



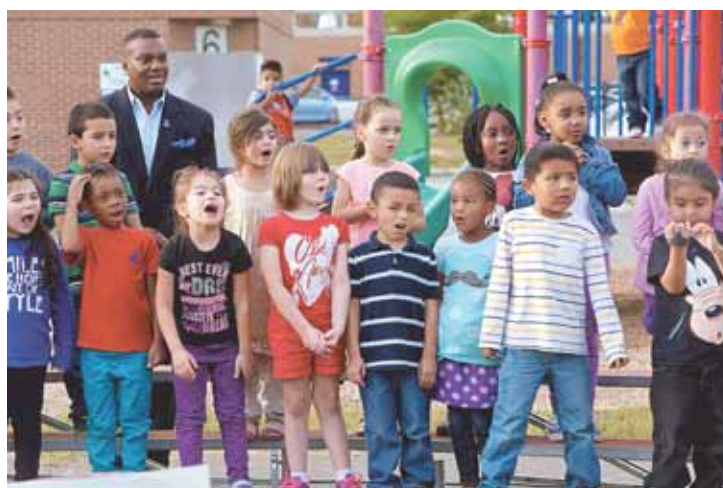
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Fun at Back-to-School Night

Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School students and teachers head out of the school, ready to begin Back to School Night on Thursday, Sept. 24.



Mount Vernon Woods Principal, Dr. Pamela Simpkins, welcomed the families to Back to School Night. She introduced two new assistant principals and the new assistant superintendent, Terry Dade. Simpkins also spoke about educational goals for the upcoming year.



New Assistant Superintendent Terry Dade stood with some of the youngest students as they sang an alphabet song to the tune of "Who Let the Dogs Out."



School librarian Brooke Williams talks to Jamal about what the library has to offer.



Art teachers Margaret Lindsay and Dervis Tena talked with families about the programs available at Mount Vernon Woods.

Recalling Life of 'Dr. Bob' Wineland

WW II veteran Robert Wineland dies at 91.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

When 20-year-old U.S. Army Medic Robert Wineland arrived in the village of Laudersfeld, the wooded countryside of far eastern Belgium was relatively peaceful, a quiet buffer zone disrupted only by occasional artillery fire and brief skirmishes between opposing infantry patrols. But on Dec. 16, 1944, the sleepy Ardennes front was about to wake up. The Battle of the Bulge had begun.

"I was having a conversation with my captain and two young cooks outside a farmhouse when I realized I had forgotten my wool cap," Wineland recalled on the 70th anniversary of the battle's end earlier this year. "I darted inside to retrieve it and noticed a window was ajar. Just as I reached up to close it, a loud explosion shattered the glass and blew me backwards. I thought to myself, 'Good going, Bob. Here it is, the first day of ac-



Dr. Robert Wineland, a WW II veteran of the Battle of the Bulge, died Sept. 20 at his home at the age of 91.

tion and you got shot."

When he realized he was not injured, Wineland made his way back outside and saw something on an adjacent hilltop that stopped him dead in his tracks.

"I knew what it was immediately," Wineland said. "A German King Tiger tank, one of the biggest tanks ever built and nearly twice the size of our Sherman tanks. It had fired an 88mm shell, blowing off the heads of those two young cooks."

Despite the danger, Wineland
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The young members of Pro Bolivia USA entertained the audience with their lively dancing and colorful costumes.

Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber Hosts 'Celebration!'

Event held Sept. 26 at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital.



Sammy the Sea Otter, the Navy Federal Credit Union Mascot, was on hand to greet everyone.



Deborah Addo, CEO of INOVA Mount Vernon, spoke to the Celebration visitors about their local hospital. She encouraged everyone to be patient with the construction that is bringing improvements, including a new emergency department.



Chamber of Commerce Chairman Sean O'Connell (right), and Daniel Sanders, of Four Sales, introduce the Cute Baby Contest winners, Ashley, Mia, and Taylor, to the audience. Each baby received a gift certificate, as a prize.



Part of the Community Showcase were tents with tables with information from local businesses and agencies. Kimberly Baugh brought information about ADAPT Clubhouse, a brain injury services program.



The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office created child safety ID cards, for the children attending the event.



Members of Oldies but Goodies Cocker Spaniel Rescue brought adoptable dogs to the event. Information about the organization and available dogs, like Fluffy, can be found on their website: www.cockerspanielrescue.org.



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SFDC's Role: 30 Years Later

Growing priorities for Richmond Highway corridor.

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

The unanswered question is whether or not Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation (SFDC) has the tools, independence, and support to achieve its mission of economic development and revitalization.

The SFDC has been promoting the economic development of an eight-mile area from the Beltway to Fort Belvoir in the Richmond Highway corridor since its creation approximately 30 years ago. But what was once a relatively straightforward challenge to upgrade the quality of development in the corridor a few decades ago is now, because of the rapid growth of traffic, grappling with a new priority for transportation improvement.

SFDC, a private non-profit corporation, was created and funded by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to promote economic revitalization and reinvestment in the Richmond Highway corridor in accordance with the county's Comprehensive Plan. According to the current Memorandum of Understanding between SFDC and the Board of Supervisors, the SFDC is closely allied with and collaborates with the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (EDA), and relies on the financial support of the Fairfax County Office of Community Revitalization (OCR).

"SFDC is a critical partner with Fairfax County government. Fairfax County revitalization staff, local business owners, and Northern Virginia developers have all expressed that the Richmond Highway corridor needs an organization like SFDC to continue to market Richmond Highway as a place of opportunity and to make our Comprehensive Plan come to life," said Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland, who is retiring at the end of this year.

Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay said, "I would like to see the SFDC and others with planning and marketing responsibility in the Richmond Highway Corridor continue to reflect the work we've been doing, especially in the area of transportation improvements. Our board has been focused on providing increased flexibility in revitalization areas and I don't foresee the newly elected board changing that."

The history of the organization suggests that the original purpose was to create an independent authority that would rely on private funds for its operating funds. Eventually, the SFDC shifted to rely primarily on the county supervisors for financing and this continues today. Furthermore, the EDA does not provide funding for the SFDC at the present time. According to its by-laws, the SFDC has the ability to seek out other sources of funding but right now there is only a few thousand dollars of financial support from private funding. The bulk of

funding is through the county government grant.

The SFDC's current priorities are written in its Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Supervisors. They include:

❖ Marketing and Promotion, aimed at improving the image and public awareness of the corridor as a place to do business, and increase market share of the corridor.

❖ Assistance to Developers and Businesses, including assistance to businesses to obtain capital for reinvestment and capital improvements.

❖ Community Appearance, Planning, and Urban Design, including changes to the Comprehensive Plan, and helping business, developers, and others to successfully manage their project priorities.

❖ Develop and annually update a Strategic Plan, which identifies and updates the SFDC goals and priorities.

According to Edythe Kelleher, SFDC's executive director, the primary source of revenue is through a grant from the Office of Community Revitalization and a small amount of in-kind contributions from businesses in the Richmond Highway corridor. The 2015 SFDC budget is: \$183,320, from the county; approximately \$14,300 in private sector cash grants; \$2,100 in-kind contributions; \$500 in interest, and \$300 in revenue transfer. Kelleher has been with the SFDC for over two years and during that time, according to her, the board has substantially improved the visibility and impact of the SFDC on the business, transit, and investment priorities of the Richmond Highway corridor, and has the performance indicators to prove it. This includes growth in private investments; number of presentations to business groups; growth in website hits; growth in media placements; SFDC events; electronic subscribers; growth in sponsors; and publication of marketing brochures and reports, etc.

The SFDC is governed by a board of directors that includes two members each appointed by the Mount Vernon and Lee District supervisors. Other members are appointed by the Mount Vernon and Lee Civic Associations, and one member from the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce. All other members are selected and appointed by the SFDC board.

"I am satisfied with the adequacy of financial support and responsiveness to our priorities by the Board of Supervisors," said Walter Clarke, chairman of the SFDC board of directors. "However, one can always use more money to do more of what we are now doing. For example if we had more money

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Demographics

In the Richmond Highway corridor:

Population: 112,774

Number of households: 43,017

Median age: 37

Median household income: \$95,680

Source: SFDC Annual Report, 2014

Total Development Levels: The Richmond Highway corridor has approximately 7,622,000 square feet of existing development. Of this amount 89 percent is commercial development.

Source: Fairfax County Office of Commercial Revitalization



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From left: Fairfax County School Board members Ilryong Moon (at-large) and Tammy Derenak Kaufax (Lee), Fairfax County Public Schools deputy superintendent Steve Lockard, Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), Fort Belvoir Garrison Commander Col. Michelle Mitchell, Mount Vernon School Board representative Dan Storck and Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D) toss the ceremonial first shovel of dirt at the Fort Belvoir Elementary School expansion ground-breaking on Sept. 28.

Expanding Fort Belvoir Elementary

When Fort Belvoir Elementary School opens in 2016, an expanded campus will provide a base institution for all school-aged children of Fort Belvoir families. The expansion includes 20 general education classrooms, bringing the population capacity to 1,594 students, according to a release from Fairfax County Public Schools.

Members of the School Board, other elected offi-

cials and Fort Belvoir Garrison Commander Col. Michelle Mitchell held a formal ground-breaking in the morning on Sept. 28.

The U.S. Department of Defense has provided \$23,798,603 in grant money for the construction, in addition to \$5,949,651 in non-matching fund.

