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Foltz vs. Hugo in 40th District

Hugo runs for seventh term in Virginia House.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

When asked why he's running for reelection to the General Assembly, Del. Tim Hugo (R-40th) has a ready reply.

"It's an honor to serve," he said. "We have an opportunity to help people improve their day-to-day lives and fix the problems in their neighborhoods and on their streets."

When Hugo first ran for the House, he and wife Paula only had two children. The Clifton residents now have four—Katie, 15; Chris, 13; Matt, 8 and Jackie, 6—and he's vying for his seventh term in office. He attributes his political success to his focus on quality-of-life issues where people live.

For example, he helped get Virginia Run's roads re-lined and helped both Fairfax Station and Centreville's Gate Post Estates community get more reliable electricity.

"We also got \$15 million for the George Mason [University] bypass to take traffic off the Braddock and Ox roads intersection," said Hugo. "Hopefully it'll be done in December or January. A constituent wrote me about traffic backing up there and we had a town hall meeting."

REGARDING HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS during the last session, he's proud that he helped pass a law making human trafficking a felony. "Before, it was a misdemeanor to traffic a minor," he said. "The penalties were low and the profits were high."

Hugo said gangs dealing drugs are now involved in human trafficking, so Virginia also passed a bill to make it an offense punishable by prison time. "We've gone from some of the weakest laws in the nation to some of the toughest," he said. "It was a bipartisan effort and I'm pleased that we were able to do it. I've got young kids, and this is happening to young boys and girls. We worked with national organizations on this and we've made a big difference."

He also helped pass a law dealing with the test for Lyme disease. "Many times, the test produces false negatives," said Hugo. "So we made it a law that doctors have to tell people this could happen, so they'll keep monitoring it. GMU's working on a better test and we're excited about it and will try to get them some money for it."

He said the number one transportation project for Northern Virginia is to improve the intersection of Route 28 and I-66, so he's seeking more funding for this problem, as well, to get it on a faster track. "It could lessen congestion all the way up and down I-66 because people back up there on I-66, going both ways," said Hugo. "It would help the flow of traffic from Arlington to Fauquier

County."

He's currently working on it with Del. Jim LeMunyon (R-67th) and Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37th). "We'd like to see the preliminary engineering starting this year," said Hugo. "I think we can work with the CTB [Commonwealth Transportation Board] and the next governor to push this project higher on the priority list."

Hugo says his experience in the House is



Del. Tim Hugo

an asset in achieving his goals. "I'm chairman of the Republican caucus and am now number three in leadership, and I can use that position to help Northern Virginia and my district in Fairfax and Prince William counties," he said. "I'm also on the Commerce and Labor, Finance and Transportation committees."

Commerce and Labor focuses on jobs and creating and fostering a good business environment in the state. And just recently, Forbes magazine called Virginia the best state in the nation to do business.

"That's because we take an evenhanded approach to taxation and regulation to protect businesses and consumers," explained Hugo. "We try to keep taxes reasonable, low and evenly applied. [Doing so] creates predictability and a stable environment. Over the past few years, McDonnell Douglas, Northrop Grumman and Hilton moved their headquarters here because of the tax structure and stable business environment."

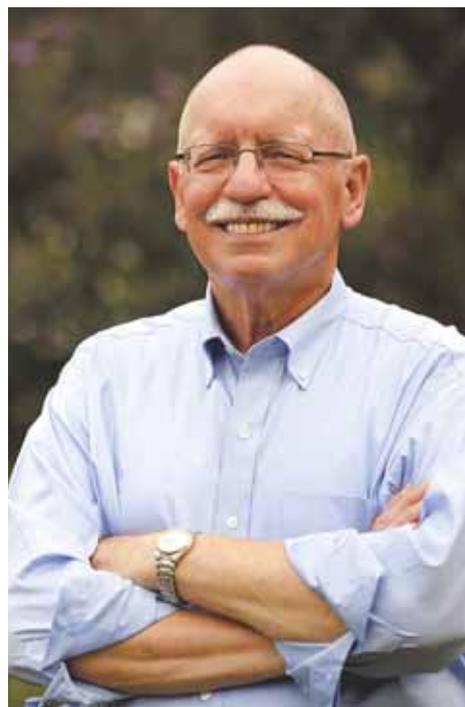
IN HIS PRIVATE LIFE, Hugo runs the

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Jerry Foltz believes his views better represent the community's.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Jerry Foltz may be a first-time political candidate, but he has a lifetime of experience working with diverse groups of people on serious issues. And now, he's running as the Democratic candidate for the 40th House District.



