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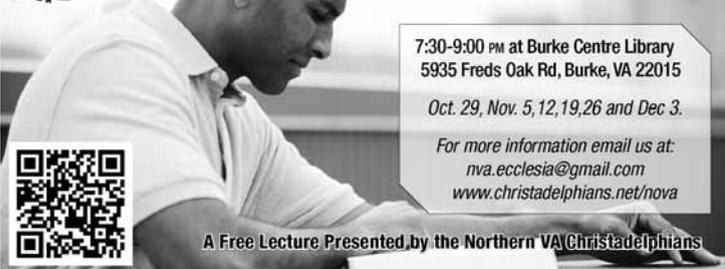
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The CASA crew. From left—Joan Fisher, CASA volunteer, Mindy Stewart, volunteer supervisor, Lisa Banks, executive director, Elisa Kosarin, associate director, Recruitment and Training. One common denominator among these women—they all started as volunteer advocates for children in the court system as the result of neglect or abuse.



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Forum Highlights Domestic Violence

Cook holds gathering to “Stop the Silence—End the Violence.”

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

Oct. 17. The back patio at Kilroy’s Restaurant and Sports Bar on Port Royal Road in Springfield was the scene of a gathering described by host Fairfax County Supervisor John C. Cook (R- Braddock), as “part of an effort to shine the light on the oft-hidden and denied blight on our families ... of domestic violence.” Cook was appointed by the Board of Supervisors in February to be their liaison to the Domestic Violence Prevention, Policy and Coordinating Council. “The name may be a mouthful,” admitted Cook in an interview during the event, “but the people you need to get things done are all right in the room,” he said. “This group gets things done.”

Several government agencies and non-profits in the county work to alleviate this problem and to provide assistance to the victims, but on this occasion, Cook was partnering with two in particular—Shelter House and CASA. Shelter House is the organization that runs Artemis House, the county’s only emergency shelter for people fleeing domestic violence and human trafficking. Fairfax CASA, which stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates, is the volunteer group whose trained caseworkers advocate for neglected and/or abused children as they interact with the court system. Staff from both organizations were on hand and more than willing to talk about the problem of domestic violence and how they are involved in the efforts to break what is all-too-often a cycle of abuse.

“And that’s just it,” stated Cook. “We need to get down to the roots of the problem, not just deal with the aftermath. Even witnessing domestic violence has



Supervisor John C. Cook (R-Braddock) is the board’s liaison to the Domestic Violence Prevention, Policy and Coordinating Council. In this capacity, Cook organized a gathering to highlight the problems, bringing involved agencies together in a public forum.

programs like these,” said Bachman, the national recidivism rate ranges from 24-50 percent. Our program has a 7 percent rate of repeat offenders. We even have one counselor who was an offender himself 20 years ago.” Kathleen Kelmelis, program manager for the OWDSVSA, added that one of the program graduates has come back to the counseling sessions voluntarily when “he felt himself slipping back into the old bad ways.”

The evening included live music to entertain the attendees. Supervisor Cook expressed his gratitude for the generosity of the Kilroy’s management for hosting the event and donating 10 percent of the evening’s food sales to the CASA and to Shelter House.

“Let’s all get involved,” said Cook. “Stop the silence to end the violence.”

A list of domestic violence resources is available at the Fairfax County government website, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/domesticviolence.

a profound, negative effect on children: 1-year-olds get the most harm from witnessing or being in an abusive environment. They learn that domestic violence is the norm,” he said. “One of our goals is to reach out to the people who are the first line of contact like coaches, teachers, daycare workers, so they can recognize the signs of children at risk and know how to help.”

Another agency with representatives on hand is tackling the problem from a different angle. Anger and Domestic Abuse Prevention and Treatment (ADAPT), under the auspices of the Fairfax County Office for Women and Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (OWDSVS), works with the offenders to help them deal with their own issues and learn to regulate their violent behaviors. Sam Bachman from ADAPT is ready to speak quite passionately about this batterer intervention program. “With



Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, Jubilee Co-Chair Pamela McCarthy (behind Sharon Bulova), Fairfax Library Foundation Board of Directors Chair Brian Engler and Jubilee Co-Chair Ilyse Gart.

Fairfax Library Foundation’s Jubilee Raises \$110,000

A Library Jubilee is Fairfax Library Foundation’s benefit event to help keep Fairfax libraries some of the nation’s best. At their fifth annual daylight soiree, held Saturday, Oct. 5 at Burke Centre Library, the group netted \$110,000 with their lineup of authors and speakers.

Among those present were Shari Randall, author of the short story “Keep it Simple” which appeared in “Chesapeake Crimes: This Job is Murder”; Ellen Crosby, author of “The Wine Country Mysteries” series; Donna Andrews, who wrote the “Meg Langslow” series and the

“Turning Hopper” series; Andy Jampoler, author of “The Last Lincoln Conspirator”; and RADM Terry McKnight USN (Ret.), author of “Pirate Alley: Commanding Task Force 151 Off Somalia”; Alethea Kontis, author of the “Wood Cutter” series and the “AlphaOops!” series; and Barb Goffman, author of several short stories and collection of short stories titled, “Don’t Get Mad, Get Even.”

Chairman Bulova spoke and Sup. John Cook attended. Other honorable guests included councilmember Michael DeMarco and Hon. Mark D. Sickles.



Judy Hubka (community relations advisor at ExxonMobil) checks in two Jubilee attendees at the Saturday, Oct. 5 event to benefit Fairfax County Libraries.

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After Amtrak began offering commute options at the Burke Centre station, ridership increased dramatically.

