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A Joyous Halloween

McClain Brooks dances to the music of the disc jockey at the Halloween party on Cool Spring Drive.

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Voters Have Their Say

Local precincts experience heavy turnout.

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

Despite the fact that only one race was at the top of the ballot in Mount Vernon District, it was clear that both Democratic, Republican, and Independent voters responded to the na-

tional media attention on the importance of mid-term elections by coming out in very high numbers in the Mount Vernon District, according to interviews with political activists, election officials, and experienced poll watchers. Here is a brief rundown of three Mount Vernon precincts and what voters had to say.

Sherwood Precinct election officials were surprised when they showed up early Tuesday morning to open the polls and found a line of voters waiting for the precinct

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Democrats Defiant

Moran heads into second decade castigating the "politics of fear."

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) will lose his position at the head of a key appropriations subcommittee overseeing spending at the Interior De-

partment when Republicans take power next year. But that doesn't mean the congressman is about to start backing down from fight. Moran is already eager to take on the new Republican leadership.

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Leading Barely in 11th

Two Lorton precincts do not report results due to machine malfunctions.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE GAZETTE

Fairfax resident Laura Roberson did not have a tough time figuring out who to support in Virginia's 11th Congressional District race on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Standing outside her polling place at Roberson Secondary School on election day, Roberson said she didn't have to hear much more about Republican candidate Keith Fimian than his comments about the 2007 Virginia Tech

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Moran and Democrats Defiant in Victory

FROM PAGE 1

His victory speech Tuesday night at the Westin Arlington Gateway repeatedly castigated what he called “the politics of fear” at work in the Republican Party. He said Democrats should have no regrets over what he considers the accomplishments of the last two years.

“A majority of the Republicans elected tonight are closely aligned with the so-called Tea Party,” Moran said. “They won with the contention that government can’t help us, and now that they are elected they will spend their time proving it.”

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Moran said Democrats should have no regrets about the first two years of the Obama administration. Unlike other congressional Democratic candidates this year, Moran vigorously supported the stimulus package and health-care reform. Voters of the Eighth Congressional District overwhelmingly approved, giving the incumbent Democrat more than 60 percent of the vote. The congressman pledged to work against the effort to undo the Obama agenda.

“We’re going to be locked in a tough fight to protect our hard-won reform of Wall Street, to continue providing health care for all Americans and enabling the federal government to provide more equal opportunity for all Americans,” Moran said.

Local Democrats blamed national losses on bad marketing and poor messaging. Watching CNN in the Ballston ballroom, they became increasingly dispirited as the evening progressed. First word spread that freshman U.S. Rep. Tom Perriello (D-5) had been unseated by Republican



U.S. Rep. Jim Moran talks briefly about winning the race.

challenger Robert Hurt. Then, Democrats were shocked when longtime Democratic incumbent U.S. Rep. Rick Boucher (D-9) was knocked off by House of Delegates Republican leader Del. Morgan Griffith (R-8).

“One of the failures in this election is that we lacked a positive, comprehensive message,” said Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille. “We should have been out there touting our successes.”

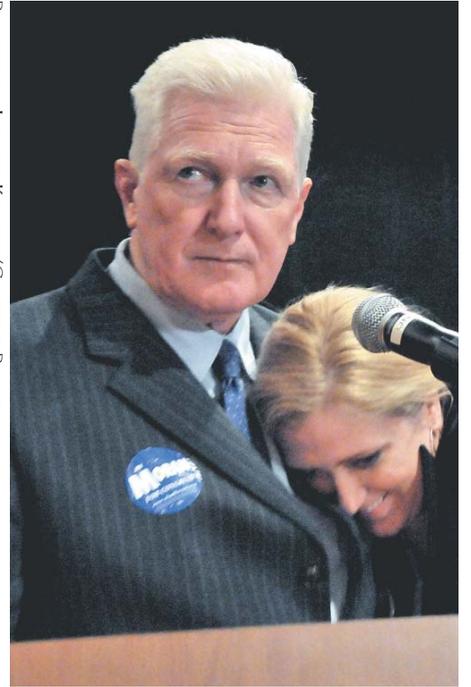
“We let the Tea Party define the message,” agreed Councilman Paul Smedberg, a former chairman of the Alexandria Democratic Committee. “That was a critical failure.”

NOW THAT the politics of 2010 have drawn to a close, the election of 2011 and 2012 have taken increased importance. Three potential candidates have emerged

in the party to seek a potential vacancy in the 30th District of the Virginia Senate — Arlington School Board Chairwoman Libby Garvey, Alexandria Councilman Rob Krupicka and Del. Adam Ebbin (D49). And party leaders confirmed that former Del. Brian Moran (D-46) is currently laying the groundwork to become chairman of the Democratic Party of Virginia.

“I’m confident we will have a field of strong candidates,” said Alexandria Democratic Committee Chairman Clark Mercer.

One of the uncertainties Democrats will face is the outcome of redistricting next year, when the General Assembly will craft reams of new maps and redrawn districts. That could pose a problem for candidates who are suddenly cast into a new constituency. For example, Garvey might be excluded from the Democratic primary for the 30th District of the Virginia Senate if the



U.S. Rep. Jim Moran is embraced by his daughter Mary after announcing victory in the 2010 congressional race.

lines move south. Some Democrats suggested Tuesday night that the new lines for the district might have more Alexandria and less Arlington, potentially casting Garvey out of the race.

“I’m not going to talk about that,” responded Senate Majority Leader Dick Saslaw (D-35) when asked about the speculation.



State Sen. Dick Saslow, former state Del. Brian Moran and Joe Landa check the early returns.



Alexandria Council Vice Chair Kerry Donley greets U.S. Rep. Jim Moran in the Westin Hotel.



U.S. Rep. Jim Moran’s daughter, Mary, calls all of her family and the staff who went on vacation to work for the congressman and all the campaign staff to the stage for acknowledgment.

Eighth Congressional District

Jurisdiction	Alexandria 71 precincts	Arlington 52 precincts	Fairfax 27 precincts	Falls Church 6 precincts
JIM MORAN, DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT				
votes	25,147	39,806	48,571	2,745
percentage	63%	63%	58%	64%
PATRICK MURRAY, REPUBLICAN CHALLENGER				
votes	14,041	21,618	33,956	1,485
percentages	35%	34%	41%	35%

SOURCE: Virginia State Board of Elections



Nolan Bas as the Sherriff.



Josie and Laura Neswander.



A little green dragon rounds the corner into the party in the yard at the Brook's.



Baby Jack Jones takes a little nap as the parade begins.

Cool Spring Drive Holds Halloween Parade

Fire Captain Kit Hessel came over with three of his crew from the Mount Vernon Fire Station in a big red fire truck and the children followed. Participants were dressed as pumpkins, and pirates, Pocahontas, Dorothy, the Scarecrow and the Tin man along with Jerry Garcia and his girlfriend. The parade ended at the Brook's home where a Halloween party started and continued through the evening.

Anne Terio, Stacy Trumbo and Mara Stengler.



Party hosts Michael and Allison Brooks as Jerry Garcia and his girlfriend.



Anna Christa and John Paul Cook came dressed as Dorothy and the Scarecrow.



Fire technician Craig White prepares to board the big red fire truck for the ride back to the station.

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Mt. Vernon Supervisor Gerald Hyland greets voters at Stratford Landing Precinct during this past Tuesday's election.

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Heavy Voter Turnout Locally

FROM PAGE 1

to open. By 1 p.m., 725 voters had voted out of the approximately 2,475 registered voters in this precinct. Election officials projected that 40-50 percent of the registrants would come out to vote in this precinct. They characterized the voting as very steady and higher than normal for an off-year election that had only one congressional race on the ballot.

For Sherwood Precinct voters:

Jason Pittman, 35, River Farms, said, "I came out to vote because I view it as an important obligation. Also, I teach at Hollin Meadows elementary school and Congressman Moran has been very supportive of our Science program and so I wanted to come out and vote in support of him."

Althea Bates, 65, Gum Springs, said, "I always vote as a taxpayer it is my duty to voice my opinion. One vote does count we have to vote to support changes in government that will generate jobs and provide health care to those who need it."

Hollin Hall Precinct had what longstanding poll watchers said was about a 10 percent above normal voting turnout for a single U.S. congressional race as of 1 p.m. At that time 604 voters had cast their ballots out of a total voter registration of 1,897. Some predicted a 50 percent turnout.

For Hollin Hall voters:

Stan Wielga, 82, Wellington, said, "I always vote ... it has become a habit; this election I believe is very important. There is potential for many changes

to come about as a result of this election, and that makes it even more important for me to vote this year."

Wendy Donahoe, 44, Wellington, said, "It is my duty to vote in an election; also, I like to complain about our government and my attitude is I better come out and vote and try to do my part to make changes to justify my complaints."

Stratford Landing Precinct is one of the largest precincts in Northern Virginia (3,464 registered voters). By 4 p.m. election officials verified that they had recorded over 1,708 voters showing up. Election officials predicted a 60-70 percent turnout. Veteran Supervisor Gerald Hyland who spent the day greeting voters at many precincts, predicted a 68 percent turnout at Stratford. Hyland said, "The media, party workers, and elected officials have made the point locally and nationally that this is a pivotal election. The turnout is heavy among both major parties. They have worked very hard to get their people out and I am not surprised that it is showing at the strong precincts in Mount Vernon such as in Stratford which is a swing precinct."

Tom Roberts, 63, Manors of Mount Vernon, said, "I vote because it is my right to express my opinion and to make a difference Regardless of the outcome if you don't vote you have no right to complain."

Julie Testa, 67, Riverside Gardens, said, "I vote because I believe my vote matters. I also came out to vote because I support President Obama and I am still hopeful that he will be successful."

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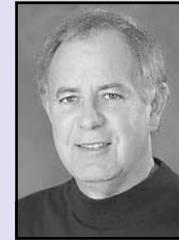
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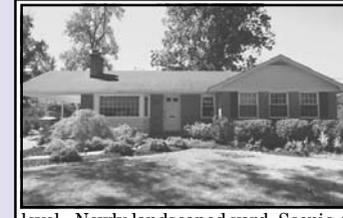


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Salesman Arrested

Police from the Mount Vernon Police District arrested an 18-year-old man working as a door-to-door meat salesman in the Mount Vernon area and charged him with burglary.

The suspect, from Fredericksburg, was arrested on Tuesday, Oct. 26 after he allegedly walked through an unlocked door, entered a home and took a woman's purse.

Police responded to a home in the 6300 block of Chimney Wood Court shortly after 4 p.m. The resident of the home reported that a man came to the door offering meats for sale. After she said that she was not interested, she returned to another part of the home, heard her door slam moments later and saw the man walking into the van with her property. Officers began the search for the salesman and his white van; both were located a short time later near the Huntington Station Shopping Center where the suspect was taken into custody.