Jerry Foltz

"I felt the need for our district to be better represented in the House of Delegates than by my opponent [incumbent Tim Hugo]," he said. "The 10 years he's been there, he's voted against all the transportation-improvement proposals, including the bipartisan transportation-funding bill in the last session—and our district needs transportation improvements."

Centreville residents for 17 years, Foltz and wife Alice live in Country Club Manor and have four, grown children, Jon, Greg, Maria and Carol, and nine grandchildren. In 2011, they were honored as Centreville Citizens of the Year, recognizing their many years of service to the community.

Jerry obtained college degrees in history and religion. After graduating from Eden Theological Seminary, he was ordained as a minister in the United Church of Christ and pastored churches in Maryland, New Jersey and Woodstock, Va.

Additionally, Foltz helped organize a Habitat for Humanity chapter in Shenandoah County and established a non-profit food co-op in New Jersey. While there, he was elected to a local school

board, serving three years, including one as president.

"That's where I learned about public budgeting," he said. "I got involved in the details of how that school system was spending its money."

In 1996, Foltz started Wellspring United Church of Christ in Centreville and later did regional ministry at 41 churches. In 2009, he retired to part-time pastoring until 2012. But ministry wasn't his only profession.

In 1997, he became chaplain of the Centreville Volunteer Fire Department (Station 17) and continues today. He's also a volunteer chaplain for the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, coordinates maintenance for the fire stations and drives the canteen.

IN OCTOBER 2010, he and Alice founded the Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF) and Centreville Labor Resource Center, providing work for the community's day laborers and services for local residents. Now he's running for state delegate.

"I want to improve transportation," said Foltz. "I've been on all the secondary roads from Clifton to the [Manassas] Battlefield and back to Fairfax County. Many don't have shoulders or deceleration lanes so people can slow down and turn safely without getting hit from behind. And with shoulders, there could be bike lanes. Some of the transportation-bill money might be used for these clogged and hazardous roads."

He also wants more-accessible public transportation, including more park-and-ride areas "where people could meet, carpool and reduce congestion." And he said more people might take the VRE train if roads leading to its stations were improved.

Long term, Foltz says extending Metro to Centreville, Gainesville and Haymarket would also help reduce congestion. Meanwhile, "They could increase the power on the lines so they could have longer trains carrying more people."

Foltz said western Fairfax County isn't well served by buses. "If you don't have a car, getting around is pretty hard," he said. "So the number of bus routes should be increased and they should adequately cover areas needing service."

He said north-south routes especially need more buses going from Centreville to Reston, Herndon, Dulles Airport and the Dulles Town Center for employment, shopping and hospital visits. And, he added, "Prince William County has five precincts also needing transportation help."

Regarding education, Foltz said it comes down to money. "Because legislators put unfunded mandates on the school system,

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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/>.

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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.

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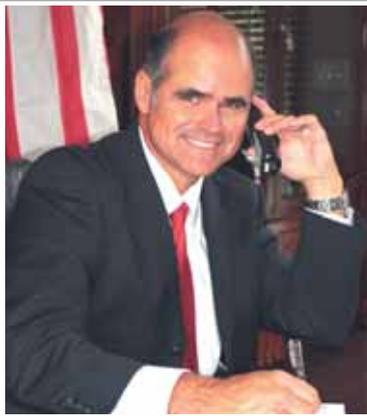
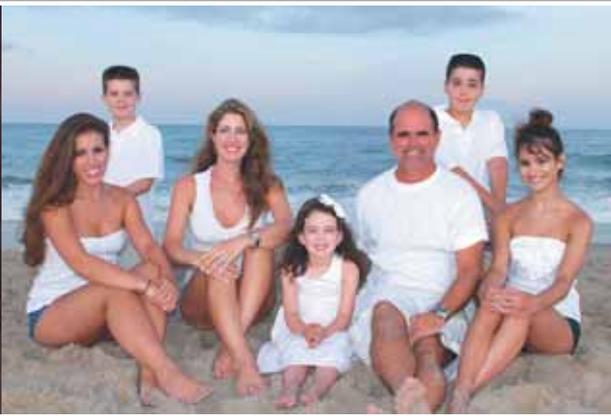
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History Recreated

Giving history new life through learning simulations at Robinson Secondary.

