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God's Work

Aldersgate missionaries aid Mayans in Guatemala.

BY ED SIMMONS, JR.
THE GAZETTE

Cinderblocks, brick and mortar were the tools of God's work for 70 members of Aldersgate United Methodist Church who journeyed in July to aid indigenous Mayans barely subsisting in the Western Highlands of Guatemala about 12,000 feet above sea level.

Many of the missionaries have journeyed there before and will return again this December. Most of the Mayans are Christians.

"The immediate thing we do is build stoves of cinderblock and brick," said associate pastor Rev. Jason Micheli who has led mission trips for the past six years. "The number one cause of fatalities is upper respiratory infections brought about by indoor cooking fires." The stoves also heat more efficiently and use far less fuel.

The Mayans' tiny one-room homes built of cinderblock or corrugated tin are otherwise choked with smoke. Their children's eyes are seared red and their noses drip with blackened mucous.

The Mayan peoples were first afflicted when the Spanish in

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Football Preview

Mount Vernon junior Robert Nelson, with ball, is competing for the Majors' starting quarterback position. See sports, page 21.

Relief Trip to Nicaragua

Surgeon leads humanitarian medical effort.

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

Mount Vernon Hospital's Dr. Gerard Engh, a national leader in hip and knee replacement surgery, and his volunteer team conducted a "packing session" on Saturday, Aug. 13, in order to ship medical-surgical equipment and supplies by the U.S. military to Managua, Nicaragua.

The Operation Walk Virginia volunteer team of 47 doctors, nurses, anesthesiologists and others will be in Nicaragua from Oct. 8-15 and are prepared to perform 20 hip replacements and 45 knee replacements. It is the fifth humanitarian medical relief trip led by Engh to a developing country under the sponsorship of the non profit organization, Operation Walk Virginia.

The "packing session" was one of several preliminary steps required for the volunteer team to successfully travel for the week in October. The other steps are the fundraising necessary to cover travel, room, and board expenses, and the planning for and cost of sending an advance medical team to screen, x-ray, and select potential surgical patients, and reserve rooms and transportation for use by the team once they arrive. The x-rays are brought back to the U.S. for further study and for preparations for the surgical procedure.

The U.S. military ships the medical equipment and supplies to Managua for free. The packages

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Promoting the Life of George Washington

Susan Magill works with Mount Vernon Ladies Association.

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

June of this year marked the first anniversary since the appointment of Susan Magill as the Vice President for Advancement of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association, the private nonprofit organization that manages the estate of the first President of the U.S., George Washington.

Magill has lived in the Mount Vernon area for 24 years. During that time she has spent most of her years in public service working on Capitol Hill for several different elected Virginia political leaders, most notably former U.S. Sen. John Warner. Magill served as his chief of staff for 20 years.

In recent years she has moved from behind the scenes into the public eye. She was appointed by Gov. George Allen, and reapp-

ointed by Jim Gilmore to the Board of Visitors to the College of William & Mary. Gov. Timothy Kaine appointed her to serve as member of the Virginia State Council on Higher Education. She was elected, respectively, Rector and Chair of both of these advisory boards. As Rector of the Board of Visitors of William & Mary (the second oldest college in America — founded in 1693)), she was only the second woman in the his-

tory of the college to be elected Rector. The other woman was

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Writing His Own Future

Seven-year-old writes a book to raise money for a good cause.

BY ADAM BASILE
THE GAZETTE

Hundreds of people lined up to meet 7-year-old author Evan Moss at a fundraiser at Grounded Coffee Shop in Alexandria.

According to Evan, he signed 148 copies of his book for his supporters and greeted many more. He wrote his book, "My Seizure Dog," with a sobering purpose in mind.

"[The book] is mainly about what a seizure dog would do for me," Evan said.

Evan has a rare genetic disease called tuberous sclerosis complex that, in his case, causes epileptic seizures.

At one point, Evan was having 300 to 400 seizures a month. He had brain surgery to quell his seizures when he was 4, and, while he left the hospital seizure-free, he started having seizures again within two years of the procedure.

Now, Evan is having three to four seizures a month, each of which requires medical intervention.

Enter 4 Paws for Ability, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that provides specialized service dogs to clients with varying disabilities, including seizure assistance dogs for people with epilepsy. Seizure assistance dogs are trained to detect and respond to epileptic seizures before they happen.

Each placed dog costs the charity \$22,000 to train. As part of the placement process, the organization requires that clients raise a minimum of \$13,000 to qualify for a service dog.

To help Evan, the Mosses decided to apply for their own seizure assistance dog. The 4 Paws application process requires applicants to submit a letter or a drawing that demonstrates how they envision their relationship with the dog.

"Evan had no interest in doing a letter," Evan's father, Rob Moss, said.

Evan, who has a penchant for writing, decided to write a book about it instead and submitted it for the application.

After Evan's book qualified, the Mosses decided that they could help raise money for their seizure assistance dog by holding a book signing.

AT THE SIGNING, people filed in to get their signed copies of "My Seizure Dog."

Outside Grounded Coffee Shop, TV crews were interviewing Evan's family and friends. Inside, scores of supporters greeted Evan and bought his book.

It only took an hour and a half to run out of 150 books.

A few people brought their own seizure



Evan Moss

assistance dogs in to meet Evan.

Evan was fascinated by the dogs, telling their owners, "dogs are my second favorite animal. My first are ferrets."

The Mosses were pleasantly surprised by the great turnout.

Rob Moss called it the "culmination of everything."

Evan's 9-year-old sister, Aria, said, "We really didn't expect that we'd get so much news. We were only putting up fliers. And we're still getting donations even though we're sold out."

In agreement, Evan said, "It's really outstanding. It's really cool."

Many of the people who came to the signing had known Evan for most of his life. Evan's preschool classmates and teachers from when he had brain surgery were there.

A nurse who had treated him at Children's Hospital came.

OLD NEIGHBORS, whom he hadn't seen since the Mosses moved to their current home, came to see him and to get their copies of "My Seizure Dog."

Family friend of the Mosses, Bob Kohm, was helping out at the event. He has known the Mosses since Evan and his children went to preschool together six years ago.

"[Evan's] a whirlwind — he can make conversation about anything. He's an amazing kid," Kohm said. "It would be very easy for [his seizures] to define Evan, and that doesn't define Evan at all."

Even after the Mosses ran out of books, donations continued to pour in.

As people continued to commend Evan and add to his donation jar, one woman asked, "Do you think you made it?" referring to the \$13,000 mark.

Evan confidently replied, "Just by my estimate, it's enough."

Evan's sister, Aria, whom Kohm jokes, "is 9 going on 26," considered why Evan

had so many supporters.

"It's mostly because this young boy took matters into his own hands, when usually the parents do it."

THE MOSSES RAISED \$5,000 at Evan's book signing. After that, they continued to receive donations online, and they reached their goal of \$13,000 in under a week.

Even after the Mosses met their goal, the donations kept coming. By the end of their fundraising campaign, the Mosses had raised \$28,000 and were able to help two more families get seizure assistance dogs.

One week after Evan's book signing, an anonymous donor came forward and made a considerable donation to 4 Paws.

His or her donation allowed two other families to get their own seizure assistance dogs.

The anonymous donor also helped to pay for the Mosses' trip to Ohio in June 2012 when they will be getting their seizure assistance dog.

The Mosses are still 10 months away from getting their seizure assistance dog, but they can already feel the sense of comfort that it will bring next June.

"You can see the excitement in Evan's attitude about it," Rob Moss said, "He's ecstatic."

Moss says that Evan thinks that the dog will "help him, but it will also be a companion, a friend and a pet."

Moss is grateful for the support that Evan's book signing has generated. He also is overwhelmed by the signing's effect on the seizure community as a whole.

"At least four other families could feel as good as we did ... How could we feel much better than that? We are in awe. The past three weeks have been a rollercoaster ride. We made our goal — it feels pretty good."



Jeff Frederick **Tito Munoz**

Battle for The 36th

Two Republicans vying to take on state Sen. Toddy Puller.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

Two of Northern Virginia's best known Republican superstars are locked in a contentious primary to take on three-term incumbent state Sen. Toddy Puller (D-36). Candidates include former Republican chairman Jeff Frederick and radio host Tito "the Builder" Munoz. Because the race is seen as a potential win for Republicans against a Democratic incumbent, it's become one of the hottest tickets in Northern Virginia.

"This one is definitely on the Republican list of targeted races," said Isaac Wood, director of communications at the Virginia Center for Politics. "These are both very well-known individuals, so Republicans are optimistic that they can go into the general with a strong candidate to take on the incumbent."

Campaign-finance records show that Frederick has raised significantly more money than his competitor, raising more than \$111,000. Top contributors include Washington-based marketing firm Base Connect, Dumfries businesswoman Amy Noone Frederick and Washington-based Freedom's Defense Fund. On the campaign trail, Frederick casts himself as a seasoned legislator who is outside the party establishment, calling attention to former Republican U.S. Sen. George Allen's endorsement of his opponent.

"George Allen is the poster boy for the establishment," said Frederick. "He fashions himself as the Tea Party candidate and yet he aligns himself as closely as he can with the establishment."

Munoz raised less than \$12,000. Top contributors include Texas businessman Jeremy Taylor, Colorado retiree Helen Kriebel and Alexandria homemaker Fleet Davis. On the campaign trail, Munoz has declined to talk about what bills he would introduce if he were successful. He's also tried to cast himself as an outsider to the political process who would have a different approach in Richmond.

