical at two, upcoming gigs in Fairfax City. The dates are Friday, Nov. 15, at 8 p.m., at the Epicure Café, and Saturday, Nov. 23, at 9 p.m., at Old Fire Station No. 3.

The more Waters learned about the legend, the more he decided it would make a great story. "The primary purpose was the music," he said. "Our hope is that, as we continue to perform it, someone will want to partner with us to bring the whole musical to the stage."

On Oct. 29, 1970, Kings Park West in Burke was being built. "A Naval Academy cadet was parked there with his girlfriend that night when a man in a bunny suit smashed out their driver's side window with an axe," said Waters.

"He told them to get off the property and then ran away."

They told the police and, a few days later, a night watchman making his round there saw a young man on the porch of a home under construction. "He was chopping away at one of the porch posts and yelled to the watchman to get off the property," said Waters.

"The watchman ran back to his car to get a weapon to confront him; but when he returned, the man was gone. It eventually grew into a much bigger story, particularly among teenagers, claiming he was an axe murderer."

WATERS WAS 11 THEN, living in Fairfax's Mantua community and attending Frost Middle. "It was frightening to think about," he recalled. "It was odd and creepy – and the incidents were real. They never caught the Bunnymen, so it still remains a mystery. I think someone living near Kings Park West was unhappy that the woods there were being torn down for houses."

From 1986-98, Waters lived in

Centreville before moving to Clifton's Balmoral community. "Every now and then, I'd hear something about the Bunnymen Bridge – the railroad bridge crossing over Colchester Road in Clifton – but didn't follow up until three years ago," he said. "My daughter Lauren, then 17, was hanging out at the bridge with three friends in the fall."

"I did a tremendous amount of research into the history of Fairfax County and Clifton to make sure my story was based on fact."

— Jim Waters of Clifton

Waters said teens often go there as an "exciting dare" because of a fake legend that the Bunnymen lives there and murders people with his ax.

But nearby homeowners have police patrol that area, so they approached Lauren and her friends and told them to leave and not come back to the bridge.

"I found it fascinating because, being a musician, I was just embarking on writing a bunch of new

songs about oddities," said Waters. "I play mostly guitar and bass, plus piano, and primarily write alternative rock. 'Legend of the Bunnymen' is my first musical."

Also spurring him to write it was Brian Conley of the Fairfax County Public Library's Virginia Room. People constantly asked him for information about the Bunnymen Bridge, but he didn't have any. So

he did his own research, investigating all the unsolved murders in the county from 1900 through 1970 for any correlation between where they occurred and the legend.

Conley then wrote, "The Bunnymen Unmasked," debunking the legend. "After reading it, I decided to take elements of both the legend and the real story and combine them into a plausible interpretation of what may have happened," explained Waters. "I did a tremendous amount of research into the history of Fairfax County and Clifton to make sure my story was based on fact."

IT TOOK HIM ABOUT 18

MONTHS to write the music and story.

Band mate and lifelong friend Chris Piller – with whom Waters camped out at the bridge as teens – wrote some of the songs. "It's dramatic, but not gory or evil," said Waters. "It's sympathetic toward the Bunnymen because he's blamed for things he didn't do."

It's told through the eyes of the Bunnymen's son who gradually becomes aware his dad's the Bunnymen and neither of his parents are who he thought they were. "It's a family secret," said Waters.

"His dad was actually a victim, and the story even gives a credible explanation for why he wears a bunny suit."

His band's performed the musical nine times so far and has received standing ovations. "We're all seasoned musicians and it's very exciting," said Waters. "Our songs tell the story, similar to the rock opera, 'Tommy,' by The Who, and the music is pretty diverse."

They plan a CD release of their songs early next year. Then, said Waters, "We'll be able to market ourselves to even larger venues and audiences." For more information, go to <http://www.legendofthebunnymen.com/>

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Lake Braddock quarterback Caleb Henderson crosses the goal line for a touchdown.

Lake Braddock Football Wins Conference Crown

South County first conference team to score on Bruins.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Early in the fourth quarter, Lake Braddock quarterback Caleb Henderson, struggling with a gimp right ankle, floated an incomplete pass toward the left side of the end zone.

“Throw the ball!” Bruins head coach Jim Poythress shouted at his All-American quarterback.

“I can’t!” Henderson shouted back in reference to his injured ankle.

Two plays later, Henderson again threw a pass toward the left side of the end zone. This time, he connected with Josh Churchill for a 12-yard touchdown.

The Lake Braddock football team received its first test in more than a month, when the undefeated Bruins hosted one-loss South County on Nov. 1. But much like Henderson’s errant end-zone throw on a bum ankle, the Bruins had little difficulty overcoming the challenge.

The Bruins led by 14 at halftime and cruised to a 45-21 victory over South County at Lake Braddock Secondary School. The victory ensured Lake Braddock of at least a share of the Conference 7 championship.