BY NGALULA TSHISHIMBI
THE CONNECTION

Students experienced a blast to the past when they took part in a historical simulation of factory work in the 1900s on Monday, Oct. 21. The seventh graders at Robinson Secondary School engaged in an activity created by their history and social studies teachers reflecting their studies of the Industrial Revolution. "The idea of any simulation is to give the students an emotional experience on which we can then connect the content knowledge to develop true understanding of historic events," says Susan Reade, history and social studies teacher at Robinson Secondary. "For this specific event ... we attempt to focus student attention on low pay, long hours doing a repetitive task, and dehumanizing treatment of the employees."

At the onset, students were chosen to play the roles of factory supervisors, workers, merchandisers or individuals hoping to be hired. The latter group waited on one side of the lecture hall while the workers, supervisors and merchandisers situated themselves around tables topped with paper-car parts waiting to be cut and transformed into paper cars. Each individual worker would experience the monotony of repetitive, assembly-line work. While simulating the assembly-line work, students were also meant to experience the pressure of working fast and efficiently in order to prevent being fired and replaced by a worker waiting to be hired, on the other side of the hall.

In addition to supervising and orchestrating the event, the social studies teachers acted as factory foremen. They scolded and reprimanded the workers in order to provide a more authentic experience and to convey the pressure on the workers to perform, and to perform well or otherwise be fired. Before the activity history and social studies teacher John Perriello

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History and social studies teacher John Perriello prepares a video presentation for the students before the re-enactment activity. Perriello informs students of the harsh reality experienced by factory workers.

Simulating History

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explained to the students that they were to consider the pressure of being a factory worker who needed to keep the job in order to support their family, despite emotional abuse, little regard for their welfare, and overall grueling conditions.

Simulations are a “labor of love because of the time and man power required to run one of [them],” says Reade. According to

Reade, the simulations take place twice every quarter of the school year. The simulations are integrated into lesson plans and correspond to Fairfax County curriculum; they offer an interactive way of learning and engaging with history. While students did not dress up for this simulation, they will for the next one, which is scheduled to take place in early November. The next event will be related to the study of Ellis Island.

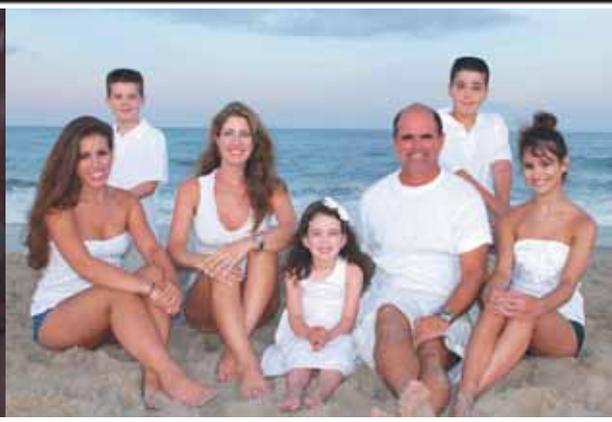
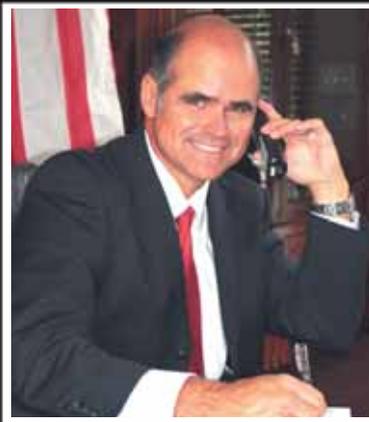
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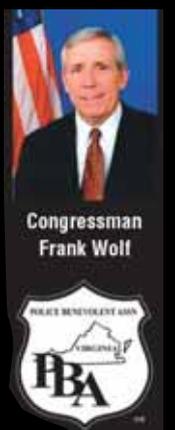
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OPINION

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 Years 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-11)

“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.



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-

Weekly Reminder To Vote

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5., less than two weeks away.

Most voters qualify to vote early, called voting “absentee in person,” for a variety of reasons, and can do so until Saturday, Nov. 3.

