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After Irene

The root of the tree that fell in Gale and Tom Curcio's backyard, taking out fences, trees and lawn furniture. Workers from Beaver Dam Tree & Firewood Service remove the debris.



Sarah and Abigail Pratt clear debris.



Ed Muckerman cleans up after Hurricane Irene.



A tree fell on a boat in storage at Pohick Bay Regional Park.

Muslims Welcomed At Good Shepherd

A move from Aldersgate United Methodist after critical publicity.

BY ED SIMMONS, JR.
THE GAZETTE

It's 9:30 Tuesday morning at Good Shepherd Catholic Church on Old Mount Vernon Road and the parking lot is full. But inside the 400 or more worshippers aren't devout Christians; they're devout Muslims.

They've gathered to prayerfully observe the end of Ramadan, a month-long period of fasting from dawn to dusk and a time for intense meditation on the word of God (or Allah). Leading the service, Naeem Baig, executive director of the Islam Circle of North America, preaches a message of living moral, reverent lives and reaching out to Christians in

peace.

In mid-August, Good Shepherd priest Father Tom Ferguson decided to welcome the Muslims to hold their prayer services in the Father Gerry Creedon Hall while the building of their mosque on Woodlawn Trail is completed. "We share a belief in God and we share a commitment to peace," the priest said, noting that he consulted with church staff before making his decision. "The people in the parish affirmed the decision."

Islam, Judaism and Christianity have the same roots, he noted, reaching back to Abraham, and welcoming Muslims is consistent with the work of the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops which has

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Performers Return To Their Roots

Musicians Petteway and Ainslie, Fort Hunt High School grads, to perform for upcoming Focus season.

BY MONTIE MARTIN
THE GAZETTE

With a guitar, a mandolin, a Grammy, and plenty of stories with local flair, musicians Scott Ainslie and Al Petteway will return to their local stomping grounds for the upcoming edition on the Focus calendar.

Focus, a nonprofit organization whose mission includes promoting under-the-radar artists, has recently signed the two stars as headliners for the fall season.



Scott Ainslie,
Fort Hunt
High year-
book photo.



Al "Allfonso"
Petteway,
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While the organization may not have realized the coincidental

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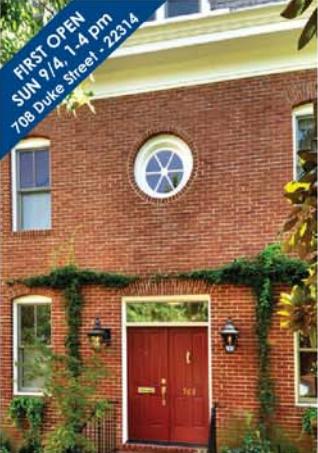


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NEWS

Faithful Observe End of Ramadan

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initiated and encouraged inter-faith dialog. "Demonizing a religion is antithetical to Catholic thinking," he said.

Since last September, the Muslims had previously been meeting at Aldersgate United Methodist Church on Fort Hunt Road where some congregation members objected, expressing their disapproval to their pastors, the Rev. Dennis Perry and the Rev. Jason Micheli, particularly after a report on Fox News. From out of state, there even came death threats.

Micheli said the Muslims have been "very sensitive that our hospitality has been at some cost." He noted that the "the cost has been to Dennis and me" and though some members have left the church, attendance has not declined because new members have joined who approved of the decision. Perry is currently on sabbatical leave until October.

Micheli said the Muslims were not asked to leave and "they were sensitive to our need to get the building ready for our fall programming." He also noted that due to renovations this year at Good Shepherd, the Catholics will



Due for completion in late September and built with classic Arabic design, the new ICNA Mosque is located across Route 1 from Mount Vernon Plaza behind Firestone.

be holding many activities at Aldersgate.

Welcoming the Muslims at Good Shepherd, Ferguson said that "promoting peace through hospitality" is central to current Catholic thinking. He announced his decision to welcome the Muslims in the Aug. 14 Sunday bulletin in a letter to the congregation which notes that

Aug. 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, whose title "Queen of Peace inspires us to seek her intercession for peace in our world."

"Let us offer to Jesus through Mary our hope that our hospitality — and the prayers of the ICNA community may offer on our behalf — may lead to a greater peace



Muslims celebrate the end of Ramadan at Good Shepherd Tuesday, Aug. 30.

among people of different faiths and cultures, beginning here in our own community."

"We pray for peace," said Baig, who told his fellow Muslims at

Tuesday's service that with the approach of the anniversary of Sept. 11, it is all the more important to reach out to fellow Americans in friendship and peace.



Wonhee Kang of the Boys & Girls Club, U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, Del. Scott Surovell, Ann Reiger of Inova, Maria Harris Tildon of Care First, Thomas Connolly and Tonia Kinlow.

9-5-2-1-0 ... for health kick-off and Family Night at Murraygate Village.

Inova Health System, Northern Virginia Healthy Kids Coalition, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield and the Fairfax Region Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington hosted family night and a kick-off for the Healthy Kids initiative 9-5-2-1-0 at the Community Center in Murraygate Village on Thursday, Aug. 18. 9-5-2-1-0: 9 hours of sleep each night, 5 servings of fruits or vegetables daily, 2 hours or less of screen time, at least one hour of physical exercise and 0 sug-

ary beverages. Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington Regional Director Wonhee Kang opened the event with a welcome to all the children participating in the program, their parents and family, host representatives and U.S. Rep. Jim Moran and state Del. Scott Surovell. Bestway presented a check to the club for \$2,500. Inova Health System followed by presenting another check for \$25,000 for the Healthy Lifestyle Program. Refreshments and dinner were provided by Whole Foods.



The children at the Murraygate Community Center sing the 9-5-2-1-0 song.



Wonhee Kang helps serve food to the children.



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Scott Ainslie performs at the Swannanoa Gathering music camp.



Al Petteway and Amy White are no strangers to the area, returning to Alexandria's annual First Night festival year after year

Musicians Return to Their Roots

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booking for what it was, former Fort Hunt classmates and folk music lovers now have the opportunity to see both performers in action.

Focus Board of Directors member Kay Coyte joked the new Mount Vernon venue at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church will be full of graduates from the class of 1970.

"Last year we expanded to Mount Vernon," said Coyte. "The new site holds about 150 people, and we're expecting a huge number of Fort Hunt High School grads."

Ainslie, who blends story telling with a Piedmont style of blues, was particularly active in the folk music club at Fort Hunt High.

"Some of my friends fast talked the administration into giving students unsupervised stage time in the auditorium," said Ainslie. "We had a 35-minute lunch break, which was more or less an excuse for students to make out."

In his first on-stage performance, Ainslie was any-

**"Because I played
the guitar I was
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with all the high
school cliques"**

— Al Petteway

thing but the professional of today. "I walked out on stage for the first time and my knees started shaking violently," he said. "I survived, and I learned that in order to be comfortable on stage you have to be comfortable in your own skin."

Amateurism aside, the Fort Hunt area and wider D.C. region were influential for Ainslie. In the midst of 1960's political activism, Ainslie grew up as a witness to the times.

"I saw Kennedy's body roll down Constitution Avenue, I saw Martin Luther King give his speech at the Lincoln Memorial, and I listened to civil rights anthems," said Ainslie. "These momentous events shaped my consciousness, and I saw the world not through a white suburban perspective."

Al Petteway, who maintains he was less of an activist and more of a peacenick, developed his style following his influential experience at Woodstock.

"Woodstock was an incredibly life-changing experience. I went to Woodstock for the music, but came back feeling love and peace," said Petteway. "Most of the rallies in D.C. would turn into a violent protest, and I wasn't a fan of violence."

As for high school drama, Petteway stayed clear of the social pressures associated with being cool, like

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More

If you miss October's Petteway and White concert, there's always a chance to see them perform for Alexandria's First Night festival. The duo regularly return to the area to reconnect with friends and to enjoy a more relaxed performance environment. For more information visit: <http://www.firstnightalexandria.org/>

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NEWS

Fort Hunt Grads To Perform

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smoking cigarettes and stealing cars. "Because I played the guitar I was able to stay cool with all the high school cliques," said Petteway. "I played with a rock band called the Nomads, and I also played with the folk music club which is where I first met Scott."

"We played together in high school," said Ainslie. "He was the only one who could play both the guitar and bass. These days we work together every summer at the Swannanoa Gathering music camp in North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains."

Charles Williams, an Alexandria-based opera tenor and longtime friend of Ainslie, first heard the Fort Hunt grad perform 10 years ago at the North Carolina music camp.

"I really admire his talent," said Williams. "He

doesn't often perform in the area, and if you don't make his concert you're missing something big."