"I believe 'establishment' means you have been established," said Munoz. "I have never been in political office."

How To Vote

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 23. Voters can also cast in-person absentee ballots until 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20.

On a Mission

FROM PAGE 1

vaded in the 1500s, decimating and subjugating the population with disease and war. Most recently in modern times, they were caught in the middle of a protracted civil war that lasted 42 years, from 1954 to 1996. Many husbands were killed. Women now lead the struggling families as the Mayans continue to be marginalized in Guatemalan society.

Clean air is only a part of the benefit of the stoves that are built three cinderblocks high and set with a cast iron stove top and a flu pipe to vent the smoke.

The efficiently burning stoves, said Micheli, provide the women with free time to participate in self-empowerment groups led by social workers called AMA Circles, which are organized by the Highland Support Project. In the circles the women learn entrepreneurial skills such as making and selling Mayan tapestries, dying fabric, and growing vegetables in green houses to market. Aldersgate member Joan Oelschlager helps the women develop new textile

patterns to market.

On this eight-day trip, 60 stoves were built, each taking a day for two or three volunteers to build. Their work is often complicated by uneven ground in the dirt floor homes and dark interiors. At night many of the missionaries slept in the homes on cots.

This was mission leader Mark Gungoll's fifth trip. The stoves are "a gift from our church to them," he said. "As Christians we're called to work with and serve the poor."

Working on the stoves and interacting with the Mayans was a time of "spiritual reflection on what it means to be a Christian," he said, and the Mayans' strong spirituality and simple lives made a lasting impression on him. Mostly they are Pentacostal and Catholic, with their faith interwoven with Mayan traditions dating back 5,000 years.

For missionary Laina Schneider, a rising sophomore at Virginia Tech, helping the Mayans has led her to study international agriculture as a way to aid more people.

"I really agree with the program," she said. "It rejuvenates my

"As Christians we're called to work with and serve the poor."

— Mark Gungoll, mission leader



Mission leader Mark Gungoll, left, has traveled to Guatemala five times.

faith and motivates me to study." "We want to nurture them to the point where they'll be self-empowering," said Micheli. "I feel a need to go every year."



The finished cinderblock stoves are stuccoed with cement.

Promoting George's Life

FROM PAGE 1

Margaret Thatcher, former prime minister of England.

Now, on the anniversary of her first year as vice president of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association, she looks back on her long career in public service and to talk about her current responsibilities and goals in managing the Ladies Association's newest preservation and educational effort: the \$100 million capital campaign to build and sustain the Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington.

The Library and Conference Center will house George Washington's 50 original books, 1,500 additional 18th century books, 450 letters and manuscripts written in George Washington's own hand, and thousands of other 18th century newspapers, manuscripts and documents. The goal

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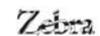
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Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot	AC	Subdivision
6504 BLUE WING DR	6	5	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,420,000	Detached	0.23		BELLE HAVEN EST
8302 CENTERBROOK PL	5	4	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$945,000	Detached	0.24		MANORS AT MV
1216 LA RONDE CT	5	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$838,000	Detached	0.58		VILLAMAY
1311 GATEWOOD DR	4	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$810,000	Detached	0.32		VILLAMAY
1010 COLLINGWOOD RD	4	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$810,000	Detached	0.77		COLLINGWOOD
3005 SEVOR LN	4	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$750,000	Detached	0.34		WESSYNTON
9412 FERRY LANDING CT	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$750,000	Detached	0.52		FERRY POINT ESTATES
1004 DEWOLFE DR	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$740,000	Detached	0.25		WAYNEWOOD
7945 BOLLING DR	5	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$711,000	Detached	0.14		WELLINGTON ESTATES
823 EMERALD DR	5	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$700,000	Detached	0.28		WAYNEWOOD
926 PRISCILLA LN	5	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$695,000	Detached	0.25		WAYNEWOOD
3712 CARRIAGE HOUSE CT	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$685,000	Detached	0.44		RIVERWOOD
2318 WINDSOR RD	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$678,000	Detached	0.21		BELLE HAVEN
4620 TARPON LN	4	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$668,500	Detached	0.75		YACHT HAVEN
1410 DADE LN	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$654,000	Detached	0.30		FORT HUNT
2300 WILKINSON PL	4	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$649,000	Detached	0.36		KIRKSIDE
8408 STOCKADE DR	5	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$647,000	Detached	0.46		RIVERSIDE GARDENS
7708 ELBA RD	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$592,900	Detached	0.33		HOLLIN HILLS
3308 WESSYNTON WAY	6	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$591,250	Detached	0.41		WESSYNTON
8301 BREWSTER DR	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$585,000	Detached	0.42		STRATFORD ON THE POT
3711 GREAT NECK CT	6	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$585,000	Detached	0.47		WESTGATE
4214 PICKERING PL	5	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$581,000	Detached	0.32		SOUTHWOOD
8509 BUCKBOARD DR	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$580,000	Detached	0.27		RIVERSIDE GARDENS
1509 COOL SPRING DR	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$575,000	Detached	0.24		COLLINGWOOD SPRINGS
2204 WILKINSON PL	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$570,000	Detached	0.36		KIRKSIDE
3782 ELMWOOD TOWNE WAY	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$565,000	Townhouse	0.06		ELMWOOD
1908 SHANNON CT	5	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$560,000	Detached	0.31		HOLLINDALE
8700 GATESHEAD RD	5	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$545,000	Detached	0.35		MT VERNON MANOR
3805 WESTGATE DR	6	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$540,000	Detached	0.65		WESTGATE
8814 FORT HUNT RD	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$539,000	Detached	0.27		POTOMAC VALLEY
8713 FORT HUNT RD	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$535,000	Detached	0.52		PLYMOUTH HAVEN
6422 CYGNET DR	4	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$525,000	Detached	0.19		BELLE HAVEN TERRACE
8512 MONTICELLO AVE	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$525,000	Detached	0.14		VERNON ON POTOMAC
3800 GREAT NECK CT	5	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$515,000	Detached	0.57		WESTGATE
3121 MCGEORGE TER	4	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$500,000	Detached	0.25		RIVERSIDE ESTATES
6417 BLUEBILL LN	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$493,000	Detached	0.23		BELLE HAVEN TERR
6416 16TH ST	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$490,000	Detached	0.21		COUNTRY CLUB TERR
6927 DEER RUN DR	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$480,000	Detached	0.17		DEER RUN CROSSING
3805 RIVERWOOD RD	4	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$480,000	Detached	0.36		RIVERWOOD
1909 JAMESTOWN RD	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$479,000	Detached	0.23		HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE
4705 MANOR DR	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$465,000	Detached	0.07		SKYVIEW PARK
6803 DERRELL CT	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$450,000	Detached	0.32		BEACON VILLAGE
4420 LAUREL RD	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$444,500	Detached	0.76		MT ZEPHYR
5903 MOUNT EAGLE DR #1614	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$440,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			MONTEBELLO
3314 COLLARD ST	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$439,000	Detached	0.45		VALLEY VIEW
5901 MOUNT EAGLE DR #1404	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$435,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			MONTEBELLO
7911 NEW ORLEANS DR	4	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$427,500	Detached	0.25		HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE
8615 HIGHGATE RD	5	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$425,000	Detached	0.27		STRATFORD LANDING
2600 PHILLIPS DR	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$420,000	Detached	0.23		GREGORY HEIGHTS
3906 LAKOTA RD	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$413,500	Detached	0.24		BURGUNDY FARM
8120 FORT HUNT RD	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$400,000	Detached	0.29		HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE
4900 POLE RD	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$399,000	Detached	0.43		TIMOTHY PARK
3801 SULGRAVE DR	5	4	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$394,000	Detached	0.61		SULGRAVE MANOR
5940 BERKSHIRE CT	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$392,500	Townhouse	0.04		BERKSHIRE EAST
7012 VANTAGE DR	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$391,000	Detached	0.31		STONEBROOKE
2712 CARTER FARM CT	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$390,000	Townhouse	0.07		HUNTINGTON AT MV
8215 ORVILLE ST	4	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$390,000	Detached	0.29		TIMOTHY PARK
6630 CORNELL DR	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$380,000	Detached	0.17		BUCKNELL MANOR
4012 LAUREL RD	3	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$379,500	Detached	0.52		WOODLEY HILLS
8251 CEDAR LANDING CT	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$377,000	Townhouse	0.04		HUNTINGTON AT MV
6810 DUKE DR	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$375,000	Detached	0.17		BUCKNELL MANOR
7906 WELLINGTON RD	3	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$361,000	Detached	0.30		HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE
5902 MOUNT EAGLE DR #1514	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$360,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			MONTEBELLO
4350 ROLLING STONE WAY	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$359,900	Detached	0.19		STONEBROOKE
2451 MIDTOWN AVE #1421	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$355,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			MIDTOWN ALEX STA
3406 GROVETON ST	4	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$355,000	Detached	0.15		GROVETON HEIGHTS
1217 SHENANDOAH RD	4	4	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$353,000	Detached	0.50		TAUXEMONT
2603 BEACON HILL RD	3	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$350,000	Detached	0.43		SCHOOLEY ACRES
8112 KEELER ST	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$349,900	Detached	0.26		WOODLAWN TERRACE
8121 NORWOOD DR	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$348,000	Detached	0.26		MT VERNON WOODS
6740 HARRISON LN	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$345,000	Detached	0.29		KINGS COLONY
5843 MOUNT VERNON DR	3	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$340,000	Duplex	0.08		ANNALANE TERRACE
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3808 WOODLEY DR	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$314,000	Detached	0.72		WOODLEY HILLS
7117 HUNTLEY CREEK PL #46	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$312,000	Townhouse			GROVETON WOODS
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8103 ASHBORO DR	5	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$285,000	Detached	0.28		FAIRFIELD
4509 MARCIA CT	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$273,600	Detached	0.47		COLONIAL FARMS
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8102 ASHBORO DR	3	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$270,000	Detached	0.27		FAIRFIELD
6102 KINGS HWY	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$260,000	Duplex	0.10		JEFFERSON MANOR
7425 GRUMMAN PL	3	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$260,000	Detached	0.24		HYBLA VALLEY
6809 KENYON DR	2	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$260,000	Duplex	0.08		BEACON MANOR
7106 COLD SPRING CT	3	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$259,000	Townhouse	0.03		WOODSTONE
7219 STOVER DR	2	1	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$259,000	Townhouse	0.03		WOODSTONE
8108 RUSSELL RD	3	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$259,000	Detached	0.27		FAIRFIELD
8201 MCCLELLAND PL SW	4	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$258,000	Townhouse	0.06		BARCLAY COURT
7134 TOLLIVER ST	2	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$255,000	Townhouse	0.03		WOODSTONE
6933 WESTHAMPTON DR	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$250,000	Duplex	0.08		BUCKNELL HEIGHTS
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Q&A