Fastest Growing Virginia Station

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Though the commuter train station at Burke Centre has offered a Virginia Railway Express (VRE) link between Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C. since 1992, only in 2009 did Amtrak add Burke as a stop on its new Amtrak Virginia partnership service.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova was "key" to getting Burke added to the state-supported Amtrak network, according to Virginians for High Speed Rail (VHSR) Executive Director Daniel Plaugher.

Since then, Amtrak ridership across the commonwealth has increased 99.83 percent, according to data from Amtrak and VHSR. In FY 2013, Virginia ridership accounted for 1,607,271 total trips, a 9.56 percent increase over FY 2012.

Leading the way is Burke Centre, the fastest-growing station in Virginia for FY 2011 to FY 2012. Between FY 2011 and FY 2013, Amtrak reports the Burke Centre station ridership increased roughly 166 percent.

Plaugher attributes the success-

ful growth to three main factors: "First is expansion of regional service; second, reliability has increased; third, there's been a generational shift."

BREAKING IT DOWN, Plaugher explained that Amtrak has offered 50 percent more train availability over the past several years. Before 2009 there were four round-trip regional trains in Virginia, two of which started and ended in Richmond and two in Newport News.

In 2009, Governor Tim Kaine helped extend the regional line that now includes Burke Centre from Washington, D.C. to Lynchburg. The following year, Kaine brought another regional from D.C. to Richmond. Then in 2012, Governor Bob McDonnell picked up the banner and extended regional service from Richmond to Petersburg and Norfolk, bringing the total to six regional trains either ending or starting in Virginia.

Along with these extensions of service, train punctuality and reliability has also increased dramatically, from an average of 75.15 percent in 2011 to 84.5 percent in 2013, according to VHSR.

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Denim Do-gooders Help Put Zip on Homelessness

Deltek hosts
“challenge breakfast”
to turn \$5 into \$25,000.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Casual Friday got a twist on Friday, Oct. 18, as thousands of employees throughout Fairfax County became denim do-gooders by throwing on a pair of jeans to help prevent and end homelessness.

Deltek, Inc., the Herndon-based global software and information solutions company, kicked off the third annual Jeans Day in Fairfax County by hosting a fundraising breakfast. The company, founded in 1983 by Don deLaski and his son Kenneth, hosted one of the first Jeans Day events in Fairfax County.

“Jeans Day is a fun, easy way to spread awareness of homelessness in Fairfax County and engage your team while giving back.”

— **Kathy Albarado,**
CEO of Helios HR in Reston

“We were excited to see Deltek host this challenge breakfast that welcomed businesses, nonprofits and other community leaders interested in helping to make jeans day a huge success this year,” said Dean Klein, director of Fairfax County’s Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH). “Even though we continue to have great support from longtime supporters, we also saw so much energy and enthusiasm from new partners.”

Launched in 2011 by OPEH, Jeans Day is a popular fundraiser for homelessness and other causes nationwide. Companies invite employees to wear their jeans to work in exchange for a \$5 contribution to fight homelessness. Since 2011, Jeans Day has involved more than 200 organizations representing more than 10,000 employees.

Jeans Day 2013 was hosted by The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness, The Connection Newspapers and Apple Federal Credit Union.

This year, Jeans Day participants had a special challenge, and an opportunity to turn \$5 contributions into \$25,000.



Deltek staff with Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and other Jeans Day sponsors supporters.

“We were selected to receive a \$25,000 Challenge grant from the Phillip Graham Fund to support the 3rd Annual Jeans Day event,” Klein said. “This exciting grant helped us challenge businesses, schools, faith groups and individuals to help us to meet a larger goal of \$25,000.”

When the county meets its \$25,000 goal, the Phillip Graham Fund will provide a matching \$25,000, according to Ted Lutz, a member of the governing board of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness and the Phillip Graham Fund.

Nearly 3,000 children, women and men face homelessness and the threat of severe temperatures and hunger today in the Fairfax County-Falls Church community. The majority of people without homes in the community are children and working families. Homelessness affects everyone, with social and economic costs to the community, including increased public costs for medical care and education.

“The need is so great in our community,” said Kathy Albarado, CEO of Helios HR in



Members and staff of Our Daily Bread, a Fairfax County volunteer-based organization focused on easing the plight of low-income residents, show off their Jeans Days spirit.

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Reston. “Jeans Day is a fun, easy way to spread awareness of homelessness in Fairfax County and engage your team while giving back. Think about the impact we could make if everyone collectively wore their

favorite pair of jeans on Jeans Day.”

“We applaud Helios HR for stepping up to support the great work to end homelessness that has already been so successful in our community,” said Fairfax Chamber President & CEO Jim Corcoran. “Northern Virginia organizations like Helios step up every day to support our community in many ways, but we’re especially excited about this opportunity because it’s a chance for their employees to get involved directly.”

“I am so pleased to see how many individuals and businesses have signed on to help us in our fight to end homelessness,” said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova. “I continue to urge those who have not already committed to take this simple and fun opportunity to help us assist those in need. As we continue to work together, I feel confident that we will be able to prevent and end homelessness as we know it in the Fairfax-Falls Church community.” For more information about homelessness in Fairfax County, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/>.

Turn \$5 into \$25,000

Interested organizations can continue to donate to the Jeans Day initiative through Dec. 15. And individuals who wish to take part in this initiative may donate online via Apple Federal Credit Union or drop off a donation at any Apple Federal Credit Union branch.

3 WAYS TO DONATE:

❖ Online

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All funds raised go directly to the Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness. This fund not only supports rapid re-housing activities, but also provides resources that tackle multiple prevention issues.

