

Painting the 36th District Senate Candidates

About Jerry Foreman

By TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Friends, neighbors and constituents reflect on Jerry Foreman.

Chris Padberg of Dumfries

Serves on the town planning commission and has known Foreman for approximately eight years

"I've found him to be very effective, with solid values to cut taxes and improve the environment for business. I think he's done that for the most part.

He makes himself very accessible and is just a good manager. Leaders, people just naturally want to follow. Put 10 people in a room with things to do, leaders just stand out. He's just one of those people I identify with. People enjoy working for him.

He always seems to be prepared for whatever it is we're doing. In a meeting, he's definitely extremely familiar not just with the agenda, but has reached down into all of the agenda items, understands what it is we're talking about."

Hilda Barg of Dumfries

Involved community member

"He's a great mayor, probably the greatest mayor Dumfries has ever had. He's all business, gets things done. He knows how to communicate with the public. I've never seen anyone so personable when he goes door to door.

"He wants to get the Quantico Creek Hydrilla problem sorted out, is good for



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Dumfries Mayor Jerry Foreman said he fought for people's interests as mayor, Town Council member and a U.S. Marine, and promises to talk to voters about their concerns, especially over a six-pack of beer or Coke.

business and understands that you need to attract economic development. He really cares about human needs and is an advocate supporting human services.

"He's definitely helped some of the military families talking to him about disabilities. I trust him, he's very trustworthy, honest, a man of integrity. What else is there to say?"

Eileen Thrall of Quantico Creek

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About Scott Surovell

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Friends, neighbors and constituents reflect on Scott Surovell.

Liz and Reg Smith of Mount Vernon

Have lived across the street from Surovell his entire life in the Tauxemont community, both daughters babysat for his family.

Liz Smith: "To me, he is involved with his neighbors, his community and is very easy with everybody. He's not standoffish at all, talks with people on the things they're interested in and answers their questions very directly when he's talking with them.

"He was always, as a youngster, outgoing and pleasant. He's continued to be very much outgoing and involved as he got older.

"He's just a good friend, never talking about what he's doing, always answering us. He's a nice guy at the bottom of it all."

Reg Smith: "Every so often, he'll wheel in in his car, from Richmond or some meeting and be on the phone already, talking to someone. As he's getting out of the car, he stops and we talk about political issues. He answers my questions which are sometimes very good, sometimes not so good — I'm maybe the average voter.

"He's very passionate about issues, one is the car title types on US 1, he feels that these should be illegal. He wants to put them out of business.

"I've noticed between time he was first elected delegate, young and passionate, to



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Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) lists expanding public transit down Route 1, decreasing the digital divide in education, expanding Medicaid in Virginia and eliminating predatory car title lenders among his top priorities if elected senator to represent the 36th District.

the present time, the evolving from a young delegate, a young man, into a man who is now equipped to be a state senator. Both of us are delighted to see this maturing young man."

Laurie Blackburn of Millway Meadows in Mount Vernon

Met Surovell through the Mount Vernon-Lee

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2nd Lt. Crystal Laitinen, was chosen as the Mount Vernon Police Station's "Supervisor of the Year."

Jonathan Elias (right) told the audience about the officer's career, including her current role overseeing all DWI efforts in Mount Vernon, as well as providing and coordinating training, while maintaining one of the most productive patrol squads at the station. Joining Laitinen and Elias, was Capt. Shawn Martin (left).



Police and Firefighters Tribute

ABC 7 News Anchor, Jonathan Elias (far right), served as the emcee for the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce's Police and Firefighters Tribute on Oct. 23. Mount Vernon Police Station's Officer of the Year PFC Joseph Dugan (far left) was the first recipient of the evenings' awards. Dugan listened along with (from left) Lt. Bryan Holland, Mount Vernon Police Station; Chamber Vice President Jane Gandee; Supervisor Jeff McKay; Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; and Capt. Shawn Martin, Mount Vernon Police Station. More photos, page 3.

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Chamber Honors Police, Fire Personnel

Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce hosted its Police and Firefighters Tribute on Thursday, Oct. 23 at the Springfield Hilton. The community gathered to honor 20 members of the local police and fire departments.

Twenty members of both Police and Fire and Rescue Departments were honored for the dedication and service to the Fairfax County community.

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George Ksenics, Chamber of Commerce president, welcomed everyone, introduced special guests, and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance and Presentation of Colors.



The evening's ceremony opened with the Presentation of Colors by the Fairfax County Honor Guard. The National Anthem was led by Sgt. 1st Class, Jason Hanna (US Army). Hanna is a member of the group, Voices of Service, which also performed.



Fairfax Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova smiles as she hands the Police Officer of the Year award to Officer Jackson Parker. Parker, of the Fort Belvoir Department of Public Safety, responded to a call from a mother who reported her son was locked in a bedroom, with a knife. He used his training to talk to the youth, diffuse the situation, and get the teen transported to a hospital where he could receive help.



Jerold Manuel (second from right), listens as Jonathan Elias (right) reads about Manuel's 30 years of service in Fairfax County. He was honored as Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's Technician of the Year, for his years of commitment to excellence in his work, along with using his knowledge to coach and mentor younger members of the department. Joining Martin and ABC 7 anchor Elias, was Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (left).



The group, Voice of Service, from C*A*M*M*O* (Center for American Military Music Opportunity) performed a few songs before the awards were presented.



Capt. Jeffrey Powell, Commander of the Franconia Police Station (left), and Capt. Shawn Martin, Commander of the Mount Vernon Police Station, were given the honor of cutting the cake celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Fairfax County Police Department.

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- Yvette M.
Dumfries, VA



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PEOPLE



'Rendezvous in Paris'

Bonnie Lilley, modeling a sweater by Eileen Fisher, pauses so the audience can get a better view. The outfits were coordinated by Effie Elkorek, Personal Service Shopping Manager at Bloomingdale's in Tysons Corner. Elkorek also served as emcee, during the Fashion Show, along with her supervisor, Marian Goodman, who is vice president and director of Shopping Services, for the company.



Members of the Yacht Haven Garden Club filled the Officer's Club, at Fort Belvoir. "Rendezvous in Paris" was the theme for their 32nd annual fundraiser, held Oct. 15. Model Linda Gurnham pauses, so the luncheon guests can see the reversible Eileen Fisher coat that she is wearing.



Club President Terra Defibaugh (left) and Fashion Show Chair Gail Mlinarchik (center) have a light-hearted moment when Babs McClendon opens the Mystery Box that she won.

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Marica Siegert, modeling a sable coat and evening gown, is assisted by her husband, Gil Siegert, who served as one of the Fashion Show's escorts.



Kate Wharton, one of the younger models, is the daughter of a club member. She modeled an Alice + Olivia dress, that was plum with black lace inset.

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About Jerry Foreman

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area, outside Dumfries

Foreman came to visit her after she made a presentation to the Dumfries Town Council several years ago over the invasive Hydrilla weed growing nearby.

"He expressed interest in it, went out with us on a pontoon boat and took underwater pictures of Hydrilla. He got very involved in it. Then he got the council to take a stand, that they would take a role in trying to do something about the issues with the creek that goes up through Dumfries.

"All the previous mayors focused just on the town itself. Jerry is the one who reached out beyond the town limits; issues that affect the town, those affect us as well.

"He's a very intelligent man, who reaches out beyond just his immediate situation. An example is Possum Point Road: The beginning of it is in town, then becomes part of Prince William County. Jerry had no reason to become involved at the time, there was no homeowners association, but he truly has reached out."

Eddie McGlothlin of Dumfries


Formerly on Town Council, known Foreman as a friend and government colleague for over eight years.

"He's the type of guy, when he's looking for answer for something, he doesn't give up until he finds it. No iffy, maybe so, continue looking until we find the right one.

"He's always trying to look out for the betterment of the town, things that might help the citizens. We've gotten sidewalks since he's been mayor.

A lot of little things, people wouldn't realize were a problem. We've replaced a lot of light poles throughout the town. Streets that weren't paved, we got those paved. The town took over of maintenance of town streets since he's come into office.

"He's broad-minded, disciplined. I admire him, got a lot of respect for him. He's always fun to be with, a joy to have a friend that is there if you need him. He doesn't butt in unless you ask him to, not a know-it-all fella."



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About Scott Surovell

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Chamber of Commerce over 15 years ago and both have been involved with numerous community activities and Democratic politics.

"He probably knows more facts about our community than anybody I know. He was born and raised here, never really lived anywhere else. Scott studies the community itself, knows its issues, neighborhoods, needs, challenges.

"His ability to recall statistics, specific details, is something I kind of laugh at. Like a guy who knows baseball stats, he just rattles them off. He works hard, but his crazy level of stats and facts, the depth of his knowledge of the community is like nobody else I know.

"But he also has a lot of statewide knowledge. People in Prince William looking at him as a new representative are extremely lucky. He'll go study, find out what the needs are, the trigger issues, what's most important and come up with ideas. He studies like mad, it's just what he does.

"When my Parent Teacher Association was trying to save some funding, it was not a state issue, he could not help us. But it didn't mean he didn't always take my calls. He would say go talk to this person or here's another way to approach the issue. Then in other things like matters of transportation, he's all in. If you're interested in transit in the Route 1 corridor, he'll know every fact and you see him advocating more than anyone you know.

"His other big issues are payday lenders and the digital divide. Those didn't bubble up. He looks at what's a problem in the area, what's not fair, and

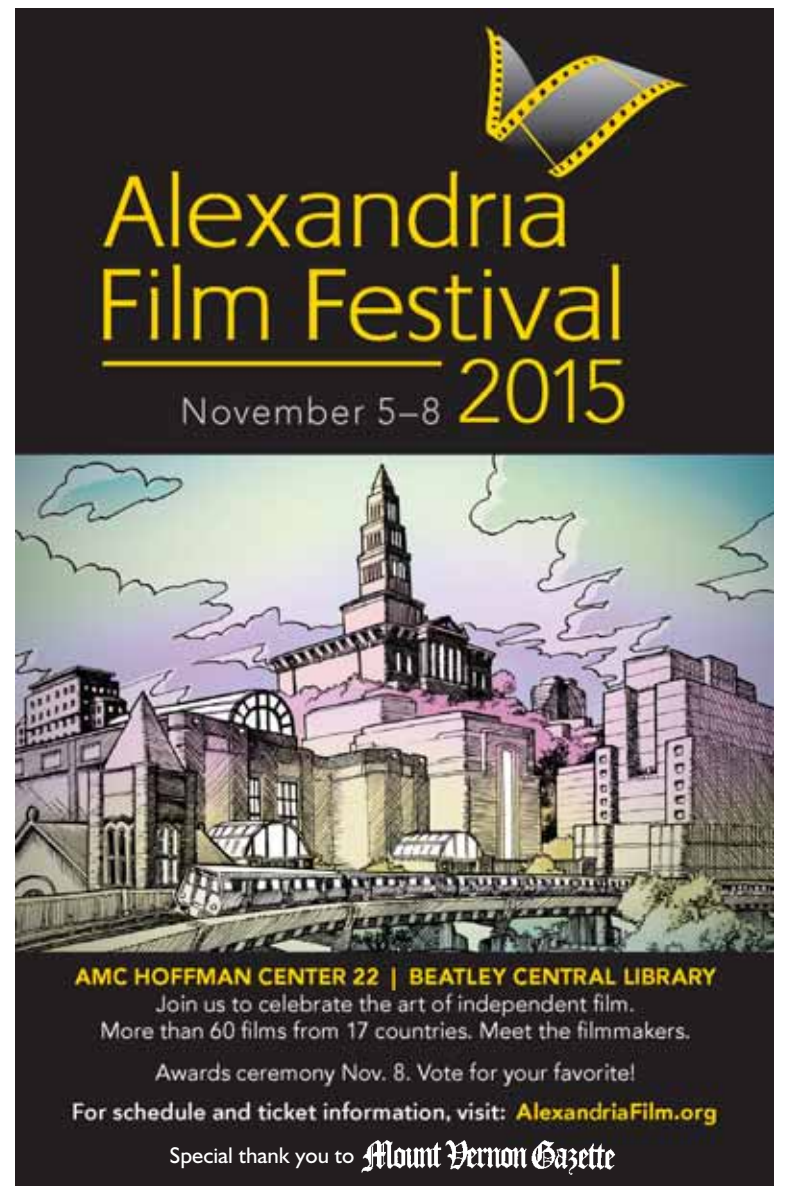
figures out what can be done about it. There's no game for him in that. Payday lenders lobby just like everyone else. There's nothing to be gained but for the good of the community."

