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## Battling Scams

Supervisors approve awareness program, support state regulation.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE

Adam Wingo says fear of scam artistry among unscrupulous tree cutters in Mount Vernon has created an atmosphere of distrust that has harmed his business. Wingo is the owner of Out On A Limb Tree Service, a Fairfax County business that's been in operation since 2002. He says business was fine until this year, when fears of scam artists prompted a resolution by the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations requested that contractors performing tree services within Fairfax County be licensed or certified to perform the work. "Now businesses like mine have been harmed because people don't

know who's a legitimate business and who's not," said Wingo, a Maryland native who founded his business in Washington state in 1992. "Right now, it's anarchy." Earlier this month, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors took action that might help consumers determine which businesses are legitimate and which are not. The action was initiated by Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee), who issued an Oct. 5 board matter calling for action on the issue. McKay called for an awareness effort to be conducted by the Department of Cable Communications to educate residents about how to protect themselves against fraudulent activities. His memorandum also called for a review of possible state

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## Morton Honored for His Community Work

Recognition includes Rotary Club's Paul Harris Fellow.

BY JEFFREY AARON  
THE GAZETTE

When Aldersgate United Methodist Church was being constructed in the 1960s, its board of trustees led by John I. Morton had what they called a "runner." Anytime the church needed money to pay for the construction, its runner would go to First Virginia Bank, ask for it, and get it.

Nearing the completion of the

construction, Morton and the board met one afternoon to contemplate whether to build a soaring 131-foot steeple. The cost was \$37,500 — \$25,000 for the steeple and \$12,500 to put it up.

Morton dispatched the runner to ask the bank for the money. The runner returned sooner than later with news no one on the board wanted to hear: forget about it.

Nash Love, who as an engineer

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PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE

Prof. Jeff Kirwan shows the students how to distinguish between the pine trees in Virginia. The White Pine grows clusters of five needles which is different from the Virginia Pine which grows two needles in a cluster. He went on to explain how to count the branches on a pine tree limb to determine rainfall and age.

## Rainy Lesson on Trees

The students at Hollin Meadows Elementary School received a visit last week from author Prof. Jeff Kirwan of the Virginia Tech Department of Forestry. Kirwan was treated to lunch by the faculty and parents at the school. After lunch, fifth graders Sophie Adler and Carlos Fuentes gave the professor a tour of the school habitat, reading and vegetable gardens at the school. While in the reading garden, Kirwan asked the students about the identity of two large trees in the courtyard. Sophie and Carlos recognized them as Maples.

Kirwan asked if they knew which kind of Maple. Kirwan said they are both Sugar Maples and are large enough for sap to be harvested now to make Maple syrup. He added that he would provide the taps and instruction for harvesting and cooking down the sap to make a pourable grade of syrup. Kirwan is also co-author of "Remarkable Trees of Virginia" with author and lecturer Nancy Ross Hugo and photographer Robert Llewellyn. The book documents the oldest, tallest, most historic and most beloved trees in the state.



Hollin Meadows students Sophie Adler and Carlos Fuentes show Prof. Jeff Kirwan the remnants of the school vegetable garden planted in a breezeway between two additions. A cistern was built by parent Casey Arnold that provides water to the entire garden through a barrel collection system with attached hoses running 250 feet through the garden.

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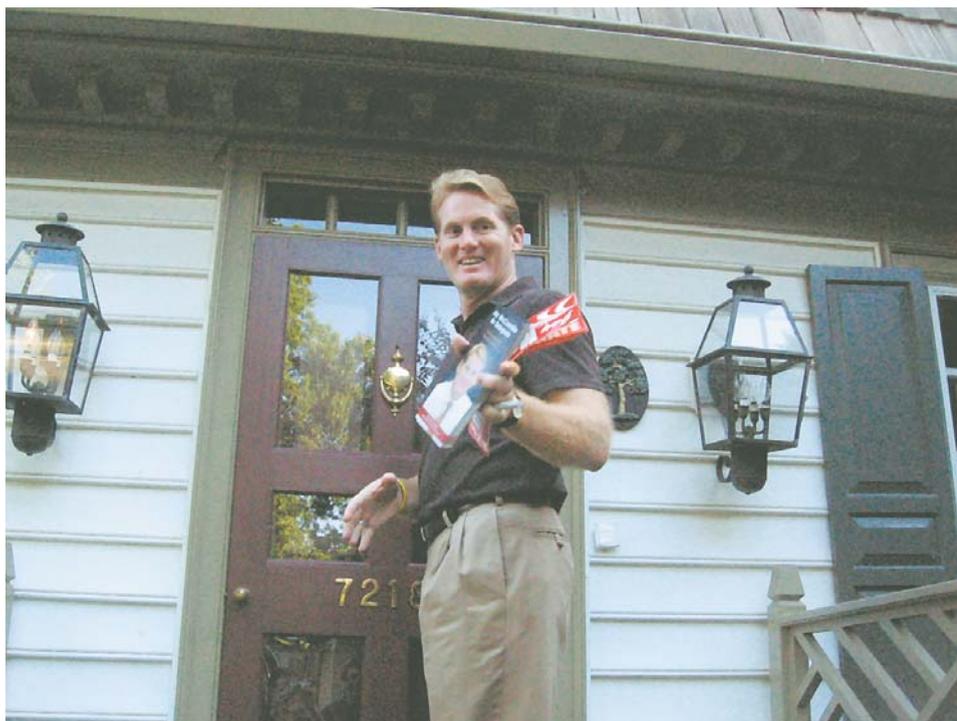


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Republican Jay McConville hopes to succeed Del. Kris Amundson (D) in the Virginia House of Delegates 44<sup>th</sup> District.

Delegate hopeful Scott Surovell ran into several people he knew while campaigning in the Sherwood precinct, including Paul Solenson, who attended West Potomac High School at the same time as he did in the late 1980s.

# They're Seeking Votes in 44<sup>th</sup> District

Republican McConville is current president of county's largest youth athletics association.

Democrat Surovell has roots in Mount Vernon area and local political scene.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE GAZETTE

Steve Perez came out onto his porch to talk to Jay McConville, when the Republican candidate for local state delegate showed up at Perez's door on Ludwood Court in the Mount Vernon area Sept. 19.

Perez, like many residents who took the time to talk to McConville that Saturday afternoon, was not particularly up to date on issues that a state delegate might have to tackle. But the Mount Vernon homeowner was concerned about the general direction in which government, particularly the federal government, was taking the country.

"I grew up in Texas and my father was a migrant worker. Now, I am a physician. ... I just want to government off my back," said Perez to McConville.

On a personal level, the resident appeared to like McConville when he met the candi-

date. But Perez had a hard time buying into McConville's altruistic explanation for seeking public office.

"I have been president of the Fort Hunt Youth Athletics Association for four years and people ask me why I ever decided to do that. The answer is I did it because it needed to be done," said McConville, who lives in the Waynewood area.

Thinking the explanation was a canned campaign answer, Perez pressed McConville to give up the "real reason" he was running for delegate. But McConville wouldn't budget from his original explanation, saying his motivation for getting elected was no different than a lot of his other volunteer work.

"I have really learned a lot since I became a candidate about the lack of trust people have for our elected officials," said McConville, who is a newcomer to state politics and was asked to run for the office.

**THOUGH THE SEAT** leans Democratic, McConville hopes to replace Del. Kris Amundson (D) as the next 44th District representative in the Virginia House of Delegates.

The Republican faces Scott Surovell, the former Fairfax County Democratic Committee chairman, in a general election for the open delegate seat Nov. 3. Amundson, who has held the delegate slot since 2000, chose not to run for re-election this year.

According to Amundson, the 44th District is one of the most diverse delegate seats in the entire commonwealth. The district, which snakes up Richmond Highway from

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
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has held the 44<sup>th</sup> seat in the House of Delegates since 2000.

"Scott is deeply committed to Mount Vernon because he grew up here. He is also raising his children here, so he cares about the future of Mount Vernon too," she said.

Amundson said Surovell is also one of the most organized and hardest-working people she knows.

"He has the ability to work harder than anyone I have ever seen. He seems to need a lot less sleep than a normal person," said Amundson.

**SUROVELL** faces Republican Jay McConville on a Nov. 3 ballot. The delegate seat primarily encompasses those neighborhoods from the Potomac River to Fort Belvoir and Huntley Meadows Park that are also located south of Sherwood Hall Lane. It also includes a few communities that hug Route 1 farther north toward the City of Alexandria, such as those in the Huntington, Groveton, Bucknell and Belle Haven voting precincts.

The 44<sup>th</sup> district is one of three open seats in Fairfax County this year. Many political watchers believe McConville and the Republican Party's chance of winning it improved when Amundson dropped out of the race.

But it is hard to imagine someone with deeper roots or a wider breadth of experience in Mount Vernon than Surovell.

"I grew up going to the Mount Vernon ice cream social," said the candidate.

On his campaign literature, Surovell not only lists what year he graduated from col-

**W**hen Mount Vernon representative Del. Kris Amundson (D-44) made a late and unexpected decision in June not to seek re-election this year for personal financial reasons, she immediately contacted Scott Surovell.

Surovell, 38 and Fairfax County Democratic Committee chairman, had helped deliver a large margin of victory in Fairfax to President Barack Obama in the 2008 election cycle, which significantly contributed to the Democrats winning their first presidential election in Virginia in over 40 years.

Surovell also happened to be Amundson's constituent and a life-long Mount Vernon resident.

"He was the first person I thought of to replace me. I considered him the ideal candidate for the district," said Amundson, who

## Scott Surovell

**Age:** 38

**Grew Up In:** Tauxemont Community, Fort Hunt area of Mount Vernon

**Current Community:** Tauxemont Community

**Family:** wife Erinn Madden; daughters Eva (8), Leia (7) and Mara (4); son Colin (2)

**Education:** West Potomac High School (1989); James Madison University (B.A. in Political Science, 1993); University of Virginia Law School (JD, 1996)

**Employer/Business:** Co-founder of Surovell Markle Isaacs & Levy PLC (Fairfax)

**Civic Engagement:** Tauxemont Community Association officer (2001-2008), Fairfax County Democratic Committee chairman (2008-2009); member of Lee-Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce (2006-present); Lee-Mount Vernon Soccer Association coach (2007-present)

## Jay McConville (R)

**Age:** 46

**Grew Up In:** Long Island, NY

**Residence:** Waynewood

**Family:** Wife Sue, two sons, one daughter

**Education:** George Mason University (undergraduate degree)

**Employer/Work Experience:** vice president at Chandler/May Inc. (defense contractor); U.S. Army Intelligence Officer who served in operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

**Civic Engagement:** four-year president of Fort Hunt Youth Athletics Association; youth leader, Sunday school teacher and capital campaign chair at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Mount Vernon, member of two bands — Beats Workin' and Close to Home — who do charity events

**Web Site:** <http://gojay.org>

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# Youth Athletics Association President in 44th Race

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Fort Belvoir Army Base to the Huntington and Belle Haven communities, includes the longest commercial corridor in Fairfax County, yet is also home to large swaths of national parkland and protected green space.

Amundson's constituents range from people who own multi-million dollar homes along the Potomac River to those who live in trailer parks and public housing along the Route 1 corridor. The 44th District also includes some of the largest pockets of military veterans as well as those serving on active military duty in Northern Virginia.

**McCONVILLE SAID** his own life experience should help him communicate with residents from all walks of life who live in the 44th District.

"People want opportunity and they want to be respected by the people who represent them," he said.

The Republican has been financially successful as an adult and lives in an affluent section of Mount Vernon now. But McConville comes from a family of modest means. When the candidate was growing up, his mother worked at a pizza parlor and hardware store to pay the bills.

"My mother worked at a pizza store and I am the vice president of marketing for a

major government contractor," said the candidate.

McConville first attended college on a sports scholarship but then decided to transfer to George Mason University. He paid his way through school, in part, by selling running shoes at a store in the Springfield Mall.

The Republican is also a veteran, who served as a U.S. Army Intelligence officer in operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. The candidate said the Army taught him how to be a leader and a problem solver early on in his life. At 25 years-old, for example, McConville was a platoon leader, who had to manage 45 soldiers serving under him.

"People trust veterans to serve with honor and integrity. Leadership is big deal in the military," he said.

**AND DESPITE PEREZ'S** cynicism, McConville does have a track record of taking on tough volunteer assignments just to make sure the job gets done.

In addition to serving as president of the Fort Hunt Youth Athletics Association for the past four years, McConville still volunteers as a youth coach with the organization, the largest of its kind in Fairfax County.

When his local congregation, Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Mount Vernon, was without a youth program director, McConville stepped in to fill that role until

## McConville's Campaign Money

Republican Jay McConville had raised about \$178,692 for his political campaign by the end of September, according to the most campaign finance report available.