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BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid wasted no time in bringing up the in-custody death of Natasha McKenna during her opening remarks. Kincaid said the loss of life, which occurred in February following an incident where a team of Sheriff's deputies was attempting to transport McKenna to Alexandria police and deployed a taser on her four times, continues to weigh heavily on her.

The Sheriff and Bryan Wolfe, who is challenging her for her job, answered questions Monday night Sept. 28 as part of a "meet the candidates" event organized by the Fairfax League of Women Voters. The event took place at the studios of Fairfax Public Access and was broadcast live.

Kincaid went on to highlight that she has since banned the use of tasers in the jail, increased the use of "telepsychiatry" in the jail for inmates to receive mental health services remotely, spearheaded a "diversion first" program and made mental health training mandatory for officers in her department.

Wolfe, who has previously run against Kincaid, immediately went on the offensive, calling the state of mental health services



Sheriff Stacey Kincaid.

under the Sheriff a "critical area in need of repair." He said the death of McKenna, who had mental illness, could have been prevented if there was more Crisis Intervention Team training in the office of the Sheriff. "I gave the Sheriff warning in 2013," Wolfe said. "She basically dismissed it."

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Candidate for Sheriff Bryan Wolfe.

Women Voters co-president Helen Kelly asked the candidates how they would improve inmate access to services. Kincaid highlighted the first inmate resource fair held in 2014, which gave inmates the opportunity to meet with vendors offering help for becoming re-established members of society following release from the jail.

Wolfe criticised not being able to check

success or failure rates of existing services at the jail because the Sheriff's Office's last completed and published audit was in 2013. Kincaid never directly responded to Wolfe's asking about a 2014 annual report.

When asked if, as Sheriff, they would be part of an ad hoc review commission similar to the one currently meeting to examine policies and practices of the Fairfax County Police Department, Kincaid commented that her office is represented on the existing commission, as well as that group's subcommittees to discuss use of force and mental illness services. "We're always willing to be part of something," she said.

Wolfe responded that he would "welcome witnesses to watch what we do, welcome community involvement."

"There's nothing in the Sheriff's Office you'll have to FOIA [Freedom of Information Act] from me," Wolfe added.

The other candidates who participated in the event are vying for Clerk of the Court and Soil and Water District director. Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond F. Morrogh was invited but did not attend the program.

Bettina Lawton and incumbent John Frey went first for Clerk, answering a variety of questions including what their top priorities would be if elected.

For Lawton, an attorney, reserve deputy sheriff and part of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, she focused on reviewing existing practices and procedures in the Fairfax Court. "We have to look at, is there a better way to do things?" she said.

As part of his answer, Frey emphasized the importance of continuing to engage with many different users throughout the court to make decisions about multi-million dollar projects.

Scott Cameron, incumbent George Lamb IV and incumbent Jerry Peters, Jr discussed the role of Soil & Water Conservation District director.

Cameron said his top three priorities would be focusing on the watersheds that are in the worst condition, targeting invasive species and advocating at the General Assembly for policy and laws that work for Fairfax County as a suburban area.

Lamb listed continued good governance, working on the Chesapeake Bay by applying data with aggregate maps and finding ways to branch out and address climate change at a County level.

Peters highlighted continuing trusted partnerships, increasing the sense of personal environmental stewardship around the County and providing more useful information to the public.

AFTERWARDS, Kelly said she thought the program went "very well."

"I think it was beneficial and educational to the community," Kelly said. "That's what we're all about."

A recording of the session will soon be available to stream through the Fairfax Public Access website at www.fcac.org.

West Nile Cases Even with Five-Year Average

There have been just three documented cases of West Nile Virus in Fairfax County so far in 2015, equalling the previous five-year average, according to Fairfax County Health Department public safety information officer John Silcox.

Silcox said there were zero documented cases of the virus in humans (typically linked to a mosquito bite) in 2014, three in 2013 and eight in 2012.

A "documented case" means it was reported to a doctor, the health department and confirmed as meeting all of the case definitions.

Though there are more cases already in 2015 than all of last year, that doesn't necessarily mean conditions are changing for any kind of trend upwards.

"There are so many factors," Silcox said, "it's very hard to predict what kind of season you're going to get."

To reduce the risk of being bitten by mosquitoes, Josh Smith, an environmental health supervisor with the disease-carrying insect program in Fairfax County, recommends wearing skin-covering clothing when outside and using any number of types of insect repellent. "The best repellent is the one you use," Smith said.

For more information from Fairfax County about mosquitos and West Nile Virus, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/westnile/mosquito.htm>.

— TIM PETERSON



A composite image from Fairfax County shows home scenarios that are both more and less conducive to mosquitos breeding.

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SFDC's Role: 30 Years Later

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I would like to see an expansion of our marketing activities. In that connection I am pleased with the work of Ms Kelleher and her staff. Also, I am looking forward to working with the new Mount Vernon supervisor who will be elected this November."

For the past decade the most talked and written about public policy concern in the Mount Vernon and Lee Districts is improving transportation and upgrading the quality of economic development in the eight-mile stretch of Richmond Highway. The average traffic counts per day is now more than 44,200 vehicles and growing. This is due to Fort Belvoir's expansion because of the federal Base Realignment Commission's (BRAC) decisions that added thousands of additional employees to Fort Belvoir. In the absence of timely transit improvements this placed pressure on the existing transportation networks to handle the growth in thousands of people daily going to and from the base.

However, most recently, local officials, state legislators and congressional representatives have responded to the outcry of residents and businesses for traffic relief by securing funding for planning, design, and actual implementation of transit improvements. But much remains to be done and the SFDC is increasingly involved in the effort. Thus, the SFDC, which was historically focused on economic development and revitalization has of necessity placed a high priority on what it can do as an advocate to bring relief to the traffic congestion. Right now an array of actions by local, state and federal agencies to improve traffic flow is underway but the

delays will be a continued sore spot with residents and the commercial enterprises that must rely on transportation improvements to move traffic along and build confidence in developers that the Richmond Highway corridor is a good place to locate businesses. Depending on the project, such as the expansion of parts of the Richmond Highway corridor from a four-lane to a six-lane highway, and the design and actual implementation of mass transit systems, the realization of progress will take anywhere from an estimated few years to 10-20 years.

"The Richmond Highway Corridor is second only to the Tysons area as a source of economic expansion and job opportunities," Kelleher said. "But progress in realizing highway and mass transit improvements are a critical adjunct in order for the county to realize the economic development and job producing potential of the Richmond Highway corridor."

SFDC staff and the board of directors are now participating heavily in the transportation improvement deliberations. Here is a partial list of projects which the SFDC Board members and staff are engaged in to promote and market Richmond Highway expansion and upgrade the reinvestment and development opportunities of the corridor:

- ❖ Support over \$1 million in construction projects.
- ❖ Sponsor business roundtable speaker sessions.
- ❖ Participate in the Route 1 Multimodal transportation study with the Virginia Department of Transportation.
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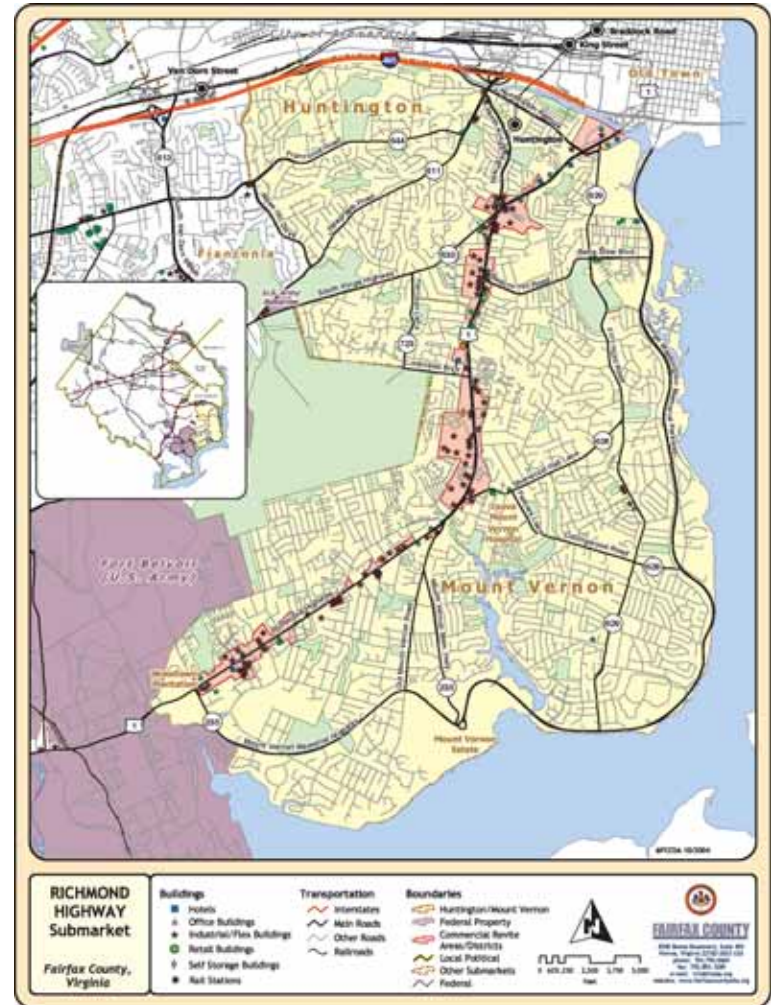
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and design the myriad of transportation improvement projects; from widening the highway, to what extent should the Richmond Highway be reconfigured to accommodate mass transit systems. One-half of the SFDC board is involved in this four-year effort.