David M. Temple, Jr. of the Belleview area of Mount Vernon

Education, political and civil activist who came to know the Surovell family as chair of the Mount Vernon Democratic Committee

"When Scott expressed interest in appointed and elected politics, I followed him a little bit. He demonstrated a capacity to organize numbers and data and facts. He had considerable leadership skills in that regard, people could rely on his capacity to put things together. "He's developed a maturity over time, at one time he may not have had. It's been interesting to watch him move along, and know that his family, his grandmother Flossie Surovell, has had some very difficult interactions with the political structure in Virginia, with segregation and treatment of Jewish people. I've seen the political atmosphere and environment at its best and worst, and I see a young man like Scott, who understands some of that stuff.

"I'm very happy and pleased he's been undaunted about the Route 1 Corridor. It's something he's taken to heart and has not been an easy road, no pun intended, with the Virginia legislature on things like this. People may not understand the workings of the Virginia General Assembly, sometimes it just requires being focused, patient, to keep reaching across the aisle, securing votes. Why would we toss somebody like that out? Who's given that much time, experience, care and built some support for those things?"



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MONDAY/NOV. 9

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TUESDAY/NOV. 10

Chamber of Commerce Membership Open House. 8-9 p.m. at The Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce Office, 6821 Richmond Highway. Local businesses are invited to learn more about the benefits of chamber membership. Visit www.mtvernon-leechamber.org.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 11

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.
Grist Mill Park Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony. 10 a.m. at 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Grist Mill's athletic field #5 was renamed in 2012 to honor Lt. Col. Smith (Retired), who while working as a civilian employee of the Army was killed when American Airlines Flight 77 struck the Pentagon on 9/11. The new synthetic field was a gift from his wife, Ann. Call 703-324-8662.

TUESDAY/DEC. 1

"Guiding the College-Bound Athlete." 7:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. This seminar is to prepare parents and athletes with information and topics for every student-athlete in middle and high school and their parents to educate and prepare them for opportunities and careers after graduation. Free. Email MountVernonHS.KeepInTouch@fcps.edu.

SATURDAY/DEC. 5

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Bucknell Receives New Laptops

With school textbooks in Virginia being shifted to digital form, “it means everyone should get a computer,” said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44). Yet at schools like Bucknell Elementary School in the Mount Vernon area of Alexandria, a Title I school with a 73 percent free and reduced lunch population, many students don’t have computers or internet service at home to access those required resources.

“The county is B-Y-O-D: Bring Your Own Device,” Surovell said. “I think that’s unconstitutional.”

On Friday, Oct. 23, Surovell was joined by Paul Krizek of Christian Relief Services, Kathryn Falk of Cox Communications and other school leadership at Bucknell to announce the donation of more than 120 new laptop computers for students to check out and take home.

For three years, Surovell has introduced legislation aimed at closing “the digital divide,” which inspired Great Falls resident and Groveton High School graduate Don Rippert to reach out to him and offer to donate money for getting students comput-



Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) checks out one of the laptop computers with a student at Bucknell Elementary School.

ers. Christian Relief Services provided matching donations, totalling about \$51,000 for the new laptops, according to Krizek.

Krizek said Bucknell was chosen because it is a small Title I school and a good place to “show what we can accomplish.” He added the collaborative team is talking with the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce to see if businesses will help sponsor additional schools to receive computers.

“Kids need to have the tools,” Krizek said. “They have to compete.”

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BY LEN FORKAS
CHAIRMAN

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The use of bonds avoids diverting funds that are critically needed for classroom instruction. They also spread the financing of required school construction over the improvement's usable life, diversifying the contribution throughout several years.

In addition, it is important to note that the School Bond will not increase county taxes.

COMMENTARY

The sale of bonds avoids taking funds that are critically needed for classroom instruction.

The use of bonds will not affect the county's coveted bond rating. Not only are interest rates for tax exempt bonds at a near all time low, but Fairfax County is also among the top 1 percent of counties with the highest credit rating possible for a locality. Of the nation's more than 3,000 counties, Fairfax is among only 40 that have the highest credit rating possible for a local government from all three rating agencies.

Fairfax County is home to 10 Fortune 500 company headquarters, more than 300 trade associations and professional societies, and nine of Inc. magazine's 500 fastest-growing privately-owned companies. To continue the excellence in education and business that Fairfax County is known for, our schools need to be modernized.

Together, we can pass the 2015 School Bond to make the necessary investments for a brighter future for our students and our county.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Appreciates Local Schools

To the Editor:

Recent letters published by the Gazette from Messrs. Spiegel and Medico referencing Mr. Storck in the coming election reflected their extensive research in the past history of Mr. Storck and his activities as a member of the Fairfax County School Board. Both should be commended for their research and sharing the fruits of their findings. Both gentlemen have at least two similar themes related to the status of the Fairfax County schools i.e., critical of his record involving Mount Vernon Schools and the inadequate preparation of the Mount Vernon high schools to prepare the graduates for "college."

I am of the opinion "education" is the road to success in Fairfax County and the Commonwealth of Virginia and, yes, throughout the "world." The NAACP and the African American Historical Universities and Colleges have a motto that I believe is outstanding, i.e. "a mind is a terrible thing to waste." In this respect I am of the opinion that the mission/objective of all elementary and mid-level schools is to prepare young people for "high school." The mission of all high schools is to prepare

the young men and women for "Life", i.e., not "only" for college. This would include not only those high school graduates seeking college degrees but also skills in various trades such as electricians, welders, sheet metal workers, plumbers, culinary occupations, medical technicians. etc. The skills that were normally provided via vocational schools years ago may be obtained today via junior colleges, e.g., NOVA. Needless to say some of these junior college graduates might decided to pursue full college degrees.

My three sons benefited from the Mount Vernon schools especially the former Fort Hunt High School. All three attended colleges and universities in Virginia and have advanced degrees. When my wife and I discussed our goals in life during our engagement prior to our marriage we agreed that we would provide our children with the best training/education no matter what career field they would choose in life. Yes, if they decided on a trade or professional future we would support them. As parents we would owe them the best education they sought. I like to believe we accomplished our objective.

Considering the dramatic changes in the demographics in Fairfax County especially in the Mount Vernon District during the past 15 years or so I believe Mr. Stork's performance

has been very acceptable. New residents of the Mount Vernon area told me the "excellent school system" is the main reason they moved into the area. Mr. Storck has my vote. In fact, I believe I will also vote for Mr. Surovell.

I have to admit I am speaking/writing from my own experience. My objective in high school was to become a machinist or tool and die maker. I attended a vocational school. In the '40s all boys reaching 18 years of age registered for the military draft. I was drafted into the Army one month prior to my graduation. While in the Army I read about the career in industrial management. After I was discharged I took advantage of the WW II G.I. Bill of Rights and obtained my degree majoring in industrial management. Thanks to the American people. Yes, America is a great country.

Melvin R. Bielawski
Alexandria

Worth Noticing

To the Editor:

I'd like to tip my hat to PFC Wardrop of the Fairfax County Police Department.

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FROM PAGE 10

Most mornings I stop at the McDonald's on Cooper Road to get my morning coffee. When I arrived this morning (Oct. 26), ahead of me was Officer Wardrop speaking with a black gentleman who appeared to be "down on his luck." As I approached, I heard Officer Wardrop ask the man if he wanted something to eat and then proceed to buy him a breakfast sandwich. After the order was prepared, he took the tray of food to one of the booths, then sat down and had breakfast with the gentleman. To say I was moved by this kind gesture would be an understatement.

In this era where all we hear about are the 1/10 of 1 percent of police interactions that end tragically, why is it that we rarely hear about all the positive police interactions like this one? This officer saw a man down on his luck, reached out to him, and tried to make a difference in his day. Some might say it was only breakfast at McDonalds, but it was more than the rest of us thought to do this morning.

Thank you to Officer Wardrop and any other officers whose thoughtful gestures go unnoticed.

Hank Russo
Alexandria

Excitement For Education

To the Editor:

Some time ago my condominium association leadership asked that I represent our community on the Mt. Vernon Council of Civic Association's Education Committee. I was reasonably prepared for this, having served as a Fairfax County special needs classroom teacher, administrator, principal, and subsequently in state policy leadership and executive management. Arriving there I found an earnest group of parents, leaders, educators and others who

seek to support Mt. Vernon learners. A standout among them was Karen Corbett Sanders.

I engaged her in conversations afterwards, learning of her corporate executive leadership posts both here and abroad, her PTA presidencies, and her full spectrum of knowledge from special student needs, classroom teacher issues, advanced academic programs, parental engagement, bringing disparate ideas together to form a consensus, to her clarity of understanding that music, art, sports, career skills training, etc., provide deep and essential enrichment to learning for all students and families.

Those of us who have worked with young learners know that when parents, teachers and administrators surround students in atmosphere of high expectations, the inevitable outcomes include student achievement, teacher professional growth, and community satisfaction with the learning environment. Karen knows that.

Some view Mt. Vernon's cultural, racial, religious and economically diverse student and family populations as problems. Karen views these as opportunities. She wants to engage and focus our District residents' largely untapped intellectual and innovative heft into meaningful citizen collaborations. Mt. Vernon's vast array of educational, corporate, military, historical, career retirees, governmental and other volunteers, can begin to make our schools a proud model for the county.

I believe that her proven capacity to plan strategically, to recruit others to follow her lead, and her genuine excitement for education and community endeavor can help make this a productive new period of pride.

And perhaps, one of good old-fashioned fun as well.

Please vote for Karen Corbett Sanders for School Board, Mt.

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- **Budget/Financial Oversight:** Currently employed by Booz Allen Hamilton. Former Chief of Staff for The Nature Conservancy's Philanthropy Department.
- **Community Involvement:** Advisor to local non-profit organizations and helped launch two new Habitat for Humanity chapters.
- **Education:** Master of Public Administration from Syracuse University; certified Project Management Professional.
- **Husband and Parent:** Married with two young children that attend Belle View Elementary School and a local preschool.



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Candidates for State Senate 30th District

Adam P. Ebbin (D-30)

Incumbent

Town of Residence: Alexandria

Age: 51

Education: American University, BA, 1981; Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership, 2001 (University of Virginia); Senior Executives in State and Local Government, 2012, Harvard University Kennedy School

Occupation, experience: Consultant, former Virginia Chief Deputy Commissioner of Labor and Industry

Alexandria Board of Zoning Appeals, former member; Virginia State Central Democratic Committee, former member;

Parent Teacher Leadership Institute of Alexandria, Advisory Board Member

Website: www.AdamEbbin.com

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Name three endorsements: Northern Virginia Technology Council, Virginia Education Association, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, Humane Dominion, AFL-CIO



QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Standing up for the little guy is the principle that guides my work as a public official. Most people with pressing needs don't have powerful lobbyists, including children in poverty, immigrants, LGBT people, seniors and the disabled, and lots of working people just trying to get by.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I have been an outspoken and effective advocate for more than a decade and brought together leaders from both parties to deliver results.