The candidate has raised more money than his opponent, former Fairfax County Democratic Committee chair Scott Surovell, did in the same time period. Surovell had collected about \$149,304 for his campaign at the end of September.

McConville's two top earning areas for donations through August were in the Mount Vernon area. According to the Virginia Public

Access Project, his campaign had raised \$53,992 in the 22038 ZIP code and \$16,690 in the 22039 ZIP code.

In addition to contributions received from others, McConville has added a significant amount of his own money, \$24,066 as of the end of August, into the race.

The candidate was, in fact, his campaign's largest individual donor through the end of August, according to the Virginia Public Access Project. For more information on campaign donations and spending, visit [www.vpap.org](http://www.vpap.org).

## Top McConville Donors

Name	Location	Occupation/Employer	Donation
Jay McConville	Mount Vernon	candidate	<b>\$24,066</b>
Public Opinion Strategies	City of Alexandria	Public Relations/Marketing	<b>\$16,250</b>
Robert Ulsamer	Melbourne Beach, Fl.	Retired	<b>\$10,000</b>
MVI Post	Falls Church	Movies/Music Production	<b>\$6,720</b>
Grant Schneider	Mount Vernon	Dentist	<b>\$6,350</b>

the community could hire a replacement.

More recently, he has acted as chair of the church's annual "commitment campaign" and he continues to teach Sunday school every week, despite the rigorous campaign schedule he has to keep.

Members of the Aldersgate community have not only been impressed with McConville's dedication but also his ability to help different factions of the congregation reach consensus on issues.

"He is an excellent leader. He can come

into a room and include everyone in a discussion. He has the ability to hear everyone and listen to what they to say and eventually help come up with an agreement," said Stephen Larkin, who has served on many committees with McConville at Aldersgate.

Larkin he normally would not be following the local delegate's race so closely but, as a friend of McConville's, he and several other Aldersgate community members have paid

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# Former Democratic Chairman Runs for Delegate

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lege and law school but also the years he graduated from Waynewood Elementary (1983) and Stephen Foster Intermediate School (1985).

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D) handed Surovell his diploma as he walked across the stage during the 1989 West Potomac High School graduation ceremony. The candidate was also in the first class to attend West Potomac for all four years of high school.

According to his Web site, Surovell has worked at the Bob's Big Boy in Beacon Mall and at Belle Haven Country Club in the Tennis Pro Shop.

Though Surovell's law firm is located in the City of Fairfax, he is a member of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce. As an adult, he held offices in his community's homeowner's association for seven years and coaches his daughter's team in the Lee-Mount Vernon Soccer Association, where he also played as a child.

**TO UNDERSTAND** Surovell's connection to Mount Vernon, one has to reach back to his parents and grandparents, who have been active in Fairfax County civic affairs, particularly in the Mount Vernon area, for more than half a century.

Surovell's grandparents were among 20 "founding" families of the Tauxemont Community, a Mount Vernon neighborhood developed in the 1940s that was added to the

National Register of Historic Places a few years ago.

The neighborhood's founders, including Surovell's grandparents, designed Tauxemont and built the neighborhood's first 20 homes themselves after pooling their resources to purchase the land in Mount Vernon and housing construction supplies in bulk.

Surovell, his wife and four children live on the site of his grandparents original home and the candidate grew up a few houses away, where his parents, who divorced when Surovell was a child, bought properties with adjacent backyards.

One of Surovell's daughters currently goes to the Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool, which his grandparents also helped start and he and his father both attended.

Still a resident of Mount Vernon, Surovell's father served on the Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission and his mother is active in the Friends of Dyke Marsh.

"His family has always been interested in serving the community. And they have always been interested in politics," said Dena Andre, who grew up with Surovell's father in Tauxemont and served on the Tauxemont Community Association with the candidate.

**AS MUCH** as Surovell is associated with Mount Vernon, he is also associated with the local Democratic Party.

The candidate recently stepped down as Fairfax County Democratic Committee

## Surovell's Top Donors

\* Democratic delegate candidate Scott Surovell raised \$168,151 to run for the state house seat in the 44<sup>th</sup> district before the last campaign finance deadline on Aug. 31, even though he had only been in the race for a few days.

According to the Virginia Public Access Project, a non-partisan organization that provides disclosure of political donations in Virginia, Surovell has received more money from the legal field than any other industry or business sector, for a total amount of \$52,971.

Donor	Location	Industry/Employer	Amount of Money
Amundson for Delegate*	Mount Vernon	political	<b>\$15,000</b>
Consumer Litigation Associates	Newport News	Trial Lawyers	<b>\$7,500</b>
Robert J. Surovell	Alexandria	Trial Lawyers/Surovell Jackson Colten & Dugan PC	<b>\$6,000</b>
Democratic Party - Virginia House Caucus	Richmond	Political	<b>\$5,400</b>
Puller for Senate**	Mount Vernon	Political	<b>\$5,000</b>
Surovell Markle Isaacs & Levy**	Fairfax	Trial Lawyers	<b>\$5,000</b>

\* This is the campaign committee for incumbent Del. Kris Amundson (D-44), who decided not to run for re-election in mid-June. Surovell replaced Amundson as the Democrat's nominee for the 45<sup>th</sup> House of Delegates seat.

\*\* This is the campaign committee for Mount Vernon state Sen. Toddy Puller (D-36)

\*\*\* The candidate's own law firm

chairman to run for delegate.

Under Surovell's leadership, one of Fairfax's congressional seats also flipped from red to blue, when U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) replaced retiring U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R) last year. The Fairfax County Democrats also managed to retain the county chairman position in a special election when Surovell was in charge, despite the Republicans mounting one of its strongest countywide campaign efforts in years.

Prior to his work as county chairman,

Though he is a first-time candidate, Surovell is also the immediate past chairman of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee and several local elected officials have already donated money to his campaign, totaling \$32,189 as of Aug. 31.

The Democrat, whose family has lived in Mount Vernon since the early 1940s, has also received the most money in donations from Mount Vernon ZIP codes 22308 (\$25,471) and 22121 (\$21,000).

According the Virginia Public Access Project, at [www.vpap.org](http://www.vpap.org), here are Surovell's top donors so far:

Industry/Employer	Amount of Money
political	<b>\$15,000</b>
Trial Lawyers	<b>\$7,500</b>
Trial Lawyers/Surovell Jackson Colten & Dugan PC	<b>\$6,000</b>
Political	<b>\$5,400</b>
Political	<b>\$5,000</b>
Trial Lawyers	<b>\$5,000</b>

Surovell had also led the Mount Vernon District Democratic Committee. And back in 1991, the candidate became U.S. Rep. Jim Moran's first constituent services intern, working out of the congressman's Franconia Road office. The source of Surovell's political activism may also have familial roots.

"My father was in the middle of running for the House of Delegates when I was born," said Surovell, whose father did not

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Guests gather around as apples are handed out during the apple-roasting demonstration at the Mt. Vernon Family Festival.



Travis Shaw participates at the festival on the Mt. Vernon Estate.

# Fall Festival at George's



Violinist and member of the Martin Family Band, Claud Martin, plays a set during Mt. Vernon Family Festival.

Mount Vernon's Fall Harvest Family Days were held Oct. 17-18 where families enjoyed such autumn activities as horse-drawn wagon rides, wheat treading in the 16-sided barn, a straw bale maze, early-American games, music and demonstrations.

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## Navy Federal Arrives in Mount Vernon Plaza

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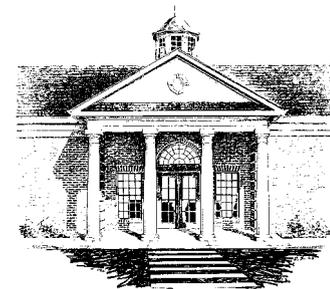
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# OPINION

## Find Voters Guide Inside

Voters guide by League of Women Voters inside this week's Gazette.

**T**urn to pages 24-27 in this week's Gazette to see the League of Women Voters guide to the upcoming elections. Here you'll find information on all the candidates who will appear on your ballot, including Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and Delegates.

The guide is produced independently by the League of Women Voters and printed in the Gazette as a public service.

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## Really Scary

With Halloween falling on a Saturday night this year, and Halloween being the sort of holiday that young adults and others can embrace in the midst of a recession, it could more than

live up to its reputation as a holiday associated with drinking and driving.

More than half the fatal car accidents over Halloween weekends are caused by drunk drivers, according to the Washington Regional Alcohol Program.

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As a means of making the Washington-metropolitan area's roadways a little less frightening this Halloween, the local organization will sponsor free cab rides to would-be drunk drivers throughout Northern Virginia and Suburban Maryland on Saturday, Oct. 31.

We encourage Halloween celebrants to plan ahead, party near public transportation, bring a designated driver, or make other arrangements to stay off the roads after drinking. But if all of that fails, you can call for a free cab ride home.

Offered by the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), the Halloween SoberRide program will be in operation beginning Halloween at 10 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31, and operate until 6 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1 to keep impaired drivers off the road during this traditionally high-risk holiday period.

During this eight-hour period, area residents ages 21 and older and celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI for a no-cost (up to

a \$50 fare), safe way home.

Since 1993, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided 44,120 free cab rides home to would-be impaired drivers on specific holidays in the Greater Washington area. See [www.soberride.com](http://www.soberride.com).

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Consider Qualifications

To the Editor:

I attended the debate between the candidates for the 44th District Delegate seat last Thursday evening at the Hollin Hall Senior Center. The event, sponsored by several civic organizations and moderated by the West Potomac High School debate team, was a revealing discussion of various issues amongst the three candidates, void of the negativity associated with many other races.

The Independent-Green Party candidate, Gail Parker, focused almost exclusively on one issue; namely, bringing high speed rail transit to the Route 1 corridor. While relieving traffic congestion in the area and reducing accidents and fatalities associated with vehicles is an important issue (even recognized by the other two candidates), I am concerned that Gail lacks the breadth of concern for all issues affecting our district.

The Democratic candidate, Scott Surovell, displayed an understanding of the issues and stressed his experience as a lawyer in a small firm. He has a history of involve

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## Supporting Solar

Students from Hollin Meadows Science/Math Focus School gather with (from left to right) Tim Sargeant, manager for state and local affairs for Dominion Virginia Power, Jason Pittman, science focus teacher, Melanie Bossi, parent and grant writer, and School Principal Jon Gates. Dominion Virginia Power presented the school on Tuesday, Oct. 20 with a grant for \$6,775 for its solar vision project. The project will use solar electricity as a teaching tool for students in grades K-6 to help improve students' understanding and achievement in science and math.

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# Surovell Focuses on District's Needs

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win the election.

The candidate's mother also worked for Democrats in the U.S. Congress for 28 years, including local U.S. Rep. Herb Harris (D-8), who represented Mount Vernon on Capitol Hill from 1975 to 1980.

"My mother did a lot of the nitty-gritty, door-to-door precinct work. Our dinner time conversations growing up were always about politics," said Surovell.

**STILL**, some Republicans have accused of Surovell of being "highly partisan."

Several Democrats called Braddock District Supervisor John Cook's swearing in speech at March ceremony offensive when the Republican implied that all federally subsidized housing was "crime ridden," "drug infested," and a societal blight. But Surovell took his outrage with Cook farther than others.

On the Fairfax County Democratic Committee blog, Surovell accused Cook of "race baiting" and using "law and order demagoguery" during the speech. Some Republicans asked Surovell to apologize at the time and he refused.

Under his leadership, the Fairfax County Democratic Committee also launched Web site aimed at spreading negative information and attacks about Fairfax County's three remaining Republican incumbents in the Virginia House of Delegates.

These blogs, "www.bustrust.com" aimed at Del. Tom Rust (R-86), "www.nomohugo.com" aimed at Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) and "www.albomustgo.com" aimed at Del. Dave Albo (R-42), sometimes take on

a less than professional tone.

For example, one of the most recent posts on "Albo Must Go", pokes fun at Albo for a spelling error by stating, "That's why we at Albo Must Go are so disappointed to see that Dave [Albo] hasn't fully bothered to learn English."

That Surovell has endorsed using this type of political tactic raises questions about whether he will be able or willing to work in a bipartisan and professional manner with people like Albo, who happen to represent the district next to the one Surovell hopes to win, said Republicans.

"He engaged in highly partisan and divisive politics as the Democratic Party chairman that didn't help bring our community together. ... Name calling and other tactics like that are not productive," said Surovell's opponent McConville.

"We have a different take on how to do things. I am trying to reach out and bring in all parts of the political spectrum," added the Republican.

Surovell admits he is extremely competitive, which often comes out during political campaigns. But he objects to the partisan label.

"The role of the chairman of the party is very different from that of a candidate," said Surovell.

"As an elected official, you have to be able to work with the other side. You have to be able to find common ground," he said.