As for Petteway and partner Amy White, the Grammy award-winning duo can be seen every year performing at First Night, Alexandria's New Year's Eve celebration.

"They are absolutely lovely to work with," said Ann Dorman, executive director of First Night. "They are so easy and it seems they love to come back year after year."

"We come back to the area every year because it's the kind of thing we love to do. We love house concerts, we meet fantastic people, and we get to see friends we don't often catch up with."

— Al Petteway

often catch up with." Petteway and White can also be found on Facebook.

Variety of Instruments

"What people seem to like about our shows is that we play really different instruments," said Al Petteway.

He and Amy White, no strangers to the area with their annual attendance at First Night, wow audiences with seven instruments at their disposal. These include: acoustic guitar, mandolin, Celtic Harp, piano, banjo, lap dulcimer, and world percussion. While they tend to stick with a traditional Celtic and Appalachian style, their shows also incorporate elements of rock and roll and jazz. For more information visit: <http://alandamy.com/>

True to Activist Roots

Scott Ainslie continues to fight for social causes dear to his heart. He previously released a compilation CD, "Care for All: Musicians for Healthcare," in support of the non-profit Vermont Workers Center. More recently, Ainslie invested his energies with the Gulf Aid Acadiana group to help finance clean up efforts following the Deep Water Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. For more information visit: <http://cattailmusic.com/>

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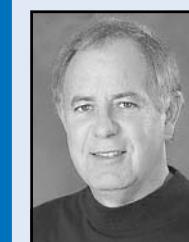
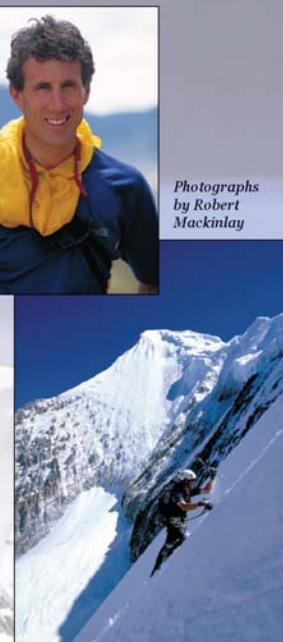
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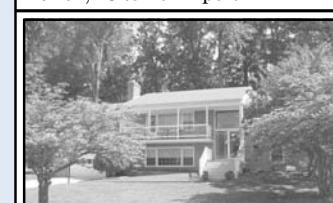
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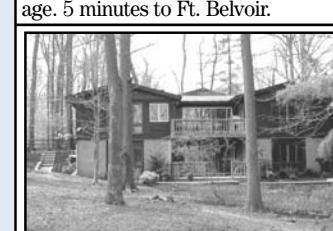
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Firefighters reported smoke showing from the third floor of the three-story apartment upon arrival. The incident commander called for a second alarm because of high winds and the potential for the fire to quickly spread to other apartment units in the structure. Approximately 60 firefighters responded to the emergency. It took firefighters approximately 20 minutes to extinguish the fire. Firefighters were able to confine the fire to two bedrooms. Early warning by sounding smoke alarms allowed occupants to escape the building unharmed. Firefighters also used ladders to assist occupants in exiting the building. Two adults and one child have been displaced. Red Cross is assisting the family. There were no injuries.

Damage estimate is \$60,000.

According to fire investigators, the fire was accidental. The cause of the fire was clothing too close to a nearby lamp. At the time of the fire, the power had been off, and then restored.

UCM Benefits from 'Likefest'

Now through Sept. 5, Chevys Alexandria will donate \$1 to United Community Ministries for every new "Like" it receives on its Facebook page. Visit www.facebook.com/ChevysAlexandria and click on the "Like" button at the top of the page.

UCM's programs include emergency services, job skills training and job placement, professional child care services, youth development, the Creekside and Sacramento neighborhood development centers, a child abuse and neglect prevention program, two-year transitional housing programs for the homeless, and the Back Porch thrift store.

NEWS

Looking Ahead at WPHS

Setting goals, expanding on technology.



Cliff Hardison
West Potomac
Principal

BY MONTIE MARTIN
THE GAZETTE

Cliff Hardison, currently serving his third year as principal at West Potomac High School, has major plans for the year ahead.

"It is no longer acceptable to teach to the test while focusing on rote memorization," Hardison said. "Education is no longer a nice option, it is essential moving into the 21st century."

Accomplishing the task of educating students for the future requires overcoming serious challenges. Streamlining communication within and outside the school is a necessary hurdle, as is developing a new skill set that best prepares students for life after academics.

"Students need to know how to problem solve," said Hardison. "They need to learn skills for the 21st century, includ-

ing the ability to communicate, collaborate and be creative."

A crucial element of his plan to develop those new skills is the expansion of technology in the classroom. Starting this year social studies textbooks will be presented in an online format. Although online learning is not new to the school system, the program has dramatically grown.

Hardison is also focused on maintaining the successful programs of West Potomac including clubs, sports, the arts as well as technology competitions.

One particularly successful program that Hardison would like to expand upon is the laptop and notebook lending program. "Our inventory of notebooks and laptops that we loan out to students is constantly checked out," said Hardison.

While looking to the year ahead, Hardison is also prone to reminisce on some of the more touching moments during his previous years at West Potomac.

"Kids are inherently funny," said Hardison. "A student once came to me to complain about a teacher who would not let him

do an assignment. I wanted to laugh and cheer because he wanted to do the extra work, but at the same time I had to hold back because it he was a serious problem for him."

"Education is no longer a nice option. It is essential moving into the 21st century."

— Cliff Hardison, principal, West Potomac

Goals for Students

Equipping students with 21st century skills requires a familiarity with technology. As the school system expands on the technology front, residents can support Fairfax County Public Schools' efforts with a donation supporting the laptop and notebook lending program. For more information visit: <http://commweb.fcps.edu/donatetofcps/>

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Kristina with her dad, Bill Granger.



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Carol Kelly and Jennifer Feninore.



USA teammates Alex Chepeska and John Daly.

Celebrating Canadian Club Whiskey's 'Hide A Case' Adventure

A reunion was held Aug. 20 for the seven finalists in the Canadian Club Whiskey's "Hide A Case" Adventure. The grand prize winner, Alexandria resident Kristina Beall, invited her USA teammates and the Canadian team as well as her family, friends and neighbors to a barbecue at her home.

Canadian Club started hiding cases of their whiskey around the world in 1967. Only 16 cases out of 25 have been recovered. Starting with an online competition that included over 20,000 participants, the field was narrowed to a few hundred, then to 14 and finally to 7. The seven journeyed this spring to New Zealand and on to the Tonga island-nation. Beall determined that the case was in the middle of a volcanic lake and took a teammate with her to go scuba diving and recover it.

Since the case was buried, the island has experienced earthquakes and other geological changes and shifts making it too dangerous to retrieve the case. Beall was awarded the grand prize of \$100,000. Back at home, Beall said that it was serendipity that Tonga would be the destination. Before she was born her parents spent five years in Tonga as Peace Corps volunteers. Her older sister also spent time there too as a young child. Beall was the only one in her family who had not visited the island. Her father, Bill Granger, remarked that his daughter made more money in a week in Tonga than he and his wife made combined in five years.

Beall used the winning to help pay off her student loans and her husband's and to continue graduate school at George Washington University.



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OPINION

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BY SCOTT A. SUROVELL
DELEGATE (D-44)

This article was inadvertently left out of last week's Insiders Guide.

I'm sure I'm missing something, but here are my tips — having lived here my entire life — for new residents for the Insiders Guide.

First, get on your bike and ride down the Mount Vernon Bike Trail to Mount Vernon. Then ride it to Alexandria or Washington, D.C. If you have more time, ride to Washington Harbor. If you're really adventurous, send me an email and I'll tell you how to do a 50-mile loop to Mason Neck State Park.

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tries, New Hope Housing, Good Shepherd Housing, Progresso Hispano, and Rising Hope Mission Church so you get on their lists and find out how you can learn about our entire community and how your family can really make a difference for the less fortunate right here in Mount Vernon.

Check out the oldest regional library in Fairfax County — Sherwood Regional Library — check out one of the newest libraries in the county at Martha Washington, and go skating or swimming at one of our two recreation centers — Mount Vernon or George Washington.

Take a kayak out in Dyke Marsh. Canoe up Little Hunting Creek and Dogue Creek and see a side of our community that people rarely appreciate (bring your fishing pole and look for snakeheads). While you're at it, go walk through the biggest park in Fairfax County — Huntley Meadows Park. If you're adventurous, use the western entrance at the intersection of Telegraph Road and South Kings Highway.

After you've done all that, go to the original Krispy Kreme in Fairfax County. If you're really hungry for breakfast, go to Elsie's Magic Skillet and you might run into Supervisor Gerry Hyland.

CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the Mt. Vernon police department through Aug. 26.

ROBBERY/ DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY/ ARREST

Police arrested a man for robbing a 44-year-old man in the 3500 block of Holly Hill Road on Wednesday, Aug. 17 and again on Sunday, August 21. A 53-year-old male of the 3500 block of Holly Hill Road in Alexandria was charged with two counts of robbery. He was additionally charged with destruction of property for allegedly puncturing tires on the victim's car.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

A 44-year-old man and 49-year-old woman were the victims of an attempted armed robbery that occurred around 9:50 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 11 in the 6300 block of South Kings Highway. The suspects were described as black, in their late teens to early 20s, between 5 feet 6 and 5 feet 9 inches tall and 165 pounds. One suspect had no shirt on; the other was wearing a dark-colored shirt red hat. Both suspects had on baggy pants with boxer shorts visible from the top. The victims were not injured.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

Two men attempted to rob a 41-year-old man in the area of Buckman Road and Janna Lee Avenue around 4:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 13. The suspects were described as black, about 19 years old, 6 feet 1 inch tall and 175 pounds, with afro style hair. They were seen in a black Honda sedan with Virginia license plates. The victim declined medical attention.

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- 1100 block of Gatewood Drive.** Necklace stolen from residence.
- 7100 block of Groveton Gardens Road.** iPod stolen from business.
- 2300 block of Huntington Ave.** Beer stolen from business.
- 8200 block of Mount Vernon Highway.** Diaper bag, wallet and documents stolen from vehicle.
- 4000 block of Old Mill Road.** Cell phone stolen from vehicle.
- 6000 block of Richmond Highway.** Cell phone stolen from vehicle.
- 6300 block of Richmond Highway.** Peaches stolen from business.
- 6000 block of Richmond Highway.** GPS and wallet stolen from vehicle.
- 7700 block of Richmond Highway.** Bicycle stolen from business.
- 7900 block of Richmond Highway.** BB gun stolen from business.
- 8300 block of Richmond Highway.** Wallet stolen from vehicle.
- 8400 block of Richmond Highway.** Food stolen from business.
- 8500 block of Richmond Highway.** Camera stolen from vehicle.
- 8600 block of Village Square.** GPS, tools and power adapter stolen from vehicle.
- 8600 block of Walutes Circle.** Phones and jewelry stolen from residence.
- 7100 block of Whetstone Road.** Diamond engagement ring stolen from residence.
- 1600 block of Belle View Blvd.** Cash stolen from business.
- 8400 block of Benicia Court.** iPod Touch stolen from residence.
- 7100 block of Fairchild Drive.** License plate stolen from vehicle.
- 2200 block of Huntington Ave.** Power washer stolen from residence.
- 6200 block of North Kings Highway.** Liquor stolen from business.

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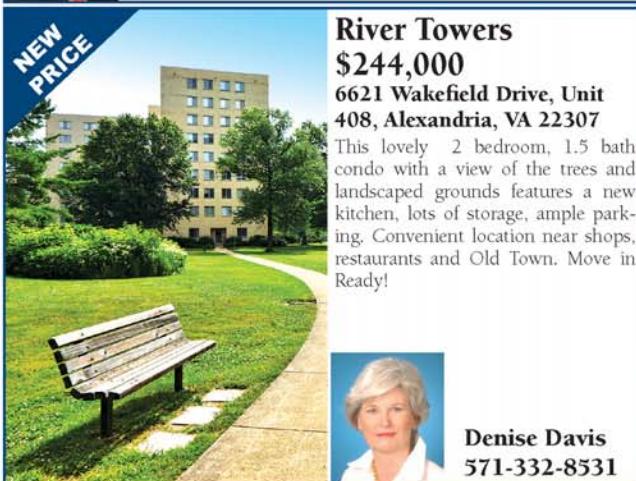
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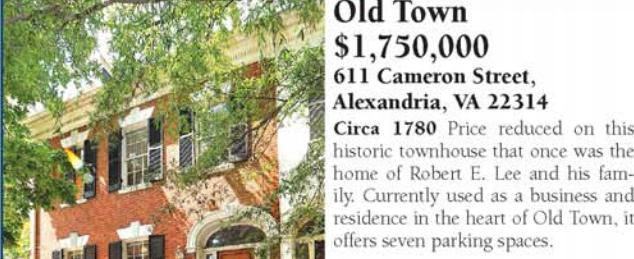
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OPINION

Crazy Week

Contested primaries about as comfortable as earthquakes, but with far greater benefit.

A 5.8 earthquake gave the region a shaking up last Tuesday, and while it was mostly harmless, two landmarks, the Washington Monument and the National Cathedral, are still closed.

The quake came amidst primary election day for both Republicans and Democrats, with at least two somewhat unexpected results. It's a sign of health for both parties that candidates are prepared to compete in primary elections.

While some have cited the negativity in one of the Democratic primary races, the benefits of contested races outweigh the negatives, especially in districts that lean so heavily to one party, the primary is the election.

(It's true that the vitriolic negativity in the primary for the 31st, carried out via hundreds of thousands of dollars in slick mailers, was an unfortunate introduction for the many voters new to the district.)

But voters in the 30th and 31st Senate districts were offered real choices. Too often these

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races involve the anointing of incumbent or heir-apparent who are then practically guaranteed a seat after the general election.

Not this time.

The message was that good candidates can rise up and seek election. And the Republican challengers in these two races cannot be counted out, especially Caren Merrick in the 31st.

There were also Republican races for the right to challenge Virginia Senators George Barker, Toddy Puller and Dave Marsden, and Sheriff Stan Barry (D) of Fairfax.

Two Democrats faced off in a very close race for the right to challenge Supervisor John Cooke in the Braddock District of Fairfax County.

The sad part was the timing and the turnout. The August primary, necessitated by the resolution of redistricting, and other factors lead to a voter turnout of less than 10 percent in most areas.

Food for Thought

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is sending a team to the North Anna nuclear power plant, which shut down during last week's earthquake. The plant, located just 10 miles from the epicenter of Tuesday's 5.8 quake, was reported designed to withstand that magnitude quake and no more, but shaking at the location of the quake might have exceeded that.

The plant could be shut down for six weeks to six months according to a report in the Freelance Star newspaper. North Anna is about 70 miles from our area.

In April, the Surry nuclear plant, about 140 miles away, automatically shut down after losing power when a tornado hit the electrical switchyard next to the plant, reported the Virginia Gazette newspaper. Diesel generators kicked in to provide emergency power.

- MARY KIMM,

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Nuclear Caution,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Voting In Fairfax

To the Editor:

As a poll worker in Fairfax County (South Alexandria region) I want to thank all those who came to the polls on Aug. 23, a day which began as a "bell weather" day, to cast their votes in what was, for many, a confusing election. We had about a 9 percent turnout, but wound up with 20 to 30 people leaving the polls when they arrived to discover that their party was not having a primary vote that day. Our first voter of the day (6:05 a.m.) actually had us destroy her ballot when she realized, after she had marked it, that it was for the "wrong" side. Many of the others simply declined to receive a ballot after we told them what their choice was upon their being checked in. There were written notices about who was on which ballot, but we appear to have more auditory learners than visual learners. Our precinct was split, with about 10 percent of the precinct participating in the Democratic Primary. That fact did not stop some of the Democratic candidates from calling all of their perceived likely supporters within the precinct to come out to vote for them, calls that apparently began at 7:30 in the morning, an incident berated by one of our disgruntled voters.

We election officers were alone at the time of the earthquake, in the high ceilinged cafeteria at

Stratford Landing school. The high level blinds and drop ceiling rattled a bit during the second half of the quake, but nothing fell, and our polling when on, with participation apparently unaffected. I again especially thank all those who came out, especially those who came out only to find out that there was no election for them, and those who came out with their families, with both children in tow, witnessing democracy in action, as well as a recently arrived mother who had moved north to live with a daughter, and was participating in her first Fairfax County election at the age of 97.

John Dickert

Mount Vernon Farms
Virginia

Quality of Life Endangered

To the Editor:

Below is a response by Jeff Frederick to Toddy Puller's article ("So Much To Cherish Here") in the Gazette:

The Mount Vernon community is a treasure to both our Commonwealth and nation. Whether it is the incredible history, the economic engine that it is and can be, or the incredible natural resources — Mount Vernon is a place of unique opportunities for its residents that we must protect and preserve. But that special quality of life Mount Vernon residents enjoy is in danger.