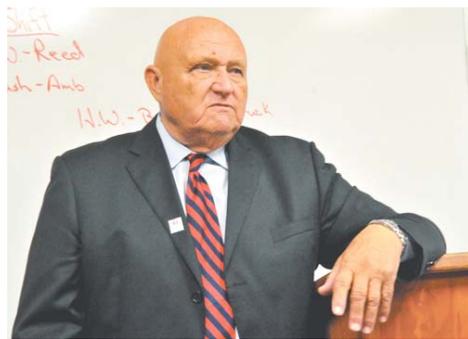
Detectives are following up with several purse and wallet burglaries that have occurred in the Mount Vernon Police District in the past month. If residents believe they may have been victimized, contact police at 703-360-8303.

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

Correction

In last week's story, "Park Authority Rejects Off Leash Dog Park," the executive committee of the Park Authority, and the Mount Vernon commissioner, made the decision not to include the Westgrove Park in the annual agenda of the Park Authority for this fiscal year.

NEWS



Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland.

Coats for Kids

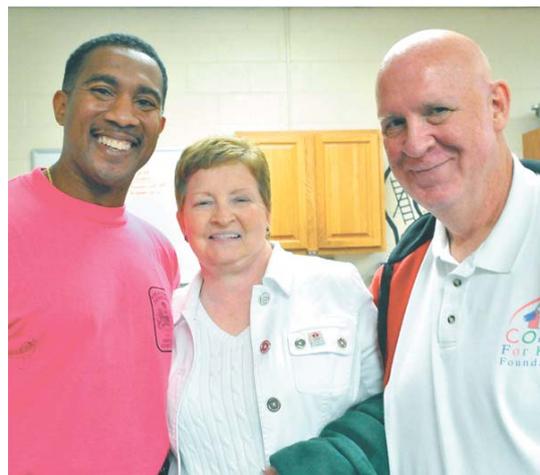
The Penn Daw Fire Station bays were emptied of fire trucks and set up with tables, stacked high with new winter jackets on Friday, Oct. 29. Representatives and social workers from 35 public schools and social organizations in Northern Virginia had submitted wish lists for their students and clients earlier in the fall.

Contributions came from Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman and members Sharon Bulova, Penny Gross, Jeffrey McKay and Gerry Hyland and the Deputy County Executive Robert Stalzer. Fire Chief Ronald Mastin, the Progressive Firefighters of Fairfax, Fairfax County Professional Firefighters & Paramedics, Curtis and Renee Stilwell, Promax Management, Occupational Health Center, Rotary Club of Tysons, Fairfax County Professional Fire Officers, Fairfax County Office of Human Resources, Elizabeth Storley, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Retirement Association, Inc., and Coats for Kids were also contributors to this year's drive.

Coats for Kids founders Paul and Cheryl Darby noted that since the first of the year Coats for Kids has provided 5,110 new winter jackets through their foundation. Nationwide the program reaches out to 130 schools in 27 states.



Burt Heacock of the Rotary Club of Tysons listens as Captain Will Bailey reviews a list of sizes for one of the coat requests.



Fairfax County Fire Captain Will Bailey and Cheryl and Paul Darby.



Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova is presented with a pink t-shirt by the firefighters and medics at the Penn Daw Fire Station in recognition of Breast Cancer awareness month. Bulova said that she would wear the t-shirt at the next county board meeting.

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LOUISE KRAFFT
THE GAZETTE

Kiwanis Club Collects Food for UCM

Members of the Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club (MVKC) spent from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. standing outside the Hollin Hall Safeway on Fort Hunt Road soliciting food from customers entering the store on Oct. 30.

This is the fifth time this year that the MVKC has dedicated a day to supporting UCM's Food Pantry on Fordson Road.

Usually these Food Drives by the Kiwanians result in about 1,200 pounds of food and several hundred dollars in donations to UCM to buy more food for distribution to the needy families in our community. MVKC is grateful to the management of Hollin Hall Safeway for its cooperation with these events over the past years, and especially to the people who come to buy food for themselves and end up donating much more to the community.

For information on how to join in these events or other volunteer activities in the community, see MVKC's website at www.mtvernonvakiwanis.org or its FaceBook page or send an e-mail to brucemalkin1@gmail.com



Plymouth Haven resident Jill Snow donates food to Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club's Joanne Malkin on Oct. 30 to support UCM's Food Pantry, while Past President Bruce Malkin looks on. Other MVKC volunteers were Bob Valone, Richard Peterson, Kenny Blunt, Rich Keil Jeanette Wong, and Jim Todd.

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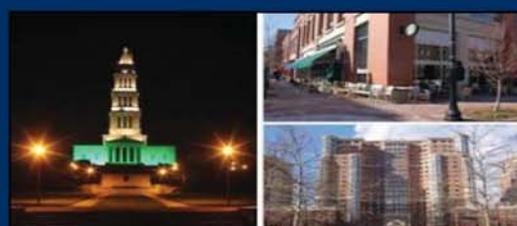


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PEOPLE

Midshipman Oliver T. Noon, the son of Thomas and Jean Noon of Alexandria, participated last month in Acceptance Day ceremonies at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY.



Midshipman Oliver T. Noon.

A graduate of Bishop Ireton High School, Noon, with some 330 other plebes, was administered the Academy oath by Rear Admiral Philip H. Greene, Jr., the institution's superintendent. The members of the Class of 2014 were additionally sworn into the U.S. Naval Reserve by Vice Admiral Dirk Debbink, USN, Commander, U.S. Naval Reserve Forces.

Midshipman Oliver Noon was nominated to attend the Academy by U.S. Rep. Gerald Connolly.

The plebe class reported to the Academy on July 8 for a three-week indoctrination program. Since then, the Class of 2010 has been involved in academic and regimental education and training.

The Academy is operated by the Maritime Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Navy Seaman Apprentice Adrian N. Walter, grandson of Judith A. Filip of Alexandria, was recently promoted to his current rank upon graduation from recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Walter is a 2006 graduate of West Potomac High School of Alexandria.

Marine Corps Pfc. Corey C. Lawrence, a 2005 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, Alexandria, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C. designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Army 2nd Lt. Michael P. Hawkinson has

entered into the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) in Bethesda, Md., as a first-year medical student of a four-year program. The student will be trained and prepared to serve as a physician in the Army, Navy, Air Force or the Public Health Service.

Outstanding scientists and health care practitioners are prepared for careers in service to the nation. He is the son of Brian P. and Deborah A. Hawkinson of DeWolfe Drive, Alexandria. The lieutenant graduated in 2004 from West Potomac High School, Alexandria, and received a bachelor's degree in 2008 from University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

Army Reserve Pfc. Justin A. Abarca has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics.

He is the son of Madahi Salvador of Joseph Makell Court, Alexandria. The private is a 2009 graduate of West Potomac High School, Alexandria.

Nicholas T. Kozdras has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force. He is the son of Jacqueline A. Kozdras of Lindenwood Grove, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Joseph T. Kozdras of 156th St., Calumet City, Ill.

His wife, Elisabeth, is the daughter of Douglas and Gabriele Collins of Franconia Forest Lane, Alexandria, Va.

Kozdras graduated in 1990 from Mount Carmel High School, Chicago, Ill., and earned a bachelor's degree in 1994 from United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs. In 2007, he earned a master's degree from Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.



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Bittersweet Night for Area Republicans

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
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It was a bittersweet night for Northern Virginia Republicans as 8th District congressional candidate Patrick Murray lost his bid to replace Democratic incumbent Jim Moran while across the nation the party picked up at least 66 seats and regained control of the House of Representatives.

"There is always a silver lining," Murray said to supporters at Bailey's Sports Grille in Arlington, which served as his election night headquarters. "Sometimes you lose some battles but win some wars and if you look at what's going on around the country, it's terrific for the United States of America and terrific for Republicans."

Moran retained his seat with 61 percent of the vote, while Murray won 37 percent and Green Party candidate Ron Fisher 1.4 percent. Alexandria saw a nearly 50 percent turnout among active registered voters while 8th District turnout stood at 44 percent.

Alexandria City Council members Alicia Hughes and Frank Fannon congratulated Murray on a well-run race, with Fannon

weighing in on the national election results.

"Today was basically a referendum on the far left agenda of Obama, Pelosi and Reid," Fannon said. "America is still a center right nation and will always stay a center right nation."

Fannon believes the next two years will play a crucial role in the presidential election of 2012.

"The Republicans are being rented for 24 months by the American people," Fannon said. "How they perform in those 24 months will dictate whether America will want to buy them in the presidential election of 2012."

Murray unsuccessfully attempted to place the customary call to his opponent conceding the race.

"We were given a cell phone number to reach Moran by his daughter Mary, who is also his campaign manager," said Mike Lane, campaign manager for Murray.

A call was placed at 8:39 p.m. and, ac-



Republican 8th District candidate Patrick Murray addresses supporters Tuesday night at Bailey's Sports Grille in Arlington.

him. No one ever came back on the line and after nearly three minutes they hung up."

Murray was unfazed by Moran's refusal to take his call.

"Sometimes life doesn't work out exactly like you want but in the long run we'll be fine," Murray said. "We'll do just fine in this congress over the next two years and guess what? There's another election in 2012."

When asked if he had made any decisions on his political future, Murray replied, "Absolutely not. But I can tell you I am here to stay."

Murray praised his campaign staff and thanked them for what he described as "a phenomenal effort" by his

team.

"We fought the best fight that has ever been fought in a very difficult district," Murray said. "I am disappointed that we weren't victorious but sometimes you have to live to fight another day."

answering to Lane, an unknown male voice answered the phone.

"After I identified myself, we could hear him ask Moran if he wanted to talk to Patrick," Lane said. "Very clearly we heard Moran respond 'No, I don't want to talk to

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PUBLIC NOTICE: ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment and announce a public hearing on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality regarding a landfill in Fairfax County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: November 9, 2010 to December 24, 2010

PUBLIC HEARING: Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway (Route 1), in Lorton Virginia at 7:00 PM on Thursday, December 9, 2010.

PERMIT NAME AND NUMBER: I-95 Sanitary Landfill, Permit Number 103

PERMIT APPLICANT: County of Fairfax, Virginia, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, Solid Waste Management Program

FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: I-95 Landfill Complex; 9850 Furnace Road in Lorton, Virginia. This facility is an Environmental Enterprise participant in Virginia's Environmental Excellence Program.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: County of Fairfax, Virginia, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, Solid Waste Management Program has applied for a modification to its permit allowing the use of an alternate liner design in Phases III and IV of the Area Three Lined Landfill (ATLL); modification of the MSW Unit Cap for expansion of the Citizens Disposal Facility; and allow implementation of a groundwater corrective action plan (CAP). The CAP details the methods to be used to remediate groundwater contamination and includes a Corrective Action Monitoring Program which sets standard procedures for the sampling, analysis, and statistical review of groundwater quality data collected during the Corrective Action process. This permit amendment will incorporate a revised Operations Manual, Design Report, Construction Quality Assurance Plan, and Closure Plan into Permit No. 103 in addition to a Corrective Action Plan and Corrective Action Monitoring Plan.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. DEQ also accepts written and oral comments at public hearings. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named below. Copies of the permit documents are also available at the Lorton Library at 9520 Richmond Highway in Lorton.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Larry Syverson; DEQ-Central Office, 629 East Main Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia, 23219; Phone: (804) 698-4271; E-mail: Larry.Syverson@deq.virginia.gov.