Surovell added that knows Republicans who have committed to voting for him in the election. Other elected officials said they are confident Surovell would not put the interests of the Democratic Party above the interests of his constituents.

# McConville Sees Short-changed County

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more attention.

"Were it not for the fact that this standup guy was running, I certainly wouldn't have a sign in my yard for a candidate or have been as involved in volunteering for the campaign as I am," said Larkin.

**WINNING THE DISTRICT 44** delegate seat is considered an uphill battle a Republican.

As a Democrat, Amundson had no opponent in 2007 and won over Republicans with double digit margins in her 2003 and 2007 elections respectively. In the last gubernatorial election, district 44 supported Gov. Tim Kaine (D) with 61 percent of the vote to Republican Jerry Kilgore's 37 percent of vote. In the 2005 attorney general's race, 44th district voters supported state Sen. Creigh Deeds (D) with 59 percent of the vote to former Republican Attorney General Bob McDonnell's 41 percent of the vote.

Deeds and McDonnell are now the current candidates for governor in next month's election.

But long prospects of an election win did not scare off McConville, since the candidate is used to succeeding in challenging situations.

McConville regularly competes in marathons and triathlons. In 2008, he completed the Ironman triathlon, which is a race consisting of a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile run.

McConville is also a singer and trumpet player in two bands put together by Mount Vernon residents and friends who lived in his neighborhood a decade ago. The bands, Beats Workin' and Close to Home, have raised approximately \$100,000 for charity organizations over the years.

Of the people who joined the bands, McConville was the only person, as a 30-something adult, who was performing music in public for the first time,

said Dan McDermott, a member of Beats Workin' who used to live near McConville.

"Jay was the only of us who had actually never been in a band before and he is the singer so he was completely exposed during the first couple of performances. People were completely evaluating the band based on him but he was a complete natural. He did very well," said McDermott, who said McConville's first public singing gig with Beats Workin' took place in front of a crowd of approximately 900 people at a charity event.

McDermott, who said he comes from the Democratic Party background, said McConville should also appeal to people who would not normally support a Republican.

"Jay's judgment and common sense is second to nobody's. There is no issue or personal problem I would not trust him to handle, whether it be in my personal life or as the person who represents me and my neighbors," said McDermott.

**McCONVILLE** also personally pledged to work with Democrats, including Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D), to get things done for the 44th district.

The Republican said he is particularly concerned about transportation funding and the lack of improvements to Richmond Highway.

"It is just not a modern roadway and it should be. It is very difficult for people who live and work off of Route 1 to get where they need to go," said McConville, who wants to try and secure extra funding for upgrades to the corridor.

The Republican said he is particularly concerned about what will happen to traffic congestion along Route 1, when over 40,000 jobs are relocated to Fort Belvoir within two years as part of the military Base Realignment and Closure process.

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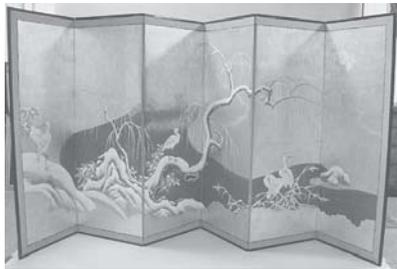
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8127 YORKTOWN DR	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$565,000	Detached	0.51	OAKBROOKE AT FORT HUNT		
1220 MORNINGSIDE LN	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$558,000	Detached	0.51	WELLINGTON HEIGHTS		
1205 PRISCILLA LN	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$550,000	Detached	0.24	WAYNEWOOD		
7206 BEECHWOOD RD	5	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$533,300	Detached	0.47	HOLLIN HILLS		
7701 KIRKSIDE DR	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$532,000	Detached	0.54	KIRKSIDE		
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2200 LONDONDERRY RD	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$520,000	Detached	0.27	RIVERSIDE PARK HESSICK		
1117 WAYNEWOOD BLVD	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$519,000	Detached	0.30	WAYNEWOOD		
7114 COVENTRY RD	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$515,000	Detached	0.47	WHITE OAKS		
2309 HUNTINGTON STATION CT	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$499,000	Townhouse	0.03	HUNTINGTON STATION		
6715 WOODSTONE PL	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$490,000	Detached	0.19	WOODSTONE		
9002 VOLUNTEER DR	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$485,000	Detached	0.46	WESTGATE		
7716 FRANCES DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$475,000	Detached	0.57	HYBLA VALLEY FARMS		
3767 MARY EVELYN WAY	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$475,000	Detached	0.09	VERNON HEIGHTS		
7928 BAYBERRY DR	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$464,500	Detached	0.25	SHERWOOD HALL		
8408 CROSSLEY PL	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$460,000	Detached	0.24	WAYNEWOOD		
4112 SULGRAVE DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$460,000	Detached	1.82	SULGRAVE MANOR		
8409 CHERRY VALLEY LN	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$459,900	Detached	0.24	RIVERSIDE ESTATES		
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5902 MT EAGLE DR #1601	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$330,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		MONTEBELLO		
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3310 CLAYBORNE AVE	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$239,900	Detached	0.26	GROVETON HEIGHTS		
2700 SHERWOOD HALL LN	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$237,000	Townhouse	0.05	MT WOODLEY MANOR		
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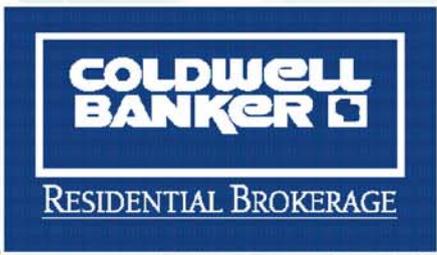
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# LETTERS

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ment in party politics, but I found his rhetoric indicative of a confrontational, partisan style of power politics not reflective of the sense of community we share here in the Mount Vernon area. Most disturbing to me was his apparent enthusiasm for raising taxes and expanding government during our current tough economic times.

The Republican candidate, Jay McConville, had a command of the issues and laid out his philosophy on governance — to analyze the issues and resolve the

problems across party lines. His extensive experience as a decorated military veteran and successful business man demonstrates an ability to lead divergent interests towards achieving a common goal. He embodies community service, as evidenced by his service as the Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association president, his involvement as a church youth minister, and his fundraising efforts for local charities. Jay McConville has my support as our next state delegate. I thank all three of the candidates for their interest in being our public servant, and ask the voters to thoughtfully consider their

qualifications and experiences when casting their vote.

**Ken White**  
Alexandria

## Divide And Perish?

To the Editor:

It saddens me that this country is so filled with hate. It's even more hurtful that we act like the Divided States of America. Should we not care that what makes us great is our differences? Immigrants from around the world built this great nation and

now their children our tearing it apart. These "children" are the ones that go to church on Sunday asking our Father for love and compassion. Yet they are heartless when it comes to showing compassion for our less fortunate fellow Americans. No matter if you agree or disagree, we should show love and respect and do what Jesus would do! God I ask that you watch over this great nation and help us realize that united we stand and divided we will perish. Amen.

**Rodger Lewis**  
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# How Much Wood Should a Woodchuck Chuck?

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regulation of tree cutters by the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

“Fairfax County police have responded to numerous complaints of exorbitant fees, poor or unnecessary work and deceptive practices, particularly affecting seniors or other vulnerable populations,” McKay wrote. “These complaints on this issue originated in the Mount Vernon area of the county.”

**THE BOARD** of Supervisors approved McKay’s request to create the outreach program and to ask for state regulation of the issue. The consumer awareness program launched as a result of the board’s action will educate residents — particularly seniors — about how to protect themselves against fraudulent activities. After the Oct. 5 meeting, Chairwoman Sharon Bulova sent a letter to Jay DeBoer, director of the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, asking him to review the possibility for state

regulation of tree cutters.

“First, in Fairfax County, there are clearly some tree workers taking advantage of unsuspecting residents through these door-to-door solicitations,” Bulova wrote. “Second, Fairfax County takes the preservation of trees seriously, as an important tool in protecting our environment, assisting with stormwater runoff and preserving the character of our neighborhoods and communities.”

The department responded the following week with a letter explaining that the potential for a regulatory scheme had been investigated in 1990 and 2001. In an Oct. 13 letter to Bulova, DeBoer denied the request from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. He said that in both previous investigations, the board overseeing the department concluded that insufficient evidence of harm to the public’s health, safety or welfare to justify a state regulatory scheme.

“Their response was inadequate,” replied McKay. “If a county agency had returned a request with this kind of response, I



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would have sent it back.”

**MEANWHILE, WINGO** said he would welcome regulation. He said Virginia officials should consider crafting something similar to the Maryland Tree Expert Law, which requires anyone seeking to practice or advertise tree care ser-

vices to obtain a license from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Although he warned that creating regulation won’t stop bad work from happening, at least it will give the state a chance to identify and punish those who fail to follow standards.

“Virginia needs an expert law,” he said, taking a break from cutting a branch this week. “People who do this kind of work should pass a certification test and have a general liability to protect the homeowner.”

McKay said that the department’s refusal of the Board of Supervisors’ request leaves him with two options. He can either send another letter explaining how the situation has changed since 2001 and now requires a new investigation. Or he can ask members of the local delegation to introduce legislation to create new regulation for tree cutting.

“A lot has changed in this world since 2001,” said McKay. “Saying we looked into this eight years ago is just really not sufficient in my opinion.”



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## NEWS

### Sexual Assault in Hybla Valley

A 33-year-old woman was attacked as she walked on a path adjacent to the Mount Vernon Square shopping center, near the intersection of Richmond Highway and Arlington Drive on Tuesday, Oct. 20 shortly after 7:30 a.m., according to police. A man approached her from behind, threw her to the ground, pulled down her clothing, and touched her inappropriately. The victim struggled and the suspect fled. The victim sustained non life-threatening injuries.

The suspect was described as black, in his 30s, about 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing approximately 170 pounds. He was wearing a blue and gray, hooded sweat shirt.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](mailto:www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

### Police Investigate Earlier Assault

A 17-year-old girl was sexually assaulted on Tuesday, Oct. 13, according to Mount Vernon District police. The victim was walking behind a building in the 7700 block of Richmond Highway around 8:35 a.m. when she heard someone running behind her. She turned around and a man grabbed her, touched her inappropriately and pulled on her clothing. The victim screamed, broke free from the suspect's grip and fled.

about 5 feet 7 inches tall and 145 pounds, with short, black hair. He wore a multi-colored dark, hooded sweat shirt, a multi-colored baseball cap, blue jeans and mirrored sunglasses. The suspect was seen leaving the area on a mountain bike.

The suspect was described as Hispanic, in his late 20s. He was

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

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# NEWS



## Seasonal Activities

Nativity Lutheran Church, 1300 Collingwood Road, hosted its fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 17. The event featured games, crafts, bake sale, and a book sale. Grace Johnson-Hughes is making a scarecrow during Fall-Fest.



Nativity Lutheran Church  
Pastor Darcy A. Tillman.

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## Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Chantilly is Now Open!

Come out to the store to shop for all your home improvement items and get the best deals in town. You can purchase materials for 50-90% off retail prices. These are bargains you don't want to miss and all proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity. We are also accepting donations! If you have new or gently used materials that you are no longer using, please donate them to our cause.

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7770-A Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA - tel. 703-360-6700

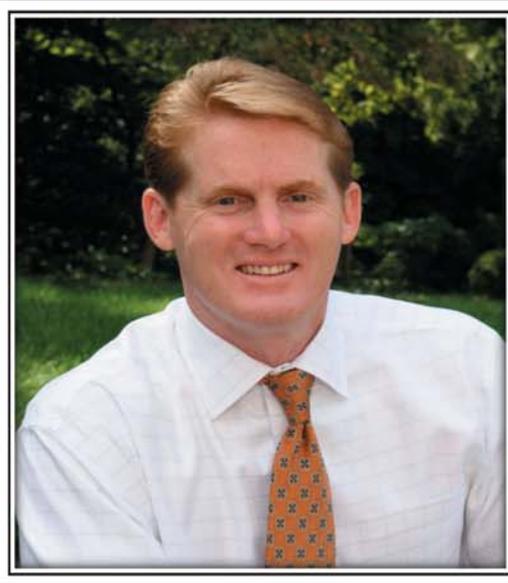
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The most spectacular property you will ever find has been completely updated with breathtaking results! Bright & open floor plan, 3 fin lvs including full w/o LL, 4/5BR, 3.5BA, updated gourmet kitchen, stunning MBR suite and custom river view screened porch house with deck. Expansive glass window walls capture river views and natural beauty of almost full acre site. Open Sun 1-4pm. S GW Pkwy, past estate, L Old Mt Vernon Rd, L Rive Dr.



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1810 Hollindale Dr  
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Alexandria - \$200,000  
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807 HOWARD ST #312  
Alexandria - \$259,900  
2BR unit at THE PLAZA has just been painted thru-out, new neutral carpet, updated bath, & kitchen w/new appliances, floor, lighting & counters. Garage included. Pool, tennis clubhouse & exercise room plus 2 acre enclosed courtyard. EZ commute to everything.