OPINION

Halloween Party Safety Net

Make plans for a safe celebration;
SoberRide safety net for those over 21.

Halloween is now a major holiday for adults, especially young adults, and also one of the major holidays each year that involve partying with alcohol and the risks of drinking and driving.

The Washington Regional Alcohol Project offers the SoberRide program for the holiday season from Christmas and holiday parties through New Year's Day, Saint Patrick's Day, Independence Day and Halloween, providing a safety net of a free cab ride home (up to \$30) to keep would-be drunk drivers off the roads.

Of course if you, or the young adults you know, plan to be out for Halloween celebrations that will almost certainly include alcohol, make a plan now to do that partying within walking distance, near public transportation or to have a reliable designated driver.

But if someone finds themselves without safe and sober way home, the 2013 Halloween

SoberRide program will be offered from 10 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 31 until 4 a.m., Friday, Nov. 1.

To receive a free cab ride home (up to a \$30 fare), call 800-200-8294 (TAXI). AT&T customers may dial #WRAP from their wireless phones. To use the SoberRide service, you must be 21 or older.

Parents of teens who will be headed to parties on Halloween and the weekend after should know that it is likely those parties will include alcohol. Parents must be brave and talk to their teens about how they will get home safely since SoberRide is not available for anyone under-age.

Remember that there are other hazards to drinking too much besides the risks of drinking and driving.

— MARY KIMM,

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EDITORIAL

The Damage Is Already Done

BY GERRY CONNOLLY
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (D-II)

“Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it” was sage advice from the philosopher George Santayana.

Nothing more aptly characterizes the recent actions of the Republican majority in the U.S. House of Representatives. The scene that played out on Capitol Hill over the last few weeks was shameful and dangerous, but sadly, not unprecedented. Unfortunately, unwillingness to compromise has become a hallmark of House Republicans.

For too long, the House majority held the American public and economy hostage — and for what? They refused to accept the Affordable Care Act as the law of the land, even after they tried to defeat the ACA in Congress, in the Supreme Court, and at the ballot box. Each time, with each challenge, the law was upheld.

Can the ACA be improved? Yes, and I am eager to join my colleagues in working to that end. But is it worth shutting down the government, forcing dedicated public servants and private sector employees to stay home from work without pay, and threatening our economy? Absolutely not.



Though the shutdown may be over, the damage has been done.

The pain inflicted is real and was felt across the country. It meant delays in processing veterans' benefits, federal small

business loans, and new social security claims. It threatened national security, public health and NIH research. National parks were shuttered and confidence in the American political system was hurt.

No state was hit harder than Virginia, where 25 percent of our commonwealth's entire economy is tied to federal spending.

Across Fairfax and Prince William, I heard from many of those affected by this shutdown. Whether it was the 12-year-old boy worried because his mom was furloughed or the stressed homeowner with two furloughed family members struggling to figure out how they would make it through the month, their stories hit home.

The private sector was not spared either. I heard from federal contractors, laid off or forced to use leave time because of suspended contracts, which will likely never be made whole. I heard from the region's chambers of com-

merce and other business leaders about the effects on their company employees and Northern Virginia's economy.

It is estimated that the shutdown cost Virginia's economy more than \$200 million a day. That's \$1 billion a week. All of this pain could have been avoided entirely if the House Republican majority had allowed an up-or-down vote on the clean funding bill passed by the Senate. A bipartisan majority of Virginia's congressional delegation supported it — and it would have passed the House with strong support from both sides of the aisle.

As if the shutdown wasn't bad enough, Republican leadership allowed the debate over funding the government to spill into debt ceiling negotiations. Recent history has shown us there are real consequences to threatening the full faith and credit of the United States, both in terms of our national economy and the world economy.

I hoped my colleagues in Congress might have learned from that experience. But once again, we heard calls from tea party Republicans that “default wouldn't be that bad,” or as one conservative congressman shockingly remarked, “I think... it [default] would bring stability to the markets.”

I worked with a group of pro-

business Democrats to reach out to moderate Republicans to see if we could forge a path forward. We had a plan, but it was rejected by House Republican leaders.

Even when a bipartisan compromise seemed to be coming together in the Senate, some House Republicans refused to take yes for an answer, resulting in bond rating houses putting the United States debt on “rating watch negative.” The House majority's rhetoric, and the very real threat of default, has jeopardized our standing in the world as international financial markets second-guess the long-held reliability and safety of American treasury bonds. The antics of the last few weeks will have long-lasting effects on the American economy and public confidence in government.

But even on the heels of this latest in a series of manufactured crises, I choose to find a silver lining. At the very least, I hope my colleagues will learn from their past mistakes so we aren't doomed to repeat them.

In the coming months, as we work towards a larger budget framework that replaces the draconian cuts from sequestration, we must stop playing politics with the American people and the economy, and instead, find real bipartisan solutions. America deserves better.

Weekly Reminder To Vote

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Clifton Moped Crash Kills Local Woman

A Centreville woman died last Tuesday evening, Oct. 15, following a motorcycle crash in Clifton.

The victim was identified as Yumei Wang Barber, 37.

Fairfax County police say she was operating a 2012 Gabella moped, heading north in the 7200 block of Clifton Road, around 6 p.m., when the tragedy occurred.

According to police, she entered a sharp turn and crossed the double-yellow line, veering into the path of a 2010 Ford pickup truck operated by a 26-year-old woman.

The moped struck the left, rear tire-well of the truck. Barber was separated from her moped and landed in the northbound lanes of Clifton Road. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police say neither speed nor alcohol appear to be factors in the crash.