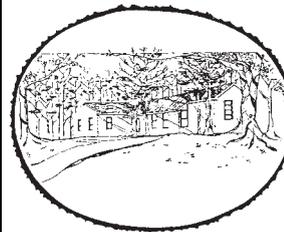
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OPINION

Be Part of the Children's Gazette

Annual edition devoted to art, writing and creativity of local students.

It's a local tradition now, the annual Children's Gazette. The entire edition, including the cover, is filled with the work of local children and students. Painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, and many other forms of artwork. Poetry, short stories, opinion pieces, and many other forms of writing.

Each year it comes together as alchemy, turning our newsprint pages to something golden, with the talent, insight, fresh perspective, humor and thoughtfulness of local young minds.

We have regular contributions from art teachers and writing teachers who pull together assignments from many classes. We receive individual submissions from teenagers, and the work of home-schooled students.

Some suggestions for artwork: Drawings that

represent the student's family, pets, school, friends, activities; seasonal artwork for the holidays or winter; representations of favorite things.

Some suggestions for writing: (submissions are ideally 200 words, please don't exceed 350) the most memorable things about 2010; one thing I would give my family that doesn't cost any money; my wish for my family or community or school or the world; descriptive poetry; my emotions in certain circumstances; brief review of a movie or book or play; or anything of your choice.

Don't be left out, the deadline is Dec. 1, 2010, for publication the last week of the year.

All submissions must be made digitally, either via email or by mailing in a disk, or by bringing in the data on some other digital

EDITORIALS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Improving Education

To the Editor:

Much attention has been given in recent weeks to education "re-

form." While a focus on these important issues is welcome, the voices of teachers — those of us

working daily in classrooms across the nation — have been inexplicably ignored in the debate.

Educators were working to improve our public schools before it became trendy, and we are eager to collaborate with parents, community leaders and anyone else who shares our vision. We offer no "manifesto" and no easy answers, only the promise of hard work and a chance to make a difference.

We cannot move forward without acknowledging the real challenges facing our public schools. One out of every five children in our nation today lives in poverty. Students have a variety of special needs as well including physical and mental disabilities, and behavior problems. Poor nutrition and health care and illiteracy in the home, among other things, have a real impact on learning. Helping all students succeed requires addressing this whole spectrum of needs — a fact ignored by many "reformers."

Too much of the debate has focused on blaming teachers. Yet, teachers are not the problem in education today, and neither are our unions. Nobody wants unqualified teachers in classrooms. We need to focus on nurturing great teachers, by strengthening preparation before they enter the profession, and ensuring ongoing opportunities for experienced teachers to build their skills.

We must move away from the current systems for evaluating students and teachers. Standardized tests are clearly not the solution, either for measuring student achievement or judging their

media. Artwork should be photographed or scanned in jpeg format. Writing should be submitted in a Word document saved as rich text, .rtf, or as plain txt.

Please e-mail submissions to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Mailed items should go to Children's Gazette, 1606 King St., Alexandria, Va. 22314. E-mail questions to the same e-mail address.

What Are You Thankful For in Mount Vernon?

The week of Thanksgiving, the Gazette will publish a collection of viewpoints about what readers appreciate. What are you thankful for? We'd love to hear from you, with submission of 200 words or less, and possibly including a photo either of you, or representing what you are thankful for.

Send your thankful notes as soon as possible to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com, but not later than Nov. 18.

Thank you.

teachers. We need to focus on measuring the skills our children will need for the 21st Century — critical thinking, reading comprehension and writing, and the ability to ask pertinent questions. And, we need to allow teachers and management to collaborate on new methods of evaluation that will give a better picture of what students are learning, and help teachers improve their practice.

As a teacher and public school educator, I truly hope that this national debate will allow for real dialogue about the challenges facing our education system and the hard work and collaboration necessary to address them.

Let's put aside the rhetoric and stop the blame and start working together to give all of our students the world-class education they deserve.

Helen Getys Michie
Alexandria

Pursue Dog Park Now

To the Editor:

On Oct. 14, my letter was published in the Gazette concerning the proposal to create an off-leash dog walking park at the site of the Westgrove sewage pumping station. I pointed out that contrary to the information provided by the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA), the required fence won't cost \$55,000 (the cost is more like \$12,000) and there is no need for

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Snapshot Sarah King as the Queen waits with Graham Lawrence (Harry Potter) for the Halloween Parade on Cool Spring Drive.

LETTERS

FROM PAGE 10

a \$1,000,000 interchange or \$130,000 path to the Belle View Elementary School parking lot. It appears the off-leash park can be created for less than \$15,000 which would give the Mount Vernon District its second such park (as compared to 18 such parks in Alexandria, a jurisdiction of similar population to that of the Mount Vernon District).

In last week's Gazette, Gerald A. Fill reported that the FCPA has rejected the proposed park, "citing the absence of a Master Plan for the park and lack of resources." This despite the facts that (1) a petition bearing 500 signatures of park supporters was sent to the FCPA and the Board of Supervisors, and (2) the required \$15,000 is an extremely small number. When did this occur? The published proposed minutes for the last FCPA Board meeting (on Oct. 13) make no mention of such an agenda item. Did the FCPA make its decision based on the inflated fence, interchange and path cost estimates mentioned above and in my prior letter? Who knows? Likely not Mount Vernon's representative on the FCPA Board, Gil McCutcheon.

I checked the FCPA web page at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/boardarchives2010.htm> and found that the FCPA Board has held 16 meetings this calendar year. I also found that Mr. McCutcheon has failed to attend a single one of those 16 meetings. Not one. Thus it is not surprising that our District is receiving short shrift from the FCPA Board when it comes to projects in the Mount Vernon District. Why should FCPA Board members from other districts and at-large members care about an off-leash dog walking park at Westgrove when our representative on the Board doesn't even attend any meetings?

I have no specific comments or criticisms directed toward Mr. McCutcheon concerning his past service on the FCPA Board (since 1992). Clearly, however, he is no longer participating in a meaningful way on behalf of our district and should resign. I question why Supervisor Hyland has taken no action to ensure that the Mount Vernon District has meaningful representation on the FCPA Board. Could it be that he was unaware our Board member has been a "no-show" all year? That would truly be embarrassing, almost as embarrassing as knowing and doing

nothing about it. Which is it?

Mr. McCutcheon's latest 4-year term expires the end of December and we need effective representation for the remainder of this year and into the future. I trust Supervisor Hyland is in the process of seeking a new representative for the Mount Vernon District on the FCPA Board. That representative must be apolitical and technically well-versed in the issues involved in planning, implementation, funding and maintenance of parks. Also: they must be fully in support of the North Hill compromise, 11 acres for 68 affordable homes and 22 acres for a county park. It would be intolerable to have a North Hill compromise opponent or one of their supporters (Supervisor Hyland, you know who these people are) as our FCPA representative on its Board. It would also be inappropriate for this important position to be filled by anyone who has opposed the Westgrove off-leash dog walking park.

Supervisor Hyland, how about cutting the red tape and allowing the Westgrove property to be used as an off-leash dog walking park? How about right now?

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This Halloween, Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club's past president, Bruce Malkin, decided to play a new role as the Green-Haired Witch of the Faraway Land of NeKsDure. He demanded that children desiring candy as a treat must first perform a trick, such as a dance, a song, or a joke. While most trick-or-treaters were unable or unwilling to comply with his request, and, therefore, had to touch his magical, wart-covered pumpkin before getting candy, one resourceful group of neighbor's children along with two of their mothers did sing a song to him and were thus exempt of further witchy demands. Above, with Malkin, are, from left, Ana Grace Dickerson, Addison Dickerson, Mackenzie Dickerson, and Annalise Collins.

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OPINION

Making Government More Accountable

BY MARK R. WARNER
U.S. SENATOR (D-VA)

I wanted to let you know about the recent progress of legislation I have introduced that will make government work better and save taxpayer money.

The Government Performance and Results Modernization Act of 2010, which I'm proud to say is co-sponsored by two Republicans and two Democrats, requires each federal agency to set clear performance goals — goals that can be accurately measured, and then publicly reported to the taxpayers. We also direct agencies to identify their highest and lowest priority programs.

These steps will help us identify overlapping federal programs as we work to find taxpayer savings. Finally, our bill requires the federal budget office to examine the current reporting mandates imposed on each agency, determine which of those reports are no longer relevant or necessary, and reduces the overall number of annual written reports by at least 10 percent.

I expect our bill to be taken-up by the full Senate once Congress returns to work next month.

TOO MANY STOVEPIPES

Most of you probably know that I've spent more time in the business world than in government service. That's why I have always tried to apply common-sense business practices to the core functions of government, both as Virginia's governor and now as a U.S. senator.

As chairman of the Senate Budget Committee's Task Force on Government Performance over the past year, I have worked with a bipartisan group of senators to examine how the federal government uses data to improve its operations.

The answer, as you might expect, is — not very well: The federal government is not consistent in the data it collects. We do not use the best tools and technology to analyze outcomes. And we rarely follow-up and put the necessary accountability in place so that we can accurately track performance.

It might surprise you to learn that the taxpayers fund 44 separate programs in nine different federal departments that support workforce training. We also pay for 17 separate initiatives across seven federal departments that deal with food safety policies.

We need a better system — a system that allows us to review the results of each program and evaluate its impact in addressing overall policy goals, whether it's the important work of retraining people who've lost their jobs or ensuring the safety of the food your family eats.

DATA OVERLOAD

Many states, including Virginia, already are national leaders in efforts to clearly identify these policy goals. I encourage you to check out the Virginia Performs website for a great example of how Virginia tracks and reports on its program outcomes.

This priority focus on performance management is one reason why Virginia has been repeatedly designated as one of the country's best-managed states



in recent years.

In Washington, federal agencies produce thousands of pages of data every year but we don't use it. There are bookshelves all over this town that are literally sagging from the weight of these unread reports.

We rarely compare results among competing programs, and I'm not sure we ever actually analyze the data to see if these programs actually are achieving their specific policy goals.

WHAT THE BILL DOES

Our Government Performance and Results Modernization Act tackles many of these challenges in a smart and responsible way.

First, it requires agencies to produce real-time data on results. Federal agencies typically file a mountain of required performance reports — but only once each year. That's not good enough. Our bill requires agencies to post results each quarter so we'll have access to more timely information about what's working — and what isn't.

Second, the bill requires agencies to post this information on a single public website. That will allow taxpayers, agency managers and members of Congress to evaluate and compare outcomes and results — information that is critical in making informed judgments about how we are performing when it comes to national priorities such as education, health and safety.

This shift to real-time data, publicly reported on a single website, has another clear benefit. It will look across the government stovepipes and help us easily identify underperforming, overlapping and outdated federal programs. It also will help highlight additional opportunities to save taxpayer dollars by better coordinating the "back office" functions of federal programs with similar goals and activities.

Third, we require each agency to designate a chief operating officer who will be held accountable for reporting program results. The COO also will be responsible for aggressively pursuing potential cost-savings by clearly identifying program overlap and unnecessary duplication.