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**OPEN SUN 1-4**  
2619 CHILDS LANE  
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Leah Chapla 703.929.4875



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4821 Stillwell Avenue  
\$499,000  
**Curb Appeal!**  
Character abounds in this fabulous Cape Cod, lovingly maintained and significantly updated by its caring owners. Four bedrooms, two full baths, hardwood floors, elegant trim detail, custom built-ins, updated kitchen and finished lower level. Gorgeous setting on magnificent half acre lot just steps to acres and acres of Fairfax County parkland!



1208 Tatum Drive  
\$875,000  
**Villamay!**  
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Bette Gorman, CRS 703.585.2235  
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**OPEN SUN 1-4**  
2106 FORESTHILL ROAD  
Alex / Belle Haven - \$1,450,000  
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Alex / South - \$525,000  
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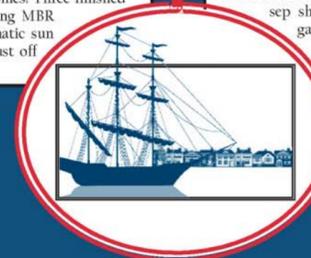


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## A Concert for Climate Action

The EcoVoce Ensemble, Alexandria's innovative trio of soprano, flute, and piano whose specialty is music about nature, will present a benefit concert for 350.org's International Day of Climate Action on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 3:50 p.m. at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 321 S. Fairfax Street, Alexandria.

This concert is one of several thousand climate action events occurring around the world in over 150 countries on Oct. 24 to draw attention to the urgency for finding global cooperation and solutions to our climate concerns. EcoVoce's concert is the only action event taking place in Alexandria that day.

The significance of the number 350 relates to the amount of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere — 350 parts per million that scientists say is the safe upper limit for life to flourish on earth. The world is currently at 388 parts per million. The International Day of Climate Action is intended to raise awareness about climate change and the need for urgent action, encouraging people to stand together by supporting activities that ensure a safe climate future for all.

EcoVoce's concert event will help achieve that awareness through its creative programming of original music by American composers who have been inspired by nature. The program will include the premiere of "Icebergs" and "Polar Sun," two songs composed by Dr. Jane Tavernier for this occasion.

The program features soprano Denise Freeland, flutist Susan Hayes, guest violist Stephanie Knutsen, and pianist Narciso Solero. Andrew Wingfield, author and associate professor at George Mason University, will provide climate commentary.

This concert is made possible, in part, by the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

# Unconventional Casting Works for 'Inherit the Wind'

## Aldersgate's "Monkey Trial" play solidly presented.

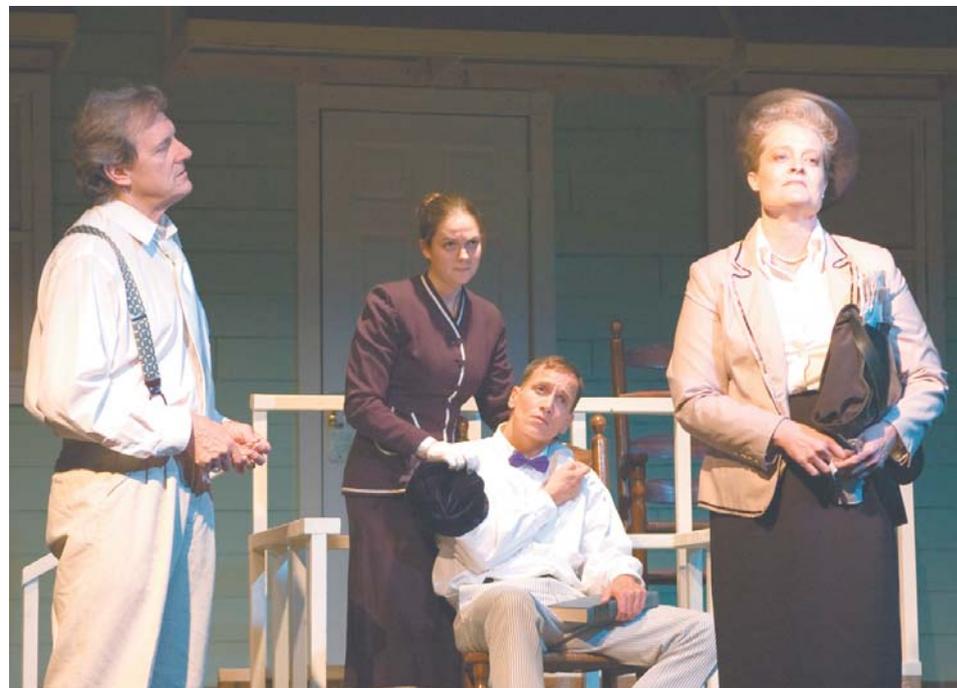
BY BRAD HATHAWAY  
THE GAZETTE

Director Roland Branford Gomez took an unconventional approach to casting the role based on the famous critic H. L. Menkin in the play, "Inherit the Wind," and it paid off handsomely. As a result, the play has three starring performances instead of the traditional two.

The two traditional starring roles, the ones played by Spencer Tracy and Frederick March in the 1960 movie version that is still watched today, are here played by Mark Lee Adams with his traditional fine feel for a sharp line and Lanny Slusher with a well-defined progression in his characterization from confidence to overconfidence and finally to emotionally crushing defeat. Surprisingly, Adams fails to find the same progression within his role which reduces his performance to a string of well-delivered one-liners.

It is the normally secondary role of Menkinish critic that is the real surprise of the evening, however. Gomez gives this role, which has been a fine piece for the likes of Tony Randall, Gene Kelly and Tony Award-winner Dennis O'Hare to a woman and the performance by Rebecca Lenehan in that traditionally male role amply justifies his choice.

Lenehan earned a Washington Area The-



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(From left to right): Mark Lee Adams, Anna Penniman, Richard Isaacs and Rebecca Lenehan.

atre Community Honors (WATCH) award for the role of a middle-aged schoolteacher afraid of permanent spinsterhood in the Little Theatre of Alexandria's "Picnic" last year. Here she delivers the acerbic barbs of the role with a nice level of understatement, quite a contrast to the over emoting evident the last time she worked on this stage under Gomez' direction in "Hay Fever" two years ago.

"Inherit the Wind" is a thinly disguised  
SEE "INHERIT", PAGE 22

## Where and When

The Aldersgate Church Community Theatre's production of "Inherit the Wind" plays through Oct. 31 at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, in Fort Hunt, Mount Vernon. Performances are Friday – Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Call 703-660-2611 or log on to [www.acctonline.org](http://www.acctonline.org).

# Black & Red 'Dracula' Returns

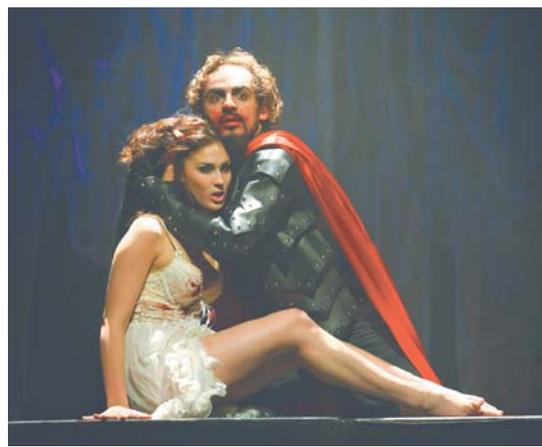
## Synetic's show back at Spectrum.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY  
THE GAZETTE

Paata Tsikurishvili's Synetic Theater scored a direct hit four years ago when it staged a thrillingly dramatic one-act encapsulation of the tale of the blood-sucking Transylvanian count of legend, "Dracula," first at The Kennedy Center in Washington and then at the Rosslyn Spectrum.

Now, they try to recreate that magic with a revised version of the piece and, while lightning doesn't strike a second time with as much force and shock as in 2005, there's still enough punch left in the old war horse to impress — especially when the skills of the entire company are turned to the more violent and physical aspects of the tale.

Some elements of the tale date back over 500 years to the time of the Romanian prince with a habit of impaling victims on poles in the public square, earning him the name Vlad the Impaler. In Romanian, his



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Natalie Berk as Mina and Dan Istrate as Dracula.

name sounded a bit like "Dracula" which Irish novelist Bram Stoker used for his gothic novel about a vampire which has become the basis of everything from horror movies to Broadway musicals.

Synetic's take on the tale began as a one-act, 15-scene presentation that relied heavily on the physical movement-based style of theater that Paata Tsikurishvili and his wife Irina brought with them when they

emigrated to the United States from their native Republic of Georgia. It had a script that was more a synopsis of scenes by Jonathan Leveck, and Paata Tsikurishvili not only directed, he portrayed the title character.

The new production is again directed by Tsikurishvili but Count Dracula is now performed by company regular Dan Istrate who seems at times to float about the stage in the less violent scenes and then bursts into combat with acrobatic energy.

Visual effects still abound with the opening sequence of combat featuring bodies flung right and left and subsequent scenes either dripping with red ribbons of "blood" or sparkling with a bright white dress against a stark black background.

SEE "DRACULA", PAGE 21

## Where and When

The Synetic Theater production of "Dracula" plays through Nov. 15 at the Rosslyn Spectrum, 1611 N. Kent Street in Arlington. Performances are Thursday – Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15 - \$45. Call 800 - 494 - 8497 or log on to [www.synetictheater.org](http://www.synetictheater.org).

# CALENDAR

E-mail announcements to the Gazette, [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412 with questions.

## NOW THROUGH OCT. 31

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Pumpkin Sale.** 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. At Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria (Corner of Seminary Road and Quaker Lane). All proceeds go directly to charity (ALIVE, Carpenter's Shelter, Network Preschool, New Mexico Navajo Indians and many more). Contact Susan D. Dawson at 703-931-4349 or [SDDawson@comcast.net](mailto:SDDawson@comcast.net).

## THURSDAY/OCT. 22

**Fall Marketplace.** 9 a.m. to noon. Shop, chat, coffee, bake sale. Sponsored by Plymouth Haven MOPS. At Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, corner of Fort Hunt Road and Plymouth Road. Questions? [plymouthhavenmops@hotmail.com](mailto:plymouthhavenmops@hotmail.com) or JJ Hogan, marketplace coordinator @ [seahorsedesigns@cox.net](mailto:seahorsedesigns@cox.net).

**Big Lebowski Bash.** 9 p.m. \$12 donation. Costume party and screening of the Coen Brothers' movie, "The Big Lebowski," benefitting Community Family Life Services. At the Old Town Theater, 815 King Street, Alexandria. Call 703-684-6000.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 23

**Music for Tuba.** 8 p.m. Presented by the U.S. Air Force Band Chamber Players Series. At George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil).

**Swing for Pink, a Breast Cancer Fund-raiser.** 6:30 p.m. \$25/ registration. Activities include round robin tennis, play the pro, tennis games and prizes. There will be special fitness classes which include Spinning, Zumba, Kettlebells, & Court Soccer. All proceeds will benefit breast cancer prevention, education, screening, and treatment. At Mount Vernon Athletic Club, 7950 Audubon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.mtvac.net](http://www.mtvac.net) or call 703-360-7300.

**Taste for Giving.** 7-10 p.m. \$75 tickets. Fourteen of Alexandria's best and most community-minded restaurants will be giving a taste of their dishes, including Jackson 20, Tempo, Finn & Porter, Cafe Pizzaiolo, Union Street Pub, Hard Times, Bittersweet, Del Ray's Del Merie Grill and Pork Barrel BBQ, Geranio Ristorante, The Jamieson Grill, Overwood and Columbia Firehouse. Prince Michel Winery, Guiffre Distributors and Misha's Coffee House will supply the liquid refreshments. Silent and live auctions will also be held, with a catered Pig Roast as the highlight. At the Torpedo Factory in Old Town. Order online at [www.alexandriarotary.org](http://www.alexandriarotary.org) or by calling 703-535-1200.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 24

**Concert with a Cause.** 3:50 p.m. The EcoVoce Ensemble will perform a concert program to benefit 350.org's International Day of Climate Action with music about nature featuring soprano Denise Freeland, flutist Susan Hayes, pianist Narciso Solero, and violinist Stephanie Knutsen. Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 321 S. Fairfax Street, Alexandria. Call 703-549-6670 or visit [www.opmh.org](http://www.opmh.org). Free admission, but donations welcomed.