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Snapshot

11:58 a.m., Aug. 29,
Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

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FROM PAGE 10

I was born in Fairfax County and grew up nearby in Springfield. Much has changed in the Mount Vernon area since then. Population has exploded and infrastructure and economic growth has not kept up pace. Like most of Northern Virginia, congestion and traffic have slowed our progress. Schools are overwhelmed and in many cases, unable to provide kids the education they deserve. Taxes are holding back small businesses from creating jobs, growing our economy—and making life all the more challenging for families.

For the last 20 years, people have been looking for transportation solutions while their commutes have gotten longer. Children have been seeking a quality education while school performance has declined. And government from Richmond takes more and more from you and, in the end, you get less and less in return. It shouldn't have to be that way. We need to be solving these old problems with new ideas and new technologies. We need new leadership who will work to solve the challenges Mount Vernon families and small businesses face the same way they do: by prioritizing,

doing more with less, and making the tough decisions instead of always raising taxes.

Jeff Frederick

The writer is the Republican candidate for the 36th Senate District.

Irresponsible Dog Owners

To the Editor:

I am a resident of Stratford Landing, and I have been fighting the battle of dog feces and dogs running off-leash for many years. I have actually successfully enlisted law enforcement in one case where I saw the neighbors allowing their dog to defecate on my property. Yes, I took pictures with my cell phone. The procedure is to warn the dog owners and ask them not to be on or allow their dog to be on your property. If they do this again then you go to the magistrate's office in the government building on Parker's Lane and swear out a warrant for them. Also, calling Animal Control when a dog is running off leash will bring an officer to the neighborhood. As an Animal Control officer told me, "If you don't let us know, we don't know it is happening."

Just this past weekend someone allowed their dog to defecate on our property. Last winter, in the aftermath of a snow storm and after my husband had cleared our sidewalk, the neighbor's sidewalks and the area around our mailbox, someone took advantage of the cleared area and allowed their dog to defecate there. My husband will not be clearing this area in future snow storms.

Being a GS 14,15, or 16; lawyer, doctor, or high ranking military person does not bestow class. Anyone who allows their animals to deface neighbors property, throw their trash, including beer bottles on neighbors property, or turn the ugly side of their fence toward their neighbors property is not classy. They are arrogant, irresponsible and rude.

Georgia Starry

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To the Editor:

I appreciate Mr. Jay Spiegel's letter that you published on Aug.

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OPINION

After Irene: Tips To Solve Wet Basement Problems

BY GERALD A. FILL

Hurricane Irene brought the rain that many homeowners needed for their grass and gardens. The summer has been dry and very hot. However, now that we have just had heavy rainfall over a short period of time it can cause your basement to leak resulting in damage to carpeting, furniture, and the consequent mold if cleanup action is not taken immediately.

ADVICE The torrential rains caused emergency-type basement flooding and that presents you with another problem: contractors offering quick fixes that may cause more problems over the long term and waste your money. Here are some tips to avoid being exploited by unscrupulous contractors offering expensive solutions that don't solve your problem.

There are licensed, bonded, and ethical contractors ready to charge a fair price to do the work. If you know one then great. Count yourself lucky and proceed to work with the contractor. However, unfortunately, for many homeowners that is not true. There are potentially unscrupulous contractors out there ready and willing to exploit the hapless homeowner who typically just wants someone to come in right away and get the job done, whatever it is. This is a discussion of some of the techniques used by contractors ready and willing to take advantage of panicked homeowners or property managers and what to do to prevent being exploited. There are no guarantees, but if you follow these tips you are much less likely to create a problem for yourself, and you just might solve your problem.

Lesson One: Beware of specialists in the landscaping, excavation, roofing, and waterproofing fields who come in and give you an estimate to propose their specialty as the key to preventing a wet or flooded basement — even if it is not the correct solution for your problem.

DO: Make certain that you diagnose the problem accurately, and don't fall for a so-

lution you don't need. A sewer back up or a flooded river or creek coming in the front door or through a basement window or stairwell is not going to be prevented in the future by a contractor doing expensive work for you. True floods can only be prevented by government intervention to prevent flooding in low lying areas such as Huntington and Belleview. However, if a roof gutter was clogged and overflowed into a stairwell or window well, or the ground was so saturated that the basement's cinder block walls oozed water, or the water cascaded over the top of a poured concrete wall, or through observable cracks in the foundation wall or floor then you have the basis for practical solutions by contractors who are experienced, have good references, and are licensed and bonded.

DO: Unless you know what caused the wet basement, invite competitive bids by more than one type of contractor. It will be required by you, the homeowner, to select the right contractor to prevent the problem from happening again. Again, it is buyer beware out there. Landscapers are going to swear that your problem is drainage and landscape-related. The excavator is going to tell you that to prevent the flooded basement in the future you need an excavator to dig up and expose and reseal the foundation wall on the outside using a backhoe all the way to the footer. Likewise the waterproofer is going to say that you need a "french drain" (inside the basement perimeter footer drain below the floor) that is graded to a sump pump as the only way to solve your wet basement problem. Each one, depending on the cause of the problem, could be correct. On the other hand it could be a combination of problems that require a contractor to perform more than one remedial technique to solve the overall problem. So, what is a homeowner to do? Here are some suggested steps to a good decision:

Step 1: Get more than one estimate from more than one type of contractor. Ask questions so you begin to think through the logic of what they are saying. Ultimately it is you

who has to select which solution and which contractor best makes common sense to you. Check references, licenses; ask whether your jurisdiction requires a local government permit for the type of work they are proposing. Make certain they obtain the permit.

Step 2: Do your homework. Is it a maintenance-related issue: clogged gutters; downspouts, no downspout extensions carrying water away from the foundation, clogged or non-existent window wells, stairwells with a clogged drain, or poor or non-existent grading against foundation walls? All of these lend themselves to either cleanup and maintenance actions, or specific installations. But work on these problems doesn't necessarily require huge contractor installations or costs.

Step 3: If the analysis doesn't result in a finding of specific maintenance issues then you are most likely looking at landscaping; excavation; or waterproofing and sump pump installation. Or a combination of these proposals. Some may do all of the services required. In this case it is best to not only listen to the various contractor specialties but to also assess the written warranty or guarantee that comes with their work. No written warranty? Be careful. The difference between a warranty and a service contract is that a warranty should be unconditional and not require an annual fee or a transfer with title fee. Read the warranty language carefully. Also, check the contractor's service record carefully before selecting a contractor. How? Ask references.

In addition, here are a few more protective Dos and Donts advice to consider:

DON'T: Panic and select the first contractor who responds to your invitation for a bid and then proceeds to offer to drop his price if you will sign on the spot, and/or tell you that his crew is in the neighborhood and his company can do the job the next day. These are common red flag scam techniques designed to force the homeowner into signing and making an expensive and/or bad decision since there is no opportunity to compare solutions and prices with other

contractors, and check out the contractor with the Better Business Bureau or local consumer protection organization. Also, be skeptical of contractors who spend time criticizing the competition, rather than devoting your valuable time analyzing the problem and making a case for their solution.

DO: Check out the contractors bidding for your work with one or more of the following organizations:

- ❖ The Better Business Bureau
- ❖ Consumer Protection Commission
- ❖ Contractor evaluation organizations.

Have they responded to and resolved complaints?

DO: Check the contractors out with their own customers. Ask the contractor for a list of references. Your reference questions should include:

- ❖ Have you had any problems with their work and, if so, did they come out to fix the problem in a timely way? Did they stand behind their work?
- ❖ Do you believe that the price you paid was fair?
- ❖ Did they work neatly, and did they clean up adequately?
- ❖ Did their work solve your problem; if not, why not?

DON'T: Select a contractor because of their availability immediately. Usually if they can do the job right away it is likely because they use subcontractors and not their own employees. Or, it also may mean they are not that busy, or the hastily formed crew workers are not that experienced in the special work they are supposed to perform. Waiting one or two weeks may make a difference in terms of the quality of the work performed, the cost of the job, and whether it solves your problem permanently.

In conclusion, the most important advice I can offer is don't panic. Make certain you decide whether you need major contractor work or merely better maintenance effort on your part. Also, check contractor references and compare estimates before making a decision. Its buyer beware time out there.

seat with South Arlington and the City of Alexandria. I agree with Mr. Spiegel's criticism of the current lines. I fail to see how stating the obvious about the intent behind the gerrymandering that victimized Mount Vernon constitutes endorsing the current system as he suggests in his letter. My record is clear.

If I am fortunate enough to return to Richmond after the next election, I hope Mr. Spiegel will help me convince the Republican majority in the House of Delegates to stand with me, the Democratic Senate Caucus and Governor McDonnell in passing redistricting reform in Virginia. The party that controls the House of Delegates and Governor McDonnell have the power to make this happen. They should. I stand ready to do my part.