Q. Who were the most influential people in your life? Why? How did they mold your approach and values in life?

A. There were several, including my hardworking parents who operated an advertising business and family cattle farm in Roanoke, Va. After I graduated from the College of William & Mary I came to Washington, D.C. to work for my hometown congressman, M. Caldwell Butler. I also worked for Congressman William Wampler. Both of these Virginia leaders schooled me in how to operate effectively to get things done in Congress. I then was appointed by Gov. John Dalton as the director of the Liaison Office for the Commonwealth of Virginia, in Washington, D.C. Managing the Liaison office brought me in touch with the Virginia General Assembly, Congress, and the federal executive branch. Looking back, all these experiences helped to prepare me for my next and biggest challenge, in the U.S. Senate. My new job began casually enough; I was talking to Sen. John Warner at a reception and I asked him if he had an opening in his office. He said no, but while I searched for a job I could use his office to find one and would I work on some projects for him? I of course agreed, and he

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pulled out of his coat pocket some paper and jotted down a brief description of projects he wanted me to work on. One of those resulted in an agreement to deepen the Hampton Roads Port which we were able to get financed through a cost-sharing agreement with the Commonwealth of Virginia and the federal government. This brought about better access to the Port at Hampton Roads to deliver products. That project continues to pay big dividends to the Commonwealth and the people of Virginia. I completed the projects and he hired me as a legislative assistant. That eventually led to a 24-year stint in his office, most of it as his chief of staff. I mention this because he was and is the most influential person in my career and, along with my husband John and family, in my life. His dedication to the work of the U.S. Senate, and his commitment to public service, inspired me to continue in public service.

He was also very helpful to me on a personal level; he advised me to take risks; he enabled me to keep my position while giving

birth and raising two children. He and his wonderful wife Jeanne became and continue to be an integral part of our family. Despite his considerable responsibilities in the Senate he always found time to visit our home on special occasions for our children and attend family-centered events. I remember how surprised my children were when they eventually realized his influence and prominence in Virginia and the U.S. Congress. His grandfatherly affection for them was all they knew and all they needed to know as far as he was concerned. He treated his entire Hill staff as part of the larger Warner family. We called ourselves Warner Brothers and Sisters and still do!

Q. How did you meet your husband John? What does he now do?

A. We met on Capitol Hill; at the time I met him he worked for Virginia Congressman Ken Robinson and I was working for Governor Dalton when we met. I lobbied him for things Governor Dalton wanted! Then, after we were married and when I joined Senator



Susan Magill, Mount Vernon community resident, is the Vice President for Advancement, Mount Vernon Ladies Association. Here, she is at the Mount Vernon Estate of former President George Washington, in the Upper Garden.

Warner's staff, we became, for many years, the only Chiefs of Staff husband and wife combination on the Hill. John was particularly understanding and helpful to me while we both worked on the Hill. He now works as the executive vice president of Government Relations for the trade association, Credit Union National Association. John's mother, Anne Vinsant, lived with us for many years and took care of our two children. Without

her loving care I don't think we could have held down our respective jobs on the Hill. She only recently passed away at the age of 92 and is greatly missed by my family and all who knew her.

Q. What motivated you to become involved in public service? How did it come about?

A. Attending the College of Wil
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WWII Veteran Receives Overdue Honors

U.S. Rep Jim Moran (D-8) presented World War II veteran Ralph Squires with three replacement military honors and a combat ribbon, all of which were earned during his service with the U.S. Navy. Moran's office worked with the Navy to secure the overdue honors which were presented to Squires at the Mt. Vernon House where he currently resides.

"Appropriate recognition of Mr. Squires' bravery as a Seabee during World War II is long overdue," Moran said. "As one of our 'Greatest Generation' he risked his life to protect the freedoms we hold dear, helping to contain the Axis forces in the Pacific."

Squires received the following honors: the World War II Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with three Bronze Stars, and the Combat Action Ribbon. This was the first time Squires received the Combat Action Ribbon.

Squires was born on April 15, 1926 in Bretz, W.Va. He left high school after the tenth grade at the age of 17 and enlisted in the Navy

in 1943. He was assigned to the 302nd Naval Construction Battalion and served exclusively in the Pacific Theater (Saipan, Leyte, Luzon). During WWII, he participated in the Mariana and Palau Islands campaign, also known as Operation Forager, assisting to repair bomb-damaged runways of Saipan as well as constructing pontoon bridges for invading Marines.

Moran's office is available to assist veterans with many services, including receiving overdue and replacement medals. For help with veterans benefits and services, contact his district office in Alexandria at 703-971-4700.

World War II veteran Ralph Squires receives replacement military honors for his U.S. Navy service from U.S. Rep. Jim Moran.



BULLETIN BOARD

UCM's food pantry depends on community donations and its shelves are becoming increasingly bare this summer! Canned meat and fish are greatly needed, as well as canned soups, fruits and vegetables. You can help by dropping off food donations at UCM's main office, 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria. UCM's food pantry accepts food donations Monday - Friday, from 9 am to 5:30 p.m. and the first Sunday of the month from 9:30 am to 1:00 p.m.

Chess Comes to Hollin Hall Senior Center. Hollin Hall Senior Center is now a member of the U.S. Chess Federation (USCF). The first club interest meeting will be in the fall. Cost to join the chess affiliate is \$34, which will entitle you to a monthly online copy of Chess Life and an opportunity to meet chess lovers and play at your skill level and learn new moves! Meets at 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Contact Julie Ellis Director at 703-765-4573, TTY 711.

Crafters are needed for the 18th annual St. Luke's Episcopal Craft and Family Fun Fair to be held Sept. 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside the church at 8009 Fort Hunt Road. This will be a fun-filled event in a highly visible location with food, baked goods, music, games, face-painting and hundreds of shoppers starting their holiday gift buying. Join the dozens of crafters and artisans who will be returning or setting up for the first time to sell handmade jewelry, clothing, clocks, toys, home goods, unique decorative items and much more. Contact Anne Hargrove at annehargrove@cox.net for an application.

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A Special Honor

To the Editor:

Our community lost a wonderful friend and leader in Jeff Todd. It was heartwarming on a sad occasion to see the outpouring of love and respect from hundreds of people at Jeff's wake and funeral that showed how one person's energy, compassion, and kindness could bring so many others together. I would like to especially commend the motorcycle units and other officers from the Fairfax County Police and Park Police who provided traffic control for Jeff's funeral procession from Good Shepherd Church to the Mount Comfort Cemetery on Beacon Hill last Friday afternoon. The officers' actions were professional, respectful, and skillful as the funeral procession moved along the Mount Vernon Parkway and then over local streets to the cemetery. The officers' salutes as the procession passed at each intersection paid high tribute to Jeff, who always said he thought of himself as just a regular citizen while he helped through his work and personal life to make our community stronger. The officers' preparation and dedication exemplified the feelings of the community toward Jeff and brought a sense of special honor to the procession and to the Todd Family.

LETTERS

Ann McNeff
Alexandria

Mislabeled Flower

To the Editor:

I was pleased to see the front page picture of flowers in the Mount Vernon Gazette for Aug. 11. Such a nice change from the front page of other newspapers.

The excellent picture of a blackberry lily (*Belamcanda chinensis*) was mislabeled as a spider lily, a distinctly different plant. The picture of the blackberry lily shows its blossom and just above you can see the interesting way the petals form a corkscrew when the blossom is finished. To the left in the background is the fruit of the lily beginning to form. In the autumn the fruit opens and displays a cluster of black seeds, whence the name blackberry lily. These "blackberries" make a nice dry arrangement to remind us of summer's glory during dormant winter months. The blackberry lily is a perennial and grows from seed freely. Every garden should have



Snapshot

Mitchell Shirley of Mount Vernon Circle in Alexandria shows off his slalom skills on the waters of Virginia. He is the youngest son of Craig and Zorine Shirley and, having attended Fairfax public schools through eighth grade, has been accepted to Christ Church School in Urbanna, Va., this fall.

a clump of these easy to grow flowers.