**Pancake Breakfast/Silent Auction.** 8:30-11 a.m. \$6/adults, \$3/children. Proceeds benefit Advent's capital campaign to build a new administration/education wing. At Advent Lutheran Church, 2222 S. Arlington Ridge Road. Contact Nancy



Lynn Hollyfield and Grace Griffith

## THURSDAY/OCT. 22

**Lynn Hollyfield and Grace Griffith.** 7-9 p.m. Free. Contemporary folk music that touches and lifts the human spirit. Part of the Thursday Nite Local Spotlight series. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street, Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565, [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

Jairrels at 703-521-7010 or [adventlc@hotmail.com](mailto:adventlc@hotmail.com).

**Opera Night.** 7:30 p.m. Classic opera and Broadway selections performed by members of the Washington National Opera Company. At Bishop O'Connell High School. \$20/adults, \$10/students and seniors. Visit [www.bishopoconnell.org/operanight](http://www.bishopoconnell.org/operanight) or call 703-237-1462.

**Carmina Burana.** 7 p.m. Presented by Choralis with orchestra and soloists. At Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Alexandria campus of Northern Virginia Community College. Tickets \$40, \$25, \$5/students. Go to [www.choralis.org](http://www.choralis.org) or 703-237-2499.

**Heritage Trail Civil War Bike Ride.** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. Explore Alexandria's Civil War history with Alexandria Archaeology! Meet at the Bike and Roll Alexandria shop for a 14.5-mile guided bike tour of Alexandria's Defenses of Washington. Reservations required. At Bike and Roll Shop, One Wales Alley. Call 703-838-4399 or e-mail [ruth.reeder@alexandriava.gov](mailto:ruth.reeder@alexandriava.gov).

**Country Market Fair.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Huge rides, BBQ from Del Merei Grille, live band music, loads of games and arts and crafts. At the Alexandria Country Day School, 2400 Russell Road, Alexandria. Call 703-548-4804 or visit [www.acdsnet.org](http://www.acdsnet.org).

**Artists Exhibit and Sale.** Noon to 5 p.m. Kingstowne Area Artists Association will exhibit and sell its work — acrylics, oils, watercolor, mixed media, pastels, photography, pen and ink, digital media — at the Snyder Center, 6450 South Van Dorn Street, Kingstowne. Free. Go to [www.kingstowne.org](http://www.kingstowne.org) or contact Ginny Sywyj at [duchessducky@msn.com](mailto:duchessducky@msn.com) or Nancy Hannans at [hannans@cox.net](mailto:hannans@cox.net).

**Christmas Bazaar.** Good Shepherd Catholic Church's Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, Oct 24. If you or anyone you know is interested in participating, contact Sharon Gurke at [wavoff@yahoo.com](mailto:wavoff@yahoo.com) or call 703-780-5673 for an application/contract. Apply online at <http://www.CraftLister.com/> GoodShepherdChurchChristmasBazaar. GSCC is located at 8710 Mount Vernon Highway Alexandria.

**Candlelight Ghost Tours.** 8-10 p.m. Visitors will view the museum by candlelight while hearing the ghost stories and creepy history of the Lee-Fendall House. Admission: \$7/adults, \$5/children ages 5-12. At the Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronco St., Alexandria.

**Fall Into a Cure.** 7 p.m. Cost is \$85/person. Food, drinks and silent auction. At Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria. Sponsored by the DC/Baltimore Chapter of the UMDF.

**Walk to Fight Breast Cancer.** 8 a.m. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. Meets

at Eisenhower Avenue, 206 Swamp Fox Road, AMC Theater Parking Lot, off Eisenhower Avenue. Sponsored by the INOVA Foundation, Office on Women. Register online at [www.alexandriawalk.com](http://www.alexandriawalk.com). Call 703-838-5030 or email [angela.johnson@alexandriava.gov](mailto:angela.johnson@alexandriava.gov)

**Re-enactment of John Carlyle's Funeral.** 7-9 p.m. At the John Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. to the Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Fairfax St. Sponsor: Alexandria's Footsteps to the Past. Call Jim Bartlinski at 703-549-2997.

**Paws for the Park.** 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dogs, kids and the folks who love them are invited to gather for DOGA, Pumpkin Painting, a Blessing of the Animals, K-9 Games, Musical Sit, a fur-filled Costume Parade for two and four legged contestants and more! At Montgomery Park, 901 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Sponsored by Old Town North Community Partnership. Call Elizabeth Frommer at 703-836-8066 or email [efrommer@mreproperties.com](mailto:efrommer@mreproperties.com).

**Rummage Sale.** 8-12 a.m. Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool, 7719 Fort Hunt Rd, Alexandria, VA 22308. Toys, clothes, bikes, electronics, household items, more. All proceeds benefit the school. <http://www.tauxemont.org/>

**School Street Ramblers.** 7 p.m. An evening of evening of bluegrass, folk, praise and rock. Free dinner at 6 p.m. Bring canned goods to be donated to local shelter. At Calvary Presbyterian Church. At Calvary Presbyterian Church (downstairs hall), 6120 N. Kings Hwy., Alex. Call 703-768-8510 or go to [www.calvarypres.org](http://www.calvarypres.org).

**Goodhart Group Pumpkin Patch.** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pick a pumpkin, sip on cider, nibble on treats. At 4105 N. Garland Street, Alexandria. Call 703-549-9292 or email [sue@goodhart.com](mailto:sue@goodhart.com).

**A Show of Hands — Locally Made Craft and Artwork.** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Artwork by Zdzislaw (Charles) Szczepanski. Mr. Szczepanski, who passed away in June 2009 at the age of 91, had participated in many juried and one-man shows in the Washington area over the last 20 years. Before his retirement, he worked as an architect and urban planner in Europe, Canada, and most recently, the Washington area. At 2301 Mt Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Call 703-683-2905 or visit [www.ashowofhands.biz](http://www.ashowofhands.biz).

## SUNDAY/OCT. 25

**The Capitol Steps — Live.** 4 p.m. At West Potomac High School Springbank Auditorium. Hosted by the West Potomac Crew Team. Tickets are \$25/advance, \$30/door. Purchase tickets online at [www.wpcrow.org](http://www.wpcrow.org) or by calling 703-768-0165.

**13th Annual Delray Halloween Parade.** 4 p.m. At the Mt. Vernon Ball Field, 2701 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Sponsored by the Delray Business Association. Call Gayle Reuter at 703-684-3535 or email [gayle.reuter@mail.house.gov](mailto:gayle.reuter@mail.house.gov).

**World Wine Tasting Tour.** 6-8 p.m. To benefit Seniors Services of Alexandria. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street in Old Town. Go to [www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org) or call 703-836-4414, ext. 10

**Beethoven with the ASO and APAA.** 4 p.m. Free. Featuring a chamber music arrangement of his Piano Concerto No. 4. Pianist Yuliya Gorenman, on faculty at American University and currently engaged in a complete Beethoven piano sonata cycle, will be soloist along with the following members of the ASO: Claudia Chudacoff and Allison Bailey, violin; Greg Ruppert, viola; Sean

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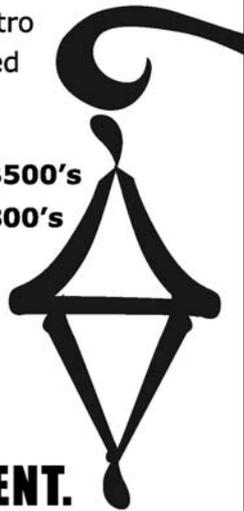
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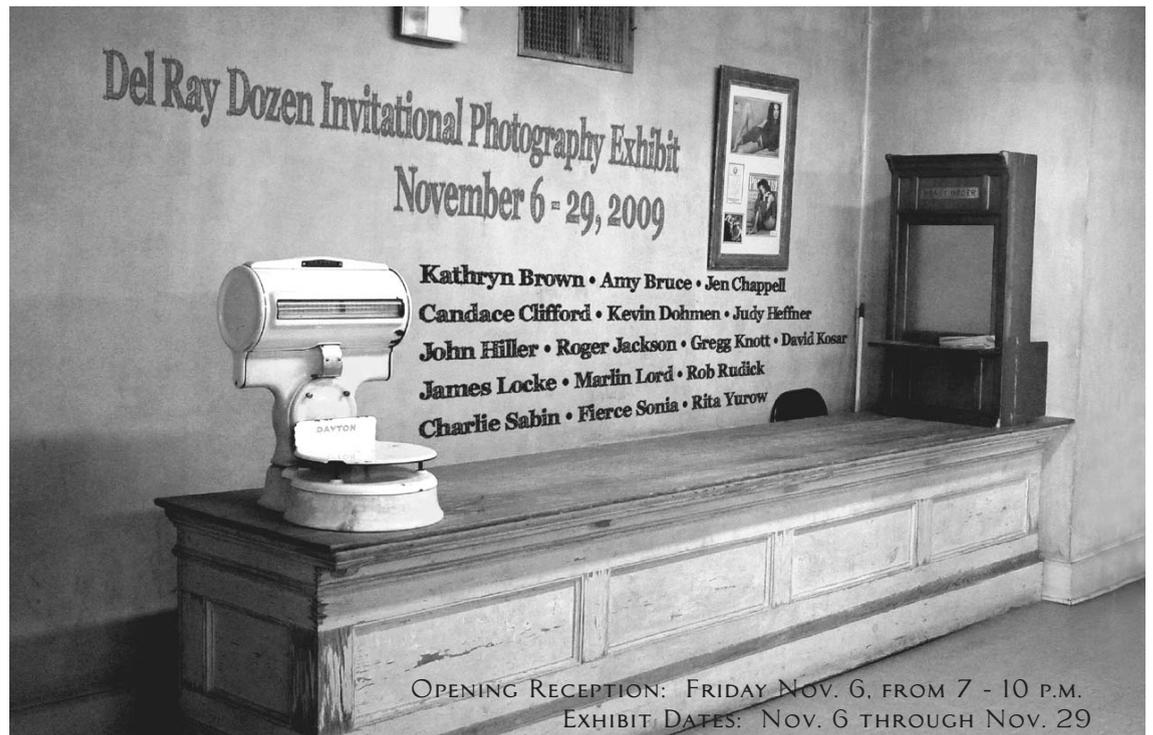


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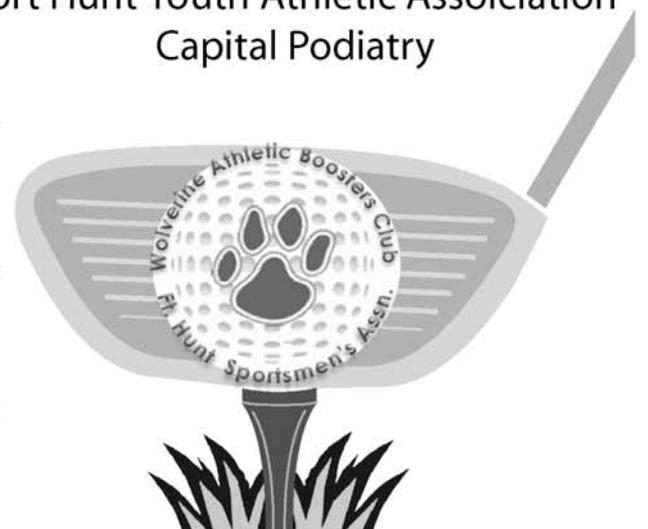
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Neidlinger, cello; Bob Kurz, bass. At the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-0885 or visit [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org).

**U.S. Army Concert Band.** 3 p.m. With special guest conductor Colonel Akira Takeda, Commander and Conductor of the Japan Ground Self Defense Force Central Band. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, NVCC, Alexandria.

## TUESDAY/OCT. 27

**NOVA Community Chorus.** 7:30 p.m. Presents Johannes Brahms, a German Requiem. \$10 admission. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, NVCC, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Call 703-845-6097 [mwhitmire@nvcc.edu](mailto:mwhitmire@nvcc.edu).

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 28

**Eat lunch or dinner** to benefit the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee at Fontaine Caffe & Creperie, 119 S. Royal St, 11:30-2:30 p.m., and 5-9 p.m. 10 percent of sales, and all proceeds from a silent auction, will help to support exchanges with Caen, France — Alexandria's Sister City since 1982. Visit [www.fontainecaffe.com](http://www.fontainecaffe.com) or call 703-535-8151.

**Concert Band and Singing Sergeants.** 7 p.m. Free. At Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil).

**WPHS Fall Concert.** 7:30 p.m. Free. The Women's Ensemble, Symphonic Mixed Chorus, Symphonic Women's Chorus, Bella Voce and Colonial Singers will perform a variety of choral works by past and present composers. Held in the West Potomac High School Springbank Auditorium.