Scott A. Surovell
Delegate (D-44)

ENTERTAINMENT

Keira Moran Keeps the Melody Going

Local teenage singer-songwriter garners acclaim across the country.

BY ADAM BASILE
GAZETTE PACKET

Keira Moran is like any other 16-year-old girl. She's in the band at T.C. Williams High School; she goes to the Titans' football games, and she likes listening to superstar, singer-songwriter Taylor Swift.

But, unlike most other teenage Swift fans, Keira is also a prolific singer-songwriter.

Keira, who is the granddaughter of U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, recently entered two songwriting competitions: the 2011 Smashtunes online contest and the Kauai Music Festival competition.

Keira won the Smashtunes online contest that required entrants to submit a YouTube video of a song that they had written; site-goers then voted on the videos that they liked the most.

The contest began April 26, but Keira did not enter her video until June 1. When she entered, she had no idea that the contest was already

half over.

Even though the other videos had had a head start, she was still able to garner enough support to advance through all five rounds and win the contest.

As a prize, she was granted an all-expenses-paid trip to the Kauai Music Festival competition. When she got there, she discovered that many of the participants were "serious people with some serious voices." The festival gave Keira an opportunity to work with experts from the music business.

While in Kauai, she was able to collaborate with pop songwriter Jason Blume, who had worked with Britney Spears and the Backstreet Boys. Working with Blume, Keira learned about "different aspects of songwriting, melody and rewriting a song — you want to go back and make [your songs] edgier."

"The competition was only a small part of [the festival]," said Keira. But in this brief competition, she excelled. Of the 200-plus contestants that entered, she advanced to be one



KEIRA MORAN performs "This Night," a single from her upcoming album.

of seven finalists.

According to Keira, the other finalists' songs covered all genres, and each song was better than the next.

"There were even some American Idol contestants who entered and didn't make it to the finals," she said.

After her performance in Kauai, Keira received several compliments from significant members of the music industry.

Songwriter BC Jean, who wrote

Beyoncé's "If I Were a Boy," offered "really warm and really heartfelt" praise, and music developer Judy Stakey "really liked my voice."

This approval from industry professionals gave her an additional boost in confidence.

"It meant so much," said Keira. "They just have really great advice. The fact that they heard my stuff and were impressed meant a lot to me."

KEIRA BEGAN taking piano lessons when she was about 4 years old. She began performing at piano recitals soon after that.

She went on to join the school orchestra in fourth grade. Since then, she has performed in a variety of piano recitals, orchestral concerts, dance recitals and musicals.

While she had playfully written a few melodies growing up, it wasn't until a year ago that she started writing music seriously.

"I almost always start from melodies," Keira said, "...the lyrics are harder. The lyrics and the melody

really have to match."

Keira added that her music is inspired by her life experiences. "You don't talk about your personal life, you write about it," she said, which is a mantra that she borrows from Taylor Swift.

Keira first started to gain notoriety by playing her songs at charity events and galas.

She performed at venues and events all over Northern Virginia, including the Del Ray Music Festival, the National Children's Museum Benefit, the Chamber Orchestra Quintet Showcase at the Lyceum and the 20-Year Anniversary Congressional Gala.

Keira has been recording six songs for her new album. She left for Nashville on Aug. 16, where she worked with producer Jeff Dayton. She says that the album will have nine to 10 songs in total.

Keira's father, James Moran, approves of his daughter's responsible approach to her singing career. "For a 16-year-old, she's looking at it pretty maturely."

Keira says that she's "always going to be writing and performing. I'm taking it one step at a time."

Alexandria Welcomes Top Ranked Art Festival

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SEPT. 10-11

King Street Festival of the Arts. Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. For two days King Street from Washington Street to the waterfront is transformed into an outdoor art gallery with original fine artwork by more than 200 artists from the U.S. and abroad. Find paintings, life-size sculptures, photography, glass, wood, jewelry, collage, and more. The "Alexandria Art Experience" features artist-led, hands-on, creative activities, and an Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser, presented by The Art League and the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Visit [VisitAlexandriava.com](http://www.visitalexandriava.com) - 703-746-3301 or www.artfestival.com - 561-746-6615. Free.

SEPT. 10-11

Alexandria Art Experience. Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Near Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com. The Art League and the Torpedo Factory Art Center present the "Alexandria Art Experience," a village at the Alexandria Festival of the Arts. Through artist-led, hands-on, creative activities, and a ceramics fundraiser these tents share the enriching experience of the arts community in Alexandria. The Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser supporting The Art League Ceramics Department is a delicious way to support the arts. Select and purchase a unique handmade ceramic bowl created by the talented artists of The Art League's Ceramics Department and get a bowl of artisan ice cream from ACKC Cocoa Bar of Alexandria's Del Ray neighborhood.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

Art Activated. Noon to 4 p.m. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit www.torpedofactory.org; 703-838-4565. Visual art comes alive at the Torpedo Factory during the Alexandria Festival of the Arts! At this fifth-annual event, stop by the Art Lounge to cool off from the street fair and rejuvenate with refreshments. Artist demonstrations will include pottery on the wheel, fiber art, sculpture, and more. Get creative with hands-on projects including the Bubble Gum Art, a Create Your Own Button Project, and a large-scale collaborative Mystery Sculpture. Win big with a Q-ART Code Scavenger Hunt. The scavenger hunt will begin at the Alexandria Art Experience booth at Market Square.



SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

Autumn Serenade on Market Square. 5 to 7 p.m. At Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Visit www.artskaleidoscope.com. Presented by the Alexandria Singers, the Washington area's "Premier Pops Chorus," this concert features exciting selections of American popular music, including Broadway, film, jazz and pop; from Sinatra's "Come Fly With Me" to Toto's

"Africa!" Engaging choreography and accompanying instrumentalists are hallmarks of the Singers. The Singers welcome featured guests in this performance, including ensembles from the Alexandria Harmonizers and DC's Singing Capital Chorus, two of the area's top a cappella organizations, as well as Karen Reedy Dance. The show is part of Kaleidoscope, a celebration of visual and performing arts from Labor Day

to Halloween presented by the Alexandria Arts Forum and Access through the Arts.

SEPT. 10-11

Children in the Churchyard. 1 to 4 p.m. At Christ Church, 118 N. Washington St. Alexandria. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com; 703-549-1450. Historic Christ Church presents family friendly activities, rest area and moon bounce.

FINE ARTS

SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 30

"Diptychs, Triptychs & Tetraptychs." Art work by Maggie Stewart in the Printmakers Inc. Studio #325 at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Call 703-683-1342 or www.tfp.org.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 2

Retakes and Transformations. 7 p.m. Art from everyday life. Runs through Oct. 2. At the Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org

NOW THROUGH SEPT. 4

The Power of Color

III. At Gallery West, 1213 King Street, Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.gallery-west.com or call 703-549-6006.

SEPT. 7 TO OCT. 2

"Suburbia." A collection of impressionistic oil paintings by Parisa Tirnaz. Artist's Reception is Saturday, Sept. 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. At Gallery West, 1213 King St., Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.gallery-west.com or call 703-549-6006.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 8

2nd Thursday Art Night. 6 to 9 p.m. Free. Fall for the Arts Browse Open Studios, interact with artists. Also the Art League School's Life Size Papier-Mâché class, led by TFAA artist Lisa Schumaier, from the "Summer's Tide" exhibition, Site 2 & 3 Galleries. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit www.torpedofactory.org; 703-838-4565.

SEPT. 8 - OCT. 3

Red Dots: Drawings by Shanthi Chandrasekar.

Opening meet-the-artist reception is Thursday, Sept. 8 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. At the Art League Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, Old Town Alexandria.



Work by Maggie Stewart

NOW THROUGH SEPT. 11

"Satellite Images." Free. Jewelry, sculpture, clothing and wall pieces will be exhibited. At Studio 18 in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union Street, Old Town Alexandria.

SEPT. 16 TO OCT. 30

"Chaos Matters." Works by J. Jordan Bruns. Opening reception Saturday, Sept. 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. Artist's talk at 6 p.m. At the Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria.

NOW THROUGH SEPT. 25

So Yoon Lym: The Dreamtime. Artist uses hair and braid styles to make statement about immigration and diversity. Reception and artist talk on Sept. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. At the Target Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/ target.

NOW THROUGH SEPT. 30

River Farm Exhibition. River Farm, the historic property near Old Town Alexandria which houses the American Horticultural Society, has opened its newest botanically-themed exhibition. Admission is free, though donations are welcome, and gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., weekdays, and 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday. This show features paintings by Juleen Stacy, who also curated the show, as well as photography by Deb Booth, Brian J. McGahren and Dave Costa. For directions go to River Farm's website, http://www.ahs.org/river_farm/directions.htm.