Stuart C. Nottingham
Alexandria

Facts about Hunting

To the Editor:

Hunting at Dyke Marsh has been a safe and enjoyable activity for many years. Despite ridiculous claims reported in this newspaper about waterfowl blinds being within 200 yards of homes, shotgun "bullets" magically traveling 1,000 yards and hitting "roofs and rolling into the gutter" of a nearby home and hunting on Sunday mornings, I can personally attest that none of these things are accurate or true.

What are true, however, are the following three statements: First, there has never been an injury to non-hunter as the result of waterfowl hunting at Dyke Marsh. The maximum effective range of a waterfowl payload coming from a shotgun is about 65 yards, or roughly 1/8th of the distance between any two buoys and .065 percent of the distance any shot would have to travel to actually strike the closest structure to any hunting buoy. Hunting only occurs on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays during the season, with the sole exception of Thanksgiving

Day. The only way a non-hunter could be injured by a hunter is if the non-hunter paddled a kayak into a decoy spread — which brings up my second point.

Second, law enforcement scrutinizes hunters, but leaves the anti-hunting activists unchecked. This newspaper happily quoted me in March 2010 when I said I was aware that hunters have committed crimes by relocating hunting buoys, the reporter failed to mention that anti-hunting kayakers and birdwatchers are also committing a crime by attempting to prevent lawful waterfowl hunting by paddling into decoys. This has personally happened to me on four occasions, and nearly every hunter I have spoken with has had similar experiences. It is a crime by both Virginia and Federal statute to interfere with lawful hunting. I welcome the law enforcement scrutiny to hunters and do everything I can to encourage compliance among hunters with all state and federal game laws. Will Friends of Dyke Marsh invite the same scrutiny on anti-hunting activists?

Third, hunting helps the Watershed. As a community, hunters give generously to wetland habitat conservation and restoration, and we uphold the resource in the highest regard. The Potomac and Anacostia watersheds are home to an enormous population of resident Canada geese that have deci-

mated the sub-aquatic vegetation in the buffer zone between mean tide and low tide. This sub-aquatic vegetation would be stabilizing the banks of the marsh, reducing water turbidity and remediating arsenic and other metals from non-point source runoff. As the geese eat the grass, they kill the very marsh Friends of Dyke Marsh tries to protect. Hunters are the only predators to Canada geese. While I cannot speak for every hunter, I personally spend a half-dozen days a year chest-deep in the river removing tires, trash, and man-made debris. If any concerned property owners, bird-watching enthusiasts, reporters, or editors would like to join me cleaning up the river for a few hours, I'm sure I have a pair of waders that will fit you. It's an open invitation, and you can email me at mikebolinder@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Mike Bolinder
Arlington

Addressing Tax Exemption

To the Editor:

In September 2009, the MVCCA filed with the County over a dozen nominations for proposed amendments to the County's Comprehensive Plan. Among those nomina-

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tions were several that would increase traffic (defined by the County as “daily trips”) beyond the threshold at which transportation studies would be required by the Planning Commission at a cost in excess of \$10,000. Since the MVCCA does not have the funds to pay for those transportation studies, I wrote letters to the editor critical of the MVCCA for filing proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan that would cause County staff to have to expend their valuable time and resources reviewing nominations that were likely not to come to fruition given the MVCCA’s lack of financial resources. When the nominations were being prepared, one of the MVCCA co-chairs was Patrick Rea. Although Mr. Rea stepped down from his co-chair position at the end of 2009, he continued to represent the MVCCA before the APR Task Force, the Planning Commission, and the Board of Supervisors concerning all of the MVCCA’s nominations.

One of those nominations comprised a proposal to create a “campus” encompassing the Mount Vernon Hospital, Government Center, Sherwood Hall Library, Whitman Middle School, and adjacent lands including those where the Burke & Herbert Bank, gas station, and medical building are located. This particular nomination required a transportation study.

To the MVCCA’s credit, they convinced the hospital to fund the transportation study. A scaled-down version of the “campus” con-

cept was actually recently approved by the Board of Supervisors. Recent articles and letters to the editor to the Gazette have discussed the transportation concerns of communities adjacent the hospital with particular reference to the proposal to widen Sherwood Hall Lane from Richmond Highway to Parker’s Lane. In last week’s Gazette, an article explored the fact that Virginia State law accords hospitals an exemption from payment of property taxes. The issue was brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors by the very same Patrick Rea who championed the “campus” nomination on behalf of the MVCCA. However, when he was championing that nomination, I don’t recall any mention being made of the tax exemption issue. I would like to know if the issue was raised before the APR Taskforce? In a letter Mr. Rea sent to the Board of Supervisors on July 25, 2011, he requested that the County find a way to start collecting money from the hospital’s improvements to the County owned land on which the hospital sits.

I believe it would be important for community discourse for the community to be informed as to whether the issue of the hospital’s tax exemption was raised during the nomination process and, if so, how the issue was addressed. If it has not previously been addressed, it should be addressed during public hearings associated with the future development steps for the hospital.

H. Jay Spiegel



Visiting Wolf Trap

Dozens of young children from both Creekside and Sacramento Neighborhood Centers went to enjoy the Children’s Theater at Wolf Trap on July 22, where they saw performances by the Bob Brown puppets and the interactive Recess Monkey singers. The children were able to go on stage and sing and dance with the Recess Monkeys. The Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club sponsored the transportation by bus charter and entrance tickets.

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To the Editor:

I am writing to reaffirm my support and endorsement of Del. Adam Ebbin (D) for the 30th State Senate District.

Due to redistricting, voters in my district in seven new precincts are now in the 30th State Senate District instead of Sen. Toddy Puller’s (D-36). On Tuesday, Aug. 23, there will be a primary to determine the Democratic nominee. Virginia has open primaries.

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Anyone who is a registered voter can vote. The district was drawn to be overwhelmingly Democratic so this primary is very important in terms of who will be representing this area for the next decade.

Del. Adam Ebbin is the right choice. Adam is the only candidate with legislative experience in Richmond serving as a state delegate for the last eight years. Adam also served in the Warner Administration as an assistant secretary in the Department of Labor and Industry. Adam is also a candidate who shares my values. He has worked tirelessly to promote mass transit and the extension of the Yellow Line to Lorton and the improvement of U.S. 1 is a priority for

Adam who has cosponsored my U.S. 1 legislation. Adam has been an outspoken advocate to measures to improve water quality in the Potomac River. He was the first in the legislature to advocate a small plastic bag tax to help remediate Potomac trash, which is a huge problem in Little Hunting Creek, Dogue Creek and Quander Brook.

He was the chief sponsor of legislation that created the solar resource fund and has been an outspoken advocate for laws to crack down on human trafficking. He has also been an outspoken critic of Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli's (R) academic witch-hunts, attorney general opinion

and other lawsuits that have unnecessarily politicized the Attorney General's Office.

Richmond is a rough place. I have seen Adam Ebbin in action floor of the House and in the General Assembly Building. He is the only candidate who has the relationships, knowledge and experience to hit the ground running for the people of Mount Vernon and Lee districts.

Adam has my wholehearted support on Aug. 23, and I urge anyone in Mount Vernon who is registered to vote to cast your vote for Adam Ebbin on Aug. 23.

Scott A. Surovell
Delegate (D-44)

CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the Mt. Vernon police department through Aug. 12.

MALICIOUS WOUNDING/ARREST

Police arrested a man for cutting an acquaintance, a 19-year-old woman during an argument around 4 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 4 in the 2700 block of Mennifield Court. A 21-year-old male of the 3800 block of El Camino Place in Alexandria, was charged with malicious wounding. The victim was transported to the hospital with non lifethreatening injuries.

ROBBERY

A teenaged boy robbed a 50-year-old man in the 2100 block of Fairfax Terrace around 10:05 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 7. The victim was taken to the hospital with non lifethreatening injuries.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

A man attempted to rob a 50-year-old woman at knifepoint in the 8400 block of Richmond Highway around 10:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 8. The suspect fled without taking anything. He was described as Hispanic, between 18 and 30 years old, about 5 feet 8 inches tall and between 185 to 200 pounds. His face was covered and he was wearing a black T-shirt and black jeans. The victim was not injured.

ROBBERY

A man robbed a 12-year-old boy of his iPod and headphones on Tuesday, Aug. 9 around 9 p.m. in the 2800 block of Groveton Street. The suspect was described as black, in his early 20s, between 5 feet 9 inches and 6 feet tall and about 150 pounds. The victim did not require medical attention.

LARCENIES

7800 block of Belford Drive. License plates stolen from vehicle.
7800 block of Belford Drive. License plates stolen from vehicle.
6400 block of Brick Hearth Court. Backpack stolen from vehicle.
3800 block of El Camino Place. Social security card and driver's license stolen from residence.
7900 block of Fort Hunt Road. Beer stolen from business.
5900 block of Grand Pavilion Way. Copper stolen from business.
Richmond Highway/Lukens Lane. GPS stolen from vehicle.
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6600 block of Richmond Highway. Merchandise stolen from business.
6800 block of Richmond Highway. Beer stolen from business.
8100 block of Richmond Highway. Rings stolen from residence.
8200 block of Richmond Highway. Groceries stolen from business.