3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggest you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

I have passed legislation to expand Medicaid to cover prenatal care for immigrant mothers, eliminate the punitive tax penalty on hybrid car owners, make it easier to vote absentee and see that more of those votes are fairly counted, and boost workforce development. Relationships I have built with colleagues from both parties have made these successes possible.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

Use the Federal funds already available to offer health coverage to 400,000 poor Virginians; fight the tide of gun violence that is claiming the life of a Virginian every 10 hours; increase per pupil state education funding that has suffered since 2008; continue to diversify and strengthen Northern Virginia's economy; and enact provisions to protect government and private sector workers from discrimination.

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Since 2005, the 30th Senate District has seen significant population growth. Housing costs have dramatically outpaced incomes. Student enrollment has skyrocketed while state education per student spending has fallen, increasing budget pressures on our localities. New housing and employment patterns have added stress to our transportation systems, particularly on Route 1 in Fairfax. Our air quality has improved with the closure of the dirty GenON/Mirant coal plant in Old Town.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Yes, I will continue to oppose these predators who gouge lower-income residents with exorbitant interest rates.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Yes, I will continue to support the funding needed to successfully transition foster children into adulthood.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

I have voted in favor of a bipartisan effort to accept federal health care funds for 400,000 low-income Virginians, most of whom are in working families, including 21,000 veterans. I will continue to work with members of both parties to find common ground. It's important for voters to know that the Medicaid expansion offered under the Affordable Care Act is already being paid for with their payroll taxes and Virginia is turning away \$1.5 billion annually by not accepting these critical funds. Those who would be covered use the emergency room as their primary care center, causing health insurance premiums to rise for everyone else.

J. Ron Fisher

Independent Green challenger

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State Senate 36th District Candidates

Gerald "Jerry" Foreman (R)

Candidate for Senate in the 36th district

Town of residence: Dumfries

Age: 54

Family: Carmella (spouse), Danya (daughter), John (son-in-law)

Education: Graduate degree in Aviation Management

Offices held, dates:

Councilman (2010-2012), Mayor (2012-Present)

Occupation and relevant experience: U.S. Marine (25 years), Aviation Consultant, Mayor Town of Dumfries

Community involvement:

American Legion; Historic Dumfries Virginia Inc. (2009-Present); President Historic Dumfries Virginia (2014-Present); Ellis Airport Board Jacksonville, NC (2005-2006); Gun Owners of America; President Hampstead Landing Homeowners Association (2007-2010); Image Church (Dumfries); Kiwanis International; Marine Corps Aviation Association; Marine Corps Association; Marine Corps League; Life Member Military Officers Association of America (MOAA); National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) – Prince William County; National Rifle Association (NRA); Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) (2012-Present); Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) (2013-Present); Prince William Chamber of Commerce (2010-Present); Prince William County Republican Committee; Life Member Southern Illinois University Alumni Association; Life Member U.S. Air Force Association; Life Member Veteran of Foreign Wars (VFW); Virginia Municipal League (VML) (2010-Present); 11th District Republican Committee Representative.

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Name three favorite endorsements:

Virginia Society for Human Life, Virginia Farm Bureau Federation AgPac, National Federation of Independent Business



QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Fixing the economy (economic development). If we are addressing economic development then infrastructure (roads, etc), schools and homes fall into place. Your Senator must work hand-in-hand with County and Town governments. Tax dollars must be put to work effectively and judiciously.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

Leadership. As a 25-year Marine Corps veteran, a Mayor, a businessman and a consultant my experience is diverse and will bring a fresh perspective to Richmond. My opponent is a career Richmond insider and a politician who's voting record doesn't line up to what he says he supports.

3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

I was elected as a Councilman and then as Mayor as a Republican in a town that President Obama and Governor MacAuliffe won in a landslide. That crossover appeal shows that I can work effectively across the aisle and earn the trust of Democrats. I attribute that success to my straightforward, honest approach. Not one party can fix all problems — we need a Senator who works well with others.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

Create jobs and grow our economy; Fix the Route 1 corridor; Address planned development; Strengthen ethics laws; Reach across the aisle to solve problems.

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

The people who live here haven't changed, but their attitude towards government and politicians have. They are tired of the insiders, and want people who are willing to work together for a common cause.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Yes – this should have been addressed a long time ago. My opponent was in office when the current laws allowed these predators to set up shop – now he says he has a plan to eradi

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Scott A. Surovell (D)

Candidate for State Senate District 36

Town of residence: Mount Vernon, Va.

Age: 44

Family: Erinn Madden (Wife), Eva (15), Leia (13), Mara (10), Colin (9)

Education: J.D. University of Virginia School of Law, 1996;

B.A., Magna Cum Laude, James Madison University, 1993; Advanced Studies Diploma, West Potomac H.S., 1989

Offices held, dates: House of Delegates, 44th District, 2010-Present

Occupation and relevant experience: Attorney/Founding Member, Surovell Isaacs Petersen & Levy PLC

Community involvement: Girls Soccer Coach, Lee-Mt.

Vernon Soccer Association, 2007-2013; Secretary, Treasurer & Director, Tauxemont Community Association, 2001-2008; Member, Mt. Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, 2006-Present, Legislative Committee, 2006-2009; Board Member, Mt. Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce Education Partnership, 2007-2008; Member, Fairfax Bar Association, 1996-Present, President, Fairfax Bar Association Young Lawyer's Section, 1998-99; Ex Officio Member, Fairfax Bar Association, 1998-99

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Name three favorite endorsements: Virginia Education Association, Senator Toddy Puller



QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

My #1 focus since I was elected was the improvement of the U.S. 1 Corridor. I have lived in our community since I was born in 1971 and I am dedicated to making the U.S. 1 Corridor and our community a place that my children will want to live in 2030. Senator Puller and I funded and completed the U.S. 1 Multimodal Study which recommended the extension of the Yellow Line. I am working to make this a reality sooner rather than later.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I believe the success of our community in the future will originate from investing in first class transit, fully-funding K-12 and early childhood education, regulatory measures to rid our community of predatory blight and businesses, and investing in people. In the last six years, I have proven that I know how to move the ball forward on these issues, and in the future, I will work towards measures to adequately fund these projects. My opponent believes that the private sector holds the solutions to Route 1's economic development problems and that we can have everything we want without paying for it.

3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

I have passed over 20 pieces of legislation in the six years I have served. I pass legislation without securing at least 18 Republican votes in the House of Delegates. I have also worked with Republican colleagues to defeat legislation on the floor of the House including last year's execution secrecy legislation. I have developed friendships, relationships, and the experience necessary to maximize our community's opportunities in Richmond.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

1 - The improvement and expansion of first class transit to promote redevelopment of the U.S. 1 Corridor.

2 - Raising K-12/early childhood/higher education funding. We need lower class sizes, higher teacher salaries and digital devices for all students.

3 - Predatory Lending needs to be severely regulated on U.S. 1. Interest rates capped, locations limited, and bait and switch tactics abolished.

4 - Virginia must expand Medicaid.

5 - Promoting renewable energy, energy efficiency, and a green economy.

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ELECTION '15

House District 44 Candidates for State Delegate District 42

Paul Krizek (D)

Candidate for Delegate in the 44th District, unopposed.

Town of residence: Alexandria

Age: 54

Family: Paul, wife Tracey Navratil and daughter Khloe Krizek, live in Paul's childhood home on Whiteoaks Drive in the Hollin Hills neighborhood of Mount Vernon

Education: B.A., UVA ('84); J.D., Catholic University ('87)

Occupation and relevant

experience: non-profit executive

Community involvement: Teaches Sunday school to teenagers at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, board member of Mount Vernon at Home, an organization to support the lifetime independence of Mount Vernon seniors allowing them to age in place in their homes; member, Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce.

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Name three favorite endorsements: Planned Parenthood
Advocates of Virginia, Northern Virginia Assoc. of Realtors, AFL-CIO



David Albo (R)

Incumbent

Town of residence: South County / Fairfax Station

Age: 53

Family: Wife, Rita and 10 yr. old son, Ben

Education: UVA BA Economics. Law Degree U.R.

Offices held, dates: House of Delegates 1994-present

Occupation and relevant

experience: Attorney. 1988 – present. (Former Prosecutor City of Fairfax, Guardian for Abused Children. Partner at Albo & Oblon, LLP. 1994 – present.)

Community involvement: Past President West Springfield Civic Association, Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Committee.

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Three favorite endorsements: Humane Dominion (an animal protection association), Northern VA Technology Association, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce



why should voters choose you?

I don't know much about Joana Garcia. Her website does not have an issues section, so consequently, I can't comment on her positions. Everyone who knows her says she is very nice. As for why should voters choose me? I deliver real results for our neighborhoods. Just take a look at my answer on #1 for some concrete examples.

3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

I always look for a solution that both sides can live with. A compromise means that you have to take some things you don't like, in order to get things you want. That is why, unlike the Federal government, we deliver balanced budgets every year. Another example would be the 2013 Transportation Bill I co-authored. 37 Republicans and 23 Democrats voted for it. Did I like all of it? No, but I liked delivering the first bill in three decades to fix roads and rail.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

Providing more in-state slots for VA colleges, re-paving residential streets, keeping flow of money to Fairfax Schools, continuing to keep government spending at 2007 levels so we don't have to raise taxes, and keeping violent criminals in prison.

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Lorton Prison was closed and we built SCHS, SCMS and Laurel Hill Elementary! West Springfield is still the same, just like it was when I grew up here.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

It is a free country. Government should not tell people what loans they can accept.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Yes

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

First of all, anyone who is poor, and either (a) disabled, (b) a child, or (c) elderly, already gets Medicaid. This plan seeks to do is give free medical insurance (Medicaid) to working age people 19-64. While it would be nice to take care of everyone, we cannot afford it. Expanding Medicaid will cost \$230 million/yr., and since Medicaid has gone up 300% over the past 10 years, it could rise to \$720 million. To pay that, the state would have to increase taxes.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

I want to go to Richmond to help those struggling in our community just as I have done as a charity executive and before that, as a legislative staffer for Congressman Jim Moran, where I worked for eight years on legislation and constituent service for the people of the 8th Congressional District. I find helping people immensely gratifying and rewarding. I will always support legislation that reflects my values: making available safe affordable housing, healthcare, education and a living wage; building a sustainable community in the 44th; and protecting and enhancing the natural environment by shifting to renewable energy.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

Paul Krizek does not have an opponent.

