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## Subsidy Skepticism County Board candidates range from hostile to uncertain on Nestle deal.

BY VERNON MILES  
THE CONNECTION

**A**rlington County had a chocolate craving. It wanted Nestle, badly, and it was willing to pay \$6 million to acquire it. But some, including County Board candidates, say they're concerned the county may have overindulged its appetite.

At the Sept. 16 County Board meeting, the first of the county funding — \$1.27 million — intended to entice Nestle to move to Arlington County was allocated for reimbursement of infrastructure improvements outside the future Nestle headquarters. The funding comes right as Arlington County also begins its publicly announced courtship of Amazon.com, hoping to entice the online retail giant to open a second headquarters in Arlington. But the decision also comes in the middle of an ongoing race for a County Board seat vacated at the end of the year. Whoever is elected in the fall, the County Board may find their new colleague much less receptive to tax credits for major incoming businesses.

As the three-way race for County Board goes on, one thing all candidates seem to share is a uncertainty about the County Board's decision to offer incentives to corporations like Nestle to entice them to move to Arlington. If it can meet certain goals set out by the state and local governments, Nestle will receive \$16 million in tax credits. Of that \$16 million, \$10 million come from state funding while \$6 million is coming from Arlington County. From the county funding, \$4 million is allocated in the form of performance grants, given on condition

that Nestle reach certain conditions like half of the hires at the new office being local; while \$2 million, like the Sept. 16 funding, is being offered in infrastructure improvements.

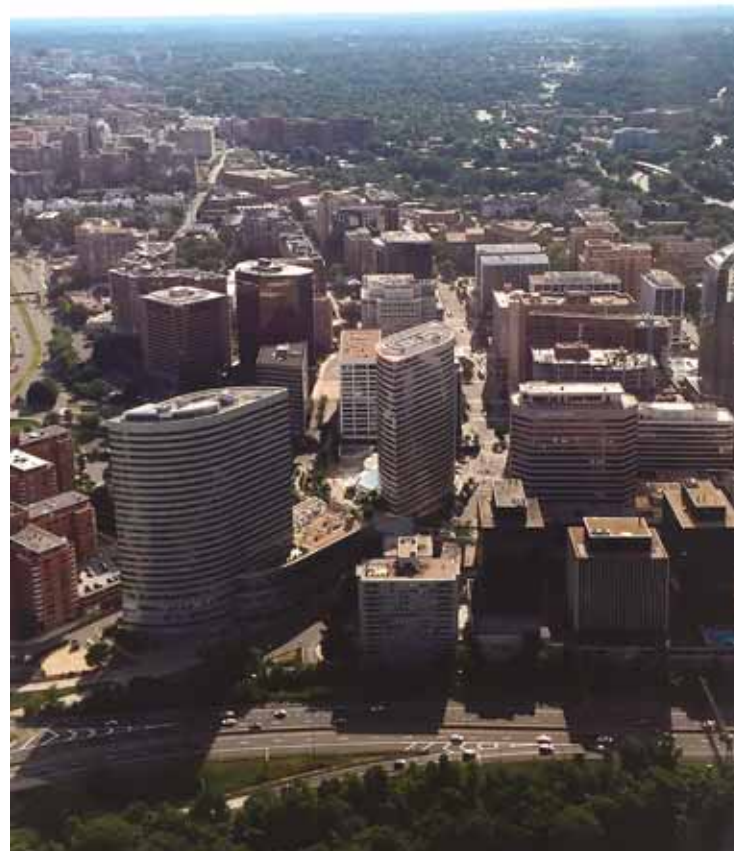
County Board candidates Audrey Clement and Charles McCullough have expressed their disapproval of the Nestle decision throughout the campaign. After the funding was allocated, McCullough criticized the reimbursements on Twitter as corporate welfare.

"I don't think it's the best use for this money," said McCullough. "Average citizens end up subsidizing wealthy corps with limited benefits for the community. Benefits mainly go to shareholders. I don't feel when I look at things like this that the taxpayers benefit."

McCullough argued that if the county was going to finance businesses, it should instead focus on smaller local businesses rather than large, international corporations.

"We should be focusing on our small businesses here," said McCullough. "They contribute to the character and economy of our local neighborhood. We're courting these huge internationals who do not need these incentives, but there are needs there for small businesses."

The question of tax incentives to entice



Rosslyn, site of the incoming Nestle headquarters.

he wouldn't rule out using them as an option to help rebuild Arlington's economy and office space infrastructure.

"We have to be competitive," said Gutshall. "We have great talent here because of great schools, great infrastructure, great parks. But other places have those too and we have to stay competitive. I don't think we want to race to the bottom and that we should just be throwing incentives out and mortgaging our future. We have to do deals that make sense and in the long run, add to our community portfolio."

Gutshall pointed to recent acquisition of the National Science Foundation by Alexandria, relocating the facility away from Arlington. When incentives are being offered to undercut neighbors, Gutshall said the region as a whole suffers. But Gutshall also said Arlington can't afford to be left in the dust if others do.

"I don't think we should be engaged in bidding wars within our region," said Gutshall. "NSF getting wooed away by Alexandria was a horrible precedent. We can't go back and unring that bell. That was a wake-up call for Arlington. We had a firm 'we don't do deals' so that woke us up to be more willing to do deals."

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## Taming the Concrete Jungle Board approves reformed exotic animal ban.

BY VERNON MILES  
THE CONNECTION

**A**fter a year of back and forth, the Arlington County Board finally pulled the trigger and killed the exotic animal allowances.

In a unanimous decision around 1 a.m. on Sept. 16, the County Board banned wild and exotic animals as pets in Arlington County.

According to county staff, the code changes are part of an effort to protect both local humans and animals. Venomous snakes were banned in 2008 after first responders encountered them in a dangerous situation, and since then recurring incidents involving escaped exotic animals have prompted a closer look at the county's laissez faire approach to exotic pets.