❖ Networking and presentations to business, community; attend events where SFDC representatives promote opportunities for business location, expansion, reinvestment opportunities in the Richmond highway corridor.

❖ Participation in Joint Incubator Partnership with George Mason University to promote small business development.

Martin Tillett, former president of the Spring Bank Civic Association, and an environmental protection advocate, said, "I am very pleased to see the SFDC sponsor Business Roundtable discussions such as the recently concluded one entitled 'Sustainability & Resiliency Summit' in which the speakers representing the development community emphasized the importance of building 'green' to realize sustainability and resiliency as part of the design of new building projects in the Richmond Highway Corridor. Up until now I have been troubled by the fact that environmentally sensitive development priorities of the county seemed to be concentrated in the Tysons area, and did not include the Richmond Highway corridor. So this is the kind of emphasis by SFDC that I will look forward to seeing reflected in actions by the county government."



Aerial view of the Richmond Highway corridor from Route 1 and the Beltway in the north, to Route 1 and Fort Belvoir in the south.

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THURSDAY/OCT. 8

Mount Vernon Lee Chamber October Business Breakfast. 8-9:30 a.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. Local candidates in contested races for the Virginia General Assembly will speak to Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are \$25 for

Chamber members and \$35 for nonmembers. Register at www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org or call 703-360-6925.

FRIDAY/OCT. 9

School Open House. 9-11 a.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road. School serves pre-kindergarten to 8th grade. Childcare available. Call 703-329-6968 to RSVP or schedule a personal tour. Visit www.burgundyfarm.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 14

Car Seat Safety. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane. A car seat safety expert from INOVA Hospital will speak on proper installation and use of car seats at the MOMS Club of Alexandria South monthly meeting. Children are welcome at the meeting, and childcare will be provided. MOMS Club of Alexandria South serves at-home parents as well as parents who work part-time or have home-based businesses and who reside in zip codes 22303, 22306 and 22307. Free. Email southalexmoms@yahoo.com or visit southalexandriamomsclub.webs.com.

Mount Vernon At Home Coffee Social. 11 a.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 7116 Fort Hunt Road. This event will include information on aging in place and

volunteer opportunities in the Mount Vernon at Home community. Free. RSVP by calling 703-303-4060 or emailing info@mountvernonathome.org.

TUESDAY/OCT. 27

"Understanding and Caring for a Person with Dementia." 7-8:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. This class will discuss the different types of dementia, common behaviors, the reasons for troubling behaviors, communication techniques, and services available for caregivers. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults.

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SATURDAY/DEC. 5

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WW II Veteran Robert Wineland Dies at 91

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crawled on the ground to tag the two casualties then, still on his belly, made his way to a nearby barn to hunker down. Under cover of darkness that night, he made his way through the Belgian countryside, at one point getting lost in the snow-covered Ardennes Forest for several days. Reunited with his comrades in Vielsalm just before Christmas, he remained on the front lines as the battle continued throughout January 1945.

"Germany's surprise attack had thrown the Allies into disarray," the Alexandria resident said. "In a single brief engagement, my 106th Division suffered more losses in casualties and captured than any other American division in World War II. We were annihilated."

Wineland, who was discharged in December of 1945, had survived the largest battle fought by American forces during World War II. On Sept. 20, he died at his home in Alexandria. He was 91.

Born in Washington D.C. in 1924, Wineland returned home following the end of the war to continue his pre-med studies at George Washington University. He went

on to complete his medical degree there in 1951, the same year he married Stuart de Murguiondo. Following residencies at the Children's Hospital in Washington and University of Colorado Hospital in Denver, the two settled in Alexandria in 1955.

Practicing at Alexandria Hospital at the corner of Duke and Washington streets, Wineland served for years as the sole pediatrician between Alexandria and Richmond. When it was announced in 1959 that Alexandria Hospital would be relocated to the West End of the city, Wineland and a group of doctors began seeking support for the creation of a new hospital to be built in the Mount Vernon district.

Wineland's efforts came to fruition on Oct. 26, 1976, when Mount Vernon Hospital opened its doors. The next day he was named the first president of the medical staff.

Throughout this time, Wineland also made medical mission trips to treat children in Algiers and Honduras as a volunteer with CARE-Medico and Catholic Relief Services.

Upon his retirement in 2000, Wineland served for seven years as a volunteer at the Carpenter's Shelter medical clinic. In 2008,

he was recognized by the City of Alexandria with the Flora Krause Casey Public Health Award.

Known to many as "Dr. Bob," Wineland was an active member of the Alexandria Rotary Club for more than 25 years. At a recent club meeting, he reflected on his time in combat.

"I was very lucky to get out," Wineland said. "As I look back, it was a profound learning experience. I saw the collapse of an empire and people reacting under every imaginable situation. The war left me all the more convinced that I wanted to go into medicine and help people."

Wineland is survived by Stuart de Murguiondo Wineland, his wife of 64 years, four children and several grandchildren. A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, Oct. 10 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St., at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alexandria Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 32066, Alexandria, VA 22320.

"The war left me all the more convinced that I wanted to go into medicine and help people."

— Dr. Robert Wineland



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Dr. Robert Wineland treated thousands of children during mission trips to Algiers and Honduras.

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OPINION

Changing Perspective on Death Penalty

Evolving standards will eclipse death penalty entirely at some point in the future.

It's sad to see senseless death as a response to senseless death. Alfred R. Prieto is not a sympathetic figure, a serial killer who was on death row in California when DNA connected him to murders and rapes in Reston and Arlington that took place in 1988. He is scheduled for execution this week, at 9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1.

Evolving standards of decency have led to the understanding that it's wrong and unconstitutional to subject people whose crimes were committed when they were juveniles or people with intellectual disabilities to the death penalty.

The Arc of Northern Virginia, an advocacy group for people with intellectual disabilities, asked Gov. Terry McAuliffe to send Prieto back to California so that his intellectual disabilities, raised in the sentencing phase of his trial, could be analysed. McAuliffe has declined to

intervene in Prieto's case. It was a Virginia case, *Atkins v. Virginia*, that led the U.S. Supreme Court to rule that execution of people with mental retardation is unconstitutional.

Prieto was sent to Virginia to face trial even though he was already on death row in California because of the belief, clearly correct, that he would be more likely to be executed in Virginia.

Over time, it seems clear that evolving standards of decency will end the death penalty in the United States. The number of death sentences has dropped dramatically since 2000, and executions have declined as well, from a high of 98 in 1999 to just 35 in 2014, the lowest in 20 years, according to Amnesty International.

EDITORIAL

Prieto committed heinous crimes, and releasing him from prison should never be an option.

Warren Fulton and Rachel Raver were last seen around midnight in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 2, 1988. The two George Washington University students, both 22, were found dead Dec. 6, 1988 in a field off Hunter Mill Road in Reston. Both were shot in the head. Raver had been raped. Investigators believed they had been abducted and forced to drive to the remote location. DNA evidence linked Prieto to Raver's death and to that of Veronica Jefferson,

Vigil to Oppose Death Penalty

Virginians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty will hold vigils around the state on the evening that Alfredo Prieto is scheduled for execution, Thursday, Oct. 1.

Arlington Vigil in opposition to the death penalty

Oct. 1, 8:30-9:10 p.m.

Clarendon Metro Station. The vigil will be held in the public park between Clarendon and Wilson Boulevards, right behind the Metro exit. Attendees are welcome to bring signs with appropriate, peaceful, anti-death penalty messages.

For more information, contact Elise Cleva at elise.cleva@gmail.com or see <http://www.vadp.org/>

a 24-year-old CIA finance officer who was raped and shot to death in Arlington County in May 1988, although he was never tried in that case. A Fairfax County jury sentenced Prieto to death in 2006.

The murders and rapes were unsolved for 17 years until 2005 when California's DNA database joined a national database.

— MARY KIMM

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Mr. Hyland,
Why not help us get water into Westgrove before you retire? You can leave your mark on Westgrove OLDP. You will be remembered as the thirst quencher. I leave my mark there too, although not that obvious. Sincerely, Malcolm

Gerry Hyland
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Dogs Could Use Running Water

To the Editor:

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland should do something for Westgrove Dog Park before he leaves office.

Westgrove Off Leash Dog Park (OLDP) located at 6801 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria has been recognized in Alexandria's Master Plan. It is time for basic amenities such as running water be installed at the county's expense.

Our four-legged friends would recognize his contribution.

Steven Zweifach
Alexandria

Police Efforts Improving

To the Editor:

After the first public meeting, the police chief asked me to meet with him so he could explain the steps he put in place based on my letter to him. He spent 45 minutes with me explaining all of the sig-

nificant steps he has taken to prevent citizens like me from being "attacked" as I was. I believe he listened to my complaint and has taken substantial steps to prevent this from happening again.

I attended the recent Ad Hoc Police Review Commission meeting. I was very impressed with the report from the "Use of Force Subcommittee." I believe that everyone involved in this effort is close to being on the same page. I think we now need to let the county supervisors turn the suggestions into policy if need be. I feel that Chief Roessler has already implemented many of the suggestions. The protestors at the last meeting were rude, disruptive and at the wrong meeting. They seem to not be knowledgeable that the jail is run by the Sheriff and not the county police. Their behavior was disgusting and prevented several people from giving proper reports. Many people have worked very hard for the past months to make our county better and I was disgusted by these rock throwers that prevented the hard work to be reported out.