—BONNIE HOBBS

Clifton Haunted Trail Saturday

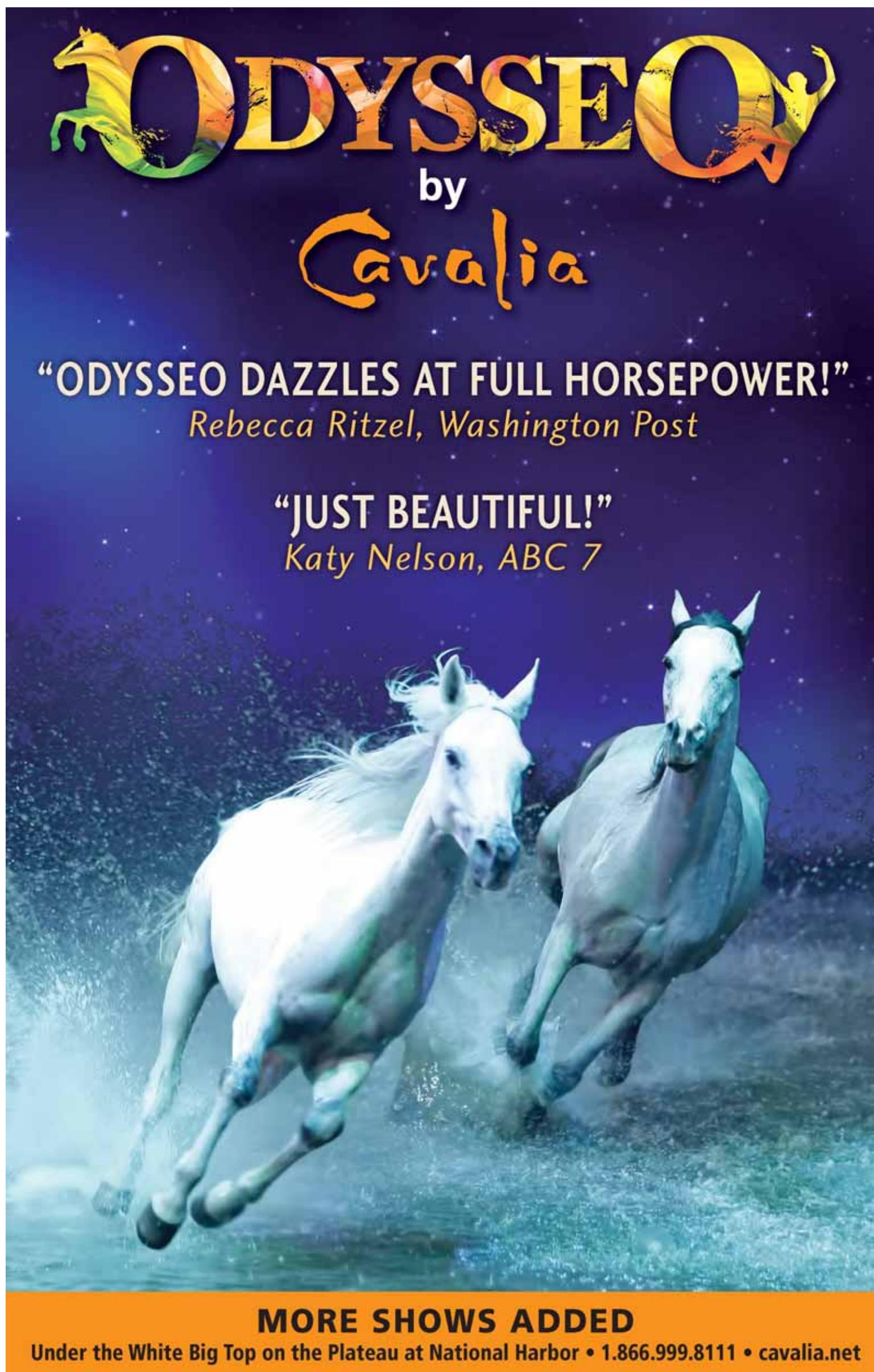
Vampires, witches, goblins and ghouls will be lying in wait for their victims along the Clifton Haunted Trail, this Saturday, Oct. 26, from 7-10 p.m., in the Town of Clifton's Eight-Acre Park. (Rain date, Oct. 27.) Tickets are \$15, adults; and \$10, children under 12, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the trail entrance. (No advance sales.)

Goblin Gallop Is Sunday

The 20th annual Goblin Gallop 5K race, walk and 1K fun run will be held Sunday, Oct. 27, at 8:30 a.m., at the Fairfax Corner Shopping Center. Many participants and onlookers wear Halloween costumes; and afterward, there are prizes, refreshments, a costume contest, live music and a moonbounce.

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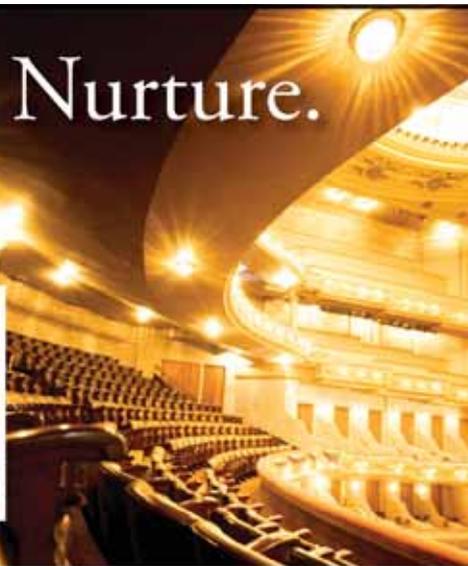
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NEWS

Burke Centre Station Grows Dramatically

FROM PAGE 4

"You never know how 95 or 66 is going to treat you on any given day," said Plaucher. "On-time performance of trains is making them better than car-competitive. You know the train is going to be there, fairly reliably."