The new regulations proposed earlier in 2017 prompted outrage from the local exotic pet owner community, with hedgehogs being put forward as the face of exotic pets that would be banned. The presentation on Sept. 16 started with a picture of a smiling



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**Six-foot long albino python slipping into the Arlington sewers**

hedgehog and announced that the new legislation would be less restrictive than what was initially proposed. Hedgehogs and sugar gliders, prohibited in the earlier proposals, would be allowed in Arlington

County. Only venomous spiders and scorpions would be prohibited and large non-venomous snakes would not be prohibited, though more safety standards would be put in place to ensure their proper care. Unlike

the sharply divided meeting in March, the public comment to the new exotic animal ban was almost universal support.

"[People] came together on an issue that created sharp divisions," said County Board member Christian Dorsey. "We got to a point where not everyone is unhappy."

The new exotic animal ban was approved unanimously. Exotic animals currently living in Arlington will be allowed to remain if they are registered with the county.

Animals affected by the ban include:

- ❖ Non-human primates
- ❖ Raccoons
- ❖ Skunks
- ❖ Wolves or wolf hybrids
- ❖ Coyotes
- ❖ Squirrels
- ❖ Foxes
- ❖ Leopards
- ❖ Panthers
- ❖ Tigers
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## NEWS



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# NVSO Winds Down

But not for the  
competitors.

The last day of Northern Virginia Senior Olympics (NVSO) winds down on Wednesday, Sept. 20 but the enthusiasm of the pickleball competitors hasn't diminished as 26 competitors face off in the pickleball singles at Thomas Jefferson Community Center. An official comments that yesterday was six hours of doubles and women's pickleball. "We didn't end until 3."

Court 1 pits Judy Aw from Falls Church against Sandra Hammersley from Manassas. On Court 3 Dennis Clague from Arlington plays Gerard de la Cruz, also from Arlington, originally from Australia. Clague wins the competition in two games. Gerard's wife, Betty de la Cruz, faces Alease Brooks, also from Arlington on Court 2.

### "FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs for Oct. 2-7.

**Senior centers:** Lee, 5722 Lee Hwy.; Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St.; Walter Reed, 2909 S. 16th St.; Arlington Mill, 909 S. Dinwiddie St.; Aurora Hills, 735 S. 18th St.

**Senior trips:** Western Scenic Railroad's Fall Foliage Tour and lunch, Cumberland, Tuesday, Oct. 3, \$119; Shenandoah Valley Cultural Heritage Museum and Shenandoah Vineyards, Edinburg, Thursday, Oct. 5, \$17;

The Kennedy Center, National Symphony Orchestra Coffee Concert, Friday, Oct. 6, \$40; Waterford Crafts and His-

toric Home Fair, Waterford, Saturday, Oct. 7, \$20. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

**NEW PROGRAM:**  
**Current events**, Monday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m., Walter Reed. Details, 703-228-0955.

— SHIRLEY RUHE

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# The Last DACA Clinic

Applications for renewals must be filed by Oct. 5.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
THE CONNECTION

A sign outside Annandale United Methodist Church on Saturday, Sept. 23 read, "Welcome - Just Neighbors DACA Clinic." What the sign didn't say is that this would be the final DACA Clinic.

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced President Donald Trump's Executive Order on Sept. 5 repealing Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Current DACA recipients with a work permit due to expire before March 5 can apply for a two-year renewal but no new first-time DACA applications can be filed.

DACA is a program that allows individuals meeting certain requirements, who either entered the country illegally as children or remained, to receive a renewable two-year deferred action from deportation and be eligible for a work permit. However, a DACA permit is only a temporary protection and not a not a path to legal citizenship.

Erin McKinney, director of Just Neighbors Ministry, says 12 people were preregistered for Saturday's clinic with some walk-ins. Immigration attorneys would review the required paperwork to minimize errors and the possibility of missing the deadline.



**Tori Andrea-Babington, an immigration lawyer with Just Neighbors, says USCIS is processing about half of the DACA applications "super fast" and half are taking about six months.**

PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE/THE CONNECTION

McKinney observes there haven't been a lot of people at the clinics recently. She speculates that maybe they are filling out the paperwork themselves. "I hope so." She says when they had "know your rights" clinics early this year, a lot of the people who first came out for the clinics were later afraid they would be identified and people stopped coming. They were worried that their families were unprotected.

McKinney added, "In general the immigrants feel let down by the repeal. They feel they are as American as anyone and have never known any other country."

Tori Andrea-Babington, an immigration lawyer with Just Neighbors and director of Legal Services for Northern Virginia Family Services, says about half of the applications are being processed by the United States Customs and Immigration Service (USCIS) "super fast and about half are taking about six months. I think there has been a serious effort to turn them around quickly."

The immigration lawyers stood outside a room of eight tables where applicants worked through a pile of papers. The lawyers will review the paperwork before it is sent to USCIS.

McKinney calls the lawyers her "bullpen." She said, "They are the saviors," and added,



**Erin McKinney, executive director of Just Neighbors, says, since 2012, there have been around 2,000 people with DACA status in Northern Virginia. Over 50 percent of their clients are from Fairfax with 16 percent in Arlington and others in Loudoun, Alexandria and Prince William.**

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## Dire and Urgent

Does current repeal effort set the stage for billions in tax cuts for the wealthiest?

**“D**ire and urgent.” Those are the words used by U.S. Sen. Mark Warner to describe the need to turn back the most recent attempt to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act.

In addition to repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act with a plan that would result in chaos, the Graham-Cassidy bill also repeals Medicaid as we know it, Virginia’s senators said in a call with reporters last week.

“Why are they going after Medicaid?” asked U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine. Per capita caps on Medicaid have “nothing to do with the Affordable Care Act.”

The proposed cuts include \$243 billion less between 2020 and 2026 for the ACA’s expansion of Medicaid, and cuts to the rest of Medicaid of \$175 billion during the same period, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities analysis.

The cuts would grow dramatically in 2027, with nearly \$300 billion more in cuts that year alone.

“Why go after Medicaid? Why?” Kaine asked again. Kaine is pretty sure he knows the answer: To generate money for billions in tax cuts for the wealthy.