NOW THROUGH OCT. 2

Shades of Fall. At the Torpedo Factory Center's Scope Gallery. Hours are Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with Thursdays until 9 p.m. At 105 North Union Street, ground floor Studio 19, Alexandria. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288 or visit www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope.

NOW THROUGH OCT. 3

"Forgotton" and "Off Season." Works by photographers Sandy LeBrun-Evans and Eric Jonson. At Multiple Exposures Gallery, Suite 312, Torpedo Factory Art Center. Call 703-683-2205.

OCT. 5 TO 31

Kimberley Bush, Ceramist. Reception is Saturday, Oct. 8 from 6 to 10 p.m. At Gallery West, 1213 King Street, Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.gallery-west.com or call 703-



SEPT. 10 AND 11

Alliance for Liberty: Military Encampment. Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In September 1781, General Washington and French general Rochambeau traveled to Mount Vernon and created a bold strategy which led to the siege of British forces at Yorktown. In commemoration of the 230th anniversary of this historic visit, Mount Vernon will come alive with hundreds of Revolutionary War re-enactors, including "General Washington" and "General Rochambeau." Alliance For Liberty: Military Encampment is included in regular Estate admission: adults, \$15; children ages 6-11, \$7; and children under 5 are admitted free. At Historic Mount Vernon.

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NOW TO 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 THRU OCT. 31

Art Show and Sale. Sponsored by the Springfield Art Guild and the Friends of Green Spring Park. Opening reception is Sunday, Sept. 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. At Green Spring Gardens Park, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 1

Concert on the Lawn. Free with \$5 suggestion. 6 p.m. and 7:20 p.m. Scottish Roots concert with The Devil's Tailors combining instrumental dance sets with Scots and Gaelic song. At Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax 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.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 2

Big Chalk Draw. 8 to 10 a.m. Free. Bring any new school supplies you are able to donate to students in need in the area. At Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 3

Community Yard Sale. 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Seller set-up from 6 to 7 a.m. Cost is \$15/space for sellers. Sponsored by the Alexandria Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees). Sellers may sell anything legal (appliances, clothing, toys, books, etc.) except for food and drinks. Go to www.alexjaycees.org for directions, other dates, registration information, and seller rules. At Anthony Lane Elementary School, 7137 Beulah Street, Alexandria. Call 703-866-7171.

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 Alexandria Archaeology at paul.nasca@alexandriava.gov or 703-746-4399.

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.org or DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com to apply.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 4

Civil War Sunday. 1 to 5 p.m. Explore the Civil War in Alexandria with Civil War Sundays at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union Street, #327. Visit www.alexandriarchaeology.org or call 703-746-4399.

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.gscc.org/getinvolved-intl/festival.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 SEE ENTERTAINMENT, PAGE 17 www.CONNECTIONNewspapers.com

The Twig's Historic Alexandria Homes Tour on Sept. 24

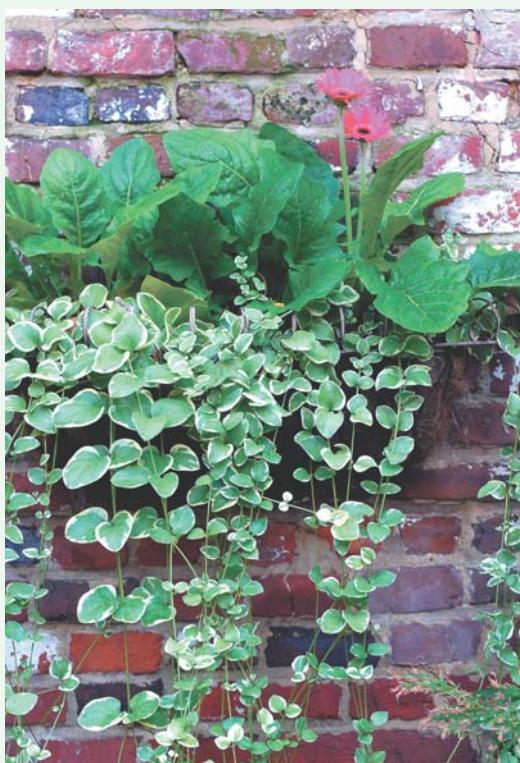
The Twig, the Junior Auxiliary of Inova Alexandria Hospital, is having its 70th Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour & Marketplace on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Six private residences and gardens in Old Town will be open to the general public. One of the homes featured on the tour is Duvall's Tavern where a reception for Gen. George Washington was held Dec. 31, 1783, after he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army. From 1963-1990 the house was designer Frankie Welch's store, design studio, and family home.

The Marketplace will be held at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 316 South Royal Street, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature gifts, home décor, jewelry and beautifully handcrafted works by local artists. Light refreshments can also be purchased at the Marketplace on the day of the tour.

The Honorary Co-Chairs for this year are celebrated Chef Cathal Armstrong and his wife, Meshelle. The Armstrongs own Restaurant Eve, The Majestic, Eamonn's, PX and the newly opened Virtue Feed & Grain.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$35. To purchase tickets online, visit www.thetwig.org. Tickets may be purchased at The Ramsay House Visitors Center, 221 King Street and The Twig Thrift Shop, 106 North Columbus Street. On tour day, the ticket price is \$40 and may be purchased at the above locations, at the Old Presbyterian



Meeting House, and at any of the tour homes marked by the Twig Pineapple.

All proceeds will go towards The Twig's most recent pledge, The Twig Surgical Center. Since its founding in 1933, The Twig has raised over \$2.5 million dollars for hospital projects and programs.

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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
www.ArtsEventsAlexandria.com

TUESDAY/SEPT. 6

Author Ted Pulliam. 6 to 8 p.m. Bringing the Past Alive: Writing Alexandria History. Part of a Salon-Style Series celebrating culture through arts, literature and history discussions. At Morrison House, 116 South Alfred Street, Alexandria. Visit www.morrisonhouse.com or call 703-838-8000.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 7

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

THURSDAY/SEPT. 8

2nd Thursday Art Night. 6 to 9 p.m. Fall for the Arts Browse Open Studios, interact with artists. Also the Art League School's Life Size Papier-Mâché class, led by TFAA artist Lisa Schumauer, from the "Summer's Tide" exhibition, Site 2 & 3 Galleries. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit www.torpedofactory.org; 703-838-4565.

Stars & Stripes: A Police & Firefighters Tribute.

6 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$40/person. Outstanding police, firefighters, and EMTs will be honored. At Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Call 703-360-6925 or visit www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org

Isabella Perelman. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Part of the Second Thursday Music at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Visit [nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) or call 703-548-0035.

Fashion's Night Out Plus. 6 to 11 p.m. Catering to the Plus Size Community. At BeautyFull Boutique, 118 N. Fayette St., Alexandria. Visit <http://www.fnoplus.com>.



Pianist Robert Wyatt

SUNDAY/SEPT. 11

Spacious Skies: A Remembrance. A piano recital on the 10-year Anniversary of 9/11. Steinway artist Robert Wyatt takes us on a musical journey, from the works of Schumann and Schubert to Scott Joplin and George Gershwin. Suggested donation \$20. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 9

9-11 Remembrance Ceremony. Noon. The City of Alexandria will hold a 10th anniversary of the events of Sept. 11, 2011. The ceremony will feature remarks from Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille, Alexandria Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Police Chief Earl L. Cook, and Fire Chief Adam K. Thiel. The purpose is to give thanks and pay tribute to those who responded on 9-11. At Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria.

SEPT. 9, 10, 11

Book Sale Blast. Friday, Sept. 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 11 from 1:15 to 4:30 p.m. Members-only preview Thursday, Sept. 8

from 4 to 8:30 p.m.

- Kids events on Saturday, Sept. 10!
- ❖ 10:15 to 11 a.m.: "Singing Books with Emily" with Children's Author Emily Leatha Everson.
 - ❖ 11 to 11:45 a.m.: Jane Harrington shares her book Extreme Pets and shows a pet or two.
 - ❖ 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Face-Painting with "Heavenly Face Designs" and "Cheeky Faces".
 - ❖ 1 to 2:30 p.m.: Lisa the Unicycle Lady and her "Wheely Wacky Circus Show".
 - ❖ 2:45 to 3:45 p.m.: Mr. Don and his amazing "Children's Music Show".
- At the Beatley Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-1702.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

Bake Sale. 8 a.m. until sold out. All proceeds benefit INOVA Alexandria Hospital Surgical Services. At Fairlington United Methodist Church, 3900 King St., Alexandria.