Phil Boughton
Alexandria

Capable Leader

To the Editor:

Karen Corbett Sanders is uniquely qualified to represent Mt.

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Vernon on the Fairfax County School Board. As an involved parent of three teens here, I believe we need her confident, capable voice there for us.

Karen gained firsthand experience with FCPS while shepherding two daughters from kindergarten through high school graduation: PTA president (elementary and high school), Odyssey of the Mind coach, Booster board member, and current chair on the Advanced Academic Programs Advisory Committee (AAPAC). Her leadership extends further still – check it out at www.karen4schools.com. Karen's skillful leadership is clearly honed from her successful executive career as Verizon's vice president of international policy and senior associate at Booz Allen.

It doesn't take long to realize this soft-spoken, confident candidate is a passionate force for our schools. Karen brings her steely business acumen to the table with an uncanny knowledge of the budget. She has a track record of finding innovative solutions — as chair of the AAPAC, she advocated for increasing academy programs, and she introduced mutually beneficial partnerships for West Potomac High School with Inova and Burke & Herbert.

Karen's grasp of the budget is impressive, as is her smart approach in the battle for our fair share. I urge you to meet Karen. Send her an email, call her on the phone, attend a local Meet and Greet — see the events calendar on her website for details, www.karen4schools.com.

Don't miss the School Board debate between Karen and Anthony Stacy, her opponent for the Mt. Vernon seat, on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 7-9 p.m., at the Hollin Hall Senior Center.

I have a vested interest in this election, just as you do. There are complicated budget issues and decisions at stake, and we need a smart, savvy leader. Karen Corbett Sanders will give our schools a loud, active voice on the School Board, and she has my vote. Please be sure to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Susan Fleischman
Alexandria

Support Growing

To the Editor:

In early 2010 following the unjust, unprovoked and tragic shooting death of David A. Masters by Fairfax County Police Officer David Scott Ziants, a group of Fairfax County citizen activists organized the Virginia Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability, Inc. (CCPA).

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While Officer Ziants was fired, he was never charged with misconduct by his department, nor was he charged with a crime by Commonwealth Attorney Raymond Morrogh. From the beginning, the CCPA represented itself as a pro-police group that includes a number of retired law enforcement officers.

From the time it was formed, the CCPA has sought the appointment of a Citizen Complaint Oversight Board (CCOB) by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. that would accept and investigate citizen allegations of police misconduct and report its findings and recommendations to the Chief of Police and/or the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. There was little support for a CCOB in the beginning. As time went on, the support for a CCOB has grown substantially. Many citizens, well-known and prominent local, state and national well-respected organizations and public officials now support the appointment of a CCOB by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. In recent days, several subcommittees if Chairman Sharon Bulova's Ad Hoc Police Practices Commission have announced their support for a CCOB. Among public officials who recently voiced their support for a CCOB are Chairman Bulova and Police Chief Roessler. Chairman Bulova stated, "I am not opposed to the creation of some form of oversight." Colonel Roessler has stated "the law enforcement profession should adopt some form of independent oversight system." We commend these two public officials who have expressed support for a CCOB. We urge you as a citizen of Fairfax County to voice your support for a CCOB.

Nicholas R. Beltrante
Executive Director
Virginia Citizens Coalition
for Police Accountability, Inc

Different View On Forum

To the Editor:

I too appreciate the League of Women Voters candidate's forum at the Sherwood Hall Library. I hope more forums occur as these contests are critical to the future of the MV District. A question was posed to Supervisor candidate Dan Storck on whether he supports the transfer of the donated land from Elizabeth Fairchild to the

Fairfax County Park Authority to become a community park. He was criticized [in a letter] in this paper as not knowing the issues surrounding the transfer of this property. That criticism is unfair. I know that candidate Storck is well informed of the issues as is his opponent Jane Gandee. Both candidates have discussed the Fairchild property with me in great detail and have been presented with accurate information about the problems associated with this transfer. Mr. Storck has visited the site first hand with me where the issues are better understood when directly visible to the eye. Ms. Gandee has been invited to visit the site for the same purposeful reason but as yet has been unable to do so. I certainly hope that she takes the walk through this property before the election and with the same visual understanding of this beautiful yet challenged property responds to the same question presented to candidate Storck but not to her.

I know that Ms. Gandee is today better informed of the connections between the environment and revitalization and redevelopment on Richmond Highway as I saw her attending the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation Summit on Sustainability and Resiliency on Sept. 24. The presentations by the speakers are available by going to this internet link. <http://www.sfdc.org/whats-happening/events-2/sustainability-resiliency-summit/>

The expert speakers from business and government conveyed to the attendees that there is great opportunity to integrate open space, parks, trees, forest, restored watersheds, solar energy and better building and site design into areas undergoing revitalization and redevelopment. The challenge is bringing government, business and community stakeholders together to understand the compelling evidence for the economic benefits that increase business profits and value along with environmental benefits fostering aesthetics, better health and a deeper sense of community by planning the Richmond Highway corridor through designing a sustainable and resilient future. Candidates should consider telling voters how they are best qualified to fulfill the challenge of bringing these stakeholders together to develop a plan for the corridor adhering to these sustainability and resiliency objectives. In that context, beautiful, challenged properties like the donated Fairchild land can serve to benefit both the

citizens and businesses of the Mount Vernon District.

On the Mount Vernon School Board contest, I observed both candidates possessing very pleasant smiles during much of the discussions but was unable, based upon their smile to determine which was more qualified. It is the content of their resumes and the level of their volunteer service and commitment to the Mount Vernon School District that is shaping my opinion as which one is the better choice.

Martin Tillett
Mount Vernon

Examining Voting Record

To the Editor:

With an important election less than five weeks away, voters have important decisions to make. One such decision is whether to replace Democrat Linda "Toddy" Puller, the incumbent state senator from the 36th District with Democrat Scott Surovell or Republican Gerald Foreman. Mr. Surovell is currently the 44th District state delegate while Mr. Foreman is currently the mayor of Dumfries, Va.

While Senator Puller has endorsed Mr. Surovell as her successor, incumbency is not a "title" that can be bestowed upon a successor like royalty. Elections are determined by records. In my view, regardless of Mr. Surovell's rhetoric, his record is easily determined by the votes he takes in the Virginia House of Delegates. Those votes tell me that he is even out of the mainstream of Democratic Party thought, a problem that may be difficult to overcome since only 42 percent of registered voters in the 36th Senatorial District live in Fairfax County. The remaining registered voters, 58 percent, reside in Prince William and Stafford counties where Mr. Foreman is better well known. While it has been reported that Mr. Surovell has raised more money than Mr. Foreman, money can't change a voting record.

Looking at Mr. Surovell's voting record, easily accessible on the Internet, I noted the following since 2010. He voted against the biennium budget in 2012 and 2014. In each case, there was bipartisan support for the budget. In 2014: (1) He voted against authorizing legislators to hire counsel to represent Virginia in Court if the Attorney General refuses to do so. Mr. Surovell is a law-

yer who thinks Virginia should defend [itself] its Constitution and laws in Court without legal representation where the Attorney General refuses to do so for political reasons which may, incidentally, violate his oath of office. (2) He voted against allowing home-schooled students to participate in public school interscholastic programs. I note that the parents of those children still have to pay the same taxes supporting public schools as any other parents. (3) He voted against authorizing the use of alternative methods of execution where the preferred method is unavailable.

In 2013: (1) He voted against requiring photo identification for voting (also in 2012). (2) He voted against a prohibition of disclosure of holders of permits to carry concealed firearms. Only 22 delegates joined him in opposition. I note that the Bill permitted law enforcement officers to obtain this information. In 2012: (1) He voted against a law requiring law enforcement officers to ask about immigration status during an arrest. Only 24 of his colleagues joined him in opposition. (2) He voted against providing civil immunity for the use of force against intruders into one's home. Only 21 of his colleagues joined him in opposition. (3) He opposed authorizing use of physical force against intruders. Only 27 of his colleagues joined him in opposition. In 2011: He opposed a Bill excluding undocumented immigrants from attending public universities. Only 23 of his colleagues joined him.

In 2010: (1) He opposed a Bill banning human microchip implantation. Only eight of his colleagues joined him. (2) He opposed a Bill allocating off-shore drilling royalties. Only 25 of his colleagues joined him. (3) He opposed a Bill that would have expanded death penalty eligibility to accomplices. Only 23 of his colleagues joined him in opposition.

This is Mr. Surovell's record. Regardless of his campaign rhetoric, these are the types of decisions voters should think about when deciding who to support on Nov. 3. Some of these votes, particularly concerning opposing confidentiality of permits to carry concealed firearms and opposition to the ability of home-schooled children to participate in interscholastic activities strike me as quite mean-spirited. Of course, others are entitled to disagree.

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Tells the classic story of blind and deaf Helen Keller and Annie Sullivan.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE GAZETTE

Aldersgate Church Community Theater (ACCT) is presenting "The Miracle Worker," the story written by William Gibson about the blind and deaf Helen Keller and Annie Sullivan, from Oct. 2-17 at the church located at 1301 Collingwood Road in Alexandria.