“Senators who support this [repeal], who think that the Federal government should not be paying for health care for the poor, for the aged, for the disabled, are planning to give this money to the wealthiest Americans in tax cuts. “We must resist that at all costs.”

While the Graham-Cassidy bill appears to

lack the votes to pass right now, and many people predict that the Senate will move on from trying to repeal and replace the affordable care act, vigilance is still required.

These ongoing efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act also threaten the quality of coverage for everyone by shredding protection on pre-existing conditions, by stripping funding for addiction and mental health treatment in the midst of a nationwide opioid epidemic, by allowing lifetime caps on coverage that would leave the most seriously ill patients without coverage, by undermining what constitutes “essential benefits,” the very definition of what one expects to be covered by insurance.

— MARY KIMM

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## Religious Statements on DACA Decision

*The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, bishop of the Archdiocese of Arlington, released the following statement in response to news about DACA:*

**I** join my voice with those who are disheartened by the news that President Trump will rescind DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). Standing with my brother Bishops, I urge Congress and the President to enact legislation that will safeguard those currently protected by this important program.

While the issue of immigration is complicated — and our government has many considerations to balance in responding to the influx of those who seek safety, and personal and economic security in our country—offering special protection to those who only know the United States as home is a reasonable measure of compassion.

This news is undoubtedly troubling for the hundreds of thousands approved through DACA. I ask all Catholics and people of good will in the Diocese of Arlington to keep these individuals, as well as our government officials,

in prayer. May we as a country be considerate of our neighbors and defend those whom we have offered protection and safe harbor.

*The president and vice president along with chairmen of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) have issued a statement denouncing the Administration’s termination of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program after six months.*

The cancellation of the DACA program is reprehensible. It causes unnecessary fear for DACA youth and their families. These youth entered the U.S. as minors and often know America as their only home. The Catholic Church has long watched with pride and admiration as DACA youth live out their daily lives with hope and a determination to flourish and contribute to society: continuing to work and provide for their families, continuing to serve in the military, and continuing to receive an education. Now, after months of anxiety and fear about their futures, these brave young people face deportation. This decision is unacceptable and does not reflect who we are as Americans.

COMMENTARY



### Clarendon Fall Festival

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LETTER

### Next Governor

To the Editor:

The next Governor of Virginia: Ed Gillespie. That is what I thought immediately upon meeting this personable, humble, and kind candidate on July 4. Virginia will be so lucky when Ed wins. That was my next thought. And please note that indeed it was not if, when.

Surety in a strong connection to the message of serve, educate, create. In networking, meeting new people, and studying websites, articles, and recent debate, it is clear that Ed Gillespie is gubernatorial already. The only simple, clear choice, and action left for Virginians to do is vote Ed Gillespie on Nov. 7.

Take a moment to visit Ed Gillespie’s website in service to community, excellence in education, and then create a safer stronger Virginia by voting Ed Gillespie for Governor.

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# Board Statement on DACA

The Arlington County Board issued the following statement after President Trump's decision to terminate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program after six months

**W**e are gravely disappointed with President Trump's decision to end DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), the program that has given hope to some 800,000 Dreamers by protecting them from deportation and allowing them to more fully integrate into our country — their country.

**COMMENTARY** The young people protected under DACA have gone to school, saluted our flag and served in our armed services. Many never knew they were not citizens until they looked for a job or applied to college. They have made many contributions to our nation. Arlington's own DACA recipients have been an integral part of this county through their academic achievements in Arlington Public Schools and their leadership in the community.

Since 2012, DACA has allowed certain undocumented immigrants who entered the United States before the age of 16 to receive a renewable two-year

period of deferred action from deportation and made them eligible to work. In short, it gave nearly one million young people hope. The president's act of cruelty will tear apart families, cause substantial economic damage to our nation and further divide Americans.

Congress must now act before the March deadline to protect the Dreamers. Congress should immediately consider the American Hope Act, cosponsored by U.S. Rep. Don Beyer, who has shown real leadership on the immigration issue.

While Congress has tried and failed in the past to enact comprehensive immigration reform, permanently addressing the fate of America's Dreamers cannot wait. Now is their opportunity to act, and they should do so immediately.

Arlington again reaffirms its commitment as a welcoming community that recognizes, respects and supports the contributions of all its members. Arlington stands especially with these young people, our Dreamers and DACA recipients.

Visit <https://topics.arlingtonva.us/resources-immigrants/> for immigration resources.

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[KolAmiVirginia.org/high-holy-days/](http://KolAmiVirginia.org/high-holy-days/).

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**SafeChurch Workshop.** 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Arlington, 2609 N. Glebe Road. Prevention of Child Sexual Misconduct Workshop. Visit [stmmarysarlington.org](http://stmmarysarlington.org) for more.

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**Jung Min Park: Memoryscape.** Various times through Oct. 1 at the Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Jung Min Park creates memorable urban and architectural scenes through first-hand experiences and observations of cities and sites. Call 703-248-6800.

**“A Little Night Music.”** Extended through Oct. 15 at the Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Visit [www.sigtheatre.org](http://www.sigtheatre.org).

**Arlington Farmer’s Market.** Every Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon at the corner of N. 14th Street and N. Courthouse Road. A weekly celebration of local food including fresh produce, meats, dairy, cheese, baked goods, free range eggs, specialty items, cut flowers, plants and herbs. Email [csingiser@cfwdc.org](mailto:csingiser@cfwdc.org) or call 917-733-6402.

**Yoga in the Park.** through Oct. 17, 6-7:30 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. On Tuesday, hour-long classes are accessible to all fitness levels. The cost for an entire session of five classes is just \$20 per person. Call 703-228-6525.

**FRESHFARM Market.** 3-7 p.m. on Tuesdays at 1900 Crystal Drive. Shop from local farmers and producers with seasonal fruits and vegetables, fresh-cut flowers, container plants and herbs, farm-raised eggs, all-natural meats, artisan baked goods, and specialty foods. Visit [www.crystallcity.org](http://www.crystallcity.org).