And then there are the young riders, the Millennials. With more of them

in the workforce looking for an alternative to sitting in the car, "Regional trains are really providing that alternative," said Plaucher. VHSR puts the Millennials at 34.2 percent of the total population of Northern Virginia, and projects that a quarter of them won't hold a driver's license within two decades from now.

AS FOR BURKE, the addition of Amtrak as a more convenient and quick travel option for many direct commuters is key to its growth in ridership, said Plaucher.



With Amtrak, passengers can bypass other regional stops and have more direct access to Washington, D.C., Baltimore and New York City.

"They've had VRE, but never had regional service. It's really important for the business commuter of Burke. They'll gladly pay the two dollars extra a day to shorten the travel time.

The next stop is Alexandria, with no other stations north of Burke."

Having direct service from Burke to DC, Baltimore and New York City is also a major plus for Burke's "connectivity." As ridership continues to increase, so will the station and destination options available to Northern Virginia residents.

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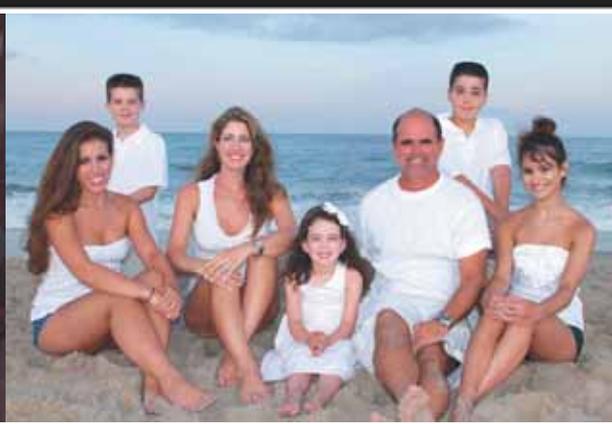
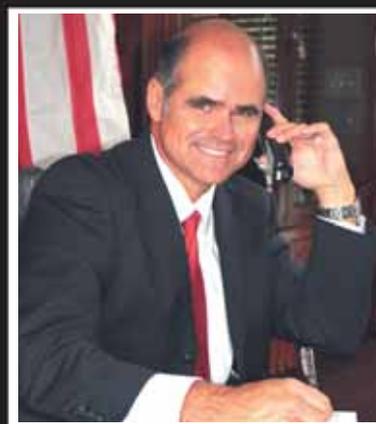
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Burke Presbyterian Church Hires Husband and Wife Pastors

Reverends Jarrett and Meg Peery McLaughlin are first new pastors in almost three decades.

By TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

When Rev. Dr. Beth Braxton decided to leave Burke Presbyterian Church two years ago, after 27 years of service, replacing her was no easy task. The church Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) convened for 15 months, considered roughly 150 applications and worked with two different interim pastors.

"Burke was very fortunate to have not only [a] wonderful previous pastor, but two really wonderful interims," said Susan Ariale, a Springfield resident and member of the PNC. "At no time did I ever feel like, 'Oh gosh, we have to wait until the new person comes?' We really hummed right along."

But ultimately the church needed a new full-time leader, and the PNC search ended with the husband-and-wife team of Reverends Jarrett and Meg Peery McLaughlin.

After coming out of seminary at Union Presbyterian in Richmond and working together at Village Presbyterian in Kansas City, Mo., the couple decided they were a package deal. Not all churches would go for that, but Burke did.

"Often the case would be—it being a democratic process—I can't see two pastors. I don't get it," said Jarrett.

"To Burke's credit," said Meg, "they had some imagination. One of their taglines is scripture, from Isaiah: 'Behold, I am doing a new thing.' They've been a church that's embraced new ideas, change. That is pretty unique in churches."

NORTH CAROLINA NATIVES, Meg and Jarrett met while attending UNC-Chapel Hill and being active in the Presbyterian Campus Ministries organization. They began dating near the end of college and were married in 2004. Jarrett graduated in 2000 with Meg right behind in 2001.

Meg went straight to seminary while Jarrett first worked in local youth ministry, then took some time to tour the western United States and Europe, and pursued mission work in Haiti with the group Wings of Hope. He returned to seminary and graduated in 2006, one year after Meg.

In the fall of 2006, the pair received their first "call" to work as associate pastors on a seven-pastor staff at Village Presbyterian Church in Kansas City. The 4,800-person congregation gave them ample freedom and opportunity to develop their own leadership skills and specialties. Meg took to pastoral care; Jarrett excelled in youth ministry and mission work.

BEFORE LONG, THEY DECIDED to begin looking for new chances to preach more and "set the vision" at a church in more senior roles. A friend who was once an associ-



"This is fun for us as a couple," said new Burke Presbyterian Church co-pastor Meg Peery McLaughlin. "We really love it. Jarrett dreams. He has big ideas—this is what I can see. I'm the taskmaster."

ate pastor at Burke—a congregation of roughly 650—alerted them to the church's opening and convinced them it would be a good fit. They wasted little time in contacting the Burke PNC, and were eventually invited for an interview.

"Having done interviews," said Jarrett, "we were struck that the first question they asked wasn't 'How are you going to make our church grow, supervise staff?'—nuts and bolts. They asked, 'How do you tell the good news in a Good Friday world?'"