Contact

Fairfax County Board of Elections, 703-222-0776, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Suite 232, Fairfax, 22035; FAX 703-324-2205; email voting@fairfaxcounty.gov

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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 north-bound 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

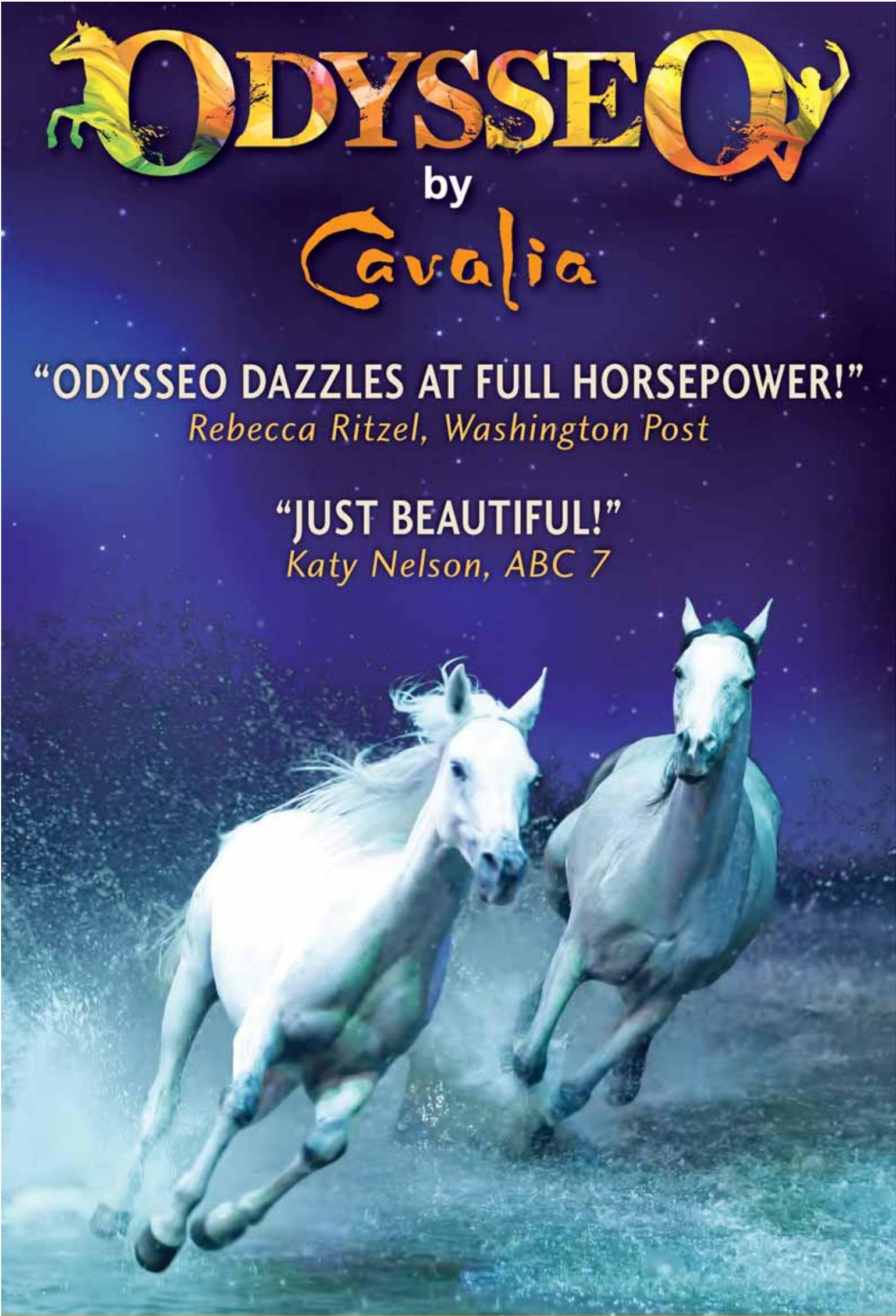
Clifton Haunted Trail Saturday

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.

Rain or shine, the race begins and ends in front of Coastal Flats restaurant; participants receive commemorative T-shirts. Online registration at www.goblingallop.org remains open until race time. All proceeds go to the John Quadrino Foundation to Benefit Children with Cancer.



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Haunted Cabaret Comes To the Workhouse

The show to spotlight the music of local talent.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
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We are always looking to bring audiences quality entertainment. For Halloween we are delighted to present something very special, a haunted cabaret," said Joseph Wallen, director, Workhouse performing arts. What better place to celebrate a holiday known for its teasingly frightful outlook, than the now readapted Workhouse prison built 100 years ago.

Working with Pandemonium Theatrical, a cast of six veteran singers and a musical accompanist, the Workhouse will present a cabaret performance with Halloween flavor and flair. Each of the songs will have some connection to Halloween, whether with infamous villains or general frights.