3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

I worked on the Hill for many years and participated in numerous bipartisan efforts to draft and pass legislation. Also, as a Housing Commissioner I was able to work with all of the Commissioners to work beyond partisanship on matters beneficial to Fairfax County. Fundamentally, I believe kindness and respect are at the heart of all important relationships.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

- 1) Transportation improvements along the Rt. 1 corridor
- 2) Raise the minimum wage to at least \$10.10
- 3) Affordable Housing
- 4) Expand Medicaid
- 5) Investing in alternative energy

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Ten years ago, the county tore down abandoned, unsafe and eye-sore properties. Since that time we are seeing some upgrading of the Rt. 1 corridor with new historical signage, plantings, retail façade improvements, as well as new development areas like Beacon Hill Mall and Hyla Valley. The community has consistently stepped up to the challenges we faced, from keeping Mount Vernon hospital open, to pushing for the new Jeff Todd Way connector road from Route 1 to Telegraph Road.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Absolutely. I support capping the interest rate for predatory lending and giving localities the ability to regulate the number of predatory lenders in a locality, similar to their powers for pawn shops.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Yes. We have over 5,000 Virginia children in Foster Care. I absolutely support receiving Federal funding for Fostering Connections.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

Medicaid expansion is one of my top priorities. I am willing to work hand-in-hand with the Governor, the Democratic leadership and the members of the Republican caucus that favor Medicaid expansion to accomplish this for 400,000 hard-working Virginians.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

My "call to serve" comes from the fact that I grew up here in West Springfield (Rolling Valley Elementary – West Springfield High School), live in South County, have a 10-year-old son at our local Fairfax County public schools, and have had my law practice in the heart of West Springfield for 25 years. My campaign may not seem too exciting because I don't have any controversial issue to push. Rather, I want to make government work. For example, getting our roads paved. I co-authored the 2013 Transportation Bill that for the first time in three decades delivered more funds for transportation. But with the non-negotiable rule that 100% of the money raised in NOVA stays in NOVA! This has already delivered results for our area. Old Keene Mill Rd. and Rolling Rd. finally got paved. The Mt. Vernon Hwy and Rt. 1 Interchange finally got re-aligned. And Rolling Rd. is now on the list for widening to four lanes. I have helped increase the number of in-state college slots. Collectively, I was able to get UVA, W&M, JMU, CNU, GMU, VCU and VA Tech to add over 3,500 new slots in the past two years. And I am not done! By standing up for NOVA residents, who pay most of the taxes in this state, I was able to acquire an additional \$816/yr./student for our Fairfax County School students. All the while, I have helped keep VA taxes low. Virginia has the 8th lowest combined state and local tax rate in the U.S.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and

Joana Garcia (D)

No response received.

State Senate 36th District Candidates

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cate them. My opponent has shifted the discussion from a meaningful conversation on economic development to an election year conversation focused on his priority of a one focused area. My opponent wants to solve every concern by raising taxes.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Yes.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

The ACA has created more problems that it has solved because it was pork barreled. At the end of the day, we must create a healthcare safety net for our citizens. We cannot put the burden of this program on the business owners and the middle class. This is a great question for a current legislator as to why something hasn't been done already. My goal will be to bring people together to find a compromise that solves the problem.

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5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Traffic has exploded on U.S. 1 due to employment growth at Fort Belvoir and Marine Corps Base Quantico. 36th District's school populations have exploded due to population turnover from elderly to young families and housing growth in Prince William County.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Predatory lending is completely out of control on U.S. 1. Short of abolition, I have consistently supported (1) interest rate caps, (2) giving local government the authority to regulate the number of predatory lenders that can locate in an area, and (3) prohibiting multiple predatory lending entities from co-locating in the same storefront.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

I have always been supportive of measures to fully fund Virginia's safety net. Expanding Medicaid would free up \$180 million of Virginia taxpayer dollars because the federal government would pick up 100% of the cost of fourteen programs currently 100% funded by Virginia taxpayers. Those monies could be used to fund programs such as this one.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

Closing the healthcare coverage gap is probably the #1 thing we can do to improve quality of life in the short term in the U.S. 1 Corridor. The U.S. 1 Corridor has the largest existing Medicaid population and the largest concentration of working adults that would benefit from expansion in Northern Virginia. Expansion will create 30,000 jobs in Virginia, nearly 1,000 jobs in the 36th District, and will free up \$180 million of Virginia taxpayer dollars to spend on other priorities. I have never voted for a budget without Medicaid expansion, and I will continue to advocate for Medicaid expansion as a necessary condition for any biennial budget passed this year.

LETTERS

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Vernon District.

David L Temple Jr
Alexandria
Former Virginia Deputy
Secretary of Education

Best for Mount Vernon

To the Editor:

Over the last 28 years as your Mount Vernon District supervisor, I have worked with you to make significant positive changes for Mount Vernon by empowering communities and investing in our highest priorities like education, public safety, human services and the revitalization of Richmond Highway. On Nov. 3, the residents of the Mount Vernon District will vote for their next supervisor and School Board member. There are only two candidates with the knowledge, experience and leadership abilities to continue everything we as a community have accomplished over the years. I enthusiastically endorse Dan Storck for Mount Vernon District supervisor and Karen Corbett-Sanders for School Board.

I have worked with both of these highly intelligent, exceedingly capable leaders for many years. Dan Storck stood with me for 12 years as our School Board representative and was instrumental in establishing full day Kindergarten in all Fairfax County schools, fought to fund critical renovations for our schools and made sure we invest in our children's education. Dan is an elected official and small business owner with a proven track record of success.

Karen has served in many leadership roles for our schools and community. As West Potomac's PTSA president and chair of the Task Force to Repurpose Old Mount Vernon High School, she has demonstrated an ability to lead and listen. Karen will fight for equity and excellence for all Mount Vernon District Schools.

I strongly encourage all Mount Vernon voters to cast their ballots for Dan Storck for supervisor and Karen Corbett Sanders for School Board if you want the best for Mount Vernon.

Gerry Hyland
Mount Vernon District Supervisor

Candidate's Endorsements

To the Editor:

I would like to set the record straight on an inaccurate letter to the editor last week regarding who is endorsing me for Fairfax County School Board in the Mount Vernon District. I neither sought nor did I receive an endorsement from the Traditional Values Coalition. Two Fairfax County residents expressed their concerns over new portions added to the Family Life Education (FLE) curriculum by the current school board. I encourage all voters in the Mount Vernon District to read the FLE curriculum themselves and draw their own conclusions about whether they agree with these

changes (<http://www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/fle.shtml>). The voters in the Mount Vernon District deserve better than having inaccurate information being shared just days before the election on Nov. 3.

I welcome support from, and will enthusiastically engage with, people from across the Mount Vernon District. Drawing lines in the sand and being unwilling to work with others on difficult topics is not how we move our schools forward. I have worked for Democrats and Republicans and believe we all benefit by working together to improve our schools. Partisanship and ideologies should not dominate what our children are being taught in the classroom.

For the record, following is an accurate list of some of the organizations and individuals that have endorsed me: Class Size Counts; the Hon. George Allen, former Governor of Virginia; Susan Allen, former First Lady of Virginia; Ed Gillespie, former U.S. Senatorial candidate; Dave Albo, Virginia state delegate; Chris Braunlich, former Virginia Board of Education president; the Hon. Ed Moy, 38th Director of the United States Mint (2006-2011); and former U.S. Congressional candidate Suzanne Scholte.

Anthony Stacy
Fairfax County School Board Candidate,
Mount Vernon District

Business Experience

To the Editor:

In last week's Gazette, the front page featured a story concerning Dan Storck's candidacy for Mount Vernon supervisor. In the first two paragraphs of the story it talked about Christine Morin, a Lorton resident, quoting her and providing her explanation as to why she had moved with her family from Burke to the Laurel Hill section of the South County area of the Mount Vernon District. Mrs. Morin expressed her support for the election of Mr. Storck.

The story failed to mention that Mrs. Morin is a senior staff aide employed by current Supervisor Gerry Hyland who has strongly endorsed Mr. Storck for what would essentially be an 8th Hyland term, given their concurrence on numerous issues including, among others, creating a new meals tax. Mrs. Morin capably shoulders significant responsibility on behalf of the supervisor for issues arising in the South County area of the Mount Vernon District. Moreover, last weekend, Mrs. Morin and her husband hosted a fundraiser in their home supporting Mr. Storck's candidacy.

These facts would have assisted readers in determining whether Mrs. Morin's comments should convince them to vote for Mr. Storck in this important election. Now readers have this information and can decide for themselves.

I have, in fact, contributed to Jane Gandee's campaign. I support her candidacy for election as Mount Vernon supervisor because, simply, after 28 years of having Mr. Hyland as Mount Vernon supervisor, a change in approach is worth supporting. We need to move ahead with North Hill — it looks the same as it did when Supervisor

Hyland entered politics three decades ago. We need to assure that no more opportunities for commercial development on Richmond Highway, such as at Kings Crossing, are squandered due to (1) oppressive building permit obstacles interposing crushing delays, (2) an unfriendly Comprehensive Plan, and (3) excessive proffer demands by adjacent communities and community "leaders."

A supervisor who has created and grown a significant business in our community, has first-hand experience with commercial development in the county and understands the care that must be taken in spending other people's money would be an asset. Jane Gandee is such a person and I encourage voters to support her candidacy for Mount Vernon supervisor.

H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon

Support FCPS Programs

To the Editor:

Mount Vernon faces a clear choice next week on Nov. 3, when we go to elect our candidate for School Board. Karen Corbett Sanders is a fantastic choice to represent this community, and I'm not just saying that because she and I were classmates in high school, growing up together here in Mount Vernon.

Karen has had quite an impressive career, having managed a multi-million dollar budget as vice president of International at Verizon Wireless, she now owns and operates a small business, and is the mother of two children who are graduates of Fairfax County Public Schools, like herself.

Karen was the PTA president of two Mount Vernon schools and has long demonstrated a passion for our community and a strong involvement in the education of our children. Challenging times require policymakers to work across party, organizational and jurisdictional lines to restore funding, and developing innovative solutions to ensure each of our community schools is an academic center of excellence, e.g. increasing community and business partnerships, exploring approaches to sharing resources, developing more opportunities for dual enrollment, early college, experiential learning, and leveraging the natural resources of Fairfax County (historical residences, our fantastic parks, Ft. Belvoir and Mount Vernon hospital, just to give some examples).

I urge Mount Vernon voters to elect Karen Corbett Sanders for School Board. She will be a strong partner and advocate for our schools to work with me in our fight for more state funding for Fairfax County Public Schools in the legislature to avoid cutting signature FCPS programs and increasing the resources available to our students and teachers. She will be a terrific School Board member for our Mount Vernon schools. Please vote for Karen Corbett Sanders for School Board on Nov. 3.

Paul Krizek
Alexandria

Demeaning Excuses

To the Editor:

I become riled every time I read or hear persons using insulting, demeaning, disgusting and reprehensible excuse implying that persons in poverty are dumber than others and that hinders their success.

I grew up during the great depression years of the 1920s and 1930s where poverty was rampant without school meals and food stamps. Many mornings all I had for breakfast was a bowl of stale hard cut up homemade bread and milk. That didn't hinder my determination to learn all I could so I could achieve success in whatever I chose to do. Also, our school system and society outlook as a whole was positive and dealt on how to succeed without the poverty lame excuse. Many businesses were created and many new inventions occurred from persons that helped millions of others. Since that depression many people in poverty have succeeded in various endeavors and enterprises that have continued to this day. If poverty is a hindrance as the naysayers contend, why such success? Learning from those successes and how to achieve would go a long way in helping those in poverty gain success, and pride as many have done in the past instead of implying that they are dumber because of poverty and can't succeed.

It's way past time for the naysayers who demean people by implying poverty causes failure. Everyone is born with a brain and it depends on the knowledge put in that brain and opportunities that are available that cause success and not failure. The naysayers should get on the positive track and develop ways to improve including education to prepare students for the real world so everyone — no matter if poor or not — has a real chance to succeed as high as their abilities will carry them.

Schools should always deliver the best education possible to meet the challenges of today particularly with rapidly changing technology. We shouldn't have schools like we do in Mt. Vernon that don't prepare seniors for college and beyond to their detriment. That has nothing to do with poverty.

I urge all naysayers to quit making demeaning excuses about poverty and start to be positive in showing the way to the ladder of success. The sooner the better.

Frank Medico
Mount Vernon

Much Done, Much To Do

To the Editor:

It has been an honor to serve Mount Vernon District residents for many years. We have accomplished much together as you can see at my website, DanStorck.org, with much more to be done.

Recent Gazette letters in their campaign season harshness have grossly misrepre

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ENTERTAINMENT

LTA Presents 'The Tale of the Allergist's Wife'

Comedy blends New York and Jewish humor.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE GAZETTE

The Little Theatre of Alexandria (LTA) is presenting "The Tale of the Allergist's Wife," a comedy written by Charles Busch, from Oct. 24 to Nov. 14.