Producer Eddy Parker said "The Miracle Worker" is about finding our own key. "The key that unlocks and leads us out of whatever darkness we find ourselves trapped in," he said. "Helen's was being blind and deaf. Her teacher Annie Sullivan broke through her darkness to bring Helen the key of language," he said. "This opened up the entire world to Helen. I hope our production inspires our audience to search for their own keys to overcome the challenges that each of us face in our life."

Parker said his biggest challenge as a producer was to ensure that this classic work lived up to its full potential. "I think the director (Eddie) Page's vision of the story is amazing and we have labored to bring that to life," he said. "You will see amazing acting, an amazing and symbolic set, brilliant period costumes, and wonderful lighting and sound designs by some of the leading figures in our area's community theater."

Co-Producer Shelagh Roberts said she wanted to produce the play because she believes in the power of the story. "I believe we can share inspiring, uplifting stories that transcend their time period and remind people that the truth is awesome; that the desire to communicate — to be heard, understood, and known — is a basic human need that both Annie Sullivan and Helen Keller understood very well," she said. "They both fought so hard with everything

they had to fill that basic need, and they are two of the most determined women who ever lived."

She added: "We want to have a great production that fires on all cylinders, where all of the production elements are united to tell an amazing story. The goal is to entertain, move, energize, and inspire audiences with an incredible story put into words and images of breathtaking beauty created by William Gibson. I want to do it justice."

Roberts said that the most important challenge is always getting the story right, especially when it's a true story. "Did we show what the author intended? Did we capture the spirit and nature of Helen Keller of Annie Sullivan's relationship? Did we get the dramatic elements right?" she said. "I think you have a deep responsibility to approach a beloved story like this carefully: handle with care. Don't mess it up. And along with that, make it immediate and important for now."

Director Eddie Page said he was trying to reach into Keller's and Sullivan's world to every member of the audience to personalize their experience; the lesson to all who have in any way been affected by disability — be it blindness, deafness, poverty or depression. "Throughout our lives each of us have all found times that we needed to be strong-willed and determined to do things our own way, even if it totally destroys everyone around us," he said.

From the beginning, he said he wanted a different visual concept for telling this American classic. "The script calls for seven different playing areas which can at times be a challenge for some venues," he said. "Our design is a very open set with various levels with many symbolic areas that aids in telling the story and challenging the



Annie Sullivan (Meghan Landon) and Helen Keller (Lucy Robert) star in ACCT's production of "The Miracle Worker," Oct. 2-17.

audience's creative mind."

Other challenges, he said, were the water pump scene and having a working pump, as well as creating a convincing "blindness effect" with the actors. "The actors were given a number of exercises, games and methods to achieve the blind effect," he said.

Meghan Landon plays the role of Annie Sullivan, the epitome of a disrespectful woman in the 1880s. "She is sarcastic, rude, and immodest, but those traits are used for covering up the pain and sorrow she feels from living in a state almshouse, losing her younger brother, Jimmie, and going through nine eye operations," she said.

Due to Annie's complexity, she said she acts like she's so happy and content, but under the surface, she has so many emotions boiling. "She's excited to be working with Helen, but she is afraid that she will fail and not amount to anything in life," she said. "I think capturing all of her fierceness and also her gentleness was the most difficult."

She said she hopes the audience learns that anything is possible. "It's cliché, yes, but 'The Miracle Worker' is an incredible story of possibility," she said. "Anything is possible with hard work and dedication. I want the audience to feel inspired at the end of the show."

Emily Golden plays the role of Kate Keller, who was Helen's mother. "She is desperately searching for a way to finally connect with her daughter and is determined to eventually do so," she said. "In a time when most families sent away children with any kind of disability, Kate was determined to not only raise Helen herself but also try to teach Helen."

She said the role was exceptionally difficult for her because of the emotional complexity of Kate's character, as well as giving the role the justice that it deserves. "From feeling Kate's visceral pain when her child is struggling, to her determination to help

Helen, to her ultimate grief when Annie is able to connect with Helen in a way that Kate herself is unable to — it was a long, emotional rehearsal process for me," she said.

Golden added: "I hope that the audience feels the emotional journey that these characters take us on while remembering that these were real people whose struggles were also real. It is a poignant and moving show that reminds us how important one person can be in the life of someone else. As a teacher, it reminds me of the truth of my profession: that each and every child is capable of learning and deserving of the opportunity to do so."

Rich Amada plays the role of Captain Keller, who, as a former Army officer, favors an orderly existence in his home. "However, his daughter Helen's disabilities make that desire next to impossible as the family attempts to deal with a child of special needs at a time period when there was much less knowledge about how to cope with a special needs child," he said. "This places Captain Keller in the awkward position of loving his child but hating the circumstances that envelope her life."

He said the biggest challenge was interpreting a character who is under the impression that he's in far greater control of his home than he actually is. "Being a 19th-century man, Captain Keller is perceived to be the master of his house, and he must always portray such a role," he said. "However, the women in his life have far greater influence on the happenings in the Keller household."

Aldersgate Church Community Theater (ACCT) is presenting "The Miracle Worker," Oct. 2-17. The venue is at the church at 1301 Collingwood Road in Alexandria. Tickets are \$12 and \$15. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; matinees on Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. Visit www.acct.org or call 703-660-2611.



Captain Keller (Rich Amada) and Kate Keller (Emily Golden) star in ACCT's production of "The Miracle Worker," Oct. 2-17.

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Simple, Fresh, Italian...

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
THE GAZETTE

Carluccio's Chef Alfio Celia juggles an industrial stove full of boiling kettles, one for the eggs that will go in the Nicoise salad and one for the chicken that will be brined for the chicken salad. On the front right burner he is heating a skillet for the vegetarian special. Celia splashes a little olive oil into the pan, then a little chili oil, then some vegetable stock "very simple," just enough to coat the penne regina and make it creamy. Celia adds a handful of shredded zucchini to the skillet and shakes the pan, adding butter. Then three tablespoons (about one ounce) of grated Parmesan. Alfio says if you use more than six ingredients, it is too many. He says they have a purveyor out of Frederick that delivers all the produce fresh every morning at 6 a.m.

Celia says Italy is all about nice and fresh with very few ingredients. "It seems like here people like different combinations and tastes. When I first got here, it seemed like D.C. was a modern city and I love that passion. But," he continues, "I think we are coming back to comfort food. Here we are doing things that are authentic and traditional, not things that Americans think are Italian. Like for instance chicken parmesan.



(Left) "Egg please." Alfio Celia breaks an egg into a dish to mix with spinach, grated Parmesan and a little nutmeg for his meatless meatballs. They will be flash fried in hot oil until just moist and a little chewy. (Above) Celia finishes off his vegetarian special with five spinach meatballs. He says for every special they sell, Carluccio's donates 50 cents to Action Against Hunger.



The bottom floor of Carluccio's has an Italian market with products from all over Italy including extra virgin olive oil, parma ham, olives, cheeses, and house made pasta sauces.

We would never serve pasta and meat in the same course or meat with cheese in Italy. Some things don't need to be changed. There is a reason we still cook like our grandmother — because it is good." Celia says he thinks that people are returning from the celebrity mindset with a lot of theater to comfort food.

He mixes "meatballs" with fresh spinach and bread crumbs, a little egg and nutmeg and rolls them in his palms to about an ounce each. Then the spinach balls are lowered into the deep fryer to flash fry so they are just a little chewy and moist. He says "every time we sell this special we give 50 cents to Action Against Hunger." Behind Celia a chef trying out for a job is deep frying large cubes of eggplant for caponata. Another sous chef has chopped the peppers and onions for the penne giardiniera, "one of the most popular dishes. I hope I'm not being biased but my three-inch meatball appetizer recipe

lasagnas a day. This one has five layers including a beef and pork ragu and a béchamel layer. Every region has its own authentic lasagna recipe and every grandmother a different way."

Mickey Asnicar stops into the kitchen. She is from Italy and director of U.S. marketing for Carluccio's in Alexandria which is the first in this country, opened in May. She manages the Italian market downstairs in the restaurant. Asnicar says they import Italian products from all the regions of the country. The extra virgin olive oil and the fresh pasta sauces made in house like pesto and ragu are very popular, and she adds, "we offer the pasta we think would be perfect with the particular sauce so you can take it home."

Celia says they get olives directly and parma ham and prosciutto but they can't import salami or cured meats yet which are not legal because of the fat content.

Asnicar says, "this is refreshing, just like home or I wouldn't be working here."

Celia's father was from Italy but Celia was born in Ocean City where he started cooking in his dad's kitchen when he 14 years old, making pizzas and subs. "I grew up in

the business but my father said never be a chef." But, "I remember every Sunday 30 or so relatives would come over to our house and spend hours eating. I thought about art, went to business school but ended up at La Academy Cuisine in Gaithersburg." Along the way, Celia went to the UK and trained in eight of Carluccio's stores there with 10-year veterans. He turns to answer a question, "no it should be dark tan, light brown." Celia says he tries to stay as interested as possible in everything happening in his kitchen where he has a team of 25 with every sous chef going through training. Smiling he says, "I give all of my chefs espresso to keep them awake." He adds other restaurants kitchens are more of a hierarchy.

Right now he can get most of the ingredients he needs and has just added an octopus salad to the market. "I will start with my fall specials this week so I can have them picture perfect and ready to go for the fall season. He says he will try a chilled butter-nut squash soup and a pumpkin cannelloni. "I'm going to work on the menu right now. I'll be adding more stews, a beef and red wine." He will see what customers want. "And this morning I heard what I like. Two customers came into the market early for coffee and said 'I want the usual'."