There will be a spotlight on the music of local talent and composer, Matt Conner, whose original musical, "Nevermore," was

an interpretation of Edgar Allan Poe's best known poems, stories and characters. Set to a contemporary score, "Nevermore" with book by book by Grace Barnes premiered at Arlington's Signature Theatre and has been performed at Falls Church's Creative Cauldron.

Under the direction of veteran performer Jeff Davis (Alexandria) who has appeared throughout the area at venues including the Lazy Susan Dinner Theater and the Workhouse, the performances will include pianist Jacob Kidder who has provided the musical power for many Workhouse cabaret performances.

Singers will include popular Workhouse cabaret veterans Barbara Lawson (a recent Workhouse Rising Star Featured Performer), Linda Rose Payne, Mary Payne (Springfield) and Karissa Swanigan-Upchurch (Manassas).

Two talented newcomers will include Priscilla Cuellar, who has performed at Arlington's Signature Theatre and Helen Hayes recipient Michael Sharp seen at Alexandria's Metro Stage.

The "Haunted Cabaret" song list is expected to include the likes of: "Hello Little Girl" ("Into The Woods"), "I Know Things



Mary Payne



Michael Sharp



Karissa Swanigan-Upchurch



Priscilla Cuellar

PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Now" ("Into The Woods"), "Off With Her Head" ("Wonderland"), "Toucha Toucha Toucha" ("Rocky Horror"), "I Know It's Today" ("Shrek"), "Little Girls" ("Annie"), "One Normal Night" ("Addams Family"), "Death is Just Around The Corner" ("Addams Family"), "Music of the Night" ("Phantom") and "No Good Deed" ("Wicked") and more, along with songs from "Nevermore."

The cast of singers described the "Never-

more" songs this way: Cuellar said, "the music and melody ("Dreamland") are just so beautiful ... very moving." Swanigan said, "Silence" is hauntingly beautiful." Lawson called "Annabelle Lee" a gorgeous piece with varying levels of emotion."

"It will be the perfect way to celebrate the Halloween season," said Cuellar. It will be "an amazing evening of music and powerful singing," added Swanigan.

Where and When

Workhouse Arts Center, W-3 Theatre, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Performances: Friday, Oct. 25, 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 26, 8 p.m., and Halloween night, Thursday, Oct. 31, 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 1, 8 p.m. Price: \$15-\$25. Call 703-584-2900 or visit www.workhousearts.org. Note: A la carte cash bar available in venue. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

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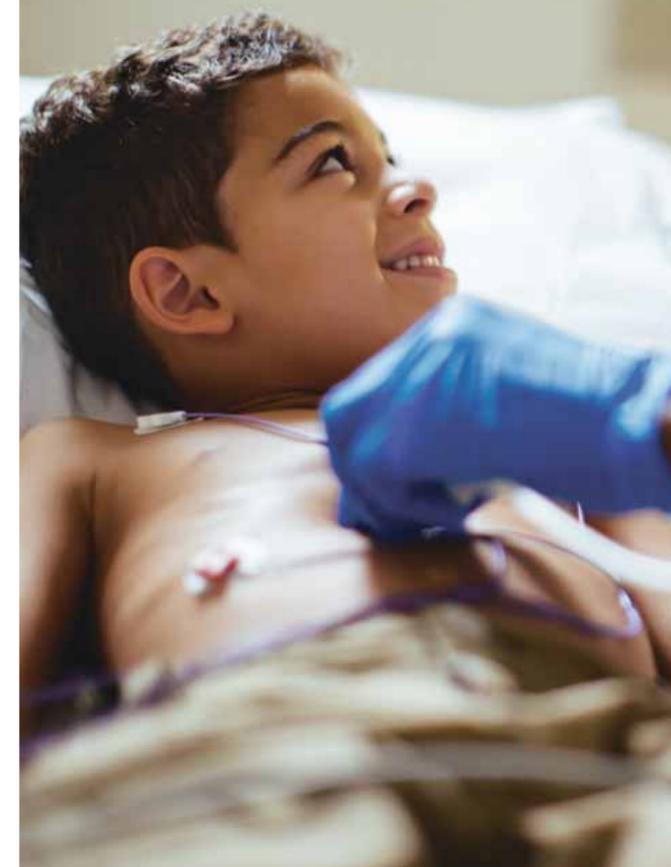
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THURSDAY/THURSDAY/OCT. 24-31

Pumpkin Patch. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturdays; 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sundays, at Heather Hill Gardens, 8111 Ox Road (Rt. 123), Fairfax Station. Find pumpkins, children's activities and fall-themed fun all season. 703-690-6060.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 25-26

Haunted Maze to Benefit ECHO. 7-10 p.m., on the grounds of Interstate Moving Relocation and Logistics, the Halloween Warehouse, 8601 Morrisette Drive, Springfield. A Halloween-themed fall maze for costumed or dressed-down children and the whole family; bring a non-perishable food or hygiene item to benefit ECHO as admission. 1-800-745-6683 or <https://www.facebook.com/MoveInterstate>.