The play revolves around Marjorie Taub, a middle-aged Upper West Side doctor's wife, who is devoted to mornings at the Whitney Museum, afternoons at the Museum of Modern Art and evenings at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Plunged into a mid-life crisis of Medea-like proportions, she's shaken out of her lethargy by the re-appearance of a somewhat mysterious childhood friend, Lee.

Director Michael Kharfen said he wants to have audiences laugh. "Our daily lives can be very challenging and we all need a little break by enjoying a very funny play," he said. "Second, we get to share Charles Busch's wonderful blend of New York and Jewish humor with its mocking and colorful expression, which is telling it like it is, from the heart, without filter."

He said a challenge was finding the perfect cast that can create these slightly kooky characters, which he was fortunate to get with such a gifted group of actors. "With comedies, another challenge was to not have the characters become cartoonish or caricatures," he said. "I am so grateful for the talented cast in giving us genuinely natural, funny people."

Jack Stein plays the role of Dr. V. Ira Taub, the allergist referenced in the title of the play. "Ira is a 'helper' by nature and has retired from his practice to pursue helping the needy and disenfranchised while at the same time being the great mediator between his ever-arguing wife and mother-

in-law, both to whom he's devoted," he said. "He's also a frustrated Catskills comedian, which emerges in just about everything he says and does."

He added: "Ira is great fun to play, but in such a comedic piece it is important to balance the broad with the nuanced. It's easy to go 'too big' with his character. Thanks to our terrific director, I've been able to find the humanness of this man while enjoying his bigger-than-life personality."

Janice Zucker plays the role of Frieda Tuchman, an older woman living in the same apartment house as her daughter Marjorie and her son-in-law Ira, on the upper west side of Manhattan. "She's a Jewish mother who doesn't get along with her daughter and pretty much never has," she said. "She's very sure of herself and what she believes in, and because of her age, she pretty much says whatever she is thinking. There's no filter and she doesn't hold anything back."

Marianne Meyers plays the role of Lee Green, a woman of mystery, who's worldly and glamorous. "She seems to know everyone and has been around," she said. "Lee is not necessarily trustworthy and you may not know what her true motives are; perhaps she doesn't even know herself."

She added: "I hope people laugh; the play is very funny and the show is well-cast. The dynamics between the characters are just a riot. There are wonderful questions about the meaning of life, friendship, and what makes a family work together. The audience is in for a good time."

Omar Rocha plays the role of Mohammed, who came to the U.S. from Iraq many years ago. "His father wanted to partake in the American dream and wanted his family to benefit from it, as well Eventually,



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Mohammed found his calling as a doorman; his father is quite proud of him."

Co-producer Jay A. Cohen said he wanted to produce the show because he had seen it in Florida where his mother played the role of Frieda, and he thought it was hysterical. "The fact that Michael Kharfen was directing didn't hurt as I wanted to work with him," he said.

He added: "I think it is a great play about many of life's challenges. You have Marjorie that is going through a midlife crisis and is feeling rather small as we all do from time to time. You have Lee who is the free spirit we all wish to be, and the unfortunate Frieda who is how we will eventually wind up. I think from these three any of us can identify."

Assistant Producer Brooke Angel said she wanted to produce the show because, "I'm actually friends with producer Jay Cohen outside of theatre, and he approached me with the possibility of becoming a producer-in-training. I was both honored and thrilled to be asked, so I immediately said 'yes.' I must have been half asleep, because I said

'yes' to being assistant producer, co-stage manager, and to help on set construction."

She added: "I would love for the audience to walk out of the theater thinking, 'Gee, I thought my life was weird; these people are plain crazy.' This play is nothing short of 'Frasier' category humor: intellectual references mixed with modern-day humor tactics."

Co-producer Jim Howard said he's seen this show at least two times before. "Once, I barely sat through the production, and the second time I thoroughly enjoyed it. So I was curious as to how (director) Michael (Kharfen) would bring to life this comedy. He has succeeded in keeping me laughing throughout all the rehearsals," he said.

The Little Theatre of Alexandria (LTA) is presenting "The Tale of the Allergist's Wife," from Oct. 24 to Nov. 14. Showtimes are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$19 to \$22. The venue is located at 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. Visit the website at www.thelittletheatre.com.

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

Doggy Happy Hour. Tuesdays through Oct. at 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20, 480 King St. Enjoy discounted drinks and treats with one's dog. Free. Visit www.jackson20.com.

"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.

Sugar Shack's Halloween Goat Scavenger Hunt. Through Oct. 31, at various locations. Sugar Shack is hiding 31 goat figurines around Alexandria. Each of the small goats

are worth 12 donuts, and there will be five larger goats worth bigger swag packs. Hints will be posted daily during the second half of the month. Most goats are hidden in local shops, restaurants, and parks. Free. Call 703-577-9023 for more.

Immanuel Pumpkin Patch. Through Oct. 31, 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.

"Skeletons: Exploring Under the Surface." Through Nov. 1, Thursdays 12-6 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays 12-9 p.m.; and Sundays 12-6 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Experience 2D and 3D artwork in a wide range of mediums that digs deeper and discover what is 'under there,' literally and figuratively. Free. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org for more.

Sheila Harrington: "Each Day is a Celebration." Through Nov. 1, During gallery hours 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. Free. Visit www.theartleague.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/.

"Superstition and Belief." Gallery hours at The Art League, 155 N. Union St. Artists explore myth, religion, belief, fantasy, and dreams. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org.

"Painting the Line, Drawing the Paint." Through Nov. 8 at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 4915 E. Campus Drive. This show that will include works by Ann Schlesinger, daughter of Jim and Rachel Schlesinger. Free. Visit

www.nvcc.edu for more.

"Safari." Through Nov. 15, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Resident fiber artists display work inspired by the wild. Free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

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 children younger than 5. To view the historic stereoview images as well as the modern 3-D anaglyphs, visit www.mountvernon.org/3D.

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 can contribute their artwork for the

exhibition. Visit www.seniorservicesalex.org.

Torpedo Factory's Post-Graduate Studio. Through Nov. 29, during gallery hours at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. To wrap up the inaugural year of the Torpedo Factory Art Center's post-graduate in-house residency program, the Target Gallery will feature the work of the four participating artists in a group exhibition. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

PHOTO '15. Through Nov. 29, gallery hours at Multiple Exposures Gallery, 155 N. Union St. Senior Curator and Head of the Department of Photographs at The National Gallery of Art Sarah Greenough will jury the "PHOTO '15" exhibit. Thirty-one fine art photographers will display their work. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com.

"George Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation." Through Jan. 6, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial

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Highway. This exhibit will detail the history of Thanksgiving at Mount Vernon. On October 3, 1789, Washington issued his Thanksgiving proclamation, designating for “the People of the United States a day of public thanks-giving.” Admission to the exhibit is included in Mount Vernon ticket prices. Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$9 for children, and free for children ages 5 and younger. Visit www.mountvernon.org/thanksgiving.

THURSDAY/OCT. 29

Doggy Howl-o-ween Costume Contest. Registration begins at 5 p.m. at Jackson 20, 480 King St. Celebrate Halloween and the finale of the Doggy Happy Hour series with Doggy Howl-o-ween, where up to 50 contestants compete in a costume contest benefitting the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA). Guests can purchase Halloween-themed cocktails and light fare. Complimentary doggy treats and fresh water bowls will be available for all canine friends. Registration is \$15. Visit www.jackson20.com for more.

Special Halloween Storytime. 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Potomac Yard, 3651 Jefferson Davis Highway. Children are invited to storytime with the Community Oriented Police Section of the Alexandria Police Department. During this storytime, the officers will be giving trick or treat safety tips. Officers will be dressed in uniform including weapons. Free. Call 703-299-9124.

Dance Class. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. In preparation for the Treaty of Ghent Ball on April 18, learn 18th-century English country dancing from expert dance



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The David Bromberg Band will perform at 8 p.m. on Oct. 30 at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets are \$49.50. Visit www.birchmere.com.

instructors. Visit www.alexandriava.gov.

Spooktacular Sounds in the Haunted Hall. 7:30 p.m. at The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert and Arts Hall, 915 E. Campus Drive. Bach's “Toccatina and Fugue in D minor,” will be featured with other “spooky” classics. There will be prizes for those dressed in costume. Free. Call 703-845-6252.

MacMaster and Leahy Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music

Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Fiddlers and husband-wife-duo Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy make a stop on a nationwide tour. Tickets are \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

The United States Air Force Band-Chamber Players Series. 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum: Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. Attend “An Evening of Music for Jazz Combo” featuring members of the Airmen of Note led by Technical

Sgt. Tedd Baker. Free. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.uasfband.af.mil.

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Mike McConnell: “Flip Side.” During gallery hours at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Mike McConnell was a commercial illustrator who recently dedicated himself to fine art. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

FRIDAY/OCT. 30

Boo! It's Halloween. 10:30 a.m. at Martha Washington Public Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Children 2-5, accompanied by an adult, are invited to participate in a Halloween-themed storytime with songs and other early literacy activities. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/mw.

Trick or Treating at Mount Vernon. 3:30-6:30 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. Take part in a scavenger hunt stopping at 12 locations on the estate. All trick-or-treaters are invited to join in the children's costume parade around the mansion at 5 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the best “George” and “Martha” costumes. Admission is \$10 for ages 10 and up, \$5 for youth. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

October Fest. 5-8 p.m. at William Ramsay Recreation Center, 5650 Sanger Ave. Children ages 5-12 are invited to enjoy a haunted house, arts & crafts, spooky musical chairs, face painting, scary movies, dance and more. Tickets are \$7. Call 703-746-5558.

Family Masquerade Ball. 6-9 p.m. at Mount Vernon Recreation Center,

2701 Commonwealth Ave. Families are invited to enjoy dancing, photo opportunities, a costume contest and refreshments. Tickets are \$9. Call 703-746-5556.

Fright Night. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Cora Kelly Recreation Center, 25 West Reed Ave. Zombies and goblins will roam through the Haunted House and exhibit rooms. Tickets are \$5. Call 703-746-5554.

Ancestors and Good Spirits: Rhythm and Roots Players. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Celebrate West African culture through music. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Bark or Treat Halloween Canine Cruise. 7 p.m. at Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St. The Potomac Riverboat Company invites guests and their costumed dogs to cruise around the Potomac River on this 60-minute ride, set to some classic Halloween tunes. Halloween doggie treats will be provided and a photographer will be on hand. Tickets are \$16 for adults \$10 for children and dogs ride for free. Visit www.potomacriverboatco.com.

The David Bromberg Band. 8 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Bromberg Band celebrates the release of their latest album “Only Slightly Mad.” Tickets are \$49.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 30-31

Poe in Alexandria. 8-9:15 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Actor David Keltz re-creates Edgar Allan Poe's visit to Virginia in 1849, shortly before he died. The program always includes a story or two such as “The Black Cat,” “The Cask of Amontillado,” or “The Tell-Tale

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Heart,” along with well-known poems “The Raven” and “El Dorado.” Tickets are \$15. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum.

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“Mary Poppins.” Various times as Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. Mount Vernon Community Children’s Theatre presents “Mary Poppins.” Tickets are \$12. Visit www.mvct.org for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 31

Ghost and Goblin Archaeological

Tours. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Alexandria Archaeology is hosting an Open House at the Shuter’s Hill archaeological site located on the property behind the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Alexandria archaeologists will be on hand to conduct site tours and show the latest finds at this late eighteenth- and nineteenth-century plantation site. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov for more.