CALENDAR

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

ONGOING

"The Ring of Fire." Through Oct. 5, gallery hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday; Thursday 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; 12-6 p.m. Sunday at The Art League Gallery, 105 N. Union St.

Indonesian American artist Wijati Soemantoro expresses her emotional response to the natural disasters she experienced while growing up in the most seismically active zone in the world, the Pacific Ring of Fire. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org.

Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery Juried Show: "What I Did On My Summer Vacation." Through Oct. 18, 10-5 p.m., 10-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Studio 18. View summer vacation-themed artwork. Admission is free. Visit

www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com.
"Angel Soldier Dance Sublime." Through Oct. 18, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. View work exploring femininity and masculinity by female artists from Maine's Blue Hill Peninsula. Free. Visit torpedofactory.org.
Athenaeum Invitational Exhibition. Through Oct. 25, during gallery hours at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Works inspired by the song "Don't Fence Me In," by Cole Porter, will be on display. Free. Visit nvfaa.org.

"Artifact" Exhibit. Through Oct. 25, gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, and during performances at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Drive. In this exhibit, artist J.T. Kirkland integrates the painted gesture with the naturally occurring textures or "gestures" in the wood. Visit www.nvcc.edu.
"Seven Deadlies." Through Oct. 31, Fridays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Gallery @ Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Sculptor Karen Swenholt explores

lust, sloth, greed, gluttony, wrath, envy, and pride. Free. Visit www.convergence.org for more.
Water Taxi to the National Mall. Through Nov. 1, at various times at Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St. Cruise from Old Town to D.C. on the *Miss Sophie*, while stopping to view some of the area's attractions. Tickets are \$28 roundtrip and \$14 one-way for adults. Children under 12 are \$16 roundtrip and \$8 one-way. Visit www.potomacriverboatco.com/.
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Mount Vernon in 3-D: Then & Now. Through Nov. 20 during regular operating hours at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway. Visitors will have the chance to travel back in time, and in 3-D, to see how the estate appeared more than 100 years ago through a special photography exhibition. The exhibition is included in the regular admission fee of \$17 for adults, \$16 for seniors, \$9 for youth and free for childre younger than 5. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

Young at Art Juried Art Show. Through Nov. 20, Monday-Friday, 5-10 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Artists 55 and older display their artwork. Free. Visit www.seniorservicesalex.org

"Not-So-Modern" Jazz Quartet Performance. Thursdays through Dec. 31, 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mount Vernon Ave. Not So Modern Jazz Music plays music from the glory days of traditional jazz, including tunes from traditional Dixieland and the Swing era. Free. Visit www.stelmoscoffeepub.com.

VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital Art Show. Through Jan. 31 at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital, 2660 Duke St. The artwork is on display in waiting areas and examination rooms as a part of Del Ray Artisans' Gallery Without Walls program. Free. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 1

Young Adult Author Panel: "Otherworldly." 7 p.m. at Hooray for Books! 1555 King St. This panel on young adult science fiction will feature Lori Goldstein, author of "Becoming Jinn;" Jen Brooks, author of "In a World Just Right;" Trisha Leaver, author of "The Secrets We Keep;" and Martina Boone, author of "Compulsion." Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com for more.

Panel Discussion. 7-9 p.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Panelists will share their memories of the Civil Rights Movement in Alexandria and share eyewitness accounts of how D.C.'s Chinatown was affected by the Martin Luther King assassination in April 1968. Film clips from the documentaries "Freedom Riders, The Loving Story," and "Through Chinatown's Eyes: April 1968" will aid the discussion. Free. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org for more.

Music for String Quartet. 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. A concert featuring members of The Air Force Strings led by Senior Master Sgt. Vivian Podgany as part of The United States Air Force Band-Chamber Players Series. Free. Visit www.usafband.af.mil.

FRIDAY/OCT. 2

50th Anniversary of the Immigration and Nationality Act and the Civil Rights Movement Workshop. 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. A one-day workshop on teaching diversity will be offered. Area educators and staff

from Alexandria museums will discuss resources and lesson plans. Excerpts from the films "Out of Obscurity," and "Through Chinatown's Eyes: April 1968" will be shown. Free, but reservations required. Call 703-746-4356.

Advance Auto Parts Grand Opening. 9 a.m. at 6224 Richmond Highway. The public is invited to participate in the ribbon cutting and the following reception as well as visit the store during the day for special offers. Free. Visit www.va.alexandria.stores.advanceautoparts.com for more.

American Craft Week Activities. 4-4:30 p.m. at Hooray for Books! 1555 King St. Children are invited to take a beginner's lesson in dollmaking. Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com.

Family Art Night. 6-8:30 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Choose between "Paint with Teresa Brunson," "Create Mosaics with Patrick Kirwin," or the "Dance with Choreographers Collaboration Project." Advance tickets for residents are \$5, \$10 for non-residents; tickets are the door are \$10 and \$15. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/webtrac.

Cocktails in La Zona Rosa. 7-9 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Attend the annual member appreciation party for the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association (NVFAA). This year's theme will bring Latin food, music and dance. Admission is free for NVFAA members, \$75 for non-members. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

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Wine Festival and Sunset Tour. 6-9 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Learn about the successes and failures of George Washington's wine endeavors, listen to live music and tour where Washington stored his wine. Tickets are \$36-\$46. Visit www.mountvernon.org/calendar.

SATURDAY/OCT. 3

Charity 5k. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Cameron Run Park, 4001 Eisenhower Ave. Run or walk to promote traffic safety. \$20-35 per person, depending on when you register. Visit www.theartofdriving.org/ART5K/.

Art on the Ave. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. along Mt. Vernon Ave., Del Ray. Multi-cultural arts festival featuring music, art, and food. Rain or shine. Free. Visit www.artontheavenue.org.

Java Jolt Lecture. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St. In honor of Virginia Archaeology Month Benjamin Skolnik will lead a discuss titled, "An Eagle on their Buttons: Frederick Douglass and an Archaeology of Conflicting Ideologies." Free. Visit www.AlexandriaArchaeology.org.

Historic Huntley Talk & Tour. 1-4 p.m. at Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane. Preservation consultant Debbie Robison will share information about the Fairfax County Park Authority property and discuss how contemporary trends influenced the cultural landscape. After the talk, take a tour of the buildings and grounds at Historic Huntley. The suggested donation is \$5. Visit www.historichuntley.org for more.

Pohick Church Tours. 1-3 p.m. at The Historic Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway. The Historic Pohick Church Docent Guild will give guided tours of the historic colonial church. Free. Visit www.pohick.org.

Book Signing. 2-4 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Potomac Yard, 3651 Jefferson Davis Highway. John Michael, author of "Images of America: Fort Lesley J. McNair" and "Images of America: For Myer," will be signing his books and greeting fans. Free. Call 703-626-9409 for more.

American Craft Week Activities. 4-4:30 p.m. at Hooray for Books! 1555 King St. Children are invited to take a beginner's lesson in dollmaking. Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com.

50th Anniversary of the Immigration and Nationality Act and the Civil Rights Movement Workshop. 3-6 p.m. at Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. to commemorate the anniversary of the 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act (also known as the Hart-Celler Act), author Martin Gold will present a lecture, "Forbidden Citizens: Chinese Exclusion and the U.S. Congress." Gold will discuss the history of the passage of exclusion laws that still have significance today. Following the lecture, a reception and book signing will be held at the Black History Museum, at 902 Wythe St. Free. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org.

Oktoberfest. 3-7 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Find live German music, German food including knockwurst, bratwurst and side dishes; beverages,

bake sale, and children's crafts and games. Free. Contact staidansalexandria@gmail.com, or 703-360-4220.

"The Fantastic." 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Arts Center and Concert Hall, 4915 E. Campus Dr. The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra's 2015-2016 Circle Unbroken: Symphony & Cinema Season opens with The Fantastic, a tribute to film's reigning composer, John Williams, and his classical roots. Tickets are \$5-80. Visit www.alexsym.org for more.

SUNDAY/OCT. 4

Woodrow Wilson Bridge Half Marathon. 6-9:30 a.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. The 6th annual Woodrow Wilson Bridge Half Marathon & 6K will be running from George Washington's Mount Vernon Estates to National Harbor on the George Washington Memorial Parkway through Old Town Alexandria. Registration is \$45-115 for the 6K, \$15 for the Woody Wilson Kids Mini Half. Visit www.wilsonbridgehalf.com for more.

Ten Thousand Villages Celebrates World Animal Day. 12-6 p.m. at Ten Thousand Villages, 915 King St. In honor of both American Craft Week and World Animal Day, children are invited to decorate papier mache animals. Tickets are \$20. Call 703-684-1435.

OCT. 4-31

Immanuel Pumpkin Patch. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road. At this fundraiser find pumpkins, gourds, baked goods, hearty soups, and autumn crafts. All profits go to charity. Free admission. Visit www.icoh.net for more.

MONDAY/OCT. 5

American Craft Week Activities. 4-4:30 p.m. at Hooray for Books! 1555 King St. Children are invited to take a beginner's lesson in dollmaking. Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com for more.

"Bessie" Screening. 6:30 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. National Women's History Museum will host a viewing of the HBO movie "Bessie," starring Queen Latifah. "Bessie" follows the story of blues performer, Bessie Smith, who rose to fame during the 1920s and '30s. Tickets are free, but must be reserved. Visit www.nwhm.ticketleap.com/movie-night-bessie.