"That's some theologically loaded language there," he continued. "In a world that's governed by bad news—violence, death, poverty. When that's the main transmission, where do we stand as people of faith in the midst of that, and what testimony do we have to offer that can in any way compete? It was a theological question that grew out of their deep trust in their own faith, rather than some place of anxiety."

The Burke PNC was equally impressed. "They were very welcoming, familiar," said Ariale. "They felt comfortable, while at the same time they had ideas that were challenging: Let's think about ourselves differently. Be hopeful, and look forward in a fearful world."

She and the rest of the PNC also listened to recorded sermons of both Meg and Jarrett. "I continued to feel that conviction that these were people I could relate to," said Ariale. "They could be guiding, be the voice of God for me."

BRAXTON AND THE INTERIM pastors had hardly left the church in bad condition, in need of saving by the McLaughlins. On the contrary, Meg and Jarrett were blown away by the diverse membership, the commitment to mission, and the caring for and education of young people.

"Rainbow is one of the better children's programs I've seen," said Meg. "It's a real strength."

"They do a lot of emphasis on formation of young people," added Jarrett. "But it's also

"The reality is we have the blessing of both of their gifts—individual and the gift they are together."

— Springfield resident
Susan Ariale

the people," said Meg. "Then figuring out together: How do we live out that good news? It's not as if we've come in, guns blazing, to do this, this and this."

For the foreseeable future, the couple will divide duties largely down the middle, each working three-quarters time. They alternate Sundays preaching and split administrative tasks—at least until the twins they're expecting arrive in the spring.

"This year it's easy because the babies are coming before Easter," said Meg. "So I'll do Christmas. The decision was made for us."

Even with the prospect of losing one half of the pastoral team for maternity, Ariale and the congregation think the future of the church is bright with the couple at the helm.

"Now there's this infusion of excitement, great ideas and wonderful, wonderful preaching," she said. "The reality is we have the blessing of both of their gifts—individual and the gift they are together."

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NEWS

Cherokee Indian Mary Aponte telling stories to children from St. John Academy in McLean.

PHOTOS BY STEVE HOGAN



Pumpkin Playground At Burke Nursery

Since 1994, Burke Nursery has celebrated the harvest season with their Fall Festival and Pumpkin Playground to the delight of children of all ages. The month-long event draws pumpkin seekers from all over Northern Virginia. The many available activities are designed to be fun and educational for all.

One of the highlights of each year's festi-

val is Cherokee storyteller Mary Aponte whose tales of nature and Indian lore hold children spellbound. For a trip full of laughter and surprises be sure to take the hayride through the spooky forest teeming with ghosts and goblins.

Halloween is the final day the festival will be open; for more information, visit www.pumpkinplayground.com.

The hayride about to enter the spooky forest.



Checking out a goat at Omar's animal farm.



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FRIDAY/OCT. 25

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SATURDAY/OCT. 26

Genealogy Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at King's Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. The Anna Maria Fitzhugh Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will sponsor a genealogy workshop. Everyone is welcome. 703-455-2998, 703-690-7136 or www.saxbyscoffee.com.

Dog Adoption. Noon-3 p.m., at Petco, 13053 Greenbriar Towncenter, Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. An event by Homeless Animals Rescue Team. 703-817-9444 or www.hart90.org.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 30

ADD/ADHD Coaching & Support Group. Noon, at 4031 University Drive, Conference Room A, Fairfax. A group of people impacted by ADD/ADHD gathers for informative, guided discussions, sharing and support and provide refreshments and ample parking in rear lot or on the side streets. 703-362-2100 or getclear@clearviewcoach.com.

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American Red Cross CPR, First Aid and AED. Various times, at 2720 State Route 699, Suite 200, Fairfax. One-year certification, digital or print materials and continued education on Mondays through Thursday and Saturday. \$70-110. www.redcrossna.org.

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THURSDAY-SUNDAY/ OCT. 24-27

The Little Mermaid, Jr. 12:30 p.m., 7 p.m., at Lake Braddock Middle School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. The Lake Braddock Middle School Musical Theatre Department presents the production. \$5. <http://LBMermaid2013.brownpapertickets.com> or LBMermaid2013@gmail.com.

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FRIDAY/OCT. 25

Dances by Lar Lubovitch. 8 p.m., at GMU Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The choreographer's contemporary dance piece "Crisis Variations," one of the ones to be performed, earned him Best Choreography by the Prix Benois de la Danse at the Bolshoi Theater in Moscow (the first leader of an American dance company to receive the honor). Dancers will also perform "Transparent Things" and "Vez."

SATURDAY/OCT. 26

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Supporting School Bond Referendum

To the Editor:

On Nov. 5, Fairfax County residents will be asked to vote on a School Bond Referendum, to finance renovations, upgrades and new construction at various schools across the county. The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area urges voters to approve this referendum for the following reasons:

- ❖ Longer Useful Life for Existing Schools—We expect our public schools to be useable for 20 to 25 years from the date of construction. Renovations extend the useful life of the building for an additional 20 years. Such improvements include mechanical systems, wiring, plumbing, roofing, upgrading laboratory equipment and fire alarms. These renovations ensure not only that the buildings are safe, but also that they support the type of instruction that will prepare our students for the challenges of the 21st Century.

- ❖ Demands of Continuing High Enrollment—Our public schools have added 17,000 students since 2006 and 6,000 students in the last two years alone. This bond expands capacity by prioritizing construction in high-growth areas where the number of kindergarten and primary level students is the highest, and where there has been a continuing need for temporary classrooms.