Bats & Owls & Snakes! Oh, My! 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Jerome “Buddie” Ford Nature Center, 5750 Sanger Ave. Learn about the animal myths associated with Halloween. Call 703-746-5525 for more.

Halloween Fun at Sugar Shack. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Sugar Shack Alexandria, 804 N. Union St. The store will feature holiday-themed donuts and kid-friendly activities, including a coloring contest, balloons, a fortune-teller and more. Free. Visit www.sugarshackdonuts.com.

Hume Springs Park Grand Reopening. 11 a.m. at Hume

Springs Park, 100 Dale St. Celebrate the reopening of Hume Springs Park which will now feature new play equipment, fencing, fitness equipment, water fountains, benches, and more. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony and games for children. Visit www.alexandriava.gov.

Halloween Family Legends

Bookmaking Workshop. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Children and their adult family members are invited to enjoy pumpkin pie, share stories and make them into Family Legend storybooks. Led by book artist Sushmita Mazumdar. Free, but reservations required. Call 703-746-4356 for more.

Trick or Treat with the Boo-tiques.

11 a.m.-6 p.m. at various places in Old Town Alexandria. Dozens of shops of the Old Town Boutique District will be giving out treats to guests of all ages. Free. Visit www.oldtownboutiquedistrict.com.

Preschool Fall Fun Festival.

1-3 p.m. at Patrick Henry Recreation Center, 4625 Taney Ave. Children ages 2-5 are invited to enjoy games, prizes, face-painting, music and more. Free. Call 571-257-8686 or visit www.landmarkchurchva.com.

All Hallows’ Eve. 5-7 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Children are invited for trick-or-treating at one of the city’s “most haunted dwellings.” Free. Visit www.novaparks.com.

Trunk or Treat Block Party. 5-7:30 p.m. at Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Go “trunk-or-treating” or play games. Suggested for ages 12 and under. Free. Call 703-746-5550.

Trunk or Treat. 5-8:30 p.m. at Charles Houston Recreation Center,

901 Wythe St. Free. Call 703-746-5552.

Nightmare on Wythe Street. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. Enjoy storytelling, sing-a-longs, a costume contest and an indoor Haunted House sponsored by ARHA. Suggested for children ages 6-15. Tickets are \$5. Call 703-746-5552.

Murder Mystery Dinner. 7 p.m. at The Grille at Morrison House, 116 S. Alfred St. Celebrate Halloween with a 1920s themed dinner and show where guests will participate in a murder mystery theater experience. The evening will start with live piano music and a cocktail hour, followed by a three-course dinner. Tickets are \$100 and include dinner, show, one cocktail, and one glass of wine. Visit www.thegrillealexandria.com.

Dave Alvin and Phil Alvin with Webb Wilder and The Guilty Ones. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Webb Wilder will open for Dave Alvin and Phil Alvin and The Guilty Ones. Tickets are \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com.

Del Ray Artisans Halloween

Costume Party. 8 p.m.-12 a.m. at The Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. This adults-only party will feature music, food and more. Tickets are \$5. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

SUNDAY/NOV. 1

Art Show and Reception. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Artists Carol Higgs, Joan Wolfe, and Erik and Caroline Hottenstein will celebrate a new exhibit opening Oct. 27. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

“Naked Mountain: The Delights and Challenges of Owning One of Virginia’s Natural Area Preserves.”

1 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Marcia S. Mabey will explain how Naked Mountain, a 284-acre property in Nelson County, Virginia came to be and the discoveries and obligations inherent within the preserve that continue to this day. Free. Visit www.vnps.org.

“PHOTO ’15” Opening Reception.

2-4 p.m. at Multiple Exposures Gallery, 155 N. Union St. Celebrate the exhibit juried by Senior Curator and Head of the Department of Photographs at The National Gallery of Art Sarah Greenough. Thirty-one fine art photographers, who will display their work, will also be on hand. Greenough will give a juror’s talk and two awards will be presented. Free. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com.

Book Club Meeting. 2:30 p.m. at St. Elmo’s Coffee Pub at 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave. National Women’s History Museum’s monthly book club will read “A Perfect Union: Dolley Madison and the Creation of the American Nation” by Catherine Allgor. Free, but reservations required. Visit www.nwhm.ticketleap.com/nwhm-book-club-dolley/.

Exhibit Opening Reception. 4-6 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Celebrate former illustrator Mike McConnell’s new exhibit. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

U.S. Army Band Concert. 4:15 p.m. pre-concert talk, 5 p.m. performance at Christ the King Anglican Church, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. The U.S. Army Brass Quintet & Friends will perform. Free. Call 703-535-6815 for more.

“Just Earl: The Life and Journey

of Earl Francis Lloyd.” 6 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. The Alexandria African-American Hall of Fame Project is producing the play, “Just Earl: The Life and Journey of Earl Francis Lloyd” written and directed by McKenya Dilworth of The Morning Bishop Theatre Playhouse, Inc. The play focuses on the life of the first African American to play in the NBA, his childhood in Alexandria and the life lessons he learned along the way. Tickets are \$35. Call 571-217-9951.

All Saints’ Day. 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St. Grant Hellmers, Organist-Choirmaster of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, will direct the choir in an All Saints’ Sunday Choral Evensong. Free. Visit www.stpaulsalexandria.com.

TUESDAY/NOV. 3

Lecture & Book Signing. 7-8:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, Alexandria’s History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. Author Garrett Peck will be available to sign copies of his book “Walt Whitman in Washington,, D.C.: The Civil War and America’s Great Poet.” Peck will detail the definitive account of Walt Whitman’s decade in the nation’s capital and Alexandria. Free. Call 703-746-4994.

THURSDAY/NOV. 5

An Evening on John Singer Sargent. 7 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Richard Ormond, former Director of London’s National Maritime Museum and former Deputy Director of London’s National Portrait Gallery, is also one of the world’s leading authorities on his great uncle and artist John Singer

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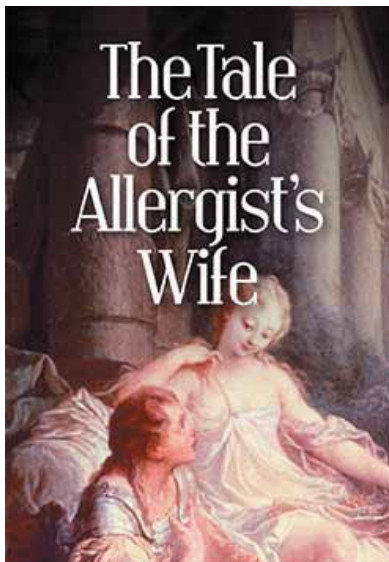
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ENTERTAINMENT

Sargent. Ormond will share anecdotes about and insights into the world of this leading portrait painter of the late 1800s. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

Damon Fowler and Delbert McClinton. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Guitarist Damon Fowler opens for The Delbert McClinton Band. Tickets are \$45. Visit www.birchmere.com.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 5-7

Duncan Library Book Sale. 10 a.m.-6:45 p.m. on Thursday; 10 a.m.-5:45 p.m. on Friday; and 10 a.m.-2:45 p.m. on Saturday at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Thousands of donated books, DVDs and CDs will be on sale. Free to attend. Visit www.friendsofduncanlibrary.org for more.

FRIDAY/NOV. 6

ACPS 2020: Every Student Succeeds. 5:30-8 p.m. at Jefferson Houston School, 1501 Cameron St. In honor of the launch of "Every Student Succeeds," Alexandria City Public Schools is inviting the community to a celebration featuring circus performances, live music, food and more. Free. Call 703-619-8003 for more.

Sadie Hawkins Dance. 6-8:30 p.m. at the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Peter Kasper, featured caller and The Boomerangs Square Dance Teaching Council set the stage for this hillbilly country dance. Guests are invited to square dance and wear denim, paisley, red handkerchiefs, straw, and close-toe shoes. Tickets are \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents in advance; \$10 for residents and \$15 for nonresidents at the door. Register at www.alexandriava.gov/webtrac with Activity Code 255202.01.

"Under \$100: Affordable Masterpieces" Opening Reception. 7-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Celebrate the opening of an exhibit showcasing artwork for \$100 or less. Patrons can own and take home art when purchased. Free admission. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Art on Tap. 7-10 p.m. at The Art League Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Craft beers from local breweries have been paired with a work of art from an Art League instructor. Local restaurants have chosen a brew/artwork coupling to serve as their muse to create a complementary appetizer. Tickets are \$35, \$45 after Oct. 3. Visit www.theartleague.org.

The Recessionists. 8 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. An improv group accepts suggestions from the crowd for scenes and games. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 6-8

Alexandria Film Festival. AMC Hoffman Center 22, 206 Swamp Fox Road and Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. The Alexandria Film Festival brings together short and feature length films of all genres from emerging and established, local and international filmmakers. Last year, the festival brought more than 60 films and 50 filmmakers to Alexandria from as far as Sri Lanka and Uruguay. All ticketed events will be held at the AMC Hoffman Theater 22, with Beatley Central Library offering free programs to the public. Visit www.alexandriafilm.org.

"Songs for a New World." 8 p.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, and 2 p.m. on Sunday at Workhouse Arts Center, 9518



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Local Dance Company to Perform in DC

"See Between the Lines" is a set of three collaborations between Jane Franklin's dance company and visual art. In "Incidence," a life-size kinetic sculpture created by Howard Connelly is manipulated by the dancers. "Nested" is performed with Rosemary Covey's "Not A Day Goes By," a visual art piece created by using eight wood blocks printed on Japanese paper and painted. "Wash Over You," uses text via foot lockers, picket signs, and shelf paper. Artwork for "Wash" is created in real time by artist Susan Miranda. Performances are on Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 15 at 4 p.m. at Cafritz Foundation Theater – Dance Place, 3225 8th St. NE, Washington, D.C. Tickets are \$15-30. Visit www.danceplace.org or www.janefranklin.com.

Workhouse Way, Lorton. Metropolitan Youth Theatre students of the Metropolitan School of the Arts (MSA) of Alexandria and Lorton, Va. will present its student-directed and produced performance of Jason Robert Brown's "Songs for a New World." Tickets are \$20. Visit www.metropolitanarts.org for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 6-7

Playfest 2015. 7 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Morning Bishop Theatre Playhouse presents Playfest 2015. The event is titled "All Voices Matter." Tickets are \$10 and \$12. Call 703-998-6260.

NOV. 6-26

"Under \$100: Affordable Masterpieces." During gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans showcases artwork for \$100 or less. Patrons can own and take home art when purchased. Free admission. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 7

"Beyond the Battlefield." 10 a.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Lee-Fendall House will offer "Beyond the Battlefield," a guided walking tour of Civil War sites in Historic Old Town. Participants will see locations and stories associated with soldiers, citizens, and the enslaved, including the occupation of Alexandria and emancipation. Stops on the tour will include locations to be featured in the upcoming PBS drama, "Mercy Street," which airs in January 2016. Advance tickets are \$15, or \$20 on the day of the program. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org for more.

Fort Ward Museum Veteran's Day Tours. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Fort Ward, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Two 90-minute tours will be conducted by Fort Ward staff member Kevin Moriarty, who will portray a Union army veteran reminiscing about his military service at Fort Ward during the Civil War. Participants will learn about Civil War veterans organizations, the history of Fort Ward, army life in the Civil War Defenses of Washington, and the design and construction of Civil War

forts. Highlights include the reconstructed Officers' Hut and ceremonial entrance gate, and the fort's fully restored Northwest bastion. Free. Call 703-746-4848.

Fort Hunt Preschool Fall Festival. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Fort Hunt Preschool, 1909 Windmill Lane. Find pony rides, inflatables, games, food and more. Free. Visit www.forthuntpreschool.com.