TUESDAY/OCT. 6

Tuesday Morning Stroll. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Simpson Park Gardens, 420 E. Monroe St. Residents are invited to visit the garden, receive free seed packets and have their gardening questions answered by experts. Free. Contact carol_kilroy@comcast.net for more.



MSA Students Perform at Gala

On Sun., Oct. 11 at 6 p.m., Metropolitan School of the Arts (MSA) of Lorton and Alexandria will debut "The Company Project," featuring choreography by faculty and guest artists including Ginger Cox, Derek Mitchell, and Michelle Dorrance, performed by MSA's four pre-professional dance companies - iMPulse Youth Jazz Dance Company, Metropolitan Youth Ballet, Metropolitan Youth Tap Ensemble and iLL-Matik Youth Hip Hop Company. The gala will be at the Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Tickets are \$35 per person and \$50 per couple. Visit www.metropolitanarts.org.

American Craft Week Activities. 4-4:30 p.m. at Hooray for Books! 1555 King St. Children are invited to take a beginner's lesson in dollmaking. Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com.

Doggy Happy Hour Fundraiser. 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20, 480 King St. There will be a prize wheel and door prizes, and a pet photo contest will be held. Members of the Police K-9 unit and their dogs will be on hand to meet and answer questions. Jackson 20 and the Hotel Monaco will donate 10 percent of event profits to the Alexandria Police Foundation, a local non-profit organization. Free. Visit www.alexandriapolicefoundation.org.

Fall Composting Workshop. 7-8:30 p.m. at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St., Arlington. The program will emphasize how composted material, including leaf litter and kitchen waste, can enrich and improve garden soil. It will provide basic information on how to start composting at home, what to put in a compost pile, how to maintain it so the materials break down properly, and how to use compost. Free. Call 703-228-6414.

Presentation and Book Signing. 7-8:30 p.m. at Sacred Circle Books, 919 King St. Certified Life Coach, Psychotherapist, and Reiki Master Teacher, Martina E. Faulkner, LMSW will discuss her book "What if..? How to Create the Life You Want Using the Power of Possibility." Free. Visit www.martinafaulkner.com for more.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 7

Robust Walkathon. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive. Jerry King, who leads the Del Ray Robust Walking Group, will show participants different ways to use environmental objects as exercise props and exercises that will help with balance, strength, agility, flexibility, and endurance. There is a \$10 suggested donation to register and a \$25 pledge donation. Visit www.seniorservicesalex.org.

Presentation and Book Signing. 5 p.m. at Ease Yoga & Cafe, 3051 Mount Vernon Ave. Certified Life Coach, Psychotherapist, and Reiki Master Teacher, Martina E. Faulkner, LMSW will discuss her book "What if..? How to Create the Life You Want Using the Power of Possibility." Free. Visit www.martinafaulkner.com.

Movie Screening. 6:30-9 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. The Friends of Duncan Library will screen the next feature film in its series, "Screwball Comedies of the Thirties and Forties." Free. Call 703-746-1705 for the title.

THURSDAY/OCT. 8

"Art is for Everyone." 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Learn about arts opportunities provided for people with vision deficits and other challenges. Free. Call 703-746-1762.

American Craft Week Activities. 4-4:30 p.m. at Hooray for Books! 1555 King St. Children are invited to take a beginner's lesson in dollmaking. Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com.

Sheila Harrington: "Each Day is a Celebration" Exhibit Reception. 6:30-8 p.m. at The Art League Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Artist Sheila Harrington is inspired by the cyclical, seasonal changes of life, how human beings respond, and the juxtaposition of the natural and man-made. Meet the artist and celebrate the exhibit. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

Film Screening: "Soldiers of Conscience." 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. This documentary profiles eight soldiers and their moral dilemmas regarding war and when it is right to kill. Moderated discussion to follow. Refreshments will be served. Intended for adult audiences. Free. Call the library at 703-746-1702 for the title.

Second Thursday Live: Ghosts and Folklore of Alexandria. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Join author/historian Michael Lee Pope for tales of Alexandria's haunted

history. A dessert reception follows the stories. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Book Signing. 7 p.m. at Hooray for Books! 1555 King St. Author Caroline Carlson will present and sign her newest book, the third in the Very Nearly Honorable League of Pirates series, "The Buccaneer's Code." Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com.

An Evening of Jazz Inspired Music. 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. An Evening of Jazz Inspired Music for Flute, Saxophone, and Jazz Combo featuring Chief Master Sgt. William Marr, Senior Master Sgt. Stacy Ascione and Master Sgt. David Foster as part of The United States Air Force Band-Chamber Players Series. Free. Visit www.usafband.af.mil.

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FRIDAY/OCT. 9

Piano Concert Fundraising Event. 8 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 2932 King St. The Symphony Orchestra League of Alexandria, the fundraising branch of the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, is sponsoring a piano concert fundraising event featuring Thomas Pandolfi. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$5 for students 18 or younger, and \$55 for families with two or more children. Visit www.soleabenefit.eventbrite.com or email marg.woods@cox.net for more.

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Apothecary Open House. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 South Fairfax St. In recognition of October's National Pharmacy Month, tour the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum's collection of medicinal herbs, shop furnishings, and apothecary bottles and equipment. Free. Visit www.apothecarymuseum.org for more.

Art Safari. 12-4 p.m. at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Resident and visiting artists lead young visitors in creative projects across a variety of media, including clay, papier-mâché, fiber, and printmaking. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/artsafari for more.

Firefighting History Walking Tour. 1-2:30 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse, 107 S. Alfred St. Mark Fire Prevention Week and explore Alexandria's firefighting history on the "Blazing a Trail: Alexandria's Firefighting History" tour. Tickets for adults are \$6, \$4 for children ages 10-17. Visit www.friendshipfirehouse.net.

Ariana Ayu Book Signing Event. 1-

3 p.m. at Misha's, 102 S. Patrick St. Ayu, a resident of Fairview, NC, will be available to sign copies of her book, "The Magic of Mojo." Free. Call 405-458-5642 for more.

Book Signing. 2 p.m. at Hooray for Books! 1555 King St. Dr. Ellen Prager will sign the second book in her Tristan and the Sea Guardians series, "The Shark Rider." Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com for more.

Shannon Gunn and The Bullettes Album Release Concert. 7-9 p.m. at the Durant Art Center, 1605 Cameron St. Nomadic Jazz, the pop-up jazz club, will host Shannon Gunn and the Bullettes. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$33 at the door. Visit www.nomadicjazz.com for more.

SUNDAY/OCT. 11

"The Company Project" Gala. 6-8 p.m. at Ernst Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. The Metropolitan School of the Arts of Lorton and Alexandria will debut "The Company Project," performed by iMPulse Youth Jazz Dance Company, Metropolitan Youth Ballet, Metropolitan Youth Tap Ensemble and iLL-Matik Youth Hip Hop Company. Tickets are \$35 per person and \$50 per couple. Visit www.metropolitanarts.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 14

Book Signing. 5 p.m. at Hooray for Books! 1555 King St. Storytime for ages 3-6 will feature author and illustrator Michael Muller, creator of the "Mirabelle" picture books. Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com for more.

THURSDAY/OCT. 15

"Rendezvous in Paris." 10 a.m. at Fort Belvoir Officers' Club, 5500 Schulz Circle, Fort Belvoir. Attend a Yacht Haven Garden Club fundraiser. A fashion show and lunch will follow a social hour. Tickets are \$40. Call 703-589-3404 for more.

Young Adult Author Panel. 5 p.m. at Hooray for Books! 1555 King St. Five young adult authors will sit on panel titled "Fabulous Fifteneers." Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com for more.

Book Signing. 6:30 p.m. at Hooray for Books! 1555 King St. Author Alexandra Bracken will be signing copies of her new book, "The Princess, The Scoundrel, and The Farm Boy." The book is an adaptation of the Star Wars saga classic, A New Hope. Children are invited to wear Star Wars gear. Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com for more.

An Evening of Music for Mixed String Ensemble. 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. An Evening of Music for Mixed String Ensemble featuring members of The Air Force Strings led by Technical Sgt. Wayne Graham as part of The United States Air Force Band-Chamber Players Series. Free. Visit www.usafband.af.mil.

FRIDAY/OCT. 16

Conya Doss. 7:30 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. Conya Doss is joined by Snuhgie Stocks for a live performance. Tickets start at \$35. There is a \$25 minimum food and beverage purchase required per guest, except for general admission tickets. Visit www.thecarlyleclub.com for more.



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The West Potomac football team takes the field prior to its home game against Lake Braddock on Sept. 25.



West Potomac quarterback Mark Ellis threw two touchdown passes during Friday's loss to Lake Braddock.

Lake Braddock Defense Holds Off West Potomac

Wolverines stopped on fourth-and-goal in fourth quarter.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

Facing fourth-and-6 from the West Potomac 18-yard line on the final play of the third quarter, Lake Braddock quarterback Kyle Edwards rolled to his right and looked down field before encountering a West Potomac defender. Edwards came to a stop, avoided the defender and headed back across the field to his left before scoring the go-ahead touchdown.

With less than 7 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, West Potomac faced fourth-and-goal at the 5-yard line. Rather than attempt a field goal, head coach Jeremiah Ross went for the lead, but quarterback Mark Ellis' pass, intended for standout receiver CJ Burch, fell incomplete.