Finally, our bill requires the federal budget office to examine the reporting mandates currently imposed on each agency, determine which is no longer relevant or necessary, and reduce the number of annual written reports by 10 percent.

RESPONSIBLE STEP FORWARD

At a time of alarming federal budget deficits and diminished resources, I believe this legislation is an important and overdue step forward. It will accelerate efforts to apply proven and responsible business practices to the work of the federal government.

It is time to move beyond the debate over 'big' versus 'smaller' government. With this legislation, we will be able to focus instead on what we should be doing to provide the taxpayers with a more efficient and effective government.

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CRIME

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LARCENIES

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Purse stolen from residence.
- 6300 block of Chimney Wood Court.** Purse stolen from residence.
- 1300 block of Collingwood Road.**
Food stolen from church.
- 6200 block of North Kings Highway.** Bicycle stolen from business.
- 2800 block of Poag St.** iPod stolen from vehicle.
- 6200 block of Richmond Highway.**
Wallet stolen from business.
- 6200 block of Richmond Highway.**
Tools stolen from vehicle.
- 6700 block of Richmond Highway.**
Purse stolen from business.
- 7700 block of Richmond Highway.**
Merchandise stolen from business.
- 8400 block of Richmond Highway.**
Metal and steel fencing supplies stolen from business.
- 8500 block of Southlawn Court.**
License plate stolen from vehicle.

VEHICLE THEFTS

- 2600 block of Arlington Drive.**
1998 Hyundai.
- 7200 block of Harrison Lane.** 2005 Hyundai Accent.
- 2900 block of Preston Ave.** BMW.
- 6300 block of South Kings Highway.** 1992 Lincoln Towncar.

SCHOOL NOTES

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The following Virginia Tech students were among those honored at the university's spring commencement ceremony held May 14, 2010, in Lane Stadium.

❖ **Jason De la Pena** of Alexandria received a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering degree in chemical engineering from the College of Engineering.

❖ **Paul Mederos** of Alexandria received a Bachelor of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

❖ **Hiwot Tefera** of Alexandria received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree in civil engineering from the College of Engineering.

❖ **Vinh Trinh** of Alexandria received a Bachelor of Science degree magna cum laude in biological sciences from the College of Science.

❖ **Jose Umanzor-Alvarez** of Alex

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\$625,000
Yacht Haven-Near River!
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6515
Princeton Dr
\$795,000
Classic Colonial - Near Old Town!
Spacious home in Belle Haven area. Center hall colonial features open kit w/SS appliances and granite counters, large room sizes, 3 fin levels, 4BRs & 2 car gar. Formal living and dining rooms, family room off breakfast area. Prime "close-in" location. Two tiered deck and seasonal river views.

1702
Cool Spring Dr
\$569,000
New Home Features- Re-Sale Price!
Unique Opportunity! Total renovation in popular Ft. Hunt area. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home has been stripped to bare walls by leading custom builder. Everything is brand new: chef's kitchen with custom 42" cabinets, granite counters, luxury baths, gorgeous hardwood floors, upgraded trim detail. Feels like new home at half the price!

4712 NEPTUNE DR
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\$1,395,000
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5904 MT EAGLE DR
#910 Montebello
\$ 365,000
Beautiful river view but don't miss this 2BR, 2BA condo - Brazilian cherry h/w, terra cotta tile on the enclosed balcony fl, or new kit appl. Amenities: indoor & outdoor pools, tennis, bowling, cafe & bar, fitness - shuttle to Metro.

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NEW PRICE

9316 Heather Glen Dr \$650,000
Price Slashed! Large Colonial!
The most house for the money in area! 3 level, 4BR, 2 car garage colonial with the most spectacular family room addition you will ever find! Curved all glass walls and screen porch overlook fabulous custom pool. Originally priced in the \$800's. Owner wants immediate sale and has slashed the price accordingly!

7115
Colgate Dr
\$755,000
Updated and Expanded!
Expanded colonial in prime location just minutes from Old Town. Many fabulous features include: exceptionally large room sizes, first floor family room, updated custom kitchen and baths, finished lower level and expanded master suite with luxury bath and cavernous walk-in closets. Stunning custom sunroom overlooks gorgeous pool and grounds. Uniquely fabulous home.

8709
Gateshead Rd
\$579,500
Spacious Colonial-Gorgeous Setting!
Classic center hall colonial in uniquely beautiful setting. This exceptionally well maintained home is in "move-in" condition. Popular floor plan with open kitchen-family room, 4BR, including private suite. Fin walk-out lower level. Updated kitchen with granite countertops and custom cabinetry. Other features include covered parking for 2 & screened porch overlooking parkland.

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

6423 15th ST
New Alexandria
\$ 649,900
BEAUTIFULLY updated colonial on large private lot. Gourmet kitchen with granite counters, wine refrigerator, huge family room with built-in bookcases, 2 fireplaces, patio, hardwood floors and custom trim & moldings throughout. Appointment only!

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6104 EDGEWOOD TERRACE / Alex
\$ 1,275,000
Classic Belle Haven center hall colonial handsomely updated for today's lifestyle. Kitchen opens to family rm adjacent to screened porch. 2FP, hwdws on 3 floors, above grade LL w/BR, FBA, separate laundry & FR w/French doors leading to loggia. Mstr suite has spaBA, w-in closet. Overlooks parkland.

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Wonderfully appointed, light, bright 4BR / 3.5BA immaculately maintained TH! Spacious gourmet kitchen w/center island, brand new carpet, deck, brick patio. 3,000+ sq ft. Just minutes to Old Town, National Airport, Del Ray, Potomac Yards & less than 1 mile to the Braddock Metro!

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3618
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\$859,900
Stately Colonial-Prime Location!
Stately COLONIAL-PRIME LOCATION! Exciting new listing, classic colonial with updated modern floor plan. High ceilings, 3 finished levels, bright, open floor plan, gourmet kitchen, stunning master suite. THIS HOME HAS IT ALL! Fabulous location at the end of quiet cul-de-sac with gorgeous level, fenced yard with irrigation system. Nothing like it on the market at this price!

New Home-Creekside Location!
8826 Camden St \$874,900
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OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

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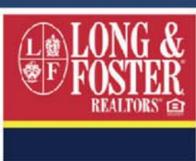
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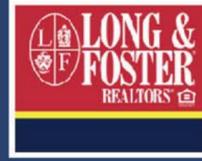
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U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) hugs his wife Cathy.



'I would rather be out here with you, than watching the monitors in my office,' Republican Keith Fimian tells the crowd at his election night party at the Mason Inn Hotel in Fairfax.

Connolly Ends Night Leading 11th District Race

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shootings.

Fimian had said some victims' deaths might have been avoided if some students had been "packing heat," a reference to carrying a firearm on campus. He later apologized for the comment, saying it was a poor choice of words.

But Roberson, who was a freshman at university where shootings took place, was already angry at the candidate.

"I heard some comments that one of the candidates made about Virginia Tech, and I decided to come and vote for the other guy. I am fairly anti-gun" said Roberson, who does not typically vote in lower profile elections, such as this year's race.

Roberson found out about Fimian's gaffe on the local news, though U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly's (D-11) supporters also seized on the Republican's misstep to take one final swipe at Fimian. Just a few days before the election, a group advocating gun control from outside Virginia starting running television spots featuring family members of Virginia Tech victim and Westfield High School graduate Reema Samaha, highlighting Fimian's "packing heat" comment.

SUCH MISTAKES could have made a big difference in a political race that remained too close to officially call the day after the polls closed. With all voting precincts reporting by the middle of the day Nov. 3, Connolly led Fimian with 111,515 votes to 110,684 votes, a slim margin of 821 ballots.

Virginia law entitles the Fimian campaign, which trails Connolly by half a percentage point, to a state-sponsored recount, though it is unclear if the campaign would pursue that option.

Connolly gave a victory speech on election night but Fimian did not concede the race, opting to wait for a review of the ballots that would take place on the day fol-

lowing the election.

CONNOLLY, a freshman incumbent on Capitol Hill, served 14 years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors before moving to the U.S. House of Representatives. In 2003 and 2007, he won countywide races for Fairfax's chairman seat by wide margins and was widely thought of the leader of the local Democratic Party and a popular elected official that appealed to Independent and moderate Republican voters.

When he first ran for Congress two years ago, the Democrat beat Fimian by more than 10 percentage points. Despite the negative climate for Democrats overall, several political observers were surprised to see the race between the candidates had gotten so close in the days before the election. Many political activists in both parties had assumed Connolly would win the seat by a wider margin.

"It was getting closer than we thought it would be. The Cook Report had labeled it as a toss up this weekend," said Rex Simmons, chair of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee.

Like Fimian, the Democrat had also taken hits in television advertisements funded by outside political groups over the last two weeks. Connolly said the negative television spots, in addition to an anti-incumbent and anti-Democratic sentiment among the electorate, had taken a toll on the campaign and diminished his lead in the days leading up to the election.

"Nobody had said this was going to be easy. ... But the voters have spoken and the voters have chosen a moderate, pragmatic voice," said Connolly, in his election night speech.

The Democrat said he heard a "loud and clear" message from his constituents about focusing on the economic growth in Northern Virginia. In an interview, he said he

11th Congressional District Results

The Virginia State Board of Elections published the following the "unofficial" results of the Nov. 2 election in the commonwealth's 11th Congressional District the day after voting took place.

Candidate	Connolly (Democrat)	Fimian (Republican)	Chris DeCarlo (Independent)	David Dotson (Libertarian)	David William Gillis (Independent Green)
11th Congressional District	111,515 (49.2)	110,684 (48.8)	1,838 (0.8)	1,381 (0.6)	959 (0.4)
Prince William County	31,792 (46.1)	35,764 (51.6)	645 (0.9)	431 (0.6)	368 (0.5)
Fairfax County	75,986 (50.5)	71,579 (47.6)	1,127 (0.6)	878 (0.6)	550 (0.4)
City of Fairfax	3,557 (50.1)	3,351 (47.2)	66 (0.9)	72 (1.0)	41 (0.6)
Braddock	16,833	14,798	6	6	3
Hunter Mill	3,994	3,262	51	48	20
Lee	2,246	1,877	38	28	25
Mason	7,055	5,176	93	80	64
Mount Vernon	10,720	9,338	158	90	68
Providence	10,764	9,047	165	132	85
Springfield	14,733	18,317	231	201	106
Sully	3,948	4,192	59	44	42

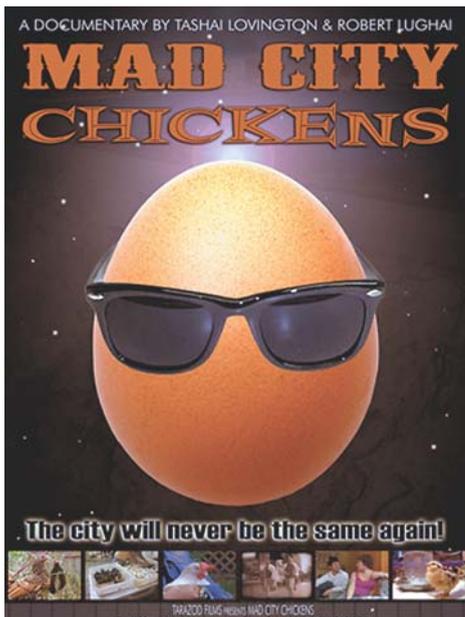


U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) is surrounded by well-wishers after he leaves the stage. Saba Shami, president of the New Dominion Political Action Committee congratulates Connolly on his victory.