UCM's Back to School Program Seeks Support

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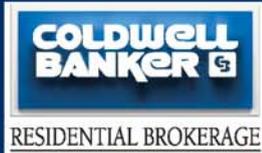
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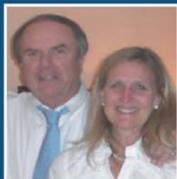
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PEOPLE

Team Prepares Medical Relief Trip to Nicaragua

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are stored and inventoried in containers for shipment and includes electrical equipment, rechargeable batteries, surgical anesthesia kits, surgical instruments, extremity packs, implants for hips and knees, operating room equipment, sheets, bedding, bedside commodes, crutches and fans. Volunteers pointed out that the temperature at the hospital they will be using in Managua reaches 96 degrees F. The hospital has no air conditioning.

Donations collected by Operation Walk Virginia total approximately \$150,000, and will be used to pay for travel expenses, room, board, and supplies.

All the doctors pay their own way. In the past Operation Walk Virginia has traveled to Ecuador twice and to Nicaragua twice. This will be the third trip to Nicaragua.

Q&A with Dr. Gerard Engh

Q: Why are you going to Nicaragua to perform hip and knee replacement surgery? Why not elsewhere in the developing world?

A: The patients we treat have absolutely no hope of getting a hip or knee replacement.

They have no access to this kind of specialty surgery and in most cases without this surgical service the patients we select will have great difficulty walking because of pain. Nicaragua is a very poor country that does not have this kind of medical specialty, and that is why we chose to go there. The need is enormous elsewhere in the world, but for us this is doable financially and logistically and makes practical sense.

Q: How do you select the patients you serve?



Part of the Leadership Team that gathered Saturday, Aug. 13, at Mount Vernon Hospital to prepare shipment of medical supplies, equipment to Nicaragua are, from left, Julie Warner, RN; Ericka Pitts, RN; Nick Kulkarni, anesthesiologist; Debbie Stewart, RN; Keven Fricka, surgeon, and Jerry Engh, surgeon and team leader.

A: Our trip is for one week. Sixty-five surgeries, plus follow-up on past procedures makes for a very busy week in less than ideal hospital conditions. We prepare for the trip by sending an advance medical team to the city. They examine and screen patients and take X-rays which are then reviewed by us as part of the preparations. Of course there are far more patients in need than we can accommodate in a week. When we arrive, there a large numbers of patients waiting for a chance to be helped. It always presents a problem for us.

Our selection is based on a lack of ability to pay for such a service and the practicality of what we can do for them. Some have such complex problems or that have been neglected for such a long period of time that

our field surgical team cannot help them practically speaking. It is the toughest emotional and technical aspect of what we do; to decide on who we are going to help. There is just so much that we can do unfortunately.

Q. Why make this extraordinary effort to help the poor in Nicaragua?

A. I studied to become a doctor because I wanted to help those in need. It is what I do, I am effective in the specialty I have chosen, and I and the rest of our dedicated volunteers receive enormous gratification from helping patients who, but for this service, would have no hope of rehabilitation. Without our surgical service the people we

Profile

Dr. Gerard Engh

Mount Vernon Hospital
Orthopedic surgeon

Specialty: Hip and Knee Replacement Surgery

Education:

Davidson College

University of Virginia, Doctorate in Medicine

Yale-New Haven Hospital: Internship and Residency

Family: Wife, Patti; four children

Operation Walk Virginia

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital
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see would have no expectation and no opportunity to be helped, probably ever. Our hip and knee replacements are transformational for these needy people. Also, it gives all of us an opportunity to practice positive U.S. medical diplomacy and by our example demonstrate to the needy patients in this and other countries that Americans care enough to provide this kind of humanitarian medical relief.

Q. You plan something like this here at the Inova Mount Vernon Hospital later this year. Could you please describe the plans?

A. We plan an Operation Walk America on Dec. 2 with the support of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital. It will be an all day event in which we will perform hip and knee replacement surgery for those patients we select that are registered at free clinics in Northern Virginia. We are in the early planning stage for that day and more details will be announced later in the year.

Right now we are focusing on the logistics and plans to make our Oct. 8-15 trip to Nicaragua a success. Also, you may be interested in knowing that our organization is one of 15 Operation Walk organizations located in different parts of the U.S. that perform similar humanitarian assistance to developing countries.

Interning at Mount Vernon Estate

Economics major Chijoke Okeke tackles marketing internship.

BY MAYA HOROWITZ
THE GAZETTE

Chijoke Okeke spent the summer interning at George Washington's Mount Vernon estate.

"My favorite place is out on the piazza, facing the river, right across from Maryland. Sometimes I take my lunch breaks out there. Kind of sit where Washington did."

Okeke grew up in Rochester, N.Y. and Salem, N.H. He said he enjoyed sledding in the winters and playing sports such as basketball in the summers.

As a child, he said, "I was good at school. Math was my favorite

subject back in those younger years."

That love of math translated into admission to Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"It's fun but it's a lot of work," he said. "I'm learning a lot. I have a lot of friends. Definitely a challenging experience but a rewarding one."

He is majoring in economics.

"I really liked all the opportunities I could get as an economics major," said Okeke. "I knew I was good in math. I like statistics. I like percent chance. I see economics as predicting the future with past information."

Okeke chose to come to Mount

Vernon on a marketing internship. Rebecca Aloisi, vice president of marketing at Mount Vernon, said Okeke has assisted with marketing projects, done research for upcoming events, exhibitions and programs, worked on a photo shoot, aided in the visitors survey program and provided general support.

"It's been nice to have someone with an analytical background and analytical mind," said Aloisi. "It's been a positive experience all around. He's a bright young man and he's got a bright future ahead of him. I hope he's learned a lot."

Melissa Wood, media relations manager, said, "Chichii is just a real

positive, fun, outgoing person. He's just been a really bright spot for us."

Working at Mount Vernon has given Okeke a newfound respect for George Washington.

"Obviously, he was amazingly brave. I couldn't even imagine doing the things he did. He really set the stage for the country. To think it all started with one man and his vision."

This summer has been an overall positive for Okeke.

"Working at Mount Vernon was an incredible experience. I didn't know what to expect when I came to the D.C. area. I've been up north pretty much my entire life. It's



Chijoke Okeke at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate.

been a fun experience. I've learned a lot about George Washington. I'll always remember this. The people here are the nicest people I've ever worked with and I've worked with a lot of people in a lot of different internships."

Carlyle Club Offers a 1940s-style Night Out

Experiencing that retro supper club ambience.

BY MAYA HOROWITZ
THE GAZETTE

The Carlyle Club seats about 300 for an evening of dancing, dinner and 1940s-style fun in Old Town Alexandria. The supper-club experience starts as guests walk down the red carpet outside of the club.

“How many places can you go to dine and dance in an elegant style?” asks Arlene Hewitt, co-owner of the club. “We are the only facility like this in metropolitan Washington.”

Decorated in 1940s art deco style, the club has dimly lit lamps on each table, retro wallpaper and carpeting and waiters dressed in tuxedos. It is meant to evoke the famous Copacabana nightclub from New York. But it’s not just the décor, the experience, claim the owners, is unique.

“I don’t really know that there is another place like this in D.C. Maybe not even in New York,” said Brennan Reilly, co-owner.

“There’s a fair amount of places to see live music and a number of nice restaurants but there isn’t anywhere to do both,” said Sharon Reilly, also co-owner.

They wanted to create an alternative to standard date nights.

“TV kind of killed the night club. Once you hit 30, it’s kind of dinner and a movie and that’s all there is,” said Brennan Reilly. “[The Carlyle Club] is a substitute instead of dinner and a movie. A live show for really not that much difference in price.”

That price is generally about \$15-\$20 for admission to the show and \$20-\$35 for dinner.

Tracy Goodnough, a patron from Fauquier County, said, “It’s date night — I love it. It’s really hard to find a place that has big band swing music and a certain décor.”

The idea for the Carlyle Club came from the Reillys. They had owned a previous res-



The bar at the Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle Street, Alexandria.



The art deco-style dining room at the Carlyle Club.

taurant that was a 1940s style diner. “In the couple years it took to find a spot it evolved into a night club,” said Brennan.

They opened in October 2007.

The concept for the Carlyle Club has continued to grow and change over time. “We’re not even what we originally thought we would be. We weren’t going to do private events. It’s kind of taken on a life of its own,” said Brennan Reilly. Now, the club does about 50 percent private events, 50 percent shows.

They had also hoped that the area surrounding the night club would be a destination for shopping and restaurants. But at present, the area has a relatively few number of businesses. The parking garage that was built to accommodate customers for the area is now almost exclusively for guests of the Carlyle Club.

“This area was supposed to be like Clarendon,” said Brennan Reilly. “We’re kind of the last man standing ... What saved us is that people find out about our shows online. They don’t just wander in. We’ve found one thing that actually works.”

The club plays “everything but classical and hip hop,” said Brennan Reilly, from jazz to oldies rock to beach music to big band to Motown. Regular performers include Doc Scantlin, Beatlemania and Satin Doll Jazz.

Brennan Reilly said he appreciates it when performers “do more than get up there and sing. They make it a night out. That’s one of the benefits of having such a small venue. That’s ultimately what we try to do here. To make it more fun than just seeing a concert.”

Dancing is encouraged by the staff and performers. “You don’t have to be professionally trained to dance. Everybody can get up and have a good time,” said Sharon Reilly.