Docent-Led Tour. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse, 107 S. Alfred St. Take an in-depth tour of Friendship Firehouse led by a trained docent. Tickets are \$5 for adults, and \$4 for children 10-17. The tour is recommended for children 10 and over. Visit www.friendshipfirehouse.net for more.

"A Behind the Scenes of Mosby's Rangers." 1-3 p.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King St. Eric Buckland, a retired Army Special Forces Lieutenant Colonel, Vice President of the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society, member of the Mosby Heritage Area Association, and author of five books about some of the men who rode with Mosby's Rangers will tell tales of the Rangers' history, tactics, operations and lives during the Civil War era. \$5 suggested donation. Call 301-395-9541 or 703-549-7413 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 for more.

SCAN's 14th Annual Toast to Hope. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. "Toast for Hope" is an opportunity to support Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN). Tickets start at \$75. Visit www.scanva.org.

Kitty Donohoe and Kristin Rebecca. 7 p.m. at Focus Alexandria/Church of St. Clement, 1701 N. Quaker Lane. Ann Arbor-based songwriter and Michigan Emmy recipient Kitty Donohoe is joined by Maryland based songwriter Kristin Rebecca. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. Visit www.focumusic.org for more.

LETTERS

FROM PAGE 14

sented the quality and ethics of our schools, teachers, students' substantial achievements, parents' power to choose for their child and our work together. They want to discard the needs-based staffing I secured, essential to our lower class sizes and student progress, and brush over the real harm that spending fewer real dollars per student than a decade ago and \$2-6,000 less per student than most surrounding school districts has caused. While funding from the state has decreased, poverty levels and state testing standards continue to increase. Even so, our very diverse schools have vastly increased the number of student job-ready skills certifications, advanced courses completions and graduation rates. Our thousands of students who choose college are very successful there.

Mount Vernon District's future is tied to our continued revitalization of schools, highways and businesses while protecting our heritage and empowering our seniors. School revitalizations are occurring as I have built or funded five new schools and 18 District-related school additions and renovations. Our students are performing better than ever.

Transportation changes are underway, with many thanks to the leadership of Toddy Puller and Scott Surovell's efforts at the state. With their advocacy and that of Senator Ebbin, Chairman Bulova, Supervisors McKay and Hyland,

myself and others, more Route 1 congestion relief improvement funding has come. I am deeply committed to eliminating the predatory car title lenders, further widening of Route 1 and bringing Metro to Fort Belvoir.

As a third generation entrepreneur with a Masters in Business Administration, I understand business and job creation. Leveraging the job-growing benefits of our two major hospital complexes and our high school's Governors Health Care Academy in the fastest growing sector of our economy will be one key, one that my health care background has well prepared me to do. As your leader, I have built key relationships with other important area job growth sectors including our many heritage sites and Fort Belvoir. All of which are expected to double in size over the next years.

Yes, there is much more to be done, and I am prepared and ready from day one to get it done. This Tuesday, Nov. 3, I once again ask for your support. I will continue to apply the leadership skills that have proven so successful for our community and never stop listening to and working for you. My 25 years of leadership, passion and commitment to serving Mount Vernon District as a leader who gets things done has never been stronger. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Dan Storck
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Real Solutions for Real Problems

BY AUBREY LAYNE
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Virginians deserve a healthy public discussion about how best to improve our transportation system. But that discussion must also be grounded in fact, not political rhetoric. Unfortunately, the leadership of the House Republican Caucus is engaged in a campaign of misleading and flatly incorrect information on the McAuliffe administration's proposal to improve I-66 inside the Beltway. So in the interest of good public policy, here are the facts.

Fact 1: Despite unfounded claims to the contrary, dynamic tolling on I-66 will reduce congestion.

In 2013 the McDonnell Administration released a study on reducing traffic congestion in the I-66 corridor. It was the third such study in 15 years.

The study stated that dynamic tolling and multi-modal improvements could move 40,000 more people a day through the I-66 corridor, which is equivalent to 10 additional interstate lanes in the morning and another 10 in the evening. The proposal would increase travel speeds from today's low of 5 miles per hour to a more reliable pace of 45 miles per hour or faster.

The tangible congestion alleviation benefits this proposal will generate have led the Fairfax and Loudoun County Chambers of Commerce to express support for the proposed improvements. We are working collaboratively with Fairfax, Arlington and Falls Church on the proposed project. Just recently the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments' Transportation Planning Board approved adding this project to the region's Constrained Long Range Plan.

Fact 2: The McAuliffe's administration's proposed changes will only add more choices for I-66 commuters without impacting current HOV commuters.

If you currently carpool through the corridor, you will ride free as you always have. If you are a solo driver who used to have to exit I-66 and take secondary roads to and from work, you will now have the option to pay a toll and remain on I-66 all the way into the city.

Despite the disinformation political opponents are disseminating, tolling would only be in effect during peak hours, and this proposal offers more drivers the option of a fast and reliable trip without impacting current HOV commuters.

Fact 3: Travel times on parallel routes will either

improve or stay the same.

Studies show dynamic tolling will manage traffic more efficiently on I-66 inside the Beltway and parallel roads. In fact, this proposal will reduce traffic on parallel routes heading to DC in the morning, by offering more solo drivers the choice of paying a toll and staying on I-66.

VDOT has conducted a detailed analysis that shows no impacts on parallel routes, meaning that drivers who take Route 50 can expect roughly the same travel times in 2017 as they can today.

Fact 4: Toll revenues will be used to help move even more people through the corridor.

Studies reveal that dynamic tolling itself is a mechanism for managing congestion and reducing travel times — and every cent from that tolling on I-66 will be used to even further reduce congestion in that corridor. This is a self-financing project and will not take funding away from other transportation improvements.

Again, contrary to what House Republicans have conjured, it would be against the law to use those revenues for bike paths in the woods or road improvements in other parts of Northern Virginia or the state.

Since the state will own and operate the facility and collect tolls, excess revenues will not go to the profit of large corporations. All monies will directly benefit the corridor to enhance motorist through-put.

Fact 5: Widening I-66 inside the Beltway will take place — if necessary.

It is the Secretary of Transportation's job to ensure that transportation funds are spent wisely. In the case of I-66, that means implementing the most cost-effective solutions first, before we consider spending over \$100 million to perform even a limited widening of I-66.

The Governor's proposals for I-66 will better manage traffic flow at a fraction of the cost of widening the road.

We owe it to taxpayers to exhaust low-cost solutions, but, if after 5 years, vehicles are not traveling at free flow on I-66 during rush hour, then toll revenues will be used to widen the road.

Fact 6: Doing nothing is not an option.

Opponents of the Governor's proposal for I-66 have a host of complaints.

What they have yet to put forward are facts to back those claims, or real ideas for moving Virginians through the I-66 corridor more quickly. I am confident that this plan meets the transportation and political realities of this corridor — and that allowing campaign gamesmanship to block progress is not an option.

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Lisenby Helps West Potomac Overcome Early Miscue

Receiver catches two touchdown passes in win over TC.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

Jeremiah Ross warned his players of potential momentum swings prior to Saturday's game against rival T.C. Williams, but the West Potomac head coach had no idea the Wolverines would have their mental toughness tested so quickly.

West Potomac fumbled on the first play from scrimmage and T.C. Williams defensive back Colson Jenkins scooped up the loose ball and raced 45 yards to the end zone, giving the Titans a 6-0 lead 17 seconds into the game.

"I told them there were going to be ups and downs," Ross said. "I didn't know it was going to be that down right at the start, but ... those things happen."

It didn't take the Wolverines long to dismiss any concerns about the early miscue having a lingering effect.

On the next play from scrimmage, West Potomac responded with a 60-

"I think we're playing great. I think we're playing way better than we were last year. I think we can carry that into the playoffs."

— West Potomac receiver Brandon Lisenby

yard touchdown pass from quarterback Mark Ellis to receiver Brandon Lisenby. It was the first six touchdowns for the Wolverines, who cruised to a 42-18 win over the Titans on Oct. 24 at T.C. Williams High School.

Lisenby had seven receptions for 143 yards and two touchdowns, helping West Potomac turn an early 6-0 deficit into a 21-6 lead before the end of the first quarter. Facing third-and-13 with less than 3 minutes remaining in the opening quarter, Ellis looked to his left and completed a pass to Lisenby near the West Potomac sideline. Lisenby broke a tackle and picked up a first down, but No. 5 didn't stop there. He juke a T.C. Williams defender and sprinted the final 30 yards into the end zone, extending the Wolverines' lead to 21-6.



Quarterback Mark Ellis and the West Potomac football team improved to 6-2 with a 42-18 win over T.C. Williams on Oct. 24.

"He's done it all year in spaces," Ross said. "He's a dynamic kid that can make a lot of plays."

Lisenby's big afternoon also served as reassurance after West Potomac standout receiver CJ Burch suffered a broken collar bone during the first half following his lone reception of the contest. Burch had surgery on Tuesday, during which a metal plate and screws were used to repair his collar bone. He said he should return before the playoffs, which start Nov. 13. Until then, it's up to Lisenby and other receivers to make plays in the passing game.

"I feel like all our receivers are capable of making plays," Lisenby said. "That's a big

loss, but I think we'll be able to regroup and be able to make plays."

Ellis completed 12 of 20 passes for 239 yards and two touchdowns.

West Potomac also found success on the ground with running backs Justine Annan and Daiimon Cleveland.

Annan carried 18 times for 100 yards and two touchdowns. His 1-yard scoring run with 4:01 remaining in the third quarter gave the Wolverines a 35-12 lead.

Cleveland gained 37 yards on 13 carries and also scored a pair of touchdowns.

Defensively, West Potomac limited T.C. Williams to 133 yards from scrimmage. Linebacker Horace Johnson made multiple

plays in the Titans backfield, including a strip sack in the second half.

"I feel we played great," Johnson said. "We kept the intensity up. The focus was matching their intensity and overcoming it and that's what we did today."

Michael Tenkorang and Kreshawn Dikes each had an interception for West Potomac.

"Defense played their tails off," Ross said. "They did a great job."

T.C. Williams quarterback Ethan Hall completed 13 of 21 passes for 72 yards and a touchdown. He was intercepted twice. Hall connected with Daniel Davis for a 4-yard touchdown pass on the final play of the first half, cutting the West Potomac lead to 28-12.

TC running back Mahlique Booth scored on a 1-yard run with 1:11 remaining.

The win improved West Potomac's record to 6-2 overall and 3-2 in Conference 7. TC has dropped four straight and fell to 2-6 overall and 1-4 in the conference.

West Potomac is tied for No. 7 in the latest VHSL 6A North region power rankings. T.C. Williams is No. 19. The top 16 teams make the playoffs.

West Potomac will travel to face undefeated South County at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30 before closing the regular season with a home game against Mount Vernon on Nov. 6.

T.C. Williams will travel to face Annandale at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30.

"I think we're playing great," Lisenby said. "I think we're playing way better than we were last year. I think we can carry that into the playoffs."



PHOTOS BY RICHARD MAPLE

West Potomac receiver Brandon Lisenby had seven receptions for 143 yards and two touchdowns against T.C. Williams on Oct. 24.

West Potomac running back Justine Annan ran for 100 yards and two touchdowns during the Wolverines' 42-18 win over T.C. Williams on Oct. 24.



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Roberta Rand Robinson Fede

Roberta Rand Robinson Fede of Alexandria, Virginia passed away in her home on Sunday, October 18th in the comfort of her family and nursing aides following a 15-year battle with breast cancer. She was 72 years old.