**Mobile Bike Repair.** 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Thursdays at 1900 Crystal Drive. Drop off your bike on Thursday morning and have it tuned up and ready to ride before heading home. Email [DC@velofix.com](mailto:DC@velofix.com), or phone 855-VELO-FIX.

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**Healthy Lifestyle Runs.** Saturdays, 9 a.m. at Roosevelt Island, George Washington Memorial Parkway. American Cancer Society partners with parkrun USA to promote fitness in the fight against cancer. Free. Visit [www.parkrun.us/rooseveltislanddc/](http://www.parkrun.us/rooseveltislanddc/).

**Friday Night Live.** 8 p.m. Fridays at the Church at Clarendon, 1210 N. Highland St., Suite A. Local musicians perform. Free. Visit [1bc.org](http://1bc.org).

**Culinaire’s Winter Lunch.** Tuesdays through Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Art Institute of Washington, 1820 N. Fort Myer Drive, 12th floor. Culinaire, the student-run restaurant of the Art Institute of Washington, is now serving lunch from their winter menu on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Visit [www.artinstitutes.edu/arlington](http://www.artinstitutes.edu/arlington).

**Arlington’s Historical Museum Open on First Wednesdays.** The Arlington Historical Museum is open to the public on the first Wednesday of every month from 12:30-3:30 p.m. The museum consists of exhibits chronicling Arlington County’s history from Native American settlements up to the present day. The museum will continue to be open

## FALL FAVORITES



## Vampire’s Ball

**11th Annual Vampires Ball, at 8 p.m. Oct. 27 at Synetic Theater, 1800 S. Bell St. Dance the night away with music courtesy of Resident Composer and Halloween DJ, Konstantine Lortkipanidze. The event will include an open bar, light appetizers, and a costume contest with prizes. \$60 to \$75. Visit [synetictheater.org](http://synetictheater.org).**

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 28

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on Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. Admission is free. The museum is located in the former 1891 Hume School building at 1805 S. Arlington Ridge Road. Contact Garrett Peck at 571-243-1113 or at [garrett.peck@arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:garrett.peck@arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org).

**LGBT & Straight Friends Social.** Tuesdays. Happy Hour, 3-7 p.m.;

Mikey’s “Bar A” Video Wall, 7 p.m.; start time at 8 p.m. IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. For 21 years and older. Free. Visit [www.iotaclubandcafe.com](http://www.iotaclubandcafe.com).

**Open Mic Comedy.** Wednesdays 8-10 p.m. at Ri Ra Irish Pub, 2915 Wilson Blvd. Doors open at 7 p.m. Age 21 and up only. Free show, \$25 cash

prize for best joke. Call 703-248-9888 or Visit [www.RiRa.com/](http://www.RiRa.com/) Arlington.

**Food Truck Thursdays.** 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the corner of North Irving St. and Washington Blvd. Find a round-up of regional food trucks. Free to attend. Visit [www.dmvfta.org](http://www.dmvfta.org).

**Invasive Plants Removal.** Work



Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Stories, special animal guests, games, songs and S’mores. Wear your Halloween Costumes. Call 703-228-6535

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parties are held every month to keep the parks free of destructive invasive plants. Teens, adults and families welcome. Every second Sunday of the month 2-4:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road; call 703-228-3403. Every third Sunday of the month 2-5 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road; call 703-228-6535 or Visit [registration.arlingtonva.us](http://registration.arlingtonva.us). Free, no registration required.

**Poetry Series.** 6-8 p.m. second Sunday of the month at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Hosted by poet Miles David Moore. Featured artists share their poetry followed by open readings. Free. Visit [www.iotaclubandcafe.com](http://www.iotaclubandcafe.com) or call 703-522-8340.

**Open Mic Nite.** 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. every Wednesday at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Sign-up times are 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Bring instruments, fans and friends. Visit [www.iotaclubandcafe.com](http://www.iotaclubandcafe.com) or call 703-522-8340.

**Karaoke.** 8 p.m. on the first Sunday every month at Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd. Visit [www.galaxyhut.com](http://www.galaxyhut.com) or call 703-525-8646.

**Pub Quiz.** 8 p.m. every Sunday at Whitlow’s on Wilson, 2854 Wilson Blvd. Prizes for first place. Free. Visit [www.whitlows.com](http://www.whitlows.com) or call 703-276-9693.

**Storytime.** Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30-11 a.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Fillmore St. Storytime with Ms. Laura. Call 703-527-5929.

**Lego Club.** Monthly on the first Wednesday. 4-5 p.m. Glencarlyn Branch Library, 300 S. Kensington St. The library provides tubs of legos and a special challenge and after the program the creations are displayed for everyone to see. No registration required. Call 703-228-6548.

**Crystal City Sparket.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Wednesdays at 1900 Crystal Drive. Sparket — A Creative Market is an extension of DC’s Eastern Market with arts, crafts, and handmade goods. Free to attend. Visit [www.crystallcity.org](http://www.crystallcity.org).

**Open Mic Night.** Wednesdays, at 8 p.m., sign ups are at 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m., at Iota Club & Café, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Free. Visit [www.iotaclubandcafe.com/](http://www.iotaclubandcafe.com/).

**Art for Life.** Third Thursday of each month. The Hyatt Regency Crystal City’s “Art for Life” Partnership with National Kidney Foundation brings a new artist each month to The Hyatt for a reception. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**Brunch at Freddie’s.** Third Saturday of every month, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Freddie’s Beach Bar, 555 23rd St. The Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance gathers for an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet (\$9.99). All are welcome. No reservation is required. Visit [www.facebook.com/events/700174390103305](http://www.facebook.com/events/700174390103305).

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## FALL FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

# Dodson To Perform at Opera NOVA

Soprano Desiree Dodson leads an array of opera singers who will perform at Opera NOVA's annual brunch on Sunday, Oct. 8, at the Washington Golf & Country Club, 3017 N. Glebe Rd. in Arlington.