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Mad City Chickens

Alexandria Film Festival Opens Nov. 4

Free opening night reception at Torpedo Factory Art Center in Old Town Alexandria.

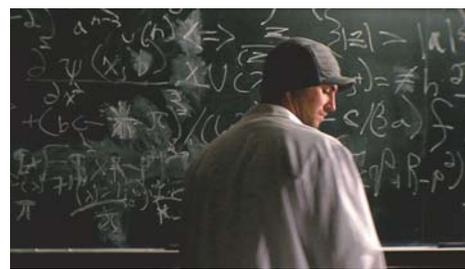
The fourth annual Alexandria Film Festival — a tribute to cinematic art, featuring emerging and established filmmakers from all over the world will be held on Thursday, Nov. 4 through Sunday, Nov. 7 in and around Alexandria.

More than 100 high-quality, independent, short and feature length films, documentaries, animation and narrative entries were submitted this year — some from as far away as Spain and India.

Opening at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 Union St., on Thursday, Nov. 4, the 2010 Film Festival exhibits both curated and juried films ranging in length from 5 minutes to 2 hours, covering a wide range of subject matter. This year, the Alexandria Film Festival's Program and Executive Committees selected over 35 films to be shown.

Opening night features the Washington, D.C., premiere of "Griefwalker" and "Ride the Divide." Following each screening, the filmmakers and Stephen Jenkinson, who will talk about his revolutionary approach to grief and our understanding of death, will be in attendance to discuss their films.

"Griefwalker," is a feature-length documentary by the award-winning filmmaker Tim Wilson, who set his lens on his friend



Finding Time

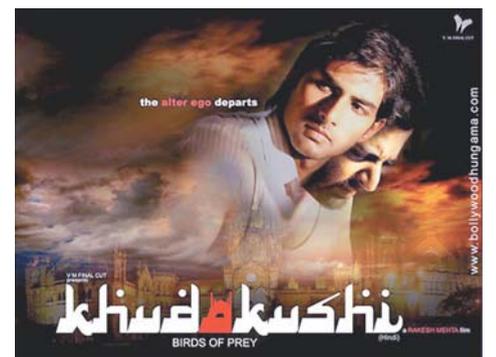


Two Hours in the Dark

Stephen Jenkinson, a Harvard educated theologian and one of Canada's leading palliative care educators. Jenkinson, who travels throughout Canada providing grief counseling, believes that in order to love life, we need to love death.

"Ride the Divide," directed by cinematographer Hunter Weeks, is a visually stunning film about a 2,700-mile mountain bike race through the entire Rocky Mountain range weaving three characters' experiences with immense mountain beauty and small town culture as they all attempt to pedal from Banff, Canada, to the Mexican border.

"Leading Ladies" will make its premiere with the exuberant story of a family of ball-



Khudakushi



Virtuoso

room dancers who 'let love lead' to what they are each meant to be. The film offers extraordinary dancing by three stars that will be on hand after the screening on Friday, Nov. 5, to give a live demonstration of an art form at the pinnacle of its popularity.

Top films will be honored with cash awards in the following categories: The Jury Prize, The Audience Award and the Best of Fest Award.

For a complete schedule of Film Festival activities, including opening night reception, special events, film screenings, ticket information and festival locations, visit www.AlexandriaFilm.org.

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1 p.m.					SHOWCASE A 1:00 p.m. Race to Nowhere Special guest: Vicki Abeles	SHOWCASE A 1:00 p.m. Voices in the Clouds Special guest: Aaron Hosé	SHOWCASE A 1:00 p.m. My Tale of Two Cities Special guest: Stephanie Dangel Reiter		1 p.m.
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3 p.m.					SHOWCASE B 3:00 p.m. Jaffa	SHOWCASE B 3:00 p.m. Griefwalker second screening	SHOWCASE B 3:00 p.m. Letter Home 3:10 p.m. Home from the War: The Voices of Vietnam		3 p.m.
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4:30 p.m.						SHOWCASE C 4:30 p.m. Faubourg Tremé: The Untold Story of Black New Orleans	SHOWCASE C 4:10 p.m. The Desperate 4:30 p.m. Faubourg Tremé: The Untold Story of Black New Orleans	SHOWCASE A 4:00 p.m. The Killing of Mary Surratt 5:00 p.m. The Smallest Thing 5:05 p.m. Kings 5:15 p.m. Threads	FOOD & FILM DAY 4:00 p.m. Food and Chef Demonstrations
5 p.m.					SHOWCASE C 5:00 p.m. Grass Roots Special guest: Joe Cantwell		SHOWCASE C 5:00 p.m. Up Under the Roof 5:20 p.m. Examined Life		5 p.m.
5:30 p.m.						SHOWCASE D 6:00 p.m. Living Downstream			5:30 p.m.
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6:30 p.m.	6:00-9:00 p.m. OPENING NIGHT PARTY								6:30 p.m.
7 p.m.	TORPEDO FACTORY ART CENTER				SHOWCASE D 7:00 p.m. The River Why Special program: Project Healing Waters		SHOWCASE D 7:00 p.m. Kavi 7:20 p.m. Khudakushi— Birds of Prey	SHOWCASE B 6:15 p.m. Virtuoso: The Olga Samaroff Story Special guest: Pianist Sara Sherman	7 p.m.
7:30 p.m.	FREE	CONVERGENCE 7:30 p.m. Griefwalker Special guest: Stephen Jenkinson	AMC HOFFMAN THEATRE 20-22 7:00 p.m. Leading Ladies Special guests: Melanie LaPatin, Benji Schwimmer, Laurel Vail Dancing with the stars at the after-party at Yves' Bistro— just steps from the theatre	ATHENAEUM SERIES 7:00 p.m. Lift 7:10 p.m. Finding Time 7:40 p.m. Caoineadh (Lament) 7:47 p.m. A Joke					7:30 p.m.
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9:30 p.m.	OLD TOWN THEATRE 9:30 p.m. Ride the Divide Special guest: Joe Cantwell				SHOWCASE E 9:15 p.m. L'Affaire Farewell	SHOWCASE F 9:15 p.m. Meisjes (The Over the Hill Band)	SHOWCASE E 8:45 p.m. Bodhisattva Special guest: San Banarje 10:30 p.m. Workhorse 10:45 Leka med Dockor (An Affair with Dolls)		9:30 p.m.
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THE FILMS

- "A Joke"
- "Bodhisattva"
- "Caoineadh Lament"
- "Corner Plot"
- "Examined Life"
- "Faubourg Tremé"
- "Finding Time"
- "Fred and Vinnie"
- "Grass Roots"
- "Griefwalker"
- "Home from the War: The Voices of Vietnam"
- "Jaffa"
- "Kavi"
- "Khudakushi - Birds of Prey"
- "Kings"
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- "Ride the Divide"
- "Steamboat Bill, Jr."
- "The Cycle"
- "The Desperate"
- "The Killing of Mary Surratt"
- "The River Why"
- "The Smallest Thing"
- "Threads"
- "Two Hours in the Dark"
- "Una Caja de Botones "A Box of Buttons"
- "Up Under the Roof"
- "Virtuoso the Olga Samaroff Story"
- "Voices in the Clouds"
- "Workhorse"



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ENTERTAINMENT

Actors to Appear at 'Fred And Vinnie' Screening

Fred and Vinnie," a 90-minute comedy by Director Steve Skrovan (former stand-up comedian and writer for the CBS sitcom "Everybody Loves Raymond" and NBC's "Seinfeld") will make its East Coast premiere at the Alexandria Film Festival on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 7:15 p.m.

Following the screening, actor and comedian Fred Stoller will host a Q & A session with the audience and share what went on behind the scenes during the making of the film about "Vinnie," a happy agoraphobic who lives vicariously through "Fred," his quirky friend.

Fred Stoller ("Fred") has appeared on countless sitcoms, most notably as Ray's mopey cousin on "Everybody Loves Raymond," as Elaine's forgetful date on "Seinfeld," and as Monica's bossy co-worker on "Friends." In feature films, he was the annoying guy who gets punched through the phone booth in "Dumb and Dumber," the moronic referee in "Rebound," and a doting dad in "Little Man." In animation, Fred could be heard as Steve the Tree on Nickelodeon's "Oswald," Stenographer Fred on ABC's "Science Court," as Rusty the monkey wrench on Disney's "Handy Manny," and as Chuck The Evil Sandwich



Fred Stoller will be at the screening of "Fred & Vinnie" on Saturday, Nov. 6 at the AMC Hoffman Theatre at 7:15 p.m.

Making Guy on PBS's "WordGirl." As a stand-up comedian, Fred appeared on HBO, "The Tonight Show," and "Late Night with David Letterman." Fred was a staff writer for "Seinfeld" and has also written for "Handy Manny" and National Lampoon magazine.

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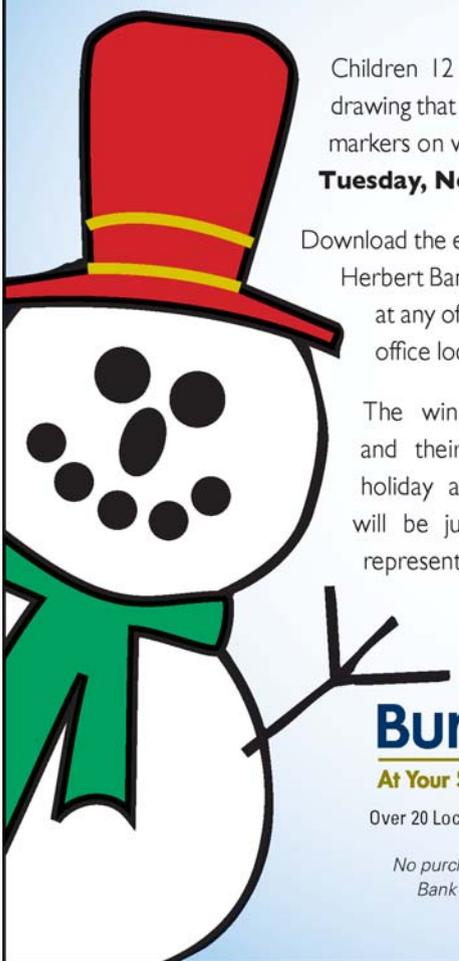
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THURSDAY/NOV. 4

Alexandria Film Festival Opens. More than 35 films covering a wide range of subjects will be shown throughout the city from Nov. 4-7. Opening night reception at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 Union Street, Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.AlexandriaFilm.org.