They hold charitable events as well as

political fundraisers. “We’re equal opportunity,” said Brennan Reilly. John Warner, Mark Warner and Patsy Ticer have all held events there. “There isn’t anything in the meeting or event area that we can’t do,” said Hewitt.

Although the music is often the focus, the Carlyle Club is, after all, a supper club.

“The purpose is to come here and enjoy the music and have an excellent meal. But you don’t need to be a foodie,” said Sharon Reilly.

The style of food is “American kind of steak and seafood,” said Brennan Reilly.

Meaghan Reilly, the oldest daughter of Sharon and Brennan Reilly, runs the hostess stand. At 16, she has gotten her friends from school involved in the upkeep at the Carlyle Club. She said she likes “the whole atmosphere” and “I like working with the different bands that come here. I get to know them.”

Waiter Joseph Elian echoes her sentiment. “I enjoy every band that comes here ... I love it here. I enjoy every moment of it.”

Ros and Howard Patrick, of Potomac, Md., come at least once a month “because of the dancing and the standard of performance.” Ros Patrick said, “It’s a treasure and people should support it.”

The Carlyle Club is at 411 John Carlyle Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-8899. To find out about upcoming shows, go to <http://thecarlyleclub.com/>.



PHOTO BY MAYA HOROWITZ/GAZETTE PACKET
Patrons dance as Juanita Williams and the Swing Machine perform.



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Arlene Hewitt, co-owner, and Joseph Elian, waiter, at the hostess stand.

ENTERTAINMENT

NOW THROUGH OCT. 31

Alexandria Arts and Crafts Fair. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. every Sunday. Features some of the areas' best artists and artisans and includes jewelry, glass works, ceramics and pottery, hand woven products, and other crafts. At St. George Gallery, 105 North Alfred Street, in the heart of Old Town Alexandria.

NOW THROUGH OCT. 30

Civil War Walking Tour. Saturdays and Sundays 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Covers the changing role of African Americans on the estate, views on George Washington from the perspective of Union and Confederate supporters, and the Washington-Robert E. Lee connection. At Historic Mount Vernon. These tours are limited in capacity and cost \$5 in addition to Estate admission: \$15 adults; \$7 children (6-11); free for children 5 & under. Visit www.MountVernon.org or call 703-780-2000.

THURSDAY/AUG. 18

Healthy Cooking Demo. 7 to 8 p.m. At Murraygate Village, 7800 Belford Dr., Suite 100, Alexandria. Contact Rhonda Richardson, Program Coordinator, Inova Health System Community Health at 703-698-2516.

FRIDAY/AUG. 19

Swing Dancing. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$4. With the a live band led by conductor Owen Hammett. Open to all. At the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573.

AUG. 19-28

Alexandria Summer Restaurant Week. 62 restaurants offer a \$35 prix-fixe three-course dinner or \$35 dinner for two. Savor the flavors of Alexandria's distinctive collection of eateries, from fine dining establishments to casual neighborhood favorites. Participating restaurants include Bastille, La Bergerie, the Grille at Morrison House, Cheesetique, A la Lucia, Tempo, and many more. 703-746-3301. Menus and online reservations on VisitAlexandriaVA.com

SATURDAY/AUG. 20

Summer Orchestra Series. 7:30 p.m. The Marine Chamber Orchestra presents Music of "die Nacht." At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 North Beauregard St., Alexandria. Call 703-845-6156 or www.schlesingercenter.com.

War of 1812: Music and Life in Seaport Alexandria. Noon to 2 p.m. The Ship's Company Chanteymen will perform songs of the War of 1812 era on the Magnolia Terrace. The concert will be followed at 2:30 p.m. by a



SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

Washington Balalaika Society. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Presents An Ensemble of Russian folk instruments. At the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Visit www.balalaika.org. Call 703-549-0760.



TUESDAY/SEPT. 13

Mediaeval Baebes. UK's number one selling classical vocal group. These songwriters, multi-instrumentalists and vocalists create their unique sound by drawing inspiration from medieval texts which are set to original scores with the use of both classical and medieval musical instruments. At The Birchmere in Alexandria. Visit www.birchmere.com.

conversation with John Carlyle's great-granddaughter, Margaret Herbert Fairfax (b. 1784, d. 1850), the wife of the 9th Lord Fairfax of Cameron. Visitors can explore the schooner Lion, a scale replica of a War of 1812 privateer ship, which will be parked in front of the museum. Tours of the house will take place from 12-4 p.m. Admission is \$10/adults; \$5/children ages 5-12. At 121 N. Fairfax Street in Old Town Alexandria; call 703-549-2997.

Focus Music Folk Concert. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$18/general; \$15/advance. Nick Annis and Sally Spring will perform at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church in Alexandria. Visit www.focusmusic.org.

SUNDAY/AUG. 21

Kenny Sanders Band. 4 p.m. Donation is \$15. Sponsored by the Committee for Jazz at Meade. At Meade Church, 322 N. Alfred St., Alexandria.

Family Tour Day. 1 to 4 p.m. Special tours hosted by Junior Docents who will be stationed at each stop on the tour, including the taproom, bedchambers, ballroom, assembly room and dining room. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Cambodian Day Festival. Noon to 6 p.m. Free. Classical and folk dances, arts and crafts exhibits, live band, social dances and food and beverages. At Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Dr., Alexandria. Call 703-746-5592 or visit www.cambodiancommunityday.org.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 24

DJ Dance Party. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$6. With DJ Dabe Murphy. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

"Three Boys Night Out." 1:30 p.m. Free. At Hermitage of Northern Virginia, 5000 Fairbanks Ave., Alexandria.

THURSDAY/AUG. 25

Elephant Day. All elephant items will be 25 percent off at Ten Thousand Villages in Old Town Alexandria. In addition, 15 percent of the day's sales will be donated to the International Elephant Foundation.

AUG. 26 TO 27

Red Wanting Blue. 9 p.m. Admission is \$12. At Iota Club, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Visit <http://redwantingblue.com>.

SATURDAY/AUG. 27

Fish-Fry and Bazaar. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fish dinners, chicken dinners, silent auction, white elephant sale, 50/50 raffle, games for children and vendors. At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 711 North Columbus St., Alexandria. Call 703-836-3725.

MONDAY/AUG. 29

Wiygul Golf Classic. 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A fundraiser for ALIVE! At Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Sign up at Alexchamber.com

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 31

Author Maria Lima. 7:30 p.m. Author of "Blood Lines" will introduce her new book, Blood Sacrifice. At Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705.

"Race to Nowhere." 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10/advance; \$15/door. At Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. Visit <http://www.racetonowhere.com/epostcard/5121>.

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. Jimmy and the Blue Dogs. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

SEPT. 1 TO 5

Abbey Road on the River. Beatles Tribute Festival with 50 bands from around the world. A highlight will be the full reenactment of the soundtrack album LOVE, which was produced as a re-mix of over 130 Beatles songs for the Cirque Du Soleil show. The LOVE concert, presented by Gretsch Guitars, will take place on Saturday, Sept. 3 at 8:30 p.m. and feature 34 performers. At the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, National Harbor in Maryland. Also a fund-raiser for the American Red Cross. Visit www.abbeyroadontheriver.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 3

Alexandria Art Market. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The market boasts amazing artwork from local artists, music from multicultural musicians and great food from local restaurants. At Colasanto Park in the heart of Del Ray. Free and open to public. www.TheDelRayArtisans.com or DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com to apply.

MONDAY/SEPT. 5

Good Shepherd's International Festival. 12 to 6 p.m. Listen to live multicultural music, indulge in ethnic cuisine, peruse local artisans and shop in a huge indoor yard sale, all the while waiting for your chance to win \$10,000 cash grand prize raffle drawing. Children will enjoy kids' games and rides while parents eat, dance, and shop. <http://www.gs-cc.org/getinvolved-intlfestival.php> At the church at 8710 Mount Vernon Highway, Alexandria.

SEPT. 5 TO NOV. 6

Alexandria's Fall Arts Jubilee. Colorful spectrum of events celebrating the arts includes the King Street Festival of the Arts, Del Ray's Art on the Avenue, West End Art & Wine Festival, the Alexandria Film Festival, and dozens more. www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com; 703-746-3301.

SEPT. 5 TO OCT. 31

Kaleidoscope. An initiative of the Alexandria Arts Forum and Access through the Arts, focusing on visual and performing arts in Alexandria from Labor Day to Halloween. Enjoy theater, music and dance performances as well as art exhibitions at locations throughout the city. Dates and admission prices vary. www.ArtsKaleidoscope.com or



Justin Townes Earle

SATURDAY/AUG. 20

Justin Townes Earle. 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$25. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.birchmere.com.

www.ArtsEventsAlexandria.com

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 7

Square Dance Lessons. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sponsored by Boomerangs Square Dance Teaching Council. At Lincolnia Center, 4710 North Chambliss St., Alexandria. Alexandria. Call Nancy at 703-573-8378 or email tom.nancystafford@cox.net.



SATURDAY/SEPT. 3

Historic Downspouts Lecture. 10 a.m. Archaeologist Mark Michael Ludlow will present "The Mid-Nineteenth Century Decorative Cast Iron Downspouts of Old Town Alexandria: Decorative and Functional Architectural Statements of Social Status and Their Connection to the Two T.W. & R.C. Smith Foundries, the Early Hugh Smith Family, and Alexandria's Early Locomotive Manufacturers." At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. To make a reservation, contact Paul Nasca at [alexandriava.gov](mailto:paul.nasca@alexandriava.gov) or 703-746-4399.