Guests will also hear baritone Jose Sacin, mezzo-soprano Elise Jenkins, tenor Tony Torchia and keynote speaker Dr. Vivek Patil, founder of Building Bridges Community Engagement and former County Board candidate.

Reservations for the \$60 brunch can be made at 703-536-7557 or by writingmcdm1@verizon.net. Doors open at noon, lunch begins at 12:30 p.m., and the performance starts at 1:15 p.m.

Dodson most recently was singing Mimi in "La Boheme" the role of Tosca in Sicily with the Mediterranean Opera Studio. She has sung multiple concerts in Italy with the Treviso Summer Concert Series, including selections from "Otello" and "Madama Butterfly." A native of Colorado, Dodson won rave reviews at the Pikes Peak Center for Opera Theater of the Rockies and in the Aspen Music Festival. As a young singer, Dodson was a finalist in the Metropolitan Opera Auditions as well as a semifinalist in the Meistersinger Competition of Austria.

Sacin has been artistic director of Opera NOVA for



**Desiree Dodson**

puts on concerts aimed at seniors, young people, minorities and others who would not normally attend more costly events in Washington. Every year it puts on an opera seen by hundreds of school children, the most recent being Scott Joplin's "Treemonisha" last spring.

five years, performing regularly with Opera Camerata in Washington, as well. He has appeared as a recitalist in Russia, Japan, Costa Rica, Honduras, Venezuela, Bolivia, his native Peru and throughout the United States.

Opera NOVA, formerly the Opera Guild of Northern Virginia, regularly

## CALENDAR

### FRIDAY/SEPT. 29

**Cinema and Pub in the Park.** Dusk at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. Golden Eye will be featured, rescheduled due to summer rain, food trucks will be on site. Visit [www.rosslynva.org](http://www.rosslynva.org).

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### SUNDAY/OCT. 1

**Sunday Brunch Yoga at the Pub.** 9 a.m. at Crystal City Sports Pub, 529 23rd St. S. Hour long, all-levels vinyasa flow followed by drinks at the bar. The \$10 ticket includes a brunch beverage of choice. Takes place every Sunday through December. Visit [www.crystalcity.org/do/siptember](http://www.crystalcity.org/do/siptember).

**Become a Nature Teacher.** 1:30-3 p.m. at the Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Get a behind the scenes look at being a nature teacher by learning about animals and how we teach people about nature. Create a nature activity, and teach to the other participants while on a nature hike. Free. Call 703-228-6535.

### MONDAY/OCT. 2

**ARTrageous Silent Auction.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive. Annual Arlington Artists Alliance silent art auction. Visit [www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org/](http://www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org/).

**Empty Bowls Soup Lunch Tour.** 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Hyatt Centric

Arlington, 1325 Wilson Blvd. At each lunch, about 300 guests will taste unlimited soups from local restaurants, and choose a handcrafted bowl to take home. \$35, benefit for the Capital Area Food Bank. Visit [capitalareafoodbank.org/empty-bowls](http://capitalareafoodbank.org/empty-bowls).

### OCT. 3-NOV. 26

**"An Act of God" on Stage.** Various times at the Signature Theatre 4200 Campbell Ave. Starring veteran local actor Tom Story. Visit [www.sigtheatre.org](http://www.sigtheatre.org).

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 4

**Northern Virginia Bird Club Walk.** 8:30-11 a.m. at the Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Join members of the Northern Virginia Bird Club for one or all of these informal walks through Long Branch in search of resident and migratory birds. Bring binoculars and field guides if possible. Free. Call 703-228-6535.

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### THURSDAY/OCT. 5

**Mini Golf Tournament.** 5-8 p.m. at PGAL offices, 201 North Union St., Suite 500. To benefit Arlington Food Assistance Center. Visit [www.pgal.com](http://www.pgal.com).

### OCT. 6-21

**Performances of Pippin.** Friday and Saturday performances at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees begin at 2:30 p.m. at the Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road. visit [www.thearlingtonplayers.org](http://www.thearlingtonplayers.org).

### FRIDAY/OCT. 6

**Dance Party.** 7-9 p.m. at the Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Live music, refreshments, libations for purchase, cash only. All ages. 703-228-5710

### SATURDAY/OCT. 7

**Arlington History Bike Trail.** 9 a.m., at Ballston Metro Station (top of escalator) on the S.E. Corner of N. Stuart Street and Fairfax Drive. Bike from 1 to 23 miles visiting Arlington parks and historic sites. \$2. Sponsored by Center Hiking Club [www.centerhikingclub.org](http://www.centerhikingclub.org)

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**Potomac Harmony Chorus.** 3 p.m. at Gunston Middle School, 2700 S Lang St. Four-part a cappella harmony: "Between You, Me, and the Park Bench." Visit [www.potomacharmony.org](http://www.potomacharmony.org).

### TUESDAY/OCT. 10

**Meet the Author.** 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St., #101. NPR books commentator Nancy Pearl will discuss her debut novel "George & Lizze." Visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com/](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com/).

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 11

**Meet the Author.** 6:30 p.m. at Yorktown High School, 5200 Yorktown Blvd. Arlington author Burt Solomon lectures on his novel Where They Ain't, a history of baseball in the 1890s. Burt has recently published his first novel, The Murder of Willie Lincoln. Email [BSCRSVP@gmail.com](mailto:BSCRSVP@gmail.com) or call 703-241-0390.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 14

**West Columbia Pike Food Truck Party.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Columbia Pike and Four Mile Run. It's the last West Columbia Pike Food Truck Party of the season, featuring food from Mazza Kitchen, PEPE by Jose Andres, Little Miss Whoopie, Urban Poutine and Pho-Bachi. Musical guests are Scott Thorn and Dale Holmes. Visit [www.arlingtonva.us](http://www.arlingtonva.us).

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Halloween Costumes. Call 703-228-6535  
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**National Chamber Ensemble Concert.** 7:30 p.m. at Gunston Middle School and Community Center - Theater 1, 2700 South Lang St. "Night In The Garden Of Spain," celebrates music of Granados and Turina. Visit [parks.arlingtonva.us/locations/gunston-community-center/](http://parks.arlingtonva.us/locations/gunston-community-center/).