Community Fun Fair. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Games, prizes, gifts, dunk tank, moon bounce, face painting, cake walk, great food, popcorn, candied apples, cotton candy, music and more. Free health screening. Sponsored by Woodlawn United Methodist Church at Faith United Methodist Church, 7010 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. Visit www.woodlawn-umc.org. Contact: Rhona Powell at 703-360-9450.

Rock and Stroll to End Homelessness. 12:30 to 3 p.m. Event includes Help the Homeless Mini-Walk, BBQ lunch with entertainment by bluegrass sensation "Frank Solivan and Dirty Kitchen", and games for all ages. Benefits six local nonprofit service providers — ALIVE!, Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless, Carpenter's Shelter, Community Lodgings, New Hope Housing, and Wesley Housing. Registration: \$20 for youth to age 25 and \$30 for adults. Sponsored by Acacia Federal. At Cameron Run Regional Park, 4001 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.wesleyhousing.org/RockStroll.htm

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.

Civil War Fashion Show. 10:30 a.m. Admission is \$10/adults; \$5/children. The Carlyle House terrace will be transformed into a runway as fashion historians and living history interpreters describe the various styles and types of clothing the models are wearing. At 121 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Reservations recommended, call 703-549-2997 or e-mail carlyle@nvrpa.org.

"The Will to Survive." 4:30 p.m. Part of Movies with a Mission Series. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-4356 or visit www.alexblackhistory.org.

Toastmasters Open House. 8 to 10 a.m. Learn public speaking and leadership skills in a fun self-paced environment. At the United Baptist Church of Annandale, 7100 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Visit <http://guts.freetoasthost.us>

St. Luke's Episcopal Craft and Family Fun Fair. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Listen to music by local talent as you peruse unique arts and crafts created by the dozens of artisans and crafters. Sample pies, cakes and other delectables made by the congregation's finest bakers, and stay for lunch — a hamburger or hot dog from the grill — while children enjoy games, face-painting and other festivities. Contact event cochairman Anne Hargrove at annehargrove@cox.net. At the church at 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria.

Art Activated. Noon to 4 p.m. Step inside from the street fair and let your creative side play at this 5th annual event. Visual art comes alive with artist demonstrations and interactivity. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit www.TorpedoFactory.org; 703-838-4565.

Autumn Serenade. 5 to 7 p.m. Presented by the Alexandria Singers, this concert features selections of American popular music, including Broadway, film, jazz and pop; from Sinatra's "Come Fly With Me" to Toto's "Africa" At Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Visit www.ArtsEventsAlexandria.com.

Ice Cream Social. 2 to 5 p.m. Free. Sponsored by MVDDC. Sponsorships are available at the following levels: One Scoop (\$25); Two Scoops (\$50); Three Scoops (\$60); Banana Split (\$100); Ice Cream Cake (\$200). At 8146 Wellington Road, Alexandria.

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Shear Fun

Firefighters hold Cuts for Kids Day.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

Students from throughout the area were treated to free back-to-school haircuts thanks to Alexandria and Fairfax County firefighters who sponsored the first Cuts for Kids Day Aug. 29 at the Gum Springs Recreation Center.

"These kids are looking good," laughed Mike Johnson, the community outreach director at Charles Houston Recreation Center. "We brought a group of kids here for the day to get their hair cut and meet some of the firefighters."

Gum Springs Recreation Center director Kenya Turner worked with local firefighters to plan the event, the first of its kind in the region.

"We started working on the idea about six weeks ago," Turner said. "We have a lot of kids from our camps that came in as well as a lot of walk-ins. It's been a great success."

Primo's Restaurant in Belle View Shopping Center donated lunch for the children, who were also treated to a tour of a fire



Fairfax County Firefighter Lauren Costello answers questions from the children in the Gum Springs Community Center Summer program.



Alec Roberts holds very still while Alex Harris trims his hair.

truck complete with replica fire hats to take home.

"This may be our first year but it won't be our last," said Capt. Willie Bailey, an organizer of the event. "We had 10 barbers come out and donate their time today to help kids get excited and ready for school next week. It was a great day for everyone."



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE GAZETTE



Mike Washington trims Derek Bibbs hair.



PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/THE GAZETTE
Gary Bailey, a barber at All at Once Hair in Del Ray, gives a back-to-school haircut to 10-year-old Tim Wiggins during the Alexandria Firefighters Cuts for Kids Day Aug. 29 at Gum Springs Recreation Center.



Richard Eubanks Jr., 7, shows off his new haircut with dad Richard Sr., an Alexandria firefighter, at Cuts for Kids Day Aug. 29.

Jahmai Arrington, 10, a fifth grader at Sheffield Landing, gets a back-to-school haircut from firefighter Craig White of Station 20 in Gunston. White is also a licensed barber and donated his services during the Alexandria Firefighters Cuts for Kids Day Aug. 29 at Gum Springs Recreation Center.



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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

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ONGOING

The Mount Vernon Farmers

Market will be held on Wednesdays instead of Tuesdays for the 2011 market season. The market is in the parking lot of the Sherwood Library located at 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane

in Alexandria. The hours are 8 a.m. until noon. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/FarmersMarkets/ or call 703-642-0128.

UCM's Back Porch Thrift Store is in need of donations of furniture. UCM will pick up furniture, as well as other larger donations, or they can be dropped off at the back of the store Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. To arrange for pickups, call 703-768-7106, ext. 320. Located at the Mt. Vernon Crossroads

Shopping Center at 7838 Richmond Highway, Alexandria.

MONDAY/SEPT. 12

Skin Presentation and Screening. 10:15 a.m. With Dermatologist, Joseph Kaufman, MD. After the presentation, Dr. Kaufman will give private screenings to those that have skin problems that need a doctor's advice. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Reservations required. Call 703-765-4573.

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SPORTS

Mount Vernon Field Hockey in Search of Three-Peat

Majors focusing on specific in-game tasks to stay on track.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

Members of the Mount Vernon field hockey team celebrated winning the 2009 National District title with joyful emotion. When the Majors repeated as champions in 2010, the accomplishment carried more of a business feel.

As the 2011 season gets underway, Mount Vernon has its sights set on retaining its district crown and making an improved showing at regionals. To help ensure the Majors stay on track, head coach Jessica Hebel has the team narrowing its focus to specific in-game tasks, hoping the end result will be improved all-around performance and continued success in the win column.

"We want to win a third [district title] — three-peat — and we want to make it through the first round of regionals because we haven't done that in years."

— Mount Vernon senior Allie Schray

"I know last year the end of the season was really disappointing for us," Hebel said of losing in the first round of regionals. "This year we tried to focus more on specific goals that we were working on that didn't include wins and losses, it just included improvement in certain areas. I feel like

SCHOOL NOTES

Send announcements to the Mount Vernon Gazette, by e-mail to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos are encouraged. Call Steve Hubbard at 703-778-9412 with questions.

Charles Cerrone of Alexandria received a \$2,000 college scholarship from TASC Inc. Cerrone is one of eight exceptional students selected in a competitive application process among TASC employees' children. Cerrone, a home-schooled student from Fairfax County, attends Drexel University, where he majors in Photography.

The Messiah Lutheran Academy of Alexandria has been named the 2011 Frog Street Press National School of the Year. The Academy traveled to San Antonio, Texas, for an Early Childhood Educator's Conference where the School of the Year honor was presented to them.

The following local residents recently graduated



Mount Vernon's Sabrina Smith, left, and Allie Schray approach the ball in practice.

if we stay to the goals that we set and we improve in all the areas that we try to improve on, then the outcome of our games will hopefully be what we want it to be."

Mount Vernon lost its season opener to West Springfield, 3-2, on Aug. 24. Serenna Schantz and Gabby Ocker scored goals for the Majors. After the game, senior Allie Schray, a first-team all-district selection last season, said while the Majors lost the game, they achieved their goal of communicating well on the field.

"We want to win a third time — three-peat — and we want to make it through the first round of regionals because we haven't done that in years," Schray said. "... There's more pressure on us to fulfill what we have in the past two seasons. Now we're trying to improve on what we did the past two years and just reach out further, which is why we're working on different goals instead of just winning — communication, stick skills, everything."

Schray was the team's leading goal-scorer as a sophomore and is a two-time team captain.

"She's always pretty humble and calm

from the College of William & Mary:

- ❖ **Elinor Ives** from Alexandria graduated with a BA degree.
- ❖ **Teresa Caro** from Alexandria graduated with a BS degree.
- ❖ **Ligia Franco** from Alexandria graduated with a BA degree.
- ❖ **Aaron Harris** from Alexandria graduated with a BA degree.
- ❖ **Andrew Taylor** from Alexandria graduated with a BA degree.
- ❖ **Alexander Mounts** from Alexandria graduated with a BS degree.

Local residents have been named to the dean's list at the Savannah College of Art and Design for spring quarter 2011.