The West Potomac football team played well enough to have a chance to upset the Lake Braddock Bruins during Friday's battle of undefeated Conference 7 opponents. But when plays had to be made in crunch time, it was Lake Braddock, winner of at least a share of six consecutive Conference 7/Patriot District titles, which found a way to get it done.

The Lake Braddock defense made two fourth-down stops in the final quarter and the Bruins held on for a 24-21 victory at West Potomac High School.

After stopping West Potomac on fourth-and-goal, Lake Braddock punted the ball back to the Wolverines, who took over at their own 25 with 3:05 remaining. After a 6-yard pass play on first down, three straight incomplete passes gave the ball back to the Bruins, who were able to run out the clock.

Friday's victory extended Lake Braddock's win streak against West Potomac to eight games.

The Bruins improved to 4-0, including 2-0 in the conference. The Wolverines fell to 3-1, 0-1 in the conference.

"I think [the defense] showed some maturity," Lake Braddock head coach Jim Poythress said. "We grew up a little bit today. Not only did we stop them [on fourth-and-goal], we had to hold them again and stop them. The kids didn't fold under pressure. That was my worry — [we would] give up another bomb to [Burch]. We played tough. The goal-line stand, there was great coverage there."

Lake Braddock took the lead for good when Edwards scrambled for an 18-yard touchdown on the final play of the third quarter, giving the Bruins a 24-21 advantage.

"We originally wanted to throw toward the West Potomac (right) sideline," Edwards said. "We had a nice pass play set up. As soon as the ball was snapped, they adjusted well to it. I rolled out that way figuring I was going to take off and then I kind of peeked out of the left side of my eye, and then my entire line was set up sort of in a wall. I got maybe nine or eight real good blocks running down the sideline."



West Potomac senior CJ Burch returns a kickoff against Lake Braddock.

Edwards completed 18 of 34 passes for 179 yards. He was intercepted once. He also carried 10 times for 48 yards and a score.

"He is a gamer," Poythress said about his quarterback, "and you've just got to keep giving him opportunities."

WEST POTOMAC'S best chance to tie or take the lead came when the Wolverines had first-and-goal at the 8-yard line with less than 8 minutes remaining. But after a run play on first down gained three yards, the Wolverines came up empty after three straight incomplete passes.

Rather than attempt a tying 22-yard field goal, Ross opted to go for it on fourth-and-goal at the 5. After the game, Ross brought up that Lake Braddock had pressured West Potomac's extra-point attempts.

"My thought process is: I liked our guys versus their guys as far as athletically," Ross said. "I like our matchups. When you're playing a team like that, I really wasn't playing for the tie."

On fourth down, Ellis looked for Burch, who was covered by Lake Braddock cornerback Peyton Scott, but the ball bounced off Burch's hand.



West Potomac receiver Brandan Lisenby caught four passes for 80 yards and a touchdown against Lake Braddock.

"I knew he was their best receiver and I knew they were going to try to go to him," Scott said. "We're coached well and I knew what I had to do to stop him. I was alert. I was ready for the ball to come his way."

West Potomac led 14-10 at halftime after blocking a field goal attempt on the final play of the half. Lake Braddock responded with a 12-play, 69-yard drive to open the second half, and took a 17-14 lead on Lamont Atkins' 1-yard touchdown run with 8:15 remaining in the third quarter.

Atkins finished with 20 carries for 111 yards and a touchdown. Ibrahim Mansaray carried seven times for 62 yards and a score.

Burch had a big night for West Potomac, catching six passes for 146 yards and a touchdown. His 48-yard touchdown catch with 4:03 left in the first quarter gave West Potomac a 14-3 lead.

Ellis completed 16 of 33 passes for 280 yards and two touchdowns. Ellis connected with Brandan Lisenby for a 37-yard touchdown with 4:45 remaining in the third quarter, giving the Wolverines a 21-17 advantage.

Lisenby had four receptions for 80 yards. West Potomac running back Justine Annan had 13 carries for 49 yards and a score.

"We had a chance to win it and we didn't," Ross said. "The kids played their tails off. That was a great high school football game."

Lake Braddock will host Centerville at 7 p.m. on Friday. West Potomac will travel to face Woodson.

"The kids are hurting right now and they should because they care," Ross said. "I told them that. I said, 'Hey, let it hurt tonight ... but tomorrow we watch the film and then we get in the weight room ... and get ready for Woodson.' I think this team's got a lot of football [left] in it."

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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID NUMBER 15-09-06

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking bids for 3D Printers & Service.

Sealed Bids with the notation ITB # 15-09-06, 3D Printers & Service will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, Friday October 30, 2015. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Bids appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. ITB documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8162, or by downloading the ITB from the ACPS website at www.acps.k12.va.us, Administration, Financial Services, Procurement and General Services – Current Bids and Request for Proposals.

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A pre-bid conference will not be held. Equivalent requests are due on October 16, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the address listed above.

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The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking bids for Environmental Abatement Services at Alexandria City Public Schools.

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All questions must be submitted before 1:00 p.m., October 21, 2015. If necessary, an addendum will be issued and posted to the ACPS web site.

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OBITUARY

Rochelle (Roe) Miller

Rochelle (Roe) Miller of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina passed away peacefully from Alzheimer's on September 29th at Bloom at Belfair Memory Center in the comfort of her family and St. Luke's Hospice. She was 79 years old.

Roe was born on March 27, 1936 in Dothan, Alabama to Gladys Atkins and Jack Payne, both deceased and survived by her loving and proud husband Charles (Chuck) H. Miller Jr., two daughters: Leigh Pyle of Redwood City, California (son-in-law Brian) grandchildren: Samantha, Cameron, and Brandon, and Brooke Anderson of St Pete Beach, Florida (son-in-law James), sister Jackie Jones of Panama City, Florida and her dear eight year old Shi-Tzu Daisy. She was predeceased by a daughter Paige Payne Miller.

Roe attended Dothan High School where she was Homecoming Queen and Queen of Dothan's Miss Peanut Festival. She then went on to attend Huntington College in Montgomery, Alabama. After college she worked at the U.S. Army Hospital at Ft. Rucker, Alabama as the administrator of the X-ray department where she met Chuck, a dentist in the Dental Corps. They were married on July 7, 1956 in Dothan and soon moved to Alexandria, Virginia where they lived for the next 43 years before moving permanently to Hilton Head Island, SC in



2001. They had been vacationing on Hilton Head, aka "paradise," since 1960.

Roe was an avid tennis player and loved a good game of bridge. She was a core leader in the Community Bible Study in Alexandria, a Girl Scout leader, and a taxi driver for her daughters to their various events. On Hilton Head she was a volunteer for

Hospice and active in Sea Pines Country Club tennis. She thoroughly enjoyed traveling: 24 straight years to St. Thomas in the winter, and cruising—usually two trips a year—to all parts of the world. She and Chuck especially enjoyed their date night every Saturday night for their 59 years of marriage.

Roe leaves behind more wonderful friends than a person could hope to have. She will be remembered for her beauty—inside and out. She was loving, kind, and supportive and had an ever-present smile for everyone.

A memorial service will be held at Providence Presbyterian Church Friday, October 2nd at 2 PM followed by burial at Six Oaks Cemetery for family and close friends. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Roe's name can be made to Memory Matters at P.O. Box 22330, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928-2330.

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Shelia McGough McKlveen, 73



Died Tuesday, September 22, at the Physicians Regional Medical Center, Naples, FL, after a valiant battle with cancer. Born in Pulaski, VA, she is survived by John McKlveen, her loving husband of six years. Sheila is predeceased by her father, Dr. Thomas F. McGough, former Director of Public Health of the City of Alexandria, VA; her mother, Irene McGough and her brother, Joseph McGough.

A long time Alexandria resident, Sheila has lived in Hot Springs, VA and Marco Island, FL since her marriage. A graduate of the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, she worked for many years at the Carnegie Institution of Washington (now the Carnegie Institution of Science) as Chief Editor responsible for the writing and distribution of press releases and the organization's newsletter. She then became Publications Officer and head of the editorial department. She served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Council of Biology Editors and Senior Member of the Society for Technical Communication.

She then changed careers, graduating from the George Mason University School of Law and devoted ten years to the study and practice of law, most notably as a Virginia-based criminal defense attorney. She was an associate member of the National Press Club and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Visitation will be held from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. on Monday, September 28 at the Everly Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria, VA. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, September 29 at St. Rita's Catholic Church, 3815 Russell Rd., Alexandria, VA. \ Interment will follow at Ivy Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

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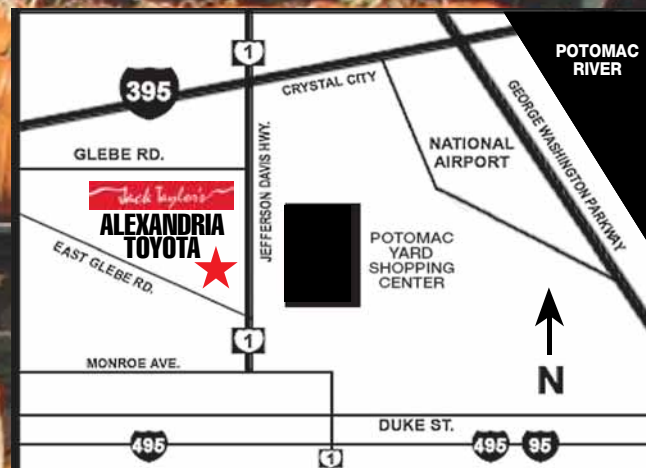
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