FRIDAY-FRIDAY/OCT. 25-NOV. 1

The Music of Nevermore. 8 p.m., in the W-3 Theatre, Lorton Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. A concert-style performance featuring Matt Conner's musical interpretations of Edgar Allan Poe's best known poems, stories and characters. A la carte cash bar available in venue. www.workhousearts.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 26

Pohick Church Gift Shop Opening. 1-4 p.m., at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. A market filled with unique and vintage gifts with free entry. 703-339-6592 or www.pohick.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 27

Rocktoberfest. Noon-4 p.m., in Building W-4, Lorton Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. A fall festival benefiting Metropolitan School of the Arts and One Voice. \$12-\$15. www.workhousearts.org.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 30

Death Angel. 6 p.m., at Empire, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. The thrash genre metal band plays their new



"Endless Horizon," by Allen Levy, acrylic with gloss varnish. See Levy's work in an exhibition in Building W-5. The exhibit is up through Nov. 3.

album "The Dream Calls for Blood," the follow up to the Bay Area band's last record, "Relentless Retribution." www.empire-nova.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 31

Pet Retreat Party. All night, at Olde Town Pet Resort Springfield, 8101 Alban Road, Springfield. Pets who are spooked by ringing doorbells and children in costumes can retreat for indoor/outdoor play time and games; pet parents can peek in with online streaming from pet cameras.

FRIDAY/NOV. 1

2nd Annual Kelly Faughnan Foundation Charity Golf Tournament. 8 a.m., at Westfields Golf Club, 13940 Balmoral Greens Ave., Clifton. A breakfast precedes the 9 a.m. shotgun start in a game to benefit the Tim Tebow Foundation W15H Program, which helps children in need through granting them a wish. 703-631-3214, <https://www.facebook.com/KellyFaughnanFoundation> or kellyfaughnan@gmail.com.

Halloween Concert. 7:45 p.m., at St. John's UMC, 5312 Backlick Road, Springfield. A night of storytelling and musical performances by young performers from Crookston Harp Studio, Prelude Chamber Youth Strings and St. John's Youth. Children in costume are welcomed. Tickets required. 703-256-6655.

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Holiday Boutique. 1-5 p.m., at Franconia Moose Family Center, located at 7701 Beulah Road, Alexandria. Sponsored by the Franconia Women of the Moose Chapter 1042; vendors sell jewelry, handbags, handmade soap, and other items in addition to a raffle with prizes donated by the vendors. Proceeds benefit a local charity.

Display and N Gauge Trains. 1-4 p.m., at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will have a display and N gauge trains running at the museum. Free for museum members and children under 4; adults 16 and over, \$4; children 5-

15, \$2. 703-425-9225 or www.fairfax-station.org.
Lorton Senior Center Advisory Council's Bake and Craft Sale. Lorton Senior Center, 7722 Gunston Plaza, Lorton. Baked goods and products made by local artists and crafters will be sold. Free. 703-550-7195.

FRIDAY/NOV. 29

Home for Dinner Closing Reception. 6-9 p.m., Nov. 29, in the Vulcan Gallery, Community Action Space, Lorton Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) and the Workhouse Arts Center are collaborating on the exhibition filled with arts that helps raise awareness about hunger and homelessness in southeast Fairfax County. Home for Dinner will showcase how community members can make a difference; bring canned food as a donation. www.workhousearts.org.

ONGOING

Workhouse Farmers Market. 3-6 p.m., at the Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Every Thursday on the quad is a producer-only market for discerning shoppers featuring locally grown fruits and vegetables, locally raised meats and poultry and local foods from breads to salsas and sausages. www.smartmarkets.org.

Ballroom Social Dance. Saturdays; mini-lesson, 7:30-8 p.m., \$5; social dance, 8-10:30 p.m., \$10. Each month focuses on a new style of ballroom dance. Complimentary refreshments and a cash bar will be available. Casual dress code, all skill levels welcome.