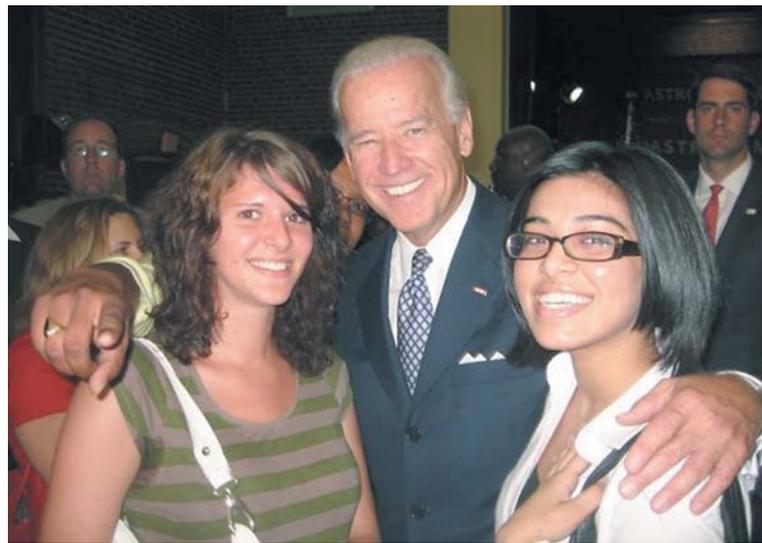
## THURSDAY, OCT. 29

**Jim Stephanson and John Previti.** 7-9 p.m. Free. Guitarist Jim Stephanson and bassist John Previti will treat visitors to an evening of blues, swing and jazz inspired tunes. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, part of the Thursday Nite Local Spotlight series. At 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565 or go to [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

## FRIDAY/OCT. 30

**Tom Goss Performs with Michael Yugo.** 9 p.m. At Firelies Del Ray, 1501 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-548-7200. Go to [www.tomgossmusic.com](http://www.tomgossmusic.com).

**Candlelight Ghost Tours.** 8-10 p.m. Visitors will view the museum by candlelight while hearing the ghost stories and creepy history of the Lee-Fendall House. Admission: \$7/adults, \$5/children ages 5-12. At the Lee-



**From left: Charlotte Plasger, summer intern from Caen, France; Vice President Joseph Biden; Natasha Duggal of the Alexandria Office of Communications.**

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Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronco St., Alexandria.

**Music for String Quartet.** 8 p.m. Free. Presented by the U.S. Air Force Band Chamber Players Series. At the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil).

4 p.m. Features organists Victoria Shields, Douglas Back, Carol Schaub, Irvin Peterson and Julie Vidrick-Evans. Wear your costume, bring the kids and come hear scary organ music to get in the ghouling mood! At Washington Street United Methodist Church, 115 S. Washington St. Old Town Alexandria. Go to [www.wsumc.com](http://www.wsumc.com).

**Halloween Parade and Party.** 1:30-3:30 p.m. Parade, games and treats. Sponsored by the Stonebrook Community Association. The Fairfax County Fire Department will have a fire truck there so children can meet the firefighters. Held at the end of Old Spring Lane. Call Sylvia Frazier at 703-768-0769 or [cesylfrazier@cox.net](mailto:cesylfrazier@cox.net)

## OCT. 30-31

### Woodlawn's Haunted History

**Tours.** 6-8:40 p.m. \$15/person. At 9000 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. Intersection of Richmond Highway and Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Call 703-780-4000 ext. 26327 to reserve your space and for more information.

**Edgar Allen Poe.** 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Actor David Keltz returns to The Lyceum's lecture hall to recreate Edgar Allan Poe's visit to Virginia in 1849, shortly before he died. He performs "The Black Cat," "The Cask of Amontillado," or "The Tell-Tale Heart," along with well-known poems "The Raven" and "El Dorado." At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Old Town Alexandria.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 31

**Anthology, The Band.** 8 p.m. Performs at The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-8899.

**Halloween Monster Organ Concert.**

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# Black & Red 'Dracula' Returns

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The script, however, has been revisited and revised and is now listed as "a new play by Nathan Weinberger" with no mention of Leveck's 2005 version even though it remains the 15-scene structure. As is often the case with Synetic productions, the show is at its most impressive when the characters are not speaking at all, and the incredibly precise, physically impressive choreography of Irina Tsikurishvili tells the story in motion rather than in word.

This version of "Dracula" has a bit too much dialogue in it and the

spoken word becomes a distraction from that other, more impressive method of storytelling the company has mastered.

The entire company, all 14 of them on the small stage of the Spectrum, throw themselves into the scenes with flair and passion. Natalie Berk and Mary Werntz are the principal women in the cast but it is the trio of Stacey Jackson, Irina Koval and Catalina Lavallo who capture most eyes as Dracula's wives due to the blood red gowns that designer Anastasia Ryurikov Simes provides.

In addition to Istrate, the men in-

clude Alex Mills, giving an open and clear performance as the British clerk who travels to Transylvania on assignment from his firm, and Irakli Kavsadze whose bug-eating inmate in an asylum is an unfortunate distraction from the central story of blood lust.

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# THEATRE

## Unconventional Casting Works for 'Inherit the Wind'

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historical drama of the time in 1926 when three-time Presidential candidate William Jennings Bryan faced off as a prosecutor against legendary defense lawyer Charles Darrow in a trial of a Tennessee school teacher for violating state law and teaching Darwin's theory of evolution. The names were changed, not so much to protect the innocent as to free the authors to twist or bend the record for dramatic effect. For instance, the play has the triple-try Presidential candidate, renamed Matthew Harrison Brady, die immediately following being brought down by the crafty interrogation administered by the attorney named Henry Drummond. In reality, Bryan died five days after the trial ended.

The production in the Aldersgate Church hall is solid in more than just the three leading performers. There's also a string of satisfying supporting performances in the roles of both the accused teacher

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and his girlfriend who is pressured into testifying against him. Richard Isaacs is convincing as the fearful defendant who is, nonetheless unwilling to sacrifice his principles to avoid punishment for violating what he sees as an indefensible statute, and Anna Penniman is likewise impressive as her character overcomes a sheltered background to take a principled stand.

One other performance deserves to be singled out. Fifth-grader James Woods, who impressed in two appearances at the Little Theatre of Alexandria over the last two years (he was the tantrum-throw-

ing sickly boy in "The Secret Garden" and one of the Rogers kids in "The Will Rogers Follies" under Gomez' direction, handles the role of the school child who opens the show tormenting his sister with the concept that mankind is descended from either worms or monkeys and, later, testifies in the trial. In both, his confident stage presence is of value to the production.

As is often the case with a show directed by Gomez, the emphasis here is on clarity of storytelling. The result does bog down a few times as the cast avoids rushing through the less important material but it does mean that there is little confusion as the evening proceeds.

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#### MONDAY/NOV. 2

**Inaugural Organ Concert.** 8 p.m. Free. The concert features Thom Robertson, Organist. At Grace Episcopal Church, 3601 Russell Road (corner of W. Glebe), Alexandria. Call 703-549-1980.

#### TUESDAY/NOV. 3

**Concert.** 8 p.m. Susanna Phillips, soprano, with Craig Terry, piano. The recital at Bishop Ireton is sponsored by Christ Church Alexandria to benefit the music program at local area schools. At Bishop Ireton Auditorium, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased by contacting Christ Church at 703-549-1450 or [jabel@HistoricChristChurch.org](mailto:jabel@HistoricChristChurch.org).

#### THURSDAY/NOV. 5

**Author Marybeth Hicks.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. On Redefining What's Cool for Our Kids. At Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway, Alexandria.

**KUKU.** 7-9 p.m. Free. KUKU performs uniquely soulful and captivating music inspired by his African heritage. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, part of the Thursday Nite Local Spotlight series. At 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565 or go to [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

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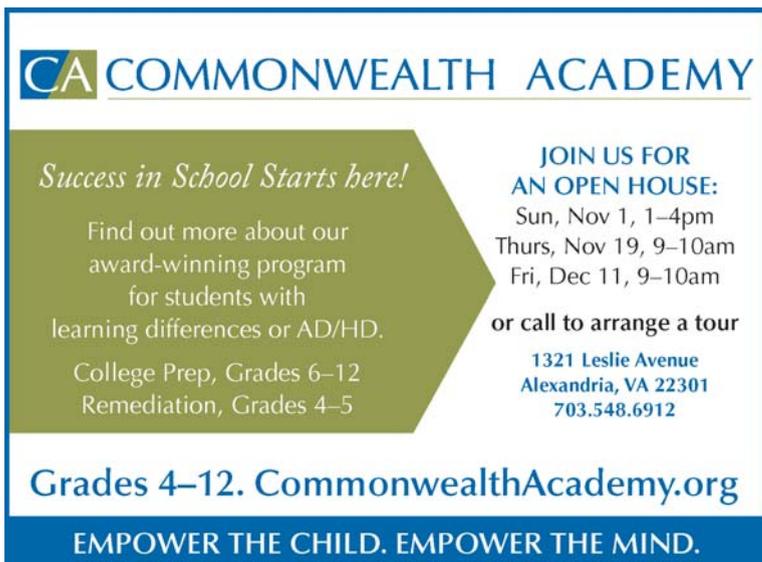
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# Morton Honored for His Community Contributions

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had designed the steeple, and his wife Ann, excused themselves from the meeting. Five minutes later they returned with their check to pay for the steeple.

Forty-two years later, Morton, now 85, was honored on a rainy Wednesday evening at a local restaurant for his volunteerism and contributions to Aldersgate and the Mount Vernon community. Mount Vernon Rotary Club made the non-Rotarian a Paul Harris Fellow and state Sen. Toddy Puller delivered a resolution from the Virginia House of Delegates and State Senate honoring him.

Morton was humbled.

"This is a complete surprise," he told a crowd of about 35 people.

Morton, who didn't know when he walked into Cedar Knoll Restaurant that he was about to be honored, knew something was up.

"The only thing that gave it away was when my daughter [Rosemary Mitchell] walked in from Rocky Mount, N.C. I knew it was unusual," Morton said.

Morton, whose friends call him "John I," relayed the story as to how he got his name.

"There were nine of us named 'John' in my third grade class. When she called on 'John,' all nine of us raised our hands. She decided then and there to call us by our first name followed by the initial of our middle name. That's when I became 'John I' and it stuck." The "I" is for Irving.

**THREE INDIVIDUALS** who have worked with Morton on com-



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**From left to right: Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland, state Sen. Toddy Puller, John I. Morton, and Dr. D.R. Butler. The Mount Vernon Rotary Club named Morton a Paul Harris Fellow on Wednesday, Oct. 14. Puller also presented a resolution from the Virginia House of Delegates and State Senate to Morton for his contributions to the community.**

munity and church-related issues spoke about their friend.

"John I has been a North Carolina farmer, a federal employee, and a premiere retiree in Mount Vernon," said his friend Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland.

"Your honoree epitomizes a citizen who looks around the community, sees what needs to be done,

and does it," Hyland said.

"He has brought to me problems and issues that citizens have addressed. He has really been a person that has been a part of his community. He is a person who has involved himself in the affairs of his community and has reached out to help people who needed help. For me he has been invaluable for heading off issues for

people that needed help with local government," Hyland said.

Puller jokingly called the retired U.S. Dept. of Agriculture commodities director her "visibility person. That meant he put up signs" during her previous campaigns. Something he has also done for Hyland.

"I'm thankful he's getting this award for all of the things he has

done for our community," she said.

And Jack Shawn, retired Mount Vernon-Inova Hospital human resources director, said "you can't put your finger on" what specifically he has done because he works quietly.

During his 47-year membership at Aldersgate, Morton spent about 10 years as a member, vice chairman, and eventually chairman of the church's board of trustees, which was and is responsible for its financial stability, Shawn said.

Morton, who is member number 778 at Aldersgate, helped make financial decisions regarding the construction of the sanctuary and purchase of a home for its minister.

**BUT NOW**, while he and Shawn are both in their mid-80s, "we have left it up to the young people" to aid the church, Shawn said.

Honoring an individual outside of the club's membership is a first for Mount Vernon Rotary Club, according to Dr. D.R. Butler, who heads the club's Fellowship Committee.

"It's clear," Butler said, "everybody loves him. He's a quiet star. He doesn't make a lot of fuss but he gets it done. He fully recognizes there's no limit to what can be accomplished as long as no one is worried about who gets the credit."

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## 2009 FALL VOTERS' GUIDE

### GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009 POLLS OPEN 6:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

#### ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The Leagues of Women Voters of Alexandria, Arlington, the Fairfax Area, Falls Church, Loudoun County, and the Prince William County Member-At-Large Unit, are cooperating with The Connection Newspapers to produce this Voters' Guide to assist citizens in choosing candidates for election to public office.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia sent questionnaires to candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General, and the above-mentioned Northern Virginia Leagues sent questionnaires to all candidates for the Virginia House of Delegates, as well as local candidates, whose names were qualified to appear on the November 3, 2009 ballot. Biographies and responses to the questions appear as written by the candidates and are not edited except to comply with Voters' Guide style and stipulated word limitations. A "///" at the end of the biography and/or responses indicates the word limit was exceeded. The candidates' original responses are on file with the Northern Virginia Leagues of Women Voters. Candidates are listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot, as determined by lot by the Virginia State Board of Elections.