Cello Recital. 7:30 p.m. Cellist Wesley Baldwin will perform works by J.S. Bach, Alfredo Piatti, Alan Schulman and Benjamin Britten. At Pendleton Hall, Ainslie Arts Center, Episcopal High School, 3900 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Call 703-933-4135 or visit www.episcopalhighschool.org.

Slave Quarters Reopened. 10:30 a.m. Mount Vernon will open its newly refurbished slave quarters with a brief presentation on the history of the site and a grand re-opening ceremony. Mount Vernon is located at the south end of the George Washington Parkway.

NOV. 4-7

Historic Alexandria Foundation Antiques Show. At the George Washington National Masonic Memorial. Show hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 5; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 7. The Grand Masonic Hall, on the ground floor of the building, will house 25 top antiques dealers and their wares. A gala Preview Party will be Thursday evening. A more casual celebration is Saturday evening. Organized by Armacost Antiques. Visit www.historicalexandriafoundation.org or info@historicalexandriafoundation.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 5

Homeschool Day at Mount Vernon. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mount Vernon invites homeschoolers to experience 18th-century plantation life. Special rates for homeschool families: \$7 for homeschool students (age 6-18); \$10 for adults; free for children 5 and under.

World Community Day. 10 a.m. Church Women United World Community Day, an ecumenical service sponsored by the local Church Women United unit serving Alexandria/Annandale/Burke/Lorton/Springfield/Woodbridge. This will be a round-table discussion on economic injustices with discussion on how each one of us can play a vital role in improving the situation one person at a time. At Lincolnia UMC, 6335 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria. Call 703-451-6830.

NOV. 4-6

Duncan Book Sale. The Duncan Branch Library will be holding book sales on Thursday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At the Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705.

NOV. 5-7

Holiday Open House. Red Barn Mercantile will unveil its 2010 selection of ornaments, decorations and gifts. There will also be a gift for every customer on the Tree. At Red Barn Mercantile, 113 S. Columbus St., Old Town Alexandria. Store hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Visit RedBarnMercantile.com.

SATURDAY/NOV. 6

"Our Town." 7:30 p.m. The drama department of St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School is performing "Our Town." Tickets are \$5. At St. Stephen's & St. Agnes Upper School Performing Arts Center, 1000 St. Stephen's Road, Alexandria. Visit www.sssas.org.

Honey Tasting Party. 10:30 a.m. to noon. Sample a diverse selection of single varieties and blends, from light to dark and mild to strong. Cost is \$22/person. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. To register, call 703-222-4664 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktastes.



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Diane Linton Sams, James McDaniel and David James star in the Port City Playhouse production of "Rashomon."

NOV. 5-7

"Rashomon." Port City Playhouse presents an adaptation of the classical Japanese drama about a crime told from the different perspectives of the people involved. Fri.-Sat., Nov. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 and 20; Tues., Nov. 16; Sun., Nov. 14 and 21. Friday, Saturday and Tuesday shows at 8 p.m.; Sunday shows at 3 p.m. The LAB Studio Theatre at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-838-2880 or www.portcityplayhouse.com. \$18 general admission, \$16 seniors & students, \$14 groups of 10+.

The Vices That Made Virginia. 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$125. Oysters, bourbon, cigars, Bluegrass, beer, wine and more. Fundraiser for the Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food & Agriculture at Woodlawn, a new nonprofit organization created to help bridge the farm-to-consumer gap and Woodlawn, Arcadia's home. At Woodlawn, 9000 Richmond Highway (Route 1), Alexandria. Visit www.arcadiafood.org. Contact Bonnie Moore at Bonnie@mooredc.com or by calling 202-258-3297.

Choral Concert. 7:30 p.m. The Friends of Music of St. Luke's Episcopal Church will present a choral concert by the Countertop Ensemble. The program, entitled "From Darkness to Light," will feature choral melodies and seasonal songs by Tallis, Bach, Holst, Rheinberger, Byrd and Willcocks. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, \$10 for students. At 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria; call 703-765-4342.

Franconia History Day. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Annual History Day program sponsored by the Franconia Museum will honor residents of the area who were killed in the Vietnam War as part of a program recognizing all veterans. At the Franconia Volunteer Fire Department, 6300 Beulah Street, off Franconia Road.

Church Yard Sale. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain date is Nov. 13. Tables are available for \$15. Crafters are welcome. Sponsored by the Presbyterian Women of Fairlington Presbyterian Church. 80 percent of proceeds go to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund and others to build permanent housing in Haiti. At Fairlington Presbyterian Church, 3846 King Street, Alexandria.

Total Woman Makeover. 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Learn about healthy living, finances, interviewing techniques, business etiquette, make-up and domestic violence; hear from a life coach and be inspired by an ovarian cancer survivor. Cost is \$30. At 100 S. Reynolds Street, Alexandria. Visit: www.totalwomanmakeover.eventbrite.com

Fall Modern Dance Concert. 7 p.m. The Choreographers Collaboration Project presents works-in-progress and improvisation that explore chance, play, risk, spontaneity and

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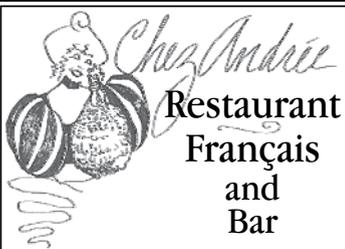
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Soldier-Led Walking Tours. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. A guide in the period uniform of a Union soldier will conduct the tours. At Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 West Braddock Road in Alexandria. Call 703-746-4848 or visit www.fortward.org.

Copland and Mendelssohn. 8 p.m. Featuring Jenny Oaks Baker, violin. Part of the Norway Comes to Washington Festival sponsored by the Embassy of Norway. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, NVCC, Alexandria campus, 3001 north Beauregard St., Alexandria.

Cocker Spaniel Adoption Show. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come meet cockers of all ages available for adoption. All dogs are spayed or neutered. Visit www.cockerspanielrescue.com. At Alexandria/ Hybla Valley Petsmart, 7690 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria. Call 703-533-2373.

Alexandria Art Market. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A variety of original artwork from over 20 artists will be displayed for sale including painting, photography, pottery, jewelry, and glasswork. At the Nicholas A. Colasanto Park, adjoining the Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria (corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Mount Vernon Avenue). Contact Kimberley Bush at 703-627-7656 or email DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com.

Author Kathleen Searles Ermini. 3 to 5 p.m. Will be signing her book, *Their Shadows Remain*. At Grounded Coffee Shop, 6919 Telegraph Road, Alexandria.

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SATURDAY/NOV. 6

Swordsmen's Rendezvous. 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Re-enactment of 18th-century swordplay, a display and discussion of 18th-century weapons, and audience participation as you practice your newfound talents. Admission is \$6/person. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum at 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

p.m. Free. Michael Lee Pope, author of *Ghosts of Alexandria*; George Kundahl, author of *Bravest of the Brave: Correspondence of Stephen Dodson Ramsauer*; and Barb Winters will discuss her upcoming book, *Letters from Virginia*. At the Alexandria Library, 717 Queen St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1706.

SUNDAY/NOV. 7

Christ Church Gift Shop Annual Birthday Bash. 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Get a head start on your holiday shopping at the Christ Church Gift Shop Birthday Bash. Browse a selection Christmas decorations, hand crafted jewelry, books, food items and gifts. All proceeds go to outreach ministries, both local and abroad. At Meade Room at Christ Church, 118 N. Washington St. 703-549-1450.

MONDAY/NOV 8

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TUESDAY/NOV 9

Quilt Auction and Bake Sale. 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Mount Vernon Quilters Unlimited. Completed quilts, wall hangings, table covers, totes; fabric, quilting projects, and gift items will be sold at Silent, Live, and Other Auctions, as well as at a fixed-price table. The event also features a bake sale. MVQU meets at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Contact: MVQUPresident@gmail.com

"Making Friends with Change." 7 p.m. Author and certified astrological professional Dianne Eppler gives tips for not only surviving in turbulent times, but thriving while creating a joy-filled life. At Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St., Alexandria. Sponsored by AHA! At Home in Alexandria. Call Margaret French 703-549-0266.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 10

Author Talk: Creativity and Madness. 7:30 p.m. Free. Talk by Betty Kuehnle to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the death of Leo Tolstoy. Sponsored by the Friends of Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705 or visit online at www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

Women's Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$17/person. "Hate To Change Purses?" Chris Francone will demonstrate how to give your purse a daily facelift. At the Springfield Golf & Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Luncheon and complementary childcare reservations must be made by Friday, Nov. 5, to 703-590-6562 or email to SpringWmConn@yahoo.com.

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. DJ Dance Party with DJ Dabe Murphy. At Nick's Nightclub, 641 South Pickett Street, Alexandria.

Free Group Vocal Lessons. Potomac Harmony Chorus, Sweet Adelines International, invites you to attend four free group vocal lessons conducted by Ozzi Mask, Master Director of Potomac Harmony. Lessons will be held at 7 p.m. on Nov. 10, 17, 22 and Dec. 1. At the Hermitage in Northern Virginia, 5000 Fairbanks Avenue, Alexandria. Call 703-764-3896. Visit www.potomacharmony.org

THURSDAY/NOV. 11

Bringing Native Plants and Wildlife into the Managed Landscape. 7:30 p.m. Cliff Fairweather, a naturalist for the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia, will give a presentation on creating wildlife habitats at home. At Green spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173.

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These youths, reviewing election results on a laptop, are part of 'Generation Joshua' an 'issue-based' pro-life/pro-family organization that helps youths get involved in politics by matching them up with candidates. This group of 50, from as far away as Front Royal and Chesapeake, came into the area on Thursday, Oct. 28 and hit the ground running. They stayed at a hotel in Fairfax, assisted by the Fimian campaign. While they were here, they worked 13-14 hours days, visiting thousands of houses during the day and then retuning to the call center to make thousands of calls. They called at least 5 percent of all voters in the 11th Congressional District each day they were here. They made between 20,000-25,000 calls. Pictured in no particular order are: Ryan McDonald (Chesapeake), David Garber (Leesburg), Caleb Notheis (Marshall), Alec Millar (Manassas), Krista Kruse (Richmond), Elissa Kruse (Richmond), Anna Stockton (Front Royal), Kaitlyn Stockton (Front Royal), Jonathan Ellison (Front Royal), Jessica Stockton (Front Royal), Sarah Ellison (Front Royal), Rebecca Hubbard (Richmond).

Fimian supporters gathered in the ballroom of the Mason Inn Hotel to watch the election returns projected on a big screen. When the Republicans won or even took over a seat, the crowd went wild. In the middle, holding the Fimian sign is Roger C. Easton III. He is a senior at George Mason University and he interned with the Fimian campaign. He said the experience was both rewarding and enlightening. He felt that he worked on legislation that would positively affect his generation and he was thrilled to discover how 'tuned-in' voters were during this campaign.

In 11th District Race

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planned to turn his attention toward the U.S. Department of Defense's plans to cut back on government contracting, which several business leaders in Northern Virginia said could cost the region thousands of jobs.

"I want to foster and grow this local economy which is the envy of the rest of the country and that was built in partnership with the federal government," said the congressman.