Sueños Americanos. Sept. 14-Nov. 3. McGuirewoods Gallery, Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The Workhouse showcases works celebrating Latin America through a variety of mediums and styles. workhousearts.org.

Inner Librere. Through Oct. 6. Vulcan Gallery Community Action Space, Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Ceci Cole McInturff of George Mason University's School of Visual Art curates an exhibit of artists' books, book experiences, and more.

Smart Markets Springfield. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Springfield Mall, 6417 Loisdale Road, Springfield. Through Nov. 23, the market is open every Saturday with goods, wares, produce and farmers. www.smartmarkets.org.

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THURSDAY-FRIDAY/OCT. 24-25

Meal Program Volunteers Needed. 5:30 p.m. delivery Friday, 6:30 p.m. preparation Thursday, at Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. A group of churches that serves a nutritious bagged meal to homeless people living in the woods, their vehicles, and in motels along the Route One corridor between North Kings Highway and the Fairfax County Parkway in Alexandria. All ages can help prepare and assemble the bag lunches and assist in delivery. www.franconiaumc.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 27

Fall Festival. 4-6 p.m., at Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. A free, annual event where children, accompanied by an adult, wearing family-friendly costumes can participate in games with prizes and enjoy food; hosted indoors. <http://www.franconiaumc.org>.

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Holiday Craft & Gift Show. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Island Creek Elementary School, 7855 Morning View Lane, Alexandria. The schools PTA hosts the 9th annual gift show with free admission and baked goods (breakfast and lunch available for purchase). ksinniger@yahoo.com or <http://www.islandcreekpta.org/>.

Bake and Craft Sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Lorton Senior Center, 7722 Gunston Plaza, Lorton. Browse 30 local artists, crafters and a terrific bake sale; bakers and crafters needed, reserve space now. 703-550-7195.

ONGOING

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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
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ELECTIONS 2013

Hugo

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Free File Alliance, which provides free, federal tax returns for low- and moderate-income people. “We did about three million [returns] last year and almost 36 million in the past decade,” he said.

Hugo said his door’s always open to any group or individual and he’s endorsed by a broad, cross section of groups because “I try to reach out and find common ground with others. In Richmond, we try to find a compromise and largely get along.”

For example, he said, when constituents Lu Ann McNabb and Greg Richter of Angel Fund asked him to help pass a mental-health bill “to make colleges work better with local organizations so we don’t have a problem like we had at Virginia Tech,” he did. “[Sen.] Chap Petersen [D-34th] and I worked together to get it passed.”

Hugo’s endorsements include the Virginia Fairfax and Prince William education associations, the Fairfax County and state Firefighters Union, National Federation of Independent Businesses, Fairfax County and Virginia Chambers of Commerce, Virginia Police Benevolent Assn., Virginia Association of Realtors, Northern Virginia Technology Council, Virginia Bankers Assn. and the Virginia Credit Union League.

Looking forward, he wants to work with Shared Hope and the Polaris Project to continue to strengthen Virginia’s sex-traffick-

ing laws “to increase the penalties for those who’d hurt our kids. It’s something that tears at your heart.”

Hugo also wants to lessen some of the regulations and restrictions on businesses here to promote job and business growth. He also plans to work with police and firefighters statewide “to make sure their families are taken care of after line-of-duty deaths.”

He said Virginia must “help kids with intellectual disabilities and help their families get services for their children. And I want to find some money for Angel Fund.”

Hugo believes government has a role in transportation, education, public safety and “helping those who can’t help themselves. A couple years ago, I was the deciding vote to force insurance companies to cover kids with autism. It was a huge fight in Richmond, but I introduced and spoke on this bill. I try to pick and choose the issues and look at them on their own merit.”

Regarding education, he said, “I’ve worked closely with my General Assembly colleagues and Governor McDonnell to increase by 14,000 the number of new slots for in-state undergraduate students at Virginia’s colleges and universities.” And he plans to continue this fight.

“I hope people will give me another opportunity to serve them,” said Hugo. “I just try to make government work for folks; and I believe that, if I focus on that, it’ll all work out at election time.”

Foltz

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taxpayers pay for them,” he said. “This leads to less money for schools and teachers and more crowded classrooms. So I’d try to provide some state funds for them or search for less-expensive ways to carry out these mandates.”

For example, he said, certified teachers needn’t administer SOLs. “Other people sufficiently qualified could do it, and it would cost less,” said Foltz. “Testing should be used to tell educators what students know and where their weaknesses are. It should benefit students and not be used by the state to punish schools and teachers by threatening to take over schools if they don’t perform well enough.”