“It’s our fifth straight district title, sixth in seven years, so we have something going the right way,” Poythress said. “We feel proud about that.”

LAKE BRADDOCK entered the contest having outscored conference opponents 271-0 in five games. The last time someone scored a point against the Bruins was during a 28-24 non-conference victory over Westfield on Sept. 20. South County, which averaged more than 48 points per game prior to Friday’s contest, ended Lake Braddock’s shutout streak with 5:45 remaining in the opening quarter on an 8-yard Ed Kargbo touchdown run, but the Stallions trailed throughout the contest.

“I felt like we played hard and we adjusted,” Poythress said. “It’s difficult to play the option when you haven’t seen it all year. They run several different options and they have some real good athletes and a good quarterback, so that factored in. We knew the shutout streak (was going to end). No one was worried about that. We knew that they would score but we felt like they’d have trouble stopping us and that proved to be true.”

Henderson completed 10 of 23 passes for 193 yards and a touchdown. He also ran for 95 yards and three scores. Running back Trevor O’Brien carried 15 times for 170 yards and a touchdown, but left the game in the fourth quarter with a knee injury. Vince Sica had three catches for 99 yards.

Junior safety AJ Alexander intercepted a pair of passes for the Lake Braddock defense.

“It was a close game — we give [credit] to them, that’s a great team,” Alexander said. “They kept it close the first half, we came out and just played our game in the second half and it shows on the scoreboard.”

SOUTH COUNTY running back LeVaughn Davis carried 19 times for 167 yards, including a 77-yard run in the second quarter that helped set up a 4-yard touchdown run by Kargbo, which cut the Lake Braddock lead to 21-14 with 8:20 left in the first half.

Stallions quarterback David Symmes completed 14 of 25 passes for 244 yards, with one touchdown and two interceptions.

Lake Braddock enters the final game of the regular season ranked No. 1 in the VHSL’s 6A North region power point poll. The Bruins have a rating of 35.7, followed by Centreville with a rating of 35.1. However, Centreville will pass Lake Braddock for the top seed if the Wildcats beat Chantilly on Friday. The Bruins will close the regular season against Lee, a 5A team with a 2-7 record, while Centreville will face Robinson, a 6A team with a 7-2 mark, meaning Centreville will have more to gain from a victory.

South County (7-2) will travel to face Annandale at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. The Stallions are ranked No. 7.

The top 16 teams in the region make the playoffs.



BY NIKKI CHESHIRE/THE CONNECTION

CDaniel Clemente, Rector of George Mason University (right), stands with Pennsylvania State University President Rodney Erickson in the President’s suite at Beaver Stadium for the football game against Illinois.

GMU Rector Visits Penn State

Athletic program explored.

As the Pennsylvania State University community geared up for a busy home football weekend, a visitor from Fairfax was present in the stands: CDaniel Clemente, Rector of George Mason University’s Board of Visitors.

Clemente met with University President Rodney Erickson and Athletic Director David Joyner during his visit.

“My official business was that George Mason is the largest university in Virginia, and it does not have a football team,” Clemente said. “I was going to the president and athletic director not because we’re considering a team, but I think we need to be educated in all values of athletic programs.”

Clemente added that it would be important to understand how practical a program would be in interesting to financiers as well as affecting the Northern Virginia area.

“I was impressed with the student spirit, and the total involvement with all the athletic programs,” Clemente said. “Penn State has 44,000 students, we have 33,000. They have an arena for just hockey for over \$100 million, a baseball stadium, a football stadium. It’s important to understand how a state university grows and affords all of those special facilities.”

Clemente went on to say that though he’s visited some of the larger Virginia universities — including UVA and Virginia Tech — that “Penn State is the most successful with its athletic programs,” especially in how the football program manages to produce enough funds to



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CDaniel Clemente, Rector of George Mason University (left) with Penn State Athletic Director David Joyner at Beaver Stadium.

support other programs within the university.

As the Rector, Clemente is one of 16 governor appointees to the Board of Visitors at George Mason. After the appointment process, the Rector is elected to a position equivalent to a chairman. According to state law, the Rector has certain authorities, including making assignments, working with the university administration to set the agenda, and reporting back to the governor as the board’s official spokesperson.

During his visit, Clemente attended the football game against Illinois, which resulted in a tumultuous overtime win by Penn State. “I’d come back again for another football game!” Clemente said.

In the near future, Clemente intends to have Penn State’s athletic director “talk to the Board of Visitors in person, as to the pros and cons of a football program.”