- ❖ County's Prudent Borrowing Prac-

tices—The Board of Supervisors maintains the county's net long-term debt at or below three percent of the total market value of taxable property in the County. This restraint has helped Fairfax County keep its AAA bond rating, even during the recession. The sale of these bonds also spreads the cost of capital improvements over the years that the facilities will be used.

- ❖ Community Use of School Buildings—Besides serving as polling places, public schools are available after class hours for meetings of 4H Clubs, Scouts, homeowners associations, cultural and religious groups. Local sports leagues also have access to school facilities for their games.

Voters who would like more information about referendum projects, should go to www.fcps.edu and click on School Bond Referendum. They can also pick up the brochure Bond Referendum Facts at their public library.

These capital improvement projects benefit not just our students, but also everyone in the community. That's why the League of Women Voters urges County residents to approve the School Bond Referendum on Nov. 5.

Julia Jones & Helen Kelly,
Co-presidents

Fairfax Area League of Women Voters

On County Libraries: We Should Know Better

To the Editor:

I am the assistant branch manager at Patrick Henry Library in Vienna. I also worked at Reston Regional Library for four years. I got my MLS 25 years ago while working part-time in engineering firm libraries in Boston. My first job after getting the degree was in an Army Corps of Engineers Library and I spent several years working for an association information center downtown before it became clear that the commute didn't work with having a child in elementary school, and I joined FCPL.

Not surprisingly, I read a lot and widely. I read book reviews, professional journals and blogs. I keep up on technology, management trends, and instructional techniques. I can help you find another good book based on what you like. I can walk you through the eBook process or help you use our public computers if you have questions. If you are a student, I'll point you to fun books or homework resources at the right grade level, including facts for your science fair poster on saliva. I do programs in the branch and in the community on consumer, small business & investment databases. I develop instructional handouts for use throughout the county. I coach and train my colleagues to do the same. I am a librarian, and my CV is not unusual in Fairfax County—for the time being.

Professional training and expertise matter. When I use a county service, I rely on the person helping me to have the necessary credentials: I want county health services to use degreed nurses. I want county legal services to feature attorneys with appropriate specializations. I want financial services managed by CPAs. I want the teach-

ers in our schools to have more than minimal qualifications to teach my children, and I want the agency directors, trustees, and supervisors in this county to have my back when it comes to defending those expectations.

Staff dissent on the library's reorganization is widespread, but it is not at root self-serving or change-phobic, however others try to characterize it. (Since the job class downgrades would only affect new hires, they don't impact current staff directly.) Rather, it is principled, informed and passionate advocacy for a profession and community that we love and serve with pride.

The continued library de-funding and proposed staff reorganization are wrong on many levels, but one of the biggest ironies is that it makes an argument against the value of knowledge and literacy in a county where so many residents earn a living based on higher education & professional credentials. We owe it to our patrons and ourselves to do better than this.

Deborah Smith-Cohen
Oak Hill

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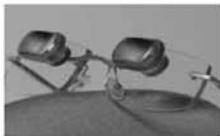
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"Page Turners." Daily, at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. The exhibit highlights visual artists who are also illustrators, to run concurrently with the 8th annual Northern Virginia Jewish Book Festival. 703-323-0880 or www.jccnvarts.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 27

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Operettas of Jack and the

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operatic version of the classical folk tale, by John Davies, takes scenes from the operettas of Sir Arthur Sullivan and exposes children to the classic art of opera while teaching respect for others. www.vaopera.org.

Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat

Celebration. 5-8 p.m., at King of Kings, 4025 Kings Way, Fairfax. A moon bounce, food, hot cider, games and prizes, a maze, a bake sale, face painting, story time, crafts, a costume parade, pumpkin decorating and more, followed by a Trunk or Treat for the children at sundown. 703-378-7272, ext. 225 or jhangen@kofk.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 31

Passion Pit w/ Joy Formidable. 8 p.m. at the Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Massachusetts based indie pop band plays songs from their newest album, "Gossamer." Price TBD. http://patriotcenter.com/.

FRIDAY/NOV. 1

The Graduate. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at GMU Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. L.A. Theatre Works brings the American classic to the stage. Paid parking is located in the Mason Pond Parking Deck adjacent the Concert Hall and free parking is located in university Lot K. \$22-\$44; tickets are half price for students through grade 12. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

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At the start of the 2011 season, Caleb Henderson was a talented sophomore at West Potomac battling for playing time. Two years later, he's the senior quarterback of an undefeated Lake Braddock football team that has aspirations of a deep playoff run.

Along the way, Henderson has matured physically and from a leadership standpoint as he worked hard to improve at his craft. His effort and ability have already paid off in the form of a football scholarship offer from the University of North Carolina, where Henderson is verbally committed. On Oct. 18, Henderson again experienced the fruits of his labor as he received his U.S. Army All-American jersey in the gym at Lake Braddock during the school's homecoming pep assembly.

Henderson is one of 90 athletes from across the country selected to play in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl on Jan. 4 in San Antonio, Texas. Indianapolis Colts quarterback Andrew Luck and Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson are among the athletes who have played in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl.

"It feels great," Henderson said after the pep rally. "It's pretty much an accumulation of hard work, support from my family and just grinding every day. ... I'm still on



Lake Braddock quarterback Caleb Henderson received his U.S. Army All-American jersey at the school's homecoming pep rally on Oct. 18. Pictured from left: Staff Sergeant Jacob Moore, Henderson, Staff Sergeant Randy French and Second Platoon Kevin Smith.

Cloud Nine right now. I still can't believe I'm going to the Army All-American bowl. I'm really excited and happy to have the opportunity."