### OCT. 18-NOV. 19

**Peter Pan on Stage.** Various times at Synetic Theater, Crystal City, 1800 S. Bell St. Take flight to Neverland with Peter Pan, his Lost Boys and the Darling children. Ages 7+. \$35 and up. Student tickets start at \$15. Senior citizens and military receive \$5 off. Call 866-811-4111 or [www.synetictheater.org](http://www.synetictheater.org).

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**Family Fun Dance Day.** 9:30, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Theatre on the Run,


3700 S Four Mile Run Drive. Jane Franklin Dance team with music by Mark Sylvester, Tobias Tenenbaum, and Jon Kamman. \$15. Call 703-933-1111 or visit [janefranklin.com](http://janefranklin.com).

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**Day of the Dead.** 6-7 p.m. at the Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Celebrate the Day of the Dead with Calaveras, the decorative sugar skull masks and costumes, holiday snacks, and see some night animals up close. Afterward, there is a night hike through the candlelit forest. \$5. Call 703-228-6535.

**Arlington Free Clinic Annual Benefit Gala.** 6 p.m.-midnight at Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner Tysons Galleria, 1700 Tysons Blvd. McLean. Cocktail reception and silent auction, including getaways, art and photography, sports items, and much more. \$300. Visit [www.gala.arlingtonfreeclinic.org](http://www.gala.arlingtonfreeclinic.org).

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After kicking off the Plane Pull by pulling first, members of team Special Olympics Virginia Athletes gather for a group photo.

## Plane Pull for a Cause

The 25<sup>th</sup> annual Dulles Day Festival and Plane Pull was held at Washington International Airport on Saturday, Sept. 23. Close to 100 teams of 25 competed to see how fast they could pull a full-size jet aircraft 12 feet. The family friendly event is sponsored by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and has raised more than \$2 million for the Special Olympics Virginia.

From left: Julien Khdair (4) and Matthew Khdair (8) from Crystal City, and Nicolas Labonte (6) and Mariana Labonte (9) from Aldie, stand in front of a Bell Boeing V-22 Osprey tiltrotor aircraft with a crew member.



### BULLETIN BOARD

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**SUNDAY/OCT. 1**

**Blessing of Animals.** 2-3 p.m. at Fairlington Community Center (South Fairlington), 3308 S. Stafford St. Fairlington United Methodist and Fairlington Presbyterian join together for a community-wide Blessing of the Animals. Visit [www.fpcusa.org](http://www.fpcusa.org) for more.

**SATURDAY/OCT. 7**

**Navigating the Caregiving Journey.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn at 2500 Neabsco Common Place, Woodbridge. Colleen Walker of Brookdale Senior Living - Arlington, will give a presentation on "Activities of Daily Living Success" at Navigating the Caregiving Journey, a conference to empower family caregivers with resources and knowledge. Registration is required. Visit [www.mycaregivingjourney.com/conference-2017](http://www.mycaregivingjourney.com/conference-2017).

**Metro - Fund It/Fix It.** 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, 4301 Wilson Blvd. The League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area (LWVNCA) and the Coalition for Smarter Growth (CSG) will hold a free forum for the public to learn about funding and fixing our Washington D.C. area Metro system. Event is free. Lunch will be available for purchase (\$10), but a request for lunch must be made at the time of registration. Register at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) and search "Metro fund it."

**THURSDAY/OCT. 12**

**Drug Awareness Town Hall.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Join a community conversation and town hall event with community leaders, healthcare providers and law enforcement serving on the front lines about how drugs and the opioid epidemic are affecting Arlington. Simultaneous Spanish translation is available. Visit [health.arlingtonva.us/opioid-awareness/](http://health.arlingtonva.us/opioid-awareness/).

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Republican Ed Gillespie speaks at the Sept. 19 debate.



Democrat Ralph Northam (right) speaks at the Sept. 19 debate.

# Rorschach Politics

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he campaign for governor is a bit like a Rorschach test as the candidates close in on the final stretch toward Election Day. Democrat Ralph Northam and Republican Ed Gillespie are presenting a series of inkblots to voters about everything from the health of the economy to the value of Confederate statues.

How voters feel about President Donald Trump and the Affordable Care Act may end up playing more of a role deciding the fate of the election than all the carefully crafted policy proposals and press releases.

“The critiques that one is leveling at the other that aren’t policy oriented are designed to undermine the opponent’s base but also energize their own base,” said Quentin Kidd, professor at Christopher Newport University. “But while they do have to play politics and critique each other, they’ve got to talk about policy, and they’ve got to talk about the things they would do to solve problems and make life better for Virginians.”

Polls show Northam holding a steady but slight lead since March, the last time Gillespie was leading in a statewide poll of voters. One of the most recent polls was conducted by the University of Mary Washington earlier this month, which shows Northam edging out a 5 percent win over his rival — a lead that’s so slight it was within the margin of error. Polls have Northam crushing Gillespie in vote-rich Northern Virginia. But they also show Gillespie leading among independent voters and holding strong in conservative parts of the state.

“You see a lot of undecided voters, which means both campaigns have a lot of work to do between now and November,” said Stephen Farnsworth, professor at the University of Mary Washington. “When you



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At the end of Tuesday’s debate Gillespie and Northam share a handshake. The debate was notable for its civility on all sides.

take out the portions of the electorate who will reflexively vote for a Democrat or a Republican, you are left with people who are going to be motivated by community-level issues.”

**THE DEBATE** in Northern Virginia on Sept. 19 illustrated the fickle nature of Rorschach politics in the age of Trump as both candidates tried to shape the narrative. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce and moderated by Chuck Todd of NBC’s “Meet the Press,” the televised debate was held at Capital One headquarters in McLean on Sept. 19. Panelists included Julie Carey of NBC4, Aaron Gilchrist of NBC4 and Mark Rozell of George Mason University.