Alexandria Restaurant Week, Aug. 19-28

Alexandria Summer Restaurant Week returns Aug. 19-28. Some 62 restaurants throughout the city will feature a \$35 prix-fixe three-course dinner or \$35 dinner for two. Savor the flavors of Alexandria's distinctive collection of eateries, from fine dining establishments to casual neighborhood favorites, with special offers available exclusively during this event.

Restaurant Week menus and online reservations are available on VisitAlexandriaVA.com. Food lovers can feast their eyes on the full list of participants, which includes OpenTable Diners' Choice Winners La Bergerie, A la Lucia, Tempo, the Grille at Morrison House, and the Wharf, plus restaurants from Washingtonian 'Best' lists, including Cheesetique, Bastille, Jackson 20, and Grape + Bean.

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This 10-day event enables residents and visitors to experience Alexandria's diversity of restaurant choices and taste the culinary inventiveness of local chefs. The August 2011 event is the second time Alexandria Restaurant Week has been offered in the summer. Go to VisitAlexandriaVA.com.



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liam & Mary and living in historic Williamsburg, Virginia was definitely a factor. I also majored in government. When I graduated I decided to come to Washington. It was a time of considerable cultural and political change. The rights of women in the workplace, and the country's controversial role in the Vietnam War was very much on the minds of everyone. Importantly, I did not want to sit on the sidelines! My first job with Congressman M. Caldwell Butler was an especially rewarding first experience. He was truly a citizen legislator who demanded the best from all of us. Working for him while he served as a Republican member of the House Judiciary Committee during President Nixon's impeachment proceedings was intense on the job training. His positive impact on me cannot be measured. I have never looked back and never regretted my decision to stay on Capitol Hill. I have been blessed by being associated with many very patriotic, good, decent people, both elected and appointed, that have sustained my enthusiasm for public service these many years.

Q. You spent the majority of your Washington career working for Sen. John Warner. What are some of your most memorable moments as his Chief of Staff?

A. Simply put, serving as the Senator's Chief of Staff was an honor and stands out above everything. I have great respect and admiration for him as a person and his contribution to the work of the U.S. Senate and the country. Every day on Capitol Hill was a memorable experience. It was all important one way or another. However, there are some events and experiences that I will long remember. One of my fondest memories which I still derive great satisfaction from is the constant flow of young people who worked in our Senate office or on one of the committees on which Senator Warner served. They were energetic, talented, hardworking, idealistic men and women that came and went over the years. Many are now in leadership positions in government, business, the law or raising a family. A gratifyingly large number of them periodically drop me a note, email, or call to tell me what they are up to. I get enormous satisfaction out of the thought of having contributed to their careers and now, years later, hearing from many of them. But, of course, they taught us much more than we taught them and, at the same time, they brought a lot of energy and laughter to the office.

The Mount Vernon Ladies Association

The Mount Vernon Ladies Association holds George Washington's estate in trust for the American people. A 501 (c) (3) charitable organization, it does not receive taxpayer or government monies, but relies solely on the generosity of caring people to whatever degree they are able.

Another distinctly memorable experience for me was preparing for former President Bill Clinton's second Inaugural. Senator Warner was the co-chairman of a joint committee responsible for planning the Inaugural. As executive director of the joint committee on Inaugurals it was my responsibility to make sure it was done right. One of my jobs was to escort President Clinton in the Capitol Rotunda to the Inaugural platform outside. To prepare for my brief but

"It is particularly important that we reach out to young people in America about the life and values of our Founding Father, George Washington."

— Susan Magill,
on the importance of the New National Library

important role I walked that short stretch over and over to make sure I would not trip or do anything to mess up that important task. Thankfully, it went without a hitch. Again, typical of Senator Warner's values and philosophy he deferred to President and Mrs. Clinton's wishes whenever possible. But, we did have some influence such as making sure the pledge of allegiance was included in the ceremonies. We selected an Eagle Scout from Northern Virginia to deliver the pledge of allegiance. We also arranged for the College of William & Mary Choir to participate in the Inaugural.

One other memory stands out as an example of Senator Warner's character and approach to his job. He worked closely with every Governor of Virginia over the many years of his service. He "checked politics" at the door so to speak after every election. Many are surprised to know that he and Mark Warner are friends today and collaborated on a variety of issues when Mark was Governor, despite a hard fought Senate campaign against each other. The country would certainly benefit from more of that approach today. Another experience which is forever seared in my memory is the infamous 9/11. I was with Senator Warner that day early in the morning readying for the day's activities, when I watched on TV the planes flying into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. I notified the Senator what was happening. Senator Warner immediately directed all of us to go home. He assured me he was going home also. So, I went home to northern Virginia and turned on the TV. Wouldn't you know it there was Senator Warner on TV with the Secretary of Defense, at the site of the attack on the Pentagon. In a typical gesture he wanted us all to be home and safe and then he proceeded to the center of action at the Pentagon. He knew I would have insisted on going with him if I had known he was headed to the Pentagon.

Q. You left your position as chief of staff to Senator Warner in 2006 and accepted a position with the Pew Charitable Trusts? Why? What did you do for them? Why did you leave Senator Warner's office?

A. I very much wanted to join the non-profit sector as the next chapter in my career. I was most fortunate to be able to work with one of the most outstanding nonprofits in our country. Pew carefully selects a limited number of public policy issues, conducts extensive research, and then advocates for the position which they believe best serves the public interest. Also, I had been on the Hill for many years and I felt it was time for me to move on to a new chal-

lenge. I was hired to establish their government relations program in their Washington, D.C. office. Additionally, I led their fundraising efforts. I became the managing director of Government Relations and Philanthropic Services. This was a tremendous learning experience for me, and a great foundation for my future work for the Mount Vernon Ladies Association. I worked for the Pew Trusts for more than three years and thoroughly enjoyed my time there.

Q. Then, you moved on to your present position as Vice President for Advancement for the Mount Vernon Ladies Association (MVLA). How did that come about?

A. Several events and supportive colleagues and friends "conspired" to enable me to be appointed to this position. While working for Senator Warner I served on the Ladies Association's Advisory Board for six years. In addition, I was fortunate to work for the Pew Trusts non-profit organization, and to be appointed to two important Virginia advisory organizations which contributed enormously to preparing me for the position I now hold. In 1997 I was appointed to the Board of Visitors of the College of William & Mary, my Alma Mater. I served from 1997-2006, and was elected by my colleagues on the Board as Rector. In 2006 I was appointed to complete an unexpired term on the Virginia State Council of Higher Education, and reappointed to a full four-year term in 2008. I now serve as chair of the council. My service with the Pew Trusts, and on these higher education boards, steeped me in Virginia higher education issues, the history of Virginia, and what it takes to raise money for philanthropic causes. I believe these experiences laid the groundwork for me to be seriously considered for the Ladies Association. When the position opened up I called the president, Jim Rees, and he encouraged me to throw my hat in the ring for the job. Now that I am here the background acquired in those appointments continues to benefit me.

Q. What is special about your current position with the Ladies Association? What do you hope to

Profile

Susan Magill
Press Secretary: Congressman M. Caldwell Butler
Subcommittee Staff Director, House Select Committee on Aging; Congressman William Wampler Director, the Commonwealth of Virginia, Washington, D.C. Liaison Office. Appointed by Governor John Dalton
Chief of Staff, Office of U.S. Sen. John Warner 1986-2006; Legislative Asst, 1982-86.
Executive Director, Joint Committee on Inaugural Activities, U.S. Congress. 1996-97.
Managing Director for Government Relations and Philanthropic Services, The Pew Charitable Trusts, 2006-2009
Vice President for Advancement, Mount Vernon Ladies Association, June 2010 to Present
Volunteer Appointments:
Member, Board of Advisors, Mount Vernon Ladies Association 2004-2010
Chair, Virginia State Council on Higher Education (SCHEV): nominated by Gov. Timothy Kaine and confirmed by the Virginia General Assembly to fill an unexpired term, 2006; Reappointed by Kaine in 2008 to a full four-year term
Board of Visitors, College of William & Mary, 1997: appointed by Gov. George Allen, reappointed by Gov. Jim Gilmore; elected Rector of the College in 2003, Chair, Executive Committee. 1997 - 2006.
Board of Trustees, American Council of Young Political Leaders. 1997-2001
Member, Advisory Council, Chesapeake Bay Foundation. 2009-Present

accomplish as you move forward into your second year and beyond on the job?

A. Mount Vernon (Estate) is a national treasure. I have a passion for American history and Mount Vernon. I want to spread the word across America about the life of George Washington and why his remarkable life remains an inspiration and model for us today. He was a farmer, entrepreneur, elected and appointed public official, soldier, and a very thoughtful and principled leader that we can all learn from. The Mount Vernon Ladies Association started the preservation movement in America and, uniquely, bought George Washington's estate before women had the right to vote. They were and remain leaders in the preservation movement and the advancement of the role of women in our society. Jim Rees, as president, and our board, are visionaries who have transformed Mount Vernon from not only an important historic site to a vibrant center for education about life in 18th Century America and particularly about George and Martha Washington. The leaders of the Association, not content after the Education Center and Museum opened, have moved ahead to plan for the National Library for the Study of George Washington.