Roberta was born on January 5, 1943 in Tacoma, Washington to John W. Robinson and Doris P. Hill Robinson of Brown's Point, Tacoma, WA, both deceased. Roberta was predeceased by her husband Frank Joseph Fede and Frank's daughter Marcia Fede Egge of Alexandria, VA. She is survived by her two loving daughters: Franchesca Rand Fede Gomez of Staunton, VA (son-in-law, Greg Aldridge) and Courtney Jane Fede Preusse of Renton, WA (son-in-law, Andrew Preusse), her stepchildren from her marriage with Frank: Susan Fede Schott of Chattanooga, Tennessee (stepson-in-law, Ron Schott), David Fede of Fairfax, VA (stepdaughter-in-law, Teri Fede), Honor Elizabeth Fede of Alexandria, VA, her grandchildren: Kari Ann Schott, Brian Schott, Nathan Egge, Noah Egge, Samantha Fede, Michael Fede, Natalie Gomez and Isabel Gomez, her brother: Robert Reid Robinson of Tacoma, WA (sister-in-law, Mary Robinson), and her dear 15-year old Scottish Terrier: Teddy. Roberta attended Stadium High School in Tacoma, Washington and graduated at the top of her class. She then went on to attend Stanford University in Palo Alto, California where she worked a full time job to pay for school and, again, graduated at the top of her class. She moved to Washington, DC shortly after graduation to work for Congressman Brock Adams and later, the US Department of Transportation for 32 years. Roberta stayed in the area, where she met Frank, a negotiator for the US State Department.

Roberta enjoyed traveling, kayaking, hiking and swimming. She enjoyed friends and community life for many years. She leaves behind more wonderful friends and fond memories than a person could ever wish for. She will be remembered for her grace, loving nature, optimism and practicality. A memorial service will be held at Pohick Church at 9301 Richmond Hwy, Lorton, VA 22079 on Tuesday, October 27th at 11am followed by burial. A celebration of life will be held at the Brown's Point clubhouse on December 6th for family and friends on the west coast. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Roberta's name can be made to The Historic Pohick Church Foundation (www.pohick.org/historic.html) or to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, WA (www.fredhutch.org/en/ways-to-give.html).

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Dr. Edward E. Gahres (Age 85)

Of Alexandria, VA passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 following a stroke. He was born January 9, 1930 in Somerville, NJ to the late Frank A. and Mary H. Gahres, and is survived by his devoted wife of 64 years Colleen M. Gahres, his son James E. Gahres (Jeanne), daughter Catherine E. Gahres (Jim), and grandchildren Cameron Gahres and Elizabeth Woolford. Dr. Gahres did his undergraduate work at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ, received a master's degree in genetics from George Washington University and a medical degree from the University of Virginia. He was a dedicated and caring obstetrician and gynecologist, delivering thousands of babies during his 50 year career in Alexandria and the District of Columbia. Thirty of those years were in practice with his friend and colleague Dr. Luis Radice.

A champion for his profession and his patients, Dr. Gahres served two terms as chair of the OB-GYN department at Alexandria Hospital, and was a past president of both the Virginia and Washington Obstetrical & Gynecological Societies. In the 1980's he spearheaded the creation of the Virginia Birth Injury Fund to help address the decrease of OB-GYNs in the state. Dr. Gahres was a clinical professor of OB-GYN at George Washington University School of Medicine, and a fellow of many medical societies, including The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Society of Nuclear Medicine.

Dr. Gahres was a loving husband, father and grandfather, loyal Yankees and Redskins fan, train enthusiast, purveyor of jokes, handyman extraordinaire, and well-known for his ever-present bow tie. A memorial service honoring Dr. Gahres' life will be held Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 pm, in the Chapel at Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, 3440 South Jefferson Street, Falls Church, VA. Donations honoring Dr. Gahres may be made to the University of Virginia Medical School Foundation, P.O. Box 800776, Charlottesville, VA 22908.

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Edwin Calver Granley of Alexandria, VA, 94, died peacefully on September 22, 2015 at Greenspring Retirement Village, where he was a resident. He was born on June 3, 1921 in Bainville, Montana to Ole and Sarah Lucken Granley.

"Ed" is survived by his daughter, Sara Granley Becker and husband Steve of McLean, VA, three grandchildren; John Sidbury Becker of Chicago, IL, Sarah Grace Becker and Evan Granley Becker, both of McLean, VA; 3 nieces, Arlene Sellars of Kiefer, Indiana, Joyce Schmidt of Wanatchee, Washington, Marion Harrelson and nephew Dave Granley, both of Bainville, Montana.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Norma Sanders Granley, his brothers, Albert Granley and Raymond Granley and a nephew Lloyd Granley.

Ed attended Havre College in Havre, Montana until 1942 then served as an Aircraft Engineering Technician for the US Army during WWII. He graduated from Montana State University with a B.S in Civil Engineering and worked for the Federal Highway Administration from 1949 until his retirement in 1981.

Ed was a member of Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, VA for over 30 years. He was a member of the "Road Gang", a group of fellow highway engineers, an active alumnus of Montana State University, a skier, a golfer and an enthusiastic polka dancer.

As a young man in the 1950's, Ed was President of the Washington Ski Club when club members had to groom the slopes. He was a regular at Montana State Society events around DC.

He will be remembered for his happy personality and his kindness.

Friends and Family will gather to remember him at a future date.

Ed was always happy to help those in need, so in lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in his name to a favorite charity.

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Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 15-09-05 – A/E Design Services PH,

RFP 15-09-05 will be received in the Financial Services Department, Procurement Office, located at 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, November 30, 2015. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Proposals appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8343, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPS website at www.acps.k12.va.us, Administration, Financial Services, Procurement and General Services – Current Bids and Request for Proposals.

All questions should be submitted before 4:30 p.m., November 20, 2015. If necessary, an addendum will be issued and posted to the ACPS web site.

There is a non-mandatory pre-proposal conference for this RFP on Monday, November 9, 2015, at 10:00 AM, at the Alexandria City Public Schools Central Office, located at 1340 Braddock Place, in the third floor conference room 310-3B, in Alexandria, VA 22314. All Offerors interested in providing the services in the RFP are encouraged to attend.

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Elizabeth Stewart Clement was born on September 24, 1928, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and died on September 27, 2015, in Alexandria, Virginia, after a brief illness. She is survived by her devoted husband of 67 years, Col. Coleman C. Clement, Jr., USA, Ret. She is also survived by her children: Catherine R. Clement (Sandy Modell), Clare Stober, Richard L. Clement (Laura W. Clement), her six grandchildren: Coleman P. Schenning (Lauren Rash Schenning), Catherine E. Schenning Pearson (Michael Pearson), Lee D. Clement, Jackson S. Clement, James E. Clement, Mollie E. Clement, and her great-granddaughter, Margaret Pearson. She is also survived by her sister, E. Jacqueline Stewart and brother, Richards O. Stewart, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Elizabeth attended the Telfair Academy in Savannah, Georgia, and the High Museum of Art School, in Atlanta, Georgia. In 1948, she married Coleman C. Clement, Jr., a U.S. Army officer, and managed the family for 25 years at various postings in the United States, Europe, Asia and Central America. Coleman and Elizabeth lived in Alexandria from 1968 to 1980, during which time Elizabeth was a founding member of the Torpedo Factory Art Center. In 1980, they retired to Winter Haven, Florida, where Elizabeth continued to pursue her career as a painter and teacher of art. In 2007, they moved to the Washington House, Alexandria, Virginia.

On November 1, 2015, Fr. Carlton C. Clarke, of All Angels Anglican Church, will conduct a brief memorial service at 3:00 p.m. at the Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to All Angels Anglican Church, 5515 Cherokee Avenue Suite 303 Springfield, VA 22312.

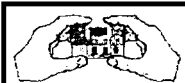
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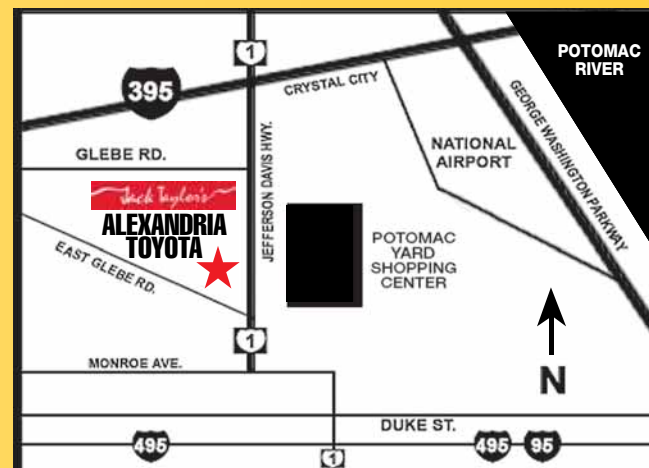
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Classic Georgian manor home crafted by legendary master builder, Eugene Cullinane to serve as model for homes in upscale Mt Vernon on the Potomac neighborhood. Special home contains builder's trademark features including custom brickwork, elaborate plaster moldings, estates size rooms, stately 10' ceilings & imposing 13' wide foyer. Private marina access in area's leading waterfront community. True one of a kind property! **OPEN SUN 11/1, 1:00—4:00. GW Pky S, L-Forest Haven; immediate R-Mount Vernon Circle.**



3232 Woodland Lane \$659,000
Stunning Open Floor Plan!

Truly spectacular home, updated throughout in gorgeous setting on quiet wooded lane off GW Parkway. Numerous fabulous features include SBR, 3.5 updated baths, designer chef's kitchen with extensive cabinetry, granite counters, Viking fridge & 6 burner gas stove; family room with glass walls & high ceilings; new carpet. Covered parking for 2. Bucolic atmosphere on large lot with neighborhood water access. **OPEN SUN 11/1, 1:00—4:00. GW Pky S, R-235 N; R-Woodland Ln.**



9408 Brambly Lane \$1,165,000
New Home Feel!

Spacious Colonial by Wakefield Homes-the area's leading custom builder! Home has striking open floor plan accentuated by high ceilings and large windows which bring light to every corner of the home. Numerous fabulous features include: 3 luxurious finished levels, open kitchen-family room, spacious master suite and oversize 3 car garage. Deck overlooks private wooded yard. Prime location on quiet cul-de-sac. Impossible to duplicate at close to this price!



9412 Ferry Landing Ct \$789,000
Classic Williamsburg Colonial!

Uniquely gorgeous property! Custom home in premier setting on quiet cul-de-sac ending at river. Magnificent grounds featuring custom pool, hot tub, expansive decking and large level lawn. Home with numerous features: open floor plan, updated kitchen & baths, fabulous rec room over side load, two car garage. Super value-nothing like it at close to this price!



8708 Plymouth Rd \$1,499,000

Classic American Four Square Design—Special Pre-Construction Price! Best of both worlds-classic American Four Square exterior combined with stunning modern floor plan and amenities. Numerous features include open floor plan, high ceilings, top line kitchen and baths. Prime location on half acre level lot in popular Plymouth Haven. Pre-construction contract provides maximum opportunity to customize and discounted price!



8824 Stratford Lane \$949,000
Best New Home Value in Stratford

Brand new Wakefield home soon to be finished on gorgeous quarter acre tract just off the GW Pky in prestigious Stratford Landing! Three finished levels, high ceilings, hand finished hardwood floors, luxurious master suite, gourmet kitchen with 42" cabinets and granite counters, full walk-out lower level & two car garage.



4831 Stillwell Ave \$549,500
Absolutely Adorable!

Curb appeal abounds! Classic Cape in gorgeous setting on landscaped half acre lot in quiet neighborhood surrounded by country club grounds and parkland. Many features include 4 bedrooms, updated kitchen, hardwood floors, fireplace, thermal windows. Prime location offering quiet tranquil environment yet convenient to everything!



9312 Heather Glen \$599,000
Stunning Opportunity!

7107 Richard Casey Ct \$779,500
Victorian Classic-Exceptional Price!



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