ON A DAY when several Democratic incumbents lost elections around the country, Connolly's long record as an effective

local government leader in Fairfax County may have helped him draw more votes than his Republican opponent, said Democratic activists.

"I was looking for experience. He has a sense of what people want and need," said Springfield resident Mary Anne Ericson of Connolly.

The congressman fared much better with Fairfax voters, who make up two-thirds of the 11th Congressional District, than Prince William County voters.

The Democrat won Fairfax with 50.5 percent of the vote to Fimian's 47.6 percent of the vote. But Fimian beat Connolly in Prince William, garnering 51.6 percent of the votes

to Connolly's 46.1 percent.

"Gerry is a known quantity, especially in Fairfax County," said Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large).

An unusually strong turnout in Fairfax may also have benefited Connolly. Approximately 51 percent of all active Fairfax County voters, who were more likely to vote for the Democrat, showed up at the polls compared to just 45 percent of active voters in Prince William County, who tend to vote more for conservative candidates.

"Thirty-five percent of registered voters had come in by noon, which is great. Only presidential elections get this type of turnout," said Adina Horvarth, an election offi-

cial at the Mantua precinct in Fairfax.

During a similar election cycle in 1997, when the only candidates on the ballot were local congressmen, Fairfax voters turned out at a much lower rate of 40 percent, according to county election records.

But knowing that this would be a close election, both political parties made a significant effort to drive potential voters to the polls.

"I was deluged by parties interested in my participation in the process, more so than the presidential election. It was almost a nuisance really," said Darphaus Mitchell, who voted at Orange Hunt Elementary School.

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Harmony Heritage Singers. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If a senior choral singer, the Barbershop Chorus, Mt. Vernon Chapter is looking for a few good singers. The group rehearses twice a month on Wednesdays or Fridays at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. The schedule can be found at hhsingers.org or by calling: James Coulter, membership V.P. at 703-957-4597 or 703-615-4141 (cell) or by e-mail jnrcoulter@comcast.net.

SATURDAY/NOV. 6

Forum on Immigration. 1 to 5 p.m. Lincolnia United Methodist Church, 6335 Little River Turnpike at Lincoln Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-370-2558; mdakita@comcast.net or www.lincolniaumc.org.

SUNDAY/NOV. 7

Legislative Preview. 2 p.m. Virginia Interfaith Center Northern Virginia Chapter presents the annual Legislative Preview of January 2011 Virginia General Assembly. At Church of St. Clement, 1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria; mvertrees@stcharleschurch.org.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 10

Alexandria NAMI/FOCUS Family Support Group. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For the families of those suffering from Bi Polar Disorder, Schizophrenia, or Manic Depression. Meetings are free and open to families and friends of the mentally ill seeking information and dialog on how to best help their family member and themselves. Meets at First Christian Church, 2723 King Street (next to Woodbine), Alexandria.

Diabetes Awareness. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Inova Mount Vernon Hospital will host a Town Hall Meeting and will discuss diabetes self-management, preventing diabetic wounds, and managing medication. At the Engh Conference Room, Inova Mount Vernon Hospital. To register, call 703-750-8800.

Winning Army Contracts. 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$25/before Nov. 5; \$35/after. An expert

panel of U.S. Army Procurement officials will speak. At the Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Contact the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce at 703-360-6925 or make reservations at www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org.

Open House. St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, 4401 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, will offer a Middle School Open House for prospective parents of students entering Grades 6 - 8. Parents interested in having their children attend SSSAS are welcome to meet faculty and staff, and get a glimpse of what a typical school day is like for students. Call 703-212-2706.

THURSDAY/NOV. 11

Political Discussion. 5:30 to 7 p.m. Ayse Zarakol, assistant professor of politics, Washington and Lee University, will present "After Defeat: How the East Learned to Live with the West (Case Studies from Turkey, Japan, and Russia)." At the Virginia Tech Alexandria Center, 1021 Prince Street, Room 305. Contact Ralph Buehler, 703-706-8104, or ralphbu@vt.edu.

Free Flu Vaccines. 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Only injectable vaccine will be available at this event at T.C. Williams High School. Read more at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/news2011/>

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Caregiver Conference: "Chicken Soup for the Caregiver's Soul." 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Features LeAnn Thieman, co-author of 10 Chicken Soup books, including "Chicken Soup for the Caregiver's Soul First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King Street, Alexandria. Register online or call Fairfax County Department of Family Services' Fairfax Area Agency on Aging, 703-324-7839, TTY 711. \$25 registration fee covers breakfast and lunch.

SATURDAY/NOV. 13

Women's Health Expo. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet with the region's leading health professionals in breast care, reproductive health and other women's issues and receive free screenings. At Inova Alexandria Hospital, 4320 Seminary Road, Alexandria. To register, call 703-750-8800, or visit www.inova.org/events.

TUESDAY/NOV. 16

Lupus Support. 7 p.m. Free. The session is led by a trained professional who understands the challenges of lupus. At Beatley Library, Small Conference Meeting Room, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Call 202-349-1176 or 1-888-349-1167 or e-mail info@lupusdmv.org.

The Other Election

Presidential contest from 150 years ago inaugurates sesquicentennial events.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

In many ways, the Civil War sesquicentennial officially launched this week with the 150th anniversary of the election of Abraham Lincoln. Because the hotly debated presidential election of 1860 prompted the South to secede, the sesquicentennial has officially commended — inaugurating a long list of events commemorating the anniversary of a war that continues to divide. This holiday season alone, the region will be filled with commemorative events and activities for people to get a slice of the 1860s.

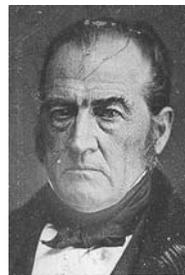
Some events have already documented the coming days of the Civil War, such as the reenactment of abolitionist John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry. Then there were tours of Old Town Manassas that explained the importance of the railroad junction. Last month, the National Park Service hosted an event at the Arlington House featuring four stump speakers representing the four presidential candidates who were part of the wild election of 1860.

"Lincoln won in a landslide," said Park Ranger Donna Cuttone. "We think it was the best turnout we've ever had for an evening program."

Clearly, people are interested in the Civil War. But the popularity of Lincoln is a bit of an anachronism. Lincoln came in dead last in Alexandria City, Fairfax County and Arlington, which was then known as Alexandria County or "the country part of Alexandria." Lincoln, a former congressman from Illinois was extremely unpopular in the South. Consider how one South Carolina newspaper described the man whose election sparked a war between the states:

"A horrid looking wretch he is," declared the Charleston Mercury, "sooty and scoundrelly in aspect, a cross between the nutmeg dealer, the horse swapper, and the night man — a creature fit evidently for petty treason, small stratagems and all sorts of spoils."

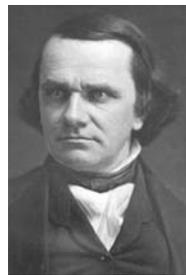
THE ELECTION OF 1860 was one for the ages. It featured a divided Democratic



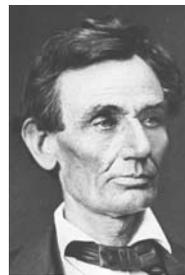
John Bell



John Breckinridge



Stephen Douglas



Abraham Lincoln

Party, which ran different candidates in the North and South plus a third-party candidate pledging unity at all costs. Then there was the newly formed Republican Party and its controversial candidate Abraham Lincoln. All of this came in the wake of the disastrous Supreme Court decision that gave a green light to slavery, angering the Republicans and splitting the Democrats along sectional lines.

"The presidential election in Fairfax was more exciting in 1860 than any other in recent memory," declared a 1970s-era historian of Fairfax County. "Excitement did not abate after the election and the news of Lincoln's victory."

Here in Northern Virginia, the winning candidate was former House Speaker John Bell. His supporters flooded the streets of Northern Virginia ringing bells of all shape and size, campaigning on unity at all costs. Bell stood for election as a candidate from the Constitutional Union Party, a group of former Whigs who held a convention in Baltimore. He narrowly edged out Vice President John Breckinridge, the Democrat's nominee from the Southern faction of the party.

"In November, Bell carried Alexandria County as well as Fairfax and Loudoun Counties, indicating how strong Union sentiment was in this area," wrote Arlington historian C.B. Rose Jr. "But sentiment shifted abruptly when President Lincoln issued a call for men to serve in the armed forces after the attack on Fort Sumter."

SECTIONAL DIFFERENCES over slavery dominated the presidential campaign in 1860. The Democrats convened in Charles-

ton for their convention, but adjourned without picking a candidate when Northern and Southern factions could not agree on the question of slavery. The Northern Democrats reconvened in Baltimore and nominated Sen. Stephen Douglas (D-Ill.), who campaigned on supporting popular sovereignty for slavery. Southern Democrats demanded a platform calling for federal protection of slavery, eventually nominating John Breckinridge of Kentucky.

"The Breckinridge Democracy of the city turned out in full force last night," according to the Sept. 10, 1860 edition of the Alexandria Gazette. "Music was on the ground, rockets sent up, and a small cannon fired. On each side of the stand, a bonfire was kindled, making the scene quite animated and picturesque."

All over Northern Virginia, supporters of the various candidates erected Breckinridge poles, Douglas poles and Bell poles. One Falls Church Yankee raised a Lincoln pole, but it was quickly knocked down. Support for Bell was strong in Northern Virginia, indicating that the region was strongly committed to staving off the breakup of the Union at all costs. A series of well-attended rallies led up to Election Day.

"The Union men of Alexandria made the most imposing demonstration last night, which has ever taken place in this city," the Alexandria Gazette reported on Sept. 27. "If there has ever been a doubt of the intense enthusiasm which the Union cause and its candidates have created in this good Old Town, that doubt must have been dissipated by the outpouring of popular sentiment witnessed upon our streets last night."

1860 Election Returns

ALEXANDRIA

- ❖ Bell: 911
- ❖ Breckinridge: 619
- ❖ Douglas: 138
- ❖ Lincoln: 2

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- ❖ Bell: 101
- ❖ Breckinridge: 46
- ❖ Lincoln: 14
- ❖ Douglas: 3

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- ❖ Bell: 692
- ❖ Breckinridge: 685
- ❖ Douglas: 91
- ❖ Lincoln: 24

AFTER THE ELECTION, rumors of slave insurrections began spreading like wildfire. Slave-watching patrols were created at Langley, Frying Pan, Sanster's Station, Centreville and Fairfax Courthouse. Then, just before Christmas, word spread of South Carolina's decision to secede from the Union. By January, Virginia Gov. John Letcher was forced to call for an election of delegates for a convention to decide whether or not Virginia should secede from the United States.

That opened the way for yet another election, this one putting the question of secession directly to the voters of Virginia. And because elections in these days were done in a public court hearing, threats and bullying became the coin of the realm. According to a special commission convened after the war to determine claims for compensation by slaves freed as the property of supposed Confederate sympathizers, several Northern Virginia residents fell victim to voter intimidation during the special election in May.