Later that day, Henderson led the Lake Braddock football team to a 51-0 victory against West Springfield, improving the Bruins' record to 7-0. Lake Braddock has outscored its four Conference 7 opponents 227-0.

Eric Henderson, Caleb's father, was the West Potomac head coach when Caleb was a sophomore. When Eric Henderson was informed he would not return as head coach of the Wolverines, Caleb Henderson transferred to Lake Braddock before his junior

season. Eric Henderson spent the 2012 season as Lake Braddock defensive coordinator and is now the team's offensive coordinator, calling plays for Caleb and Lake Braddock's high-powered offense.

"As a father, I'm really proud of him," Eric Henderson said. "He's been through a lot. It really validates him, I think. He's the type of kid where that's important to him and he's appreciative, but I just think he's really focused on West Springfield tonight. I think it won't hit him until he's a father or maybe when he's 20 years down the line."

Lake Braddock will travel to play T.C. Williams at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26.

Robinson Football Edged by Westfield

The Robinson football team took a 13-7 lead against Westfield in the third quarter, but a missed extra point proved costly.

Westfield answered with a 1-yard touchdown run by quarterback Mason Scoville late in the third quarter, made its ensuing extra-point kick and held on for a 14-13 win on Oct. 18 at Robinson Secondary School.

Westfield improved to 5-2. Robinson had its five-game winning streak snapped and dropped to 5-2.

With the score tied at 7-all, Robinson took the lead with a trick play when running back Joe Wilson threw a 9-yard touchdown pass to quarterback Jack Rowlett with 6:05 remaining. The ensuing extra-point kick was no good, however, and the Rams failed to



Robinson running back Joe Wilson carries against Westfield on Oct. 18

score for the remainder of the contest.

"There are no moral victories at Robinson," interim head coach Dan Meier said. "I give all the credit to Westfield. They played a fine football game. We're very dis-

appointed. We thought we were kind of catching a stride here (after five consecutive victories)."

Robinson will host Oakton at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25. Westfield will host Herndon.

— JON ROETMAN



Paul VI running back Jamon Cofield scored three rushing touchdowns and returned an interception for a score during the Panthers' 44-21 win against Bishop Ireton on Oct. 19.

Paul VI Jumps on Ireton Early During Blowout Win

Panthers score two touchdowns in less than two minutes.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

With losses in six of its first seven games, the Paul VI football team is used to playing from behind.

On Saturday afternoon, however, it was the Panthers who jumped out to an early lead and never looked back.

A 61-yard touchdown run by quarterback Ryan O'Connor and a 25-yard pick-six from Jamon Cofield gave Paul VI a 14-0 lead less than two minutes into the game and the Panthers cruised to a 44-21 victory against Bishop Ireton on Oct. 19 in Alexandria.

O'Connor's long touchdown run came on the game's second play from scrimmage. Moments later, Ireton's second play from scrimmage was a pass in the right flat that Cofield intercepted and returned for a score. "I just saw the outside guy go out to the flats and my coach said if you see him go to the flats, just cheat the play," Cofield said.

"The quarterback just threw the ball up and I just went to attack the ball and got the pick. ... [The 14-0 lead] really boosted our confidence up. ... The other team [usually] gets the big 14-0 advantage. Having us get the 14-0 advantage just brought our confidence up, we played harder [and] it had a big effect on this game."

With an early two-score lead, the Panthers' grind-it-out ground game took over from

there as three Paul VI ball carriers eclipsed the 100-yard mark, according to stats from the Washington Post's allmetsports.com. O'Connor finished with 17 carries for 173 yards and a touchdown, Cofield had 17 carries for 158 yards and three touchdowns and Eli Kneuper carried 14 times for 102 yards.

Cofield scored on runs of 6, 8 and 53 yards to go with his pick-six.

"It's his senior year. It's the eighth game [and] now he's here," Paul VI head coach Gordon Leib said. "He's playing like Jamon is capable of playing. He showed you his potential today."

O'Connor completed 6 of 10 passes for 63 yard and a touchdown.

"The fact that we were two dimensional," Leib said, "was very helpful."

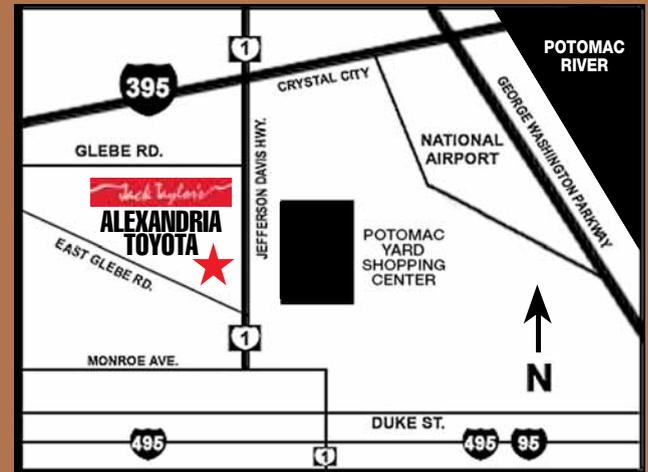
Paul VI extended its lead to 21-0 when O'Connor found Andrew Gorczyca for 22-yard touchdown on fourth and nine with 3:41 remaining in the opening quarter. A 6-yard touchdown run from Cofield in the second quarter and a 30-yard field goal by Caleb Hutson gave the Panthers a 30-0 half-time advantage. Bishop Ireton scored on its opening possession of the second half, when quarterback Andrew Latrash scored on a 5-yard run.

The loss dropped Ireton's record to 2-6.

Paul VI (2-6) will host St. Mary's Ryken at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25.

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