My job is really quite straightforward — to raise the funds, \$100 million, necessary to build the library and pay for the important new programs and staff which will allow the program to realize its full potential. In addition, at the same time I am responsible for continuing to identify the necessary resources for the ongoing operations of Mount Vernon and our important work in education, preservation, and collections. It is a joy and challenge that I look forward to every day.

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Majors Look for Continued Improvement under Wells

Mount Vernon deep at running back position.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

The Mount Vernon football team concluded its afternoon practice on Aug. 12 with punishment in the form of conditioning: 100 yards of army crawls and 100 yards of bear crawls.

After the majority of the Majors paid their debt for a team miscommunication, one lineman remained on the field, struggling to finish. It was evident the young man was in agony as he flopped onto a practice field littered with patches of dirt and dead grass.

Fatigued from their own hard work, it would have been easy for the Majors to head to the locker room, seeking shelter from the sun while leaving their teammate to finish on his own. Instead, they stuck around to encourage an athlete who needed a helping hand.

Players gathered around the lineman, showering him with rhythmic claps. One player shouted "Don't quit!" An assistant coach sprayed the lineman with water to cool him as he mustered the strength to crawl in five-yard intervals. Thanks to support from his teammates, the lineman eventually finished.

If the Majors are to continue the improvement they showed during the 2010 season, a similar spirited effort will likely be required.

After a winless 2009 campaign, Mount Vernon responded last season with a 5-5 record and a playoff berth under first-year head coach Barry Wells. However, several key players who helped with the five-win turnaround, including tight end/linebacker Julien Randolph, lineman Logan Beougher and running back Emmanuel Tackie, have graduated, leaving the Majors searching for standouts.

Last season, Wells saw the talent he had to work with and declared .500 or bust. This year, it will take a team effort to show improvement.

"From a goal standpoint, I want to be at least 6-4," Wells said. "You've got to show progress. For me to stay flat at 5-5 would be disappointing. Are we set for talent the way we were last year? No, so two things have to happen. One: the kids that are here have to step up. Two: the coaches have to do a better job. We embrace the challenge, but the jury is still out on who we have and who we don't have."

"There are a lot of unknowns."

One early season bright spot has been the running back position. Senior Dennis Mensah emerged as the team's lead back several games into the 2010 season and fig-



Mount Vernon junior Robert Nelson will play either quarterback or tight end this season.

ures to be a difference-maker in the fall. Mensah will miss most of the Majors' summer practices while out of the country with his family. It was originally believed Mensah would miss several games, but Wells said Mensah will be back for the team's Sept. 1 opener against West Potomac.

"That's a bit of a relief," Wells said.

"[Our players have] got something to prove. The bar has been set. Anytime you make the kind of leap that we made and people are starting to buy into the program, these guys have something to show. I'm just hoping they're up for the challenge."

— Mount Vernon head football coach Barry Wells

Senior Sadiq Oyedele and juniors Jamil Mateo and Bashan Williams could also see carries at what figures to be Mount Vernon's deepest offensive position. The Majors often pounded the ball between the tackles last season and will likely again feature a run-oriented offense.

"These are speedy guys," Wells said. "You get them in space and they're going to make some things happen."

The quarterback position is up for grabs. Junior Robert Nelson, a part-time starter last year, and sophomore Brendon Maturey are competing for playing time. Wells said he would like for one to establish himself as the starter, but the coach won't hesitate to rotate quarterbacks if necessary.

Nelson said he has a better grasp on the

offense than he did as a sophomore.

"Last year, I used to stutter a little bit when I was talking in the huddle," he said, "but now I have more confidence in the plays."

If Maturey plays quarterback, Wells said Nelson could see time at tight end.

Senior right guard Stanley Gorman and junior center Jeremy Larkey will anchor the offensive line. Wells said he wants to keep



Mount Vernon sophomore Brendon Maturey is competing for the starting quarterback position.

linemen fresh with a rotation.

On defense, Mount Vernon will vary between a 4-3 and a 4-2-5. Williams and junior Saili Oto will be impact players at outside linebacker, and senior Grady Walker and junior Zak Balde could see time at middle linebacker.

Sophomore Bobby Manuel will play defensive end. He said the team's attitude has been positive.

"We're cheering each other up, clapping for each other [and] trying to help each other," he said. "We're 'trying to make sure we have a good season.'"

Mount Vernon will host scrimmages against Freedom (Aug. 19) and LaPlata (Aug. 25), each starting at 7 p.m.

The Majors will open the regular season at West Potomac and begin district play on Sept. 23 with a home game against Washington-Lee.

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Summer Diving Grows at Stratford Recreation Association

Bryan Bahr, head coach of Stratford Recreation Association's NVSL dive team, has participated in NVSL dive for many years and is entering his senior year at George Mason University, where he is on the men's diving team. In his first year as a head coach, Bahr has helped develop the team's divers.

A number of young and new divers were able to double the scores they received in dive meets over the season. Not only have the divers improved, but the team tripled in size under Bahr's leadership, and is at 60-70 divers.

"These kids are very well supervised and Bryan is very watchful of safety," said new dive mom Karen Fisher.

This year, many of the SRA divers received solid coaching expertise as well as doing a few "dry land practices" with the Alexandria Dive Club. Dry land uses gymnastics spotting belts rigged over trampolines and "dry boards" — diving boards that land the diver on a sponge mat. The best part of dry land is divers can practice advanced skills without the fear of smacking the water. It includes strength and resistance training.

This year, seven SRA divers attended the Cracker Jack Invitational Dive Meet, the largest one-day dive meet in the nation. The meet included more than 450 divers this year. Many divers from the "Cracker Jack" Invitational have gone on to compete at the

collegiate and Olympic levels. Lia Giglio (10) placed second in her age group. Giglio is new to the area and new to diving. She was excited about her finish.

"I was so excited to place second at my first trip to a huge meet," she said. "It was truly a highlight of my summer."

Ginny Nelson placed 10th among 6-year-old girls. Her mother, Dawn Nelson, said, "This meet was great for Ginny. There were so many other divers. She gained confidence and had a lot of fun. After they finished diving she and the other divers were even doing the Macarena. This meet was a turning point for her because she has fallen in love with diving."

Other divers in the meet included Gregory and Charlotte Granahan, Ashley and Courtney LaRoche, and Michael Lavanga.

The six-week season includes five dive meets and a divisional championship and concludes with the all-stars championship. This year, SRA was able to have four divers and two alternates qualify for the all-star dive meet. All-star diver Marina Endahl has attended the meet for the past four years. She said about her experience this year: "The event this year was really fun and my coaching was excellent. Every year the competition is intense and it is hard on my nerves. My coach and teammates helped me out a lot."

In her three other appearances at the all-



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Stratford Recreation Association diver Marina Endahl competes at an all-star meet.

star meet, she has been the single team member making it to the meet. This year, she had the companionship of five other teammates.

Jack Maher, Will Rausch, Rachel Dacey were also all-star divers, along with alter-

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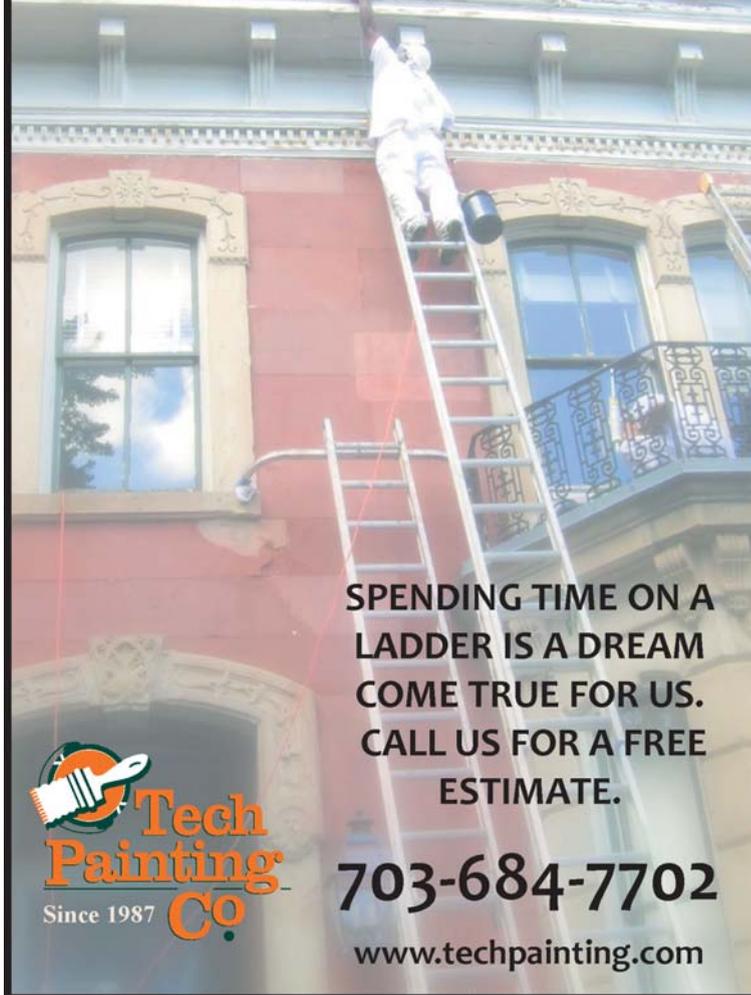
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