Smith Minor said he had been induced to vote for the ordinance because he believed "all who voted against the ordinance were to be run out of the state." George Ott Wunder testified that on the day of the vote, there were armed men at the polls, "who, by threats, endeavored to intimidate and influence the voters."

Upcoming Sesquicentennial Events

Veterans Day Soldier Led Tours Nov. 6 in Alexandria

In recognition of Veterans Day, a Union soldier in period uniform will lead two walking tours of Fort Ward. The 90-minute tour will introduce visitors to the history of the Defenses of Washington, the building and role of Fort Ward, 19th-century fortification engineering, and the troops who were stationed in this area during the Civil War. Walking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing recommended. Tours begin at 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m.

Civil War Living History Nov. 6 in Arlington

Experience a hands-on lesson in Civil War history at historic Fort Ethan Allen Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. History will come alive with historical interpretations and reenactments of Civil War camp life. Children and history buffs of all ages will gain a new appreciation for the hardships faced by soldiers on the battlefield.

Send Me a Pair of Old Boots and Kiss My

Little Girls Nov. 7 in Manassas

Author Jeff Toalson interprets the Civil War Letters of Richard and Mary Watkins as Richard will recall stories from the 300 letters that he and Mary wrote to each other during the conflict. The event will take place at 9101 Prince William Street at 2 p.m.

Both Sides Tour V: West Virginia History Nov. 20 in Franconia

Start the day at 8 a.m. with coffee, donuts at the Franconia Museum. Board a motorcoach for the trip to the local Laurel Grove historic site, then the Jefferson County Museum in Charles Town. Enjoy a buffet lunch at the Hollywood Casino. End the day overlooking Harper's Ferry, the Potomac and the Shenandoah rivers. This event has a \$100 admission charge and begins at 8 a.m.

Christmas in Camp

Dec. 11 in Alexandria, VA
This holiday event interprets how Christmas was observed during the Civil War. The program

features living history interpreters, a Victorian Christmas tree, period music, refreshments, readings of "The Night Before Christmas" and a patriotic Santa Claus. Guided tours of the fort will be offered, weather permitting. Hours and noon to 4 p.m., and suggested donation is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

Civil War Santa Comes to Ben Lomond Dec. 11 and 12 in Manassas

In December 1862 artist Thomas Nast drew one of the earliest images of Santa Claus giving gifts to soldiers. Santa will dust off that old suit he wore back then and make an appearance at Ben Lomond on Saturday Dec. 11 and Sunday, Dec. 12. The Prince William County Garden Council will decorate the house in Victorian style and children will have the opportunity to make decorations to take home. Cost is \$5 per person, although pictures with Santa will be an additional charge. The program will be from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Sunday.

A Civil War Christmas at Leesylvania State Park

Dec. 18 and 19 in Woodbridge
Come to the park's visitor center and talk to Santa, enjoy light refreshments, help decorate the park's Christmas tree and make some 19th century decorations for home. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Civil War Candlelight Tour Dec. 18 in Chantilly

Experience a Civil War Christmas with Confederate soldiers, parlor games and music by Evergreen Shade. Reservations required. Hours are 5 to 7 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for seniors and children.

Civil War Ball Dance Classes

Jan. 13 in Alexandria
In preparation for the Civil War Ball on Jan. 29 at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, learn the waltz, polka, Virginia Reel and more from an expert dance master. The cost is \$12 per class or \$30 for the series of three. Reservations recommended.

PEOPLE



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Members of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital Radiology Imaging Department.

Toast for a Cure

Historic River Farm was the setting Oct. 27 for Toast for a Cure, a wine tasting and silent auction to benefit Inova Mount Vernon Hospital's new Community Education Breast Health Fund.

"Everybody who has early stage breast cancer lives," said Dr. David Weintritt, who co-sponsored the evening with the Inova Breast Care Institute at

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Barney Barnwell, president of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital Auxiliary, and former auxiliary president **Jimmi Barnwell.**

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West Potomac Boys, Girls Win District Titles

Wolverines' depth proves prosperous in Patriot District meet.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

Paul Gates' individual championship helped advance the Woodson boys cross country team to the regional meet by a mere two points over South County. During the girls race, Lake Braddock's Sophie Chase was her usual dominant self, beating the field by 24 seconds.

While there were some standout solo efforts during the Patriot District cross country championship meet on Oct. 28 at Burke Lake Park, the West Potomac boys and girls teams went about their business in a less noticeable fashion — and secured a pair of team titles.

“It just shows how strong our team is [with] the pack running. We might not have a front-runner but we run close as a team.”

— West Potomac senior Benjamin Aleixo

The West Potomac boys scored 56 points, edging Lake Braddock by five. The Wolverines' top finisher, Benjamin Aleixo, placed sixth with a time of 15 minutes, 50 seconds. Marc Lotterie (16:02) finished 10th, Mark Hanak (16:03) placed 11th, Brady Corum (16:03) was 12th and Khoki Berneir (16:29) finished 17th.

SPORTS BRIEFS

West Potomac Loses District Showdown

The West Potomac football team trailed by four at halftime of Friday's battle of Patriot District unbeaten against Lake Braddock, but was outscored 21-0 in the second half during a 42-17 loss at WPHS.

The loss dropped the Wolverines' record to 6-3 overall, 5-1 in the district. West Potomac will close the regular season at Annandale at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 5.

West Potomac and Lake Braddock exchanged passing touchdowns early with the Bruins taking a 21-14 lead in the second



Sarah Underwood was the top individual finisher for the West Potomac girls and boys teams, finishing third.

The West Potomac girls scored 42 points, beating Lake Braddock by 10. Each point-scoring Wolverine harrier finished in the top 15, garnering all-district honors. Sarah Underwood paced West Potomac with a third-place finish, recording a time of 18:27. Dale Lescher (18:42) finished fourth, Colleen Boyle (18:55) was seventh, Sophia Passacantando (19:14) finished 13th and Samantha Miller (19:19) was 15th.

“It's a great honor,” Underwood said. “We worked really hard this season, so we're really glad we pulled it together in the end

quarter. The Wolverines answered a 7-0 deficit with an 80-yard touchdown pass from Daryl Copeland to Jalen Dawson and a 14-7 deficit with a 25-yard scoring toss from Nik Dimitrijevic to Copeland. But Lake Braddock quarterback Michael Nebrich threw his third touchdown pass of the half, a 47-yard strike to Tanner Quigley, to give the Bruins a 21-14 lead they would not relinquish. West Potomac's final points of the night came on a 33-yard field goal from Chris Blewitt, cutting the Bruins' advantage to 21-17 before the half.

UConn commit Nebrich completed 20 of 35 passes for 310 yards and three touchdowns and was intercepted twice. He also

and we're looking forward to regionals.”

Aleixo said the boys and girls winning district titles helps put West Potomac cross country “on the map.”

“It just shows how strong our team is [with] the pack running,” he said. “We might not have a front-runner but we run close as a team.”

On the boys side, first-year West Potomac head coach Jenn Dietz credited harriers Corey Rosenberg and Scott McPeck, who finished 19th and 20th, respectively, but did not score points for the Wolverines.

rushed for 133 yards and three second-half touchdowns.

Dimitrijevic completed 23 of 34 passes for 276 yards and a score, but was intercepted three times. Dawson caught 10 passes for 183 yards and a touchdown and Copeland caught seven for 66 yards and a score.

The West Potomac running game, which had been dominant in recent weeks, was limited to five yards in 20 attempts.

Defensively, West Potomac finished with six sacks. Sonpon Doe had two, Dustin Hess finished with 1.5, Dan Carriker and Jonathan Eaton each had one and Robert Crews had a half sack.

Tyrone Jenkins and Tamaric Wilson each



Benjamin Aleixo, right, passes Lake Braddock's Luke Sohl. Aleixo said winning boys and girls district titles puts West Potomac cross country “on the map.”

“Our sixth and seventh displaced other people's scorers, that was basically what did it for us,” Dietz said. “We needed all seven today to win that. The depth is what we have going for our program.”

The West Springfield boys finished third with 94 points and Woodson (113) was fourth. West Springfield also placed third in girls action with 68 points, followed by T.C. Williams (100). The top four teams advance to regionals.

The Northern Region meet is Nov. 4 at Burke Lake Park.

had an interception.

MV Falls to District Champ Yorktown

The Mount Vernon football team lost to Yorktown 28-14 on Oct. 29. With the win, Yorktown clinched the National District championship. The loss dropped Mount Vernon's record to 4-5 overall, 4-2 in the district.

Robert Decardi-Nelson threw a pair of touchdown passes for Mount Vernon.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

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Raques Harris and Kevin Moran hauled in the scoring passes.

The Majors will travel to face Wakefield at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 5 in the regular season finale.

Mount Vernon's Rowell Advances to Regionals

Mount Vernon's Katja Rowell placed fifth with a time of 19 minutes, 24 seconds at the National District cross country championship meet on Oct. 28 at Burke Lake Park, qualifying her for regionals. The Northern Region meet is Nov. 4 at Burke Lake Park.

MV Field Hockey Loses in Regionals

The National District champion Mount Vernon field hockey team lost to Annandale 1-0 in the first round of the regional tournament on Oct. 29, ending its season.

MV Volleyball Loses in Districts

The No. 6 Mount Vernon volleyball team ended its season with a 3-0 loss to No. 3 Yorktown on Nov. 1 during the opening round of the National District tournament. The Majors won two matches in 2010, beating Wakefield and Falls Church, after going winless in 2009.

WP Volleyball Loses in Districts

The No. 8 West Potomac volleyball team lost to top-seed West Springfield 3-0 on Nov. 1 in the opening round of the Patriot District tournament, ending its season.

MVHS 5K Moved to Nov. 20

The Mount Vernon High School 5K Turkey Trot and Wellness Walk will take place on Nov. 20 rain or shine. Registration is at 7:30 a.m. and the race starts at 8:30 a.m. General registration fee is \$35. Teachers or students with a valid ID card can participate for \$25.

The race begins at the Rock entrance of MVHS. The race benefits the MVHS Cares Emergency Fun, to help provide education-related assistance and incentives for MVHS students.

Running Club on Sundays

The Mount Vernon Milers running club meets at 8 a.m. on Sundays. The group usually meets along the Potomac River, but the exact location is listed in an e-mail sent every Wednesday for the coming week. Distances vary but runners can expect between four and eight miles.

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Inova Mount Vernon Hospital CEO Barbara Doyle and Dr. David Weintritt, a co-sponsor of the event.

Toast for Cure

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Mount Vernon Hospital. "The key is finding it early, which is why we are always developing new programs, improving services and staying at the forefront of technology and innovation."

More than 120 people attended the event, which raised \$9,000 for the new fund.

"We have been able to pull together a great program that is patient focused," said Inova Mount Vernon CEO Barbara Doyle. "Now women don't have to leave the community to get the kind of breast care they need."

The Inova Breast Care Institute is the largest accredited program in the Mid-Atlantic region. The new fund will support educational resources, including monthly classes focusing on breast health awareness and disease prevention.

SCHOOL NOTES

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❖ **Ramez Youssef** of Alexandria received a Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Systems Engineering degree in industrial and systems engineering from the College of Engineering.

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