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The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2014, include the following:

1. An increase in the Availability Charge from \$3,850 to \$3,950†.
2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$9,500 to \$9,750.
3. An increase in the Service Connection Charge from \$1,050 to \$1,090†.
4. An increase in the Account Charge from \$35 to \$36.
5. An increase in the Quarterly Billing Service Charge from \$9.20 to \$9.80†.
6. An increase in the base Commodity Charge from \$2.29 to \$2.42 per 1,000 gallons of water.
7. An increase in the Peak Use Charge from \$3.45 to \$3.55 per 1,000 gallons of water.
8. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge and Peak Use Charge.
9. An increase in the Installation of Sewer Use Meter Charge from \$44 to \$45.
10. An increase in the Returned Payment Charge from \$17 to \$20.

A copy of the proposed changes can be viewed on our Web site at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org/rates/index.htm>. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017. Interested parties also may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail written comments to:

Fairfax Water
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All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 to be included in the record of the public hearing.

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Dental Associates of Northern Virginia holds an annual Halloween candy exchange to support soldiers through Operation Gratitude. For every child (must be accompanied by an adult), bringing in their unopened candy, Dental Associates of Northern Virginia will "exchange" the candy for a goodie bag that will include a toothbrush, toothpaste, floss and more. Dental Associates of Northern Virginia will also match all candy gifts by donating additional dental supplies to the troops. Children are also encouraged to write letters to the troops. Locations include: 12011 Lee Jackson Highway, Suite 105, Fairfax; 9401 Lee Highway, Suite 200, Fairfax; 5417-D Backlick Road, Springfield; and 8100 Boone Boulevard, Suite 100, Vienna.

Cyclone Anaya's Mexican Kitchen joined the restaurant scene at Fairfax Mosaic in the end of October. Among nine other restaurants at Mosaic, **Ted's Bulletin** is scheduled to open its doors in late 2014. RJ Cooper's newest restaurant concept, **Gypsy Soul**, and the newly announced **True Foods Kitchen** will also open at Mosaic in 2014. www.mosaicdistrict.com.

General Dynamics Information Technology, a Fairfax-based business unit of General Dynamics (NYSE: GD), hired **Jo A. Decker** as vice president of Navy/Marine Corps accounts. In her new role, Decker is responsible for supporting strategic business development and planning for Navy and Marine Corps services.

The Virginia Small Business Partnership (VASBP) brought together over 140 small business leaders and policymakers for its fourth annual Virginia Small Business Summit at George Mason University's Mason Inn. The summit featured candidates for governor Terry McAuliffe and Ken Cuccinelli, who outlined their respective plans for Virginia's future.

Brooke Sides is the owner of the new local ballet-based fitness studio, **Pure Barre Fairfax**. **Pure Barre** is a 55-minute workout that is designed to tone your muscles and burn fat. There are over 130 locations throughout the nation. This will be the first **Pure Barre** studio in Northern Virginia. **Pure Barre Fairfax** officially opened Sept. 20th and is located on 4201 Ridge Top Road, Fairfax VA 22030. fairfax@purebarre.com or 704-796-2982.

Peterson Companies have announced two new stores will open at Fairfax Corner. **Bluemercury**, the nation's fastest-growing luxury beauty and spa retail chain, and **Mathnasium**, a math tutoring center, both opened in September 2013.

Andrew and Jessie Sample were pioneers in successfully establishing the first **Eye Level Learning Centers** in the Washington, D.C. region and are expanding into the Fairfax area this fall. The couple decided to open up a fourth location in Fairfax to satisfy the demand for supplemental education. The Samples opened their second center in Vienna in May of 2011 and the third in Ashburn in January 2013. The company currently works with over 300 children in the combined locations. In addition to Andrew and Jessie, the company has hired two full-time directors and 10 part-time instructors.

Inova Fair Oaks Hospital has been named one of the "100 Great Hospitals in America" by Becker's Hospital Review. The hospitals included in this list have proven to be innovators for medical treatments, research, technology and care delivery and are home to medical breakthroughs and act as anchors of health within their respective communities.

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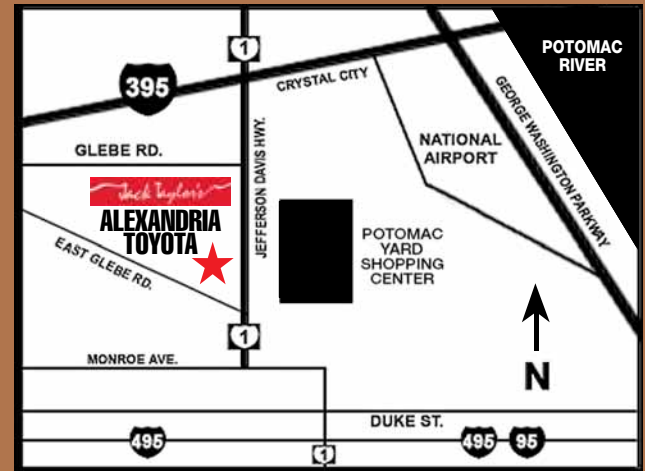
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