Furthermore, he said tests don’t cover all the things students need to learn, such as problem-solving and creative thinking, P.E., music and art—“which are part of a well-rounded education.”

Foltz also said teachers have been increasingly asked to pay a higher share of their health costs, with little or no increase in their salaries. “So they need a pay increase, and the funding formula for state money given to school districts needs to be looked at again to make sure it’s as fair as possible to everyone.” He also believes Virginia should give more money to its state colleges and universities so they won’t keep hiking their tuition.

AS FOR PUBLIC-SAFETY, he said, “As the cost of living has risen, police and firefighters can’t afford to live here. And they haven’t received raises in several years, so they need to catch up and be appreciated and supported more monetarily.”

Furthermore, he said, “We need to do more to help families dealing with disabilities. We’re about 48th in the country when it comes to state funding for people with disabilities. And we need to ban employment discrimination based on sexual orientation, just like our major industries do.”

Foltz believes women should be able to make their own, reproductive health decisions “and not be stigmatized for them.” And he says there should be “ethics and transparency” in how state legislators handle gifts and campaign funds.

Saying he has a good chance of unseating Hugo, Foltz said, “I believe I have compelling issues that are more representative of the views of my district than my opponent’s. So I believe they resonate with the voters, and I’m counting on them to make a difference. Locally, we need to cooperate with each other and work together, and elected officials can sometimes use their influence in the right way to make this happen.”

Foltz also believes that all his experiences serve as an asset to prepare him well for any challenge. “I served on a school board and, as a pastor, I worked with people in various communities,” he said. “And I have common sense and am willing to work hard to get things done.”

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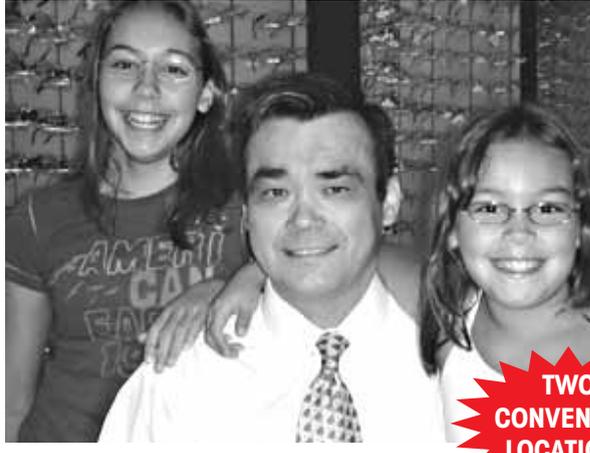
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NEWS

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 organiza-



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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.

tion 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 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 programs like these,” said Bachman, the national recidivism

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From left, back row: Lynne Rowson with FC Domestic Abuse Hotline, JD Miller and Sam Bachman, ADAPT counselors. Front row: Angie Carrera, Office of Public, Private Partnerships, Rhiannon Duck, legislative aide to Supervisor Cook, Kathleen Kelmelis, program manager of Fairfax County Office for Women and Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, Holland Omar, ADAPT counselor.

Focus on Domestic Violence

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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.

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Henderson Receives All-American Jersey

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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.

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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.

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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 halftime advantage. Bishop Ireton scored on its opening possession of the second half, when quarterback Andrew Latrash scored on a 5-yard run.

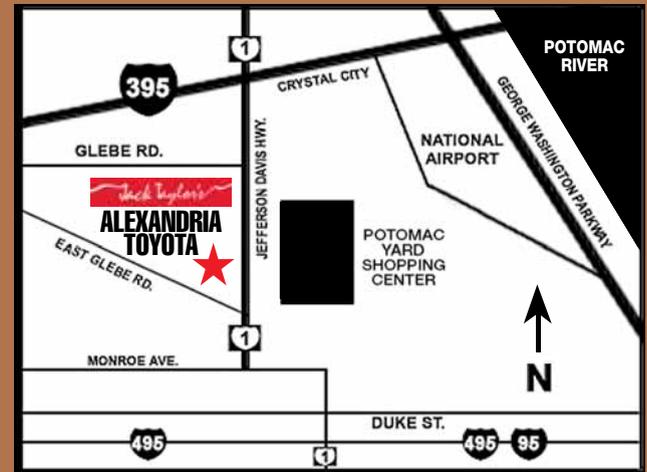
The loss dropped Ireton's record to 2-6.

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

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