Several times during the debate, Gillespie rattled off a series of data points about sluggish job growth and stories of people leav-

Candidates for governor present inkblots on issues from health of the economy to the value of Confederate statues.

phasizing lowering the unemployment rate and a series of corporations that have moved their headquarters to the commonwealth. During one point in the debate, Northam turned to Gillespie and said all his trash-talking about the Virginia economy could prevent Amazon from setting up shop in Virginia.

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— Stephen Farnsworth, professor at the University of Mary Washington

ing Virginia to move to other states. His solution to the perceived weakness is a 10 percent reduction in the individual income tax rate, a proposal that would cost more than \$1 billion over the next five years.

“We have tended to put a lot of focus on what I call whale hunting — trying to get a Fortune 100 company to move lock stock and barrel into Virginia,” said Gillespie after the debate. “And I’m all for it. We need to make a run at Amazon, and we’re going to. But that can’t be the singular focus of our economic development agenda and vision.”

Northam criticized Gillespie’s plan as a tax cut for the wealthy, a proposal that would blow a billion-dollar size hole in the budget and crowd out spending for roads and schools. Instead, he said he would like to continue on the path of current Gov. Terry McAuliffe’s “New Virginia Economy,” em-

“Right now, Ed, we are having negotiations with Amazon — 50,000 jobs,” Northam said to Gillespie. “Amazon doesn’t want to hear from people like you, especially if you want to be the next governor, that we are doing poorly in Virginia.”

**CONFEDERATE STATUES** are creating an emotional flashpoint in the campaign, a disagreement between the candidates highlighted by the violent clashes that erupted in Charlottesville after white supremacists marched across the campus of the University of Virginia chanting Nazi slogans and holding tiki torches. Gillespie said the statues should stay in place with some added context, and he called for adding a statue of Virginia’s first black governor to the state Capitol. Northam said local communities should be able to determine what they want

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# NEWS DACA

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"we don't send anything forward that we think won't be approved. That just puts the applicant in jeopardy."

McKenney estimates there have been about 2,000 people with DACA permits in Northern Virginia since President Obama established the program by Executive Order on June 15, 2012. The Executive Order was issued after several failed attempts by Congress to pass permanent immigration legislation referred to as the DREAM Act bill. There were an estimated 800,000 individuals enrolled in the DACA program nation-wide as of September 2017.

**A MOTHER SITS** along the wall of the reception area with her 10-year old and 4-year-old daughters who translate for her. The mother is illegal, having come to the United States in 2005. Her two youngest daughters were born in the U.S. and therefore are U.S. citizens. They are waiting for the 17-year-old daughter to finish her DACA renewal application. The oldest daughter joins them in the lobby and said, "I'm kind of upset. I don't remember much about El Salvador, and my friends whose work permits expire after March 5 won't be able to get a renewal." They will be eligible for deportation.

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Just Neighbors Ministry Inc. is a non-profit organization providing legal services to low-income immigrants in Northern Virginia, focusing on humanitarian cases. Fifty-eight percent of their clients live in Fairfax with 16 percent in Arlington and others in Alexandria, Prince William and Loudoun. Eighteen percent of their cases are for DACA. They have moved to a new location at 7630 Little River Turnpike in Annandale.

*This is the first part of a series focusing on DACA.*

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## News

# Subsidy Skepticism

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Gutshall doesn't take as firm a stance on the issue as McCullough. For him, it's a more complicated issue than cutting deals with these corporations being all good or all bad.

For Gutshall, one of the main distinctions is whether a deal is intended to undercut other cities or whether it is competing with other localities in the same region. As part of the Nestle deal, Gutshall noted that Atlanta was also being considered as one of the potential headquarters but did not offer any incentives.

"I'm not going to say never, because we don't know what will come up in the future, but in general we should not be looking to make deals on an interregional play," said Gutshall. "We shouldn't try to steal someone from Montgomery County or race to the bottom if someone is trying to snare away from us. But we have to be willing to play the game that's out there right now."

Frank Shafroth, director of the Center for State and Local Leadership at George Mason University, noted that counties across the country cannot be quick to pass up the long-term economic benefits that come from greater corporate investments.

"Just as my wife and I deliberated hard with regard to how much we were willing to invest for our kids' education ... so too, one of the most signal responsibilities of an elected local official is to determine what kinds of investments are vital to the future economic and fiscal future of her or his community," said Shafroth in an email. "It is just this kind of weighing process that Jeff Bezos [founder and CEO of Amazon] is pressing cities, states, and counties to go through now: the reward, for the winning jurisdiction: \$5 billion in new private investment and 50,000 new jobs with annual projected salaries of \$100,000. This is a critical exercise in governing."

# Exotic Animals

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cat, lynx and caracal),

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- ❖ Crocodilians
- ❖ Venomous snakes, venomous reptiles
- ❖ Any other warm-blooded mammal that can normally be found in the wild state
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# News Debate

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should be able to determine what they want to do with their statues, although he added he wants to see them in a museum.

"I think what is important is to talk about some of the statues that aren't built of bronze, the inequities that we still have in our society," said Northam during the debate. "Inequities in access to health care. Inequities in access to voting rights. Inequities that we have in education."

Views of the Affordable Care Act are also expected to play an important dividing line in the election. Northam has been consistent in his support for expanding Medicaid, criticizing Republicans for undermining a system that has expanded health insurance to millions of Americans who previously had no coverage. Gillespie has been consistently critical of the landmark achievement of former President Barack Obama, although he was noncommittal when asked about his view of the reform proposal currently working its way through Congress.

"I'm not endorsing or opposing any specific legislation that is being talked about right now. I haven't had a chance to read it," said Gillespie after the debate, adding that Virginia should not be punished for declining to expand Medicaid. "But as a principle I've been consistent in this regard, and that is where I am today."

**PERHAPS NOTHING** looms as large over this election as Donald Trump. The president has become a lightning rod of opposition and a rallying cry for people who feel marginalized. Virginia was the only Southern state Trump lost, and polls show that he remains unpopular here. Gillespie has been trying to distance himself from the president by opposing some of his budget proposals and declining to answer questions about whether he'll ask Trump to campaign for him in Virginia.