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For additional information on the November 3, 2009 General and Special Elections, voter registration, the district in which you are eligible to vote, where to vote, or absentee voting, contact the Fairfax County Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb). For information in the City of Fairfax, contact the General Registrar at 703-385-7890 or visit [www.fairfaxva.gov/Registrar/GeneralRegistrar.asp](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/Registrar/GeneralRegistrar.asp). You can also contact the Virginia State Board of Elections at 800-552-9745 or visit [www.sbe.virginia.gov](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov).

You may also find comprehensive, nonpartisan information on the

November 3, 2009 elections on the League of Women Voters' website, [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org), sponsored by the LWV Education Fund.

#### IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED TO VOTE

All voters are required to present identification at the polls in order to vote. **PLEASE BRING IDENTIFICATION WHEN YOU COME TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009.**

Acceptable forms of identification can be any **ONE** of the following:

- Virginia Voter Information Card
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If you do not have an acceptable form of identification, you must complete, under oath, an Affirmation of Identity **BEFORE** you can vote.

### GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

#### THE OFFICE

**TERM:** Four years (prohibited from serving successive terms)

**SALARY:** \$175,000

**DUTIES:** Authority over the day-to-day operations of state government. Commander-in-Chief of the state's armed forces; advises the General Assembly on the condition of the commonwealth by making specific legislative recommendations, including the state budget. Makes ap-

pointments touching every level of government. Signs enacted bills to become laws.

#### BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS

**BIOGRAPHY:** Background provided by each candidate.

#### THE QUESTIONS

What will your top legislative **PRIORITY** be, if elected?

Do you believe that any changes are needed in the way the Commonwealth conducts its decennial **REDISTRICTING**? If so, please explain your proposals.

What will be your major emphasis, for both resources and spending, in developing the next state **BUDGET**?

How do you propose to **BALANCE** economic interests with environmental concerns?

### CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

#### Robert F. "Bob" McDonnell Republican - Challenger



**BIOGRAPHY:** Maureen and I have been married for 32 years and we have 5 children. I served for 21 years in the U.S. Army. I've been a business manager for a Fortune 500 company, a Virginia Beach Prosecutor, a member of the House of Delegates for 14 years, and Attorney General.

**PRIORITY:** I will be a jobs Governor! I will focus on growing Virginia's economy, creating new jobs, and re-training our workforce for 21st century jobs. Everyone will benefit from my vision of a reinvigorated private sector, more incentives for businesses locating and expanding in Virginia, and a government that lives within its means, allowing citizens to keep more of what they earn to invest and spend.

**REDISTRICTING:** I will ensure bipartisan citizen involvement in the redistricting process. Legislative districts must be drawn to maximize voter participation and reflect commonsense geographic boundaries and a strong community of

interests. My bipartisan commission, comprised of citizens who haven't held elected office for at least 10 years, will provide citizens with access through public meetings, proposed maps online, and a website accepting public comment.

**BUDGET:** As Attorney General I cut my office's budget by 14%, took a pay cut and gave back my state car. Those are the kinds of tough decisions Virginians expect to see from their Governor. We must look for every opportunity to be creative in our budgeting, consolidate state functions, and implement innovation and budget prioritization in Richmond. We must focus on supporting policies that facilitate growth in the private sector, encourage entrepreneurship, allow Virginians to achieve their dreams, and expand our economy.

**BALANCE:** I championed legislation to ban the use of phosphorus in household detergents and successfully filed suit to stop a wastewater treatment operator from polluting the

Shenandoah River. I helped establish an income tax refund for contributions made to restore the Bay and supported the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Act and the Open-Space Lands Preservation Trust Fund. As Governor, I am committed to protecting our environment using innovative technology, pollution prevention programs and holding polluters accountable. I will also establish "Green Jobs Zones" to incentivize companies to create quality green jobs.

**CONTACT:** [www.bobmcconnell.com](http://www.bobmcconnell.com)

#### R. Creigh Deeds Democrat - Challenger



**BIOGRAPHY:** State Senator Creigh Deeds is an accomplished legislator, having served eighteen years in the General Assembly. He lives in Bath County with his wife Pam, and their four children: Amanda, Rebecca, Gus, and Susannah. He graduated from Wake Forest Law School and Concord College.

**PRIORITY:** As governor, I will restore confidence in Virginia's economy by fixing transportation, investing in education, and giving a tax credit to any business that creates a job. I also have a plan to cut spending through aggressive performance reviews that reduce government waste and improve efficiency. And I will put Virginia on a path to be a global leader in clean energy, medical research, and cutting edge technology.

**REDISTRICTING:** Public policy in my administration will be based on science, not on ideology or partisan politics. For the

past seven years I have proposed bipartisan redistricting legislation. As governor, I will sign such a bill into law. Transparency and honesty are my guiding principles.

**BUDGET:** I believe we must invest in education even in tough times and my budget will reflect that. I will create an additional 70,000 degrees over the next ten years and commit an additional \$40 million per year to financial aid and guarantee student loans up to \$15,000. Under a Deeds administration, all Virginians will have access to an affordable higher education.

To fix transportation I will bring Republicans and Democrats together and pass a plan that connects every part of Virginia. I will consider all options so we can reach a bipartisan consensus on dedicated, long-term funding that does not drain funding from education and other core priorities.

**BALANCE:** I have a strong record of protecting the environment and balancing environmental and economic interests. In 1996, I authored the landmark Agricultural Stewardship Act, a bipartisan approach to reduce pollution that was supported by both farmers and environmental advocates. And in 1999, I sponsored a land preservation tax credit program that has helped Virginia conserve 500,000 acres.

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## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

### CANDIDATES FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR – VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

#### THE OFFICE

**TERM:** Four years

**SALARY:** \$36,321

**DUTIES:** Presides over the State Senate and casts a vote in case of a tie. Fills the office of Governor should the office become vacant by reason of death, resignation or disability.

#### BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS

**BIOGRAPHY:** Background provided by each candidate.

#### THE QUESTIONS

How do you envision your **ROLE**, if elected?

How would you influence the dynamics of the legislative **PROCESS**?

What do you see as Virginia's most urgent **PROBLEM** over the next two years?

#### William T. "Bill" Bolling *Republican – Incumbent*



**BIOGRAPHY:** Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling is the son of a coal miner and first in his family to graduate college. He and his wife Jean Ann live in Hanover and have two sons. He has 18 years of public service as Lieutenant Governor, State Senator, and in local government in Hanover.

**ROLE:** In a McDonnell/Bolling administration, I'll serve as Virginia's first Economic Development and Chief Jobs Creation Officer.

As Virginia's Chief Jobs Creation Officer, I'll help coordinate all economic development and job creation initiatives across the various agencies of state government. Having the states second highest elected officer actively involved in recruiting new industries signals the importance of bringing new jobs to our state.

In addition, I'll work to find solutions to our

current energy, education, and transportation challenges.

**PROCESS:** Over the past four years serving as Virginia's Lieutenant Governor, I've promoted an aggressive legislative agenda, which I'll continue.

In order to bring more jobs to our state, I co-sponsored legislation allowing more businesses to qualify for Economic Opportunity Fund money, which has brought \$125 million in new capital investments into Virginia.

I have also worked to strengthen our education system by forcing the Senate to direct lottery proceeds towards education, and by seeking to pass legislation that requires that at least 65% of our education dollars be spent in the classroom.

Finally, I'm very proud that during my time in the Senate, I was able to pass legislation pro-

viding health insurance for children in low-income families.

**PROBLEM:** The most urgent problem today and in the near future is the need to bring new quality jobs to our state. Current unemployment rates are the highest in 20 years, and all regions of the state have been impacted by the recent economic downturn. In a McDonnell/Bolling administration, I will serve as Virginia's first Economic Development and Chief Jobs Creation Officer, and my number one focus will be on growing our workforce.

Additionally, our state faces numerous challenges to our education and transportation systems. I've proposed detailed plans to confront these challenges, which you can find on my website, [www.billbolling.com](http://www.billbolling.com).

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#### Jody M. Wagner *Democrat – Challenger*



**BIOGRAPHY:** I'm the proud mother of four wonderful children. For 16 years, I was a practicing attorney in Norfolk. From 2002-2005, I served as Treasurer of the Commonwealth, and from 2006-2008, as the Secretary of Finance. In addition, I'm the owner of Jody's, a small popcorn business in Virginia Beach.

**ROLE:** I will serve as a key member of the state's leadership team, and a partner of the next Governor. I'll use my experience working across party lines to help reach commonsense, bipartisan solutions that improve the lives of Virginia's families. The most important role I can have is to help create new jobs and grow Virginia's economy. In addition, I would spend much of my time advocating for improvements in public education, such

as raising the graduation rate, expanding funding for pre-Kindergarten programs and promoting mentorship and internship programs for at risk students. Finally, I would be a member of five important boards and commissions.

**PROCESS:** In addition to presiding over the Senate, I would be active in the legislative process by helping to advance the goals of the next Governor, as well as priorities I consider to be important, like creating new jobs and improving education. I have a record of working across party lines to get things done as evidenced by the 2008 Education Bond Package that I negotiated (which passed unanimously) and I would continue to negotiate compromise in order to get things done.

**PROBLEM:** Virginia's biggest problem is the

global economic decline, and creating new jobs is the only way to confront the issue. We need to take a multi-faceted approach, which involves attracting new industries; helping small businesses start and grow; improving education to ensure our students have the skills necessary to compete in the 21st Century economy; and solving the transportation mess that is threatening our economic viability. Virginians have suffered as a result of the recession, and while we have weathered the storm better than most other states, the top priority of the next Lt. Governor must be to lead Virginia out of the national downturn, and help direct the Commonwealth towards future prosperity.

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## ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

### CANDIDATES FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL – VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

#### THE OFFICE

**TERM:** Four years

**SALARY:** \$150,000

**DUTIES:** Chief legal officer of the Commonwealth, serves as counsel to the Governor and to all state departments, agencies, boards and commissions.

#### BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS

**BIOGRAPHY:** Background provided by each candidate.

#### THE QUESTIONS

What do you think will be the major **ISSUE** facing the Attorney General's office in the next two years?

As Attorney General, what would be your major legislative **PROPOSAL**?

How do you envision **BALANCING** economic concerns with the enforcement of environmental regulations?

#### Ken T. Cuccinelli II *Republican – Challenger*



**BIOGRAPHY:** An attorney and small business owner, Senator Cuccinelli grew up in Northern Virginia. He graduated from UVa. as a Mechanical Engineer, then received his J.D. and Masters degrees from GMU. Ken married his high school sweetheart, Teiro, and they live with their seven children (and many pets) in Centreville.

**ISSUE:** Given current circumstances, the major issue for the next Attorney General will be helping to get Virginia's economy growing again in order to support job creation. In addition, the AG will also be looked to for leadership on public safety issues such as fighting gangs, sexual predators, drunk driving and mental health. These are all issues that I will continue to aggressively address, as I have in my 3 terms in the State Senate.

I would also bring 5 years of juvenile delinquency prevention work and over a decade of working with mental health professionals and patients to the AG's office.

**PROPOSAL:** Among my major legislative proposals as Virginia's next AG would be proposals to continue to improve our mental health system. Since the Virginia Tech tragedy, Virginians have awoken to how much more we need to do to improve our mental health system, and I will continue my leadership on this issue. Additionally, I will continue the work I've been doing in the Senate Courts Committee to toughen our laws addressing gangs, sexual predators and repeat drug dealers. Finally, I will continue my efforts to get property rights protected in Virginia's Constitution.

**BALANCING:** The balancing of economic concerns with the enforcement of environmental regulations is similar to the balancing in any regulatory decision. First, an AG has to enforce the law, but may exercise such discretion as the law allows to factor in circumstances such as first offenses, technical (e.g., paperwork) violations vs. substantive violations, in coming to conclusions about appropriate responses. We want our environmental regulations to be part of our stewardship of the environment, and like other Virginians, I want to preserve a clean and healthy environment for my children. I also want to undertake reasonable steps to preserve economic opportunities and jobs for Virginians.

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#### Stephen C. Shannon *Democrat – Challenger*



**BIOGRAPHY:** Occupation: Attorney; Odin, Feldman & Pittleman, PC – Fairfax, VA Education: Bachelors Degree, Fairfield University; Masters of Public Policy, Georgetown University; and J.D., University of Virginia Experience: Steve Shannon is a former Fairfax County Prosecutor who has a strong record on Public Safety. He and his wife Abby co-founded Virginia's first AMBER-Alert // **ISSUE:** In the next two years, the Attorney General's office must be focused on public safety. As the economy gets back on track, we need to be sure that Virginia creates an environment that is attractive for people and businesses so that they want to come here and flourish here. By keeping Virginians safe, I will work to create that type of environment.