❖ **Benjamin Eades of Alexandria** is seeking a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Film and Television.

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The Mount Vernon field hockey team has won the last two National District championships.

overall," Hebel said. "She definitely brings that to the team, but she's also really focused."

Junior midfielder Jane Heller is the Majors' other team captain. Heller and junior defender Schantz were also first-team all-district selections last season.

Junior midfielder Ashleigh Sable was the team's leading goal-scorer last season and was a second-team all-district selection. Juniors Megan Cole (defender) and Sabrina Smith (midfield) were also second-team selections.

Hebel said freshman Amber Sable and

junior Lizzy Sagar could also make significant contributions this season.

Mount Vernon participated in a tournament at Lee on Aug. 26-27. The Majors defeated Lee (2-0) and Hylton (1-0) and lost to Oakton (3-0) and South Lakes (1-0). The South Lakes game was shortened to one half.

Mount Vernon will open National District play on Sept. 6 at Wakefield. How will the Majors handle having a target on their back?

"It just makes us want to play harder," Schantz said, "and step up our game."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Mount Vernon Sports

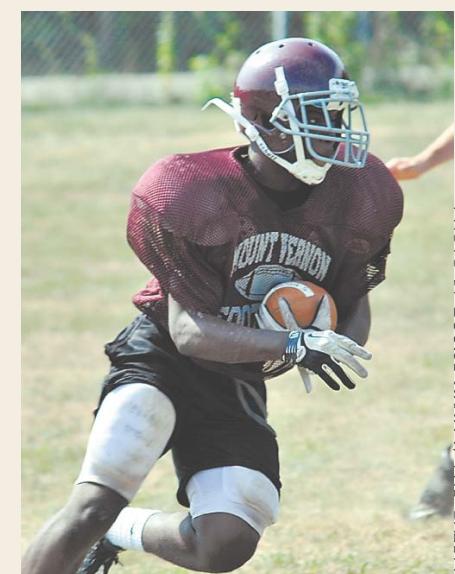
The Mount Vernon football team will open its season on the road against West Potomac at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 1. The Majors bounced back from a 0-10 record in 2009 with a five-win season and a playoff berth in 2010. However, the Majors haven't beaten the rival Wolverines since 2006.

The volleyball team opened its season with a 3-0 loss to South Lakes on Aug. 29. The Majors will host West Springfield at 7:15 p.m. on Sept. 1 and travel to play West Potomac at 7:15 p.m. on Sept. 6.

West Potomac Sports

The West Potomac football team will host Mount Vernon at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 1. The Wolverines fell just short of qualifying for the playoffs in 2010, finishing 6-4. West Potomac hasn't lost to Mount Vernon since 2006.

The volleyball team will take part in a



The Mount Vernon football team will travel to face West Potomac at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 1.

tournament in Sterling on Sept. 2 and will host Mount Vernon at 7:15 p.m. on Sept. 6. The field hockey team will host

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dria earned a/an B.A. in Fashion Design.

◆ **Jessica Thiel of Alexandria** earned a/an B.S. in Nursing (second degree).

◆ **Amy White of Alexandria** earned a/an B.S. in Information Technology. White graduated magna cum laude.

Carl Lee Nite, a resident of Alexandria, has earned a Bachelor of Science from Excelsior College.

The following students enrolled at Virginia Tech were named to the dean's list for the spring 2011 semester.

◆ **Adam D. Frank of Alexandria** is a sophomore majoring in sociology in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

◆ **Rachel L. Klein of Alexandria** is a senior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

◆ **Lauren E. Kurz of Alexandria** is a senior majoring in marketing management in the Pamplin College of Business.

◆ **Chelsea K. Layton of Alexandria** is a senior majoring in history in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

◆ **Kathryn E. Newman of Alexandria** is a senior majoring in human development in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

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◆ **Jessica R. Wessinger of Alexandria** is a sophomore majoring in management in the Pamplin College of Business.

◆ **Rebecca J. Quigley of Alexandria** is a junior majoring in psychology in the College of Science.

◆ **Christian B. Burnette of Mount Vernon** is a senior majoring in electrical engineering in the College of Engineering.

◆ **Primal K. Dhillon of Alexandria** is a freshman majoring in international studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

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◆ **Julianne G. Keller of Alexandria** is a junior majoring in sociology in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

◆ **Richard D. Lee of Alexandria** is a junior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

◆ **Emily M. Long of Alexandria** is a junior majoring in human development in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

◆ **Brian M. Mickey of Alexandria** is a freshman majoring in university studies at Virginia Tech.

◆ **David R. Moran of Alexandria** is a freshman majoring in management in the Pamplin College of Business.

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◆ **John R. O'Donnell of Alexandria** is a freshman majoring in university studies at Virginia Tech.

◆ **Joseph J. Perry of Alexandria** is a freshman majoring in university studies at Virginia Tech.

◆ **Jacob W. Rogers of Alexandria** is a senior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

◆ **Brittany L. Sholes of Alexandria** is a sophomore majoring in animal and poultry sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

◆ **Paula J. Traugh of Alexandria** is a senior majoring in psychology in the College of Science.

◆ **Christopher G. Wolberg of Al-**

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SPORTS



Champion's Advice

Gary Clark, two-time Super Bowl Champion of the Washington Redskins and founder of The Gridiron Legacy (far right in black hat), gives some pointers to some of the 50 members of the The Alexandria Titans youth football team Thursday, Aug. 25 at Redskins Park in Ashburn during a clinic to help the young players improve their game. The event was sponsored by Dan and Traci Rochon of www.GreetingsVirginia.com with Keller Williams Realty, and Michael Bramble of Diversified Financial Mortgage (DFM).

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alexandria is a senior majoring in biochemistry in the College of Science.

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♦ **Mary K. Connell of Mount Vernon** is a senior majoring in economics in the College of Science.

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♦ **Joseph A. Cuadrado of Alexandria** is a senior majoring in mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering.

♦ **Patricia A. Hostyn of Alexandria** is a sophomore majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

♦ **Karl J. Huber of Alexandria** is a senior majoring in business information technology in the Pamplin College of Business.

♦ **Evan M. Huffman of Alexandria** is a sophomore majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering.

♦ **Norikazu Ishikawa of Alexandria** is a junior majoring in economics in the College of Science.

♦ **Sarah E. Joseph of Alexandria** is a senior majoring in English in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

♦ **Elisabeth S. Kim of Alexandria** is a junior majoring in mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering.

♦ **Katherine A. Lawler of Alexandria** is a junior majoring in management in the Pamplin College of Business.

♦ **Allison Parker of Alexandria** is a senior majoring in interdisciplinary studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

♦ **Klaudia A. Sandomierz of Alexandria** is a senior majoring in environmental policy and planning in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

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♦ **Jeremy S. Bernier of Alexandria** is a senior majoring in mathematics in the College of Science.

♦ **Calvin L. Hentges of Alexandria** is a senior majoring in history in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

♦ **Matthew L. Husband of Alexandria** is a senior majoring in human nutrition, foods and exercise in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

♦ **Elliott T. Jernigan of Alexandria** is a sophomore majoring in psychology in the College of Science.

♦ **Waqas A. Khattak of Alexandria** is a freshman majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering.

♦ **Emmanuel T. Koduah of Alexandria** is a senior majoring in economics in the College of Science.

♦ **Kathleen A. O'Connor of Alexandria** is a senior majoring in architecture in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

♦ **Kwabena B. Owusu-Boateng of Alexandria** is a junior majoring in biochemistry in the College of Science.

♦ **Christopher E. Sidney of Alexandria** is a freshman majoring in university studies at Virginia Tech.

♦ **Claudia S. Siles of Alexandria** is a junior majoring in architecture in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

♦ **Sarah E. Curzon of Alexandria** is a junior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

♦ **Alexandra K. Dunn of Alexandria** is a freshman majoring in environmental policy and planning in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

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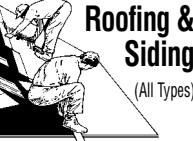
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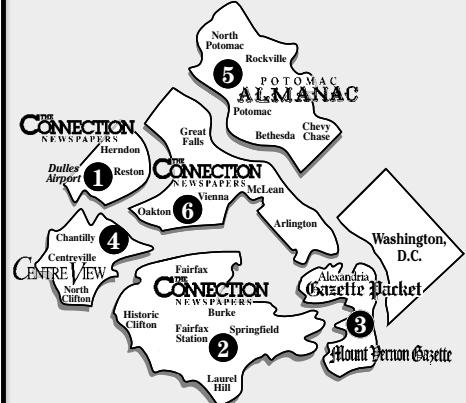
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