"Probably the biggest thing being hung around Ed's neck is the Trump administration," said Republican strategist Dan Scandling. "But depending where you are in the state determines how much of a weight that is. If you're downstate, that's not a problem. If you're up here in Northern Virginia, it's a potential problem."

Democrat Hillary Clinton won Virginia with 50 percent of the vote, with Trump at 44 percent. Many of those presidential year voters might not show up in an odd year-election, when the electorate tends to be older and whiter. For Democrats, the goal heading into Election Day is to run up the numbers in Northern Virginia and overwhelm Republicans in parts of the state that still support Trump. For Republicans, the challenge is find some kind of way of embracing Trump voters without alienating independents who might feel conflicted about the president.

"I think what's really going to drive the election is President Trump," said Democratic strategist Ben Tribbett. "A lot of voters are going to vote either for or against Ed Gillespie based on how they feel about Donald Trump."

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## Ought To Ship



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I don't want to praise the Lord too much for providing me with such a trivial and mundane benefit but, I sure am grateful when my 112 pounds of cat litter arrives/is delivered to my front porch, mere feet away from our cats' litter boxes. "Auto Ship," baby. No more am I lugging 28 to 44 pound boxes of cat litter into our five-indoor-cat household from the local supermarket and/or pet superstore. I don't want to plagiarize a television "spokeshing" from my youth so I'll give "Speedy" from Alka Seltzer proper attribution when I write as enthusiastically as I can: "Oh, what a relief it is!"

The litter is my second auto-ship of substance; having made an earlier/similar commitment to 16 pound bags of dry cat food. I do get some fancy, multi-vitamins auto-delivered and my wife, Dina, as well receives special eye vitamins in the mail, but I thought that was the only way to purchase them, given that the manufacturers were out of town so I never considered them an auto-type ship. Previously, I had always resisted inquiring about getting products delivered from a national company when they are available locally. My thinking had been that since I'm home during the day, and regularly in and out doing errands at many of the stores that sell this merchandise, why ship it when I can shop it? It seemed redundant.

Now however, given the pleasure I felt when I saw that litter sitting on the porch without my having had to life one finger; well, a few fingers initially when I "keystroked" my way through this company's online registration, the light has come on. Moreover, given the neuropathy I have in my feet, I'm tired of walking around those giant warehouse stores. Sure, the local proximity and availability is helpful but the bigger the buyer, the more effort the unloading/restocking is required at home. Perhaps I've simply come to a realization, and not necessarily an accommodation to my age, that less effort equals more overall value. And if in addition to less effort, I can buy products at equal or even lower cost than doing so locally, than I am sittin' pretty in high cotton, if I may double-down on the benefit?

Not that I'm overworked and underpaid for the household duties I perform but, I'd rather be under worked and overpaid, if you catch my drift? And given certain realities to the many tasks now performed by hand, it's up to me to reinvent the wheel, so to speak. And so, I'm starting to consider very seriously, ordering more stuff this way, especially bulky/weighty stuff and to let my fingers do the clicking rather than my arms and legs doing the walking and carrying. Let commercial/corporate America do the driving and delivering. I don't have to prove my shopping mettle anymore. I'm ready to sit back and let the boxes do my talking.

I'm not quite ready to order food/perishable however. I feel a certain sense of calm and serenity wandering down supermarket aisles taking mental inventory of what's present and what's not — and what's new and what everything costs. Not that I try many things as anybody who knows me knows, but occasionally, Entenmann's or Hostess or Nabisco will surprise me with a new item and thus will have made the visit all the more sweeter. I wonder if I'll have the same sensation perusing and clicking my way through a site that so far has been unseen — by my eyes, anyway. I guess it can't hurt to explore a bit. I mean, it's not exactly the dark web. (Is it?) Nor do I expect to use bit coins or have to create an avatar for myself. Nevertheless, the process does seem a little daunting; changing habits that have become habitual, and routines which have become routine. Seems a bit like turning an ocean liner around after it's headed out to sea. They don't turn on a dime and neither do I. Still, I'm intrigued by the possibilities, and besides, I'm nearly out of laundry detergent.

Perhaps a test is in the offing. I don't think I'm quite ready to join a club/pay a membership fee, but I am open to investigating. Time will tell I suppose, as will my first bill.

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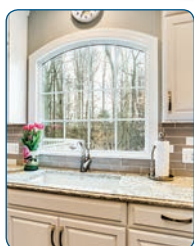
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We took our own advice...we remodeled! We would love for you to come visit our new Design and Selection showroom. Along with top-of-the-line products and materials, we have created displays for you to browse through. Open cabinet doors, review our carpenters work and check out the latest design trends! Showroom tour appointments recommended.



## Please Join Us Free Fall Seminars



### Kitchen and Bath Remodeling

Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
7:00pm

Have you been dreaming about a remodeling project? Please join us for concepts, inspiration, and industry insight! Our talented design consultants will provide you with fun and educational information to guide you on your way. Understanding trends, terminology and material performance as well as the benefit of having a personal designer are just a few topics that will be covered in this seminar.

**Doors Open at 6:30pm - Seminar begins at 7:00pm**

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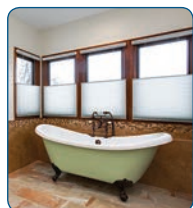
### Big Impact, Small Space

Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017  
9:30am

Confused about how to make the most of a small space? Just because it's small does not mean you have to compromise on style or function. Join our creative design team as they help you untap the potential of a smaller space. Using creative solutions, we will help you realize that there may be more than meets the eye!

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### Kitchen and Bath Remodeling

Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017  
11:00am

Have you been thinking about remodeling your kitchen or one of your bathrooms? Let us update you on the latest design tips and trends. From layouts and new technologies to finishes and code requirements, Foster Remodeling Solutions will get you up-to-date.

**Seminar begins at 11:00am**

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