**PROPOSAL:** My top priority as Attorney General is going to be keeping Virginians safe. I have outlined a number of policy proposals – available on my website at [www.shannon2009.com](http://www.shannon2009.com) – that will help protect Virginians from drunk drivers, gangs, drug dealers, and other public safety threats. As a father of three and helped found (with my wife, Abby) of Virginia's AMBER Alert system, I am particularly committed to protecting Virginia's children. Specifically, I am committed to keeping Virginia children safe from Internet predators. We know that there are at least 20,000 unique computers trafficking child pornography in Virginia. Law enforcement officials do not have the tools and resources they need to track these online offenders down and put them in jail. I will work

with the Governor and General Assembly to find these resources.

**BALANCING:** As Attorney General, my job will be enforcing Virginia's law. I believe we need to move towards things like energy efficiency and greater use of renewable energy in order to protect our environment. I also believe we must understand our current economic climate and make sure that as we make the move toward the use of efficiency and renewables, we are balancing the needs and economic constraints of citizens and businesses in Virginia.

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**CANDIDATES FOR THE VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES – 45<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT (CONTINUED)**  
**(Voters in This District Vote for Not More Than One)**



**David L. Englin**  
**Democrat – Incumbent**

**BIOGRAPHY:** State Delegate, 45th District. Committees: Health, Welfare, and Institutions; Privileges and Elections; Virginia Poverty Reduction Task Force. Former Air Force officer. Vice President, Live Wire Media Relations. Masters in Public Policy, Harvard University; Bachelor of Science, U.S. Air Force Academy. Campaign Chairman, Alexandria United Way; Alexandria Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

**REDISTRICTING:** As a member of the Elections Subcommittee, time and again I have co-patroned, voted for, and fought for several versions of non-partisan redistricting reform legislation. In a democracy, voters are supposed to choose their elected leaders, and not the other way around!

This is an important reform that would strengthen our democracy, and I will continue working with the League of Women Voters to get it passed.

**EDUCATION:** Yes. The Composite Index, which determines the ratio of state to local education dollars, does not account for high ESL, special education, or disadvantaged student populations, which means taxpayers in Alexandria, Arlington, and Fairfax must bear a disproportionate cost, even after accounting for our relative wealth compared to the rest of the Commonwealth. Additionally, the state uses a triennial census of school-aged children to determine the distribution of education sales tax dollars, but this does not accurately count children in high growth or transient localities like ours. Therefore, in 2009, I co-patroned a bill to replace this method with the “average daily membership” method, which would give a more current and accurate count of stu-

dents and would have resulted in an additional \$5 million per year to Alexandria, Arlington, and Fairfax.

**ISSUE:** As your Delegate, I have worked to end the sales tax on food, for quality pre-school for every child, against harmful pollution from the Mirant Plant, for marriage equality, reproductive rights, and voting rights, and to lower health care costs for families and businesses. I fought to cut middle class income taxes and promoted new green jobs that also help reverse climate change. I secured equal rights in hospital visitation, minimum wage protection for seniors, and smoke-free restaurants beginning December 1. Re-elect me, and I will continue fighting to strengthen our community, defend our progressive values, and invest in our future.

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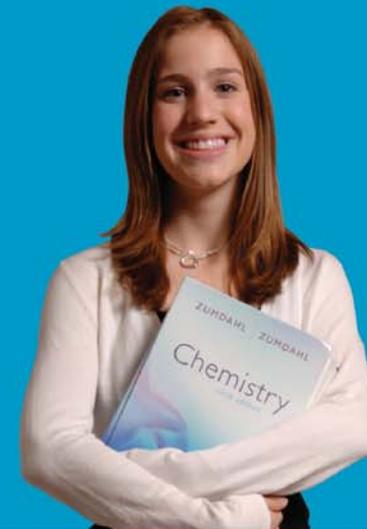
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# Wolverines Win Sloppy Game in Mathewson's Return

**West Potomac upsets Lee in cold, wet conditions.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE GAZETTE

**F**riday's homecoming game against Robert E. Lee marked the return of West Potomac quarterback Colin Mathewson and receiver Will Rosenkranz from injury. But with the Wolverines' pass-happy spread offense grounded by steady rainfall and a muddy field, it was up to the defense and special teams to make plays.

After more than three-and-a-half quarters of punts, fumbles and miserable playing conditions, Daryl Copeland and Paul Marinelli assured the Wolverines had a happy homecoming.

A bad Lee punt snap led to a safety and Copeland and Marinelli each scored a touchdown with the offense on the sideline — all during the game's final six minutes — in a 14-7 Wolverines victory at WPHS.

Lee received the game's opening kickoff and marched 65 yards in 14 plays for a 7-0 lead. From that point it was more than 40 minutes of offensive futility as both teams struggled in the cold, soggy conditions. The teams exchanged punts and turnovers until the game started to slip away from Lee midway through the fourth quarter.

Facing fourth-and-17 on their own 10-yard line, the Lancers lined up to punt when a bad snap led to punter Clinton Jones tossing the ball out of the back of the end zone for a safety.

With West Potomac on the board, Copeland returned the ensuing kickoff 60

yards for a touchdown, giving the Wolverines an 8-7 lead with 4:19 remaining.

The junior got the ball on the right side of the field and headed to the left sideline before racing into the end zone.

"I knew I was going to score coming into the kick return," Copeland said. "As I was going toward the sideline I kind of slipped. But as ... everybody else slipped, I just took it to the house."

**THE RETURN** gave West Potomac a surge of momentum.

"That's Copeland. He's electric," Wolverines head coach Eric Henderson said. "We needed that. You want your big players to make plays. ... It was a great return."

After the teams traded punts, Lee faced second-and-20 on its own 13 when the linebacker Marinelli intercepted a pass and returned it 18 yards for a touchdown with 2:03 to play.

Marinelli credited the defensive line for pressuring Lee quarterback Greg Lopez, who threw the interception after rolling to his right.

"Our defensive line, they really pulled through," Marinelli said. "They played their hearts out this game. They didn't stop. They really stressed the quarterback. While he's rolling out he can't think, and I guess I was just in the right place at the right time."

West Potomac was held to 143 yards and no points on offense. It didn't matter. The Wolverines, who entered the contest on a five-game losing streak, found a way to beat a Patriot District opponent that was 5-1 at the time.

"You don't lose too many football games when the defense doesn't give up a point,"



PHOTO BY RICHARD MAPLE

**Daryl Copeland, seen earlier this season, put West Potomac ahead to stay with a 60-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter against Lee.**

Lee coach Rob Everett said. "I give West Potomac a lot of credit staying in the game. It was pretty impressive the way they stuck with it. We had our chances — even with just one touchdown — we had our chances to ice the game and finish it off and we didn't capitalize on those things."

**THE LANCERS** were without star running

back Idreis Augustus, who suffered a groin injury the previous week against Lake Braddock. Despite Augustus' absence, Lee (5-2 overall, 2-2 district) picked up four first downs on the game's opening drive before Lopez threw to a wide open Mikquan Johnson off of play action for a 12-yard touchdown.

The West Potomac defense held Lee scoreless the rest of the game while forcing three turnovers. The Lancers finished with 183 total yards, including 99 rushing yards on 25 carries by running back Jazmier Williams.

Mathewson didn't get many opportunities in his first action since spraining the medial collateral ligament in his left knee Sept. 17 against Chantilly. The senior completed 5 of 12 passes for 51 yards and rushed four times for five yards. Mathewson spent some plays on the sideline as running backs Darel Layne and Brandon Johnson carried the ball off of direct snaps.

Rosenkranz, who suffered a knee injury during a preseason scrimmage, caught two passes for 18 yards.

Layne rushed 17 times for 67 yards for the Wolverines.

West Potomac (2-5, 1-3) travels to face T.C. Williams on Saturday. Parker-Gray Stadium has a turf field, but rain is once again in the forecast.

But even if their offense is once again limited by conditions, the Wolverines showed they can still win.

"I think [the victory over Lee] means kind of validation of what we're doing," Henderson said. "We just keep working hard and keep grinding at it and keep pushing the kids. We haven't given up on them, they didn't give up on us and I'm just really proud of the kids. They really responded."

## Schray Lifts MV into District Tourney Final

**Sophomore scores two goals against Edison.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
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**M**ount Vernon sophomore Allie Schray scored her team-leading ninth and 10th goals Tuesday. While Schray wasn't on varsity last season, her performance helped put the Majors field hockey team in a position familiar to those who were in the National District championship game.

Schray scored twice and freshman Jane Heller added a goal as Mount Vernon defeated Edison 3-0 during the semifinal round of the district tournament at EHS. The Majors will face Washington-Lee at 7 p.m. today in a rematch of last season's district championship game at WLHS. The Generals defeated Yorktown 3-2 in

Tuesday's other semifinal matchup.

Mount Vernon lost last year's title game to W-L. Jess Hebel, in her second season as head coach of the Majors, said a lack of communication was the primary reason.

"I think that going into this game, that's one of the things that we'll really concentrate on," she said. "A lot of the times when we do have little problems it's a lack of communication. We don't say, 'Hey, I'm stepping up,' or 'I got this' and we run into each other."

While the Majors have struggled at times with in-game communication, Hebel said the team's positive interaction and understanding of roles has helped it succeed. Mount Vernon's experienced players, including first-team all-district seniors Marcy Hoath, Katie Lucas and Leia Schantz, mesh

well the team's younger athletes, including five freshmen.

"The girls are all really supportive of each other," Hebel said. "I think the seniors have really stepped up and helped [the younger athletes] know what to do. The younger girls, they absolutely stepped up to where they needed to be. ... I feel like this team has a really good dynamic because I think they understand, 'OK, I'm the oldest, but that doesn't necessarily make me the best,' or 'I'm the youngest, but that doesn't mean that I'm down at the bottom. We're here together.'"

"... I think they've really been working together all season."

Hoath echoed her coach's statements.

"It's probably the most cooperative team [I've been on]," the midfielder said. "You can tell on the field. We practice and we talk like we're friends. And when you get on the field, we're solid."

Schray, the only sophomore listed on the Mount Vernon roster, was an honorable mention all-district selection as a forward. She credits focus as a reason she leads the team with 10 goals.

"I just try to pay attention in practice when we do tipping drills," she said. "I try to get in the right angle when the ball's coming in so I can just tap it in real fast."

Seniors Gabby Gadson, defender, and Sara Duncan, goalkeeper, earned second-team all-district accolades for the Majors.

Hoath said the Mount Vernon needs to play with "heart" tonight against Washington-Lee.

"Last year, we weren't all there," Hoath said of the Majors' performance in the district championship game. "We said we were going to play, we said we were going to play, and when we stepped on the field, we weren't all there."

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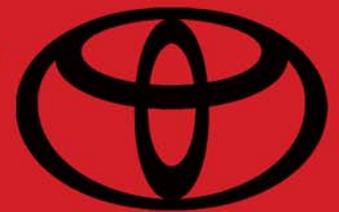
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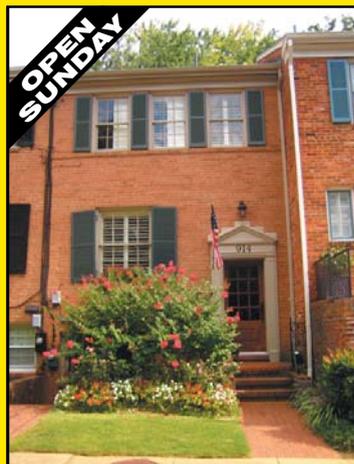
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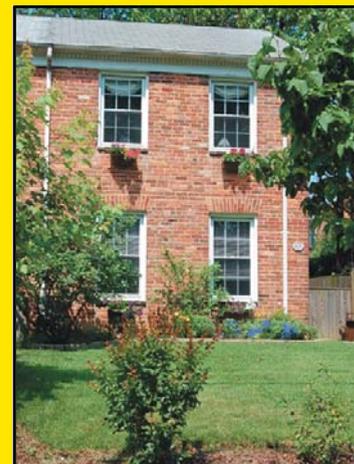
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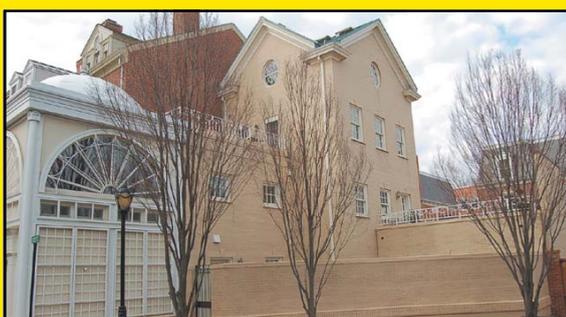
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