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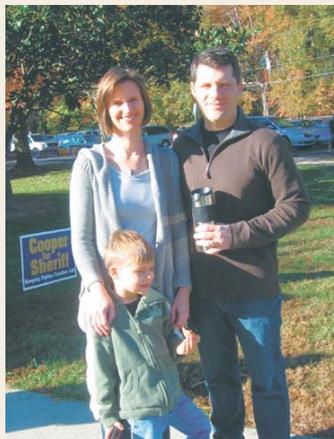
Daniel Storck, reelected as Mount Vernon District School Board member; Gerald Hyland, reelected Mount Vernon District Supervisor, and Scott Surovell, reelected state delegate to the 44th district of the House of Delegates, gather at a Democratic victory party at Polo Restaurant in Lorton Tuesday night.



Julie Schull, a teacher, was motivated to vote to support full-day kindergarten and restoration of the Honors curricula.



John Harris was voting to maintain the quality of education.



Voters Courtney and Tom Dilliplain, with son Alec, came to vote because of Route 1 development and school issues.

A Mixed Picture

Races that were not targeted by parties show Mount Vernon reflects statewide divide.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

Many candidates breezed through Election Day with marginally contested races, campaigns that were not targeted by either party in an effort to focus resources and attention on battleground districts. For Mount Vernon, that means a mixed bag of incumbent Republicans and Democrats.

Del. Adam Ebbin (D-49) has represented Alexandria and Arlington in the House of Delegates since 2004. After a tough primary that featured Ebbin scoring an underdog victory against one-time frontrunner Alexandria City Councilman Rob Krupicka and Arlington School Board member Libby Garvey, Ebbin went into the general election in a strong position considering the demographics of the district. First-time candidate Tim McGhee offered an evangelical conservative challenge, although he received no party support. Election returns show Ebbin received almost twice as many votes as McGhee.

Freshman incumbent Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) beat back two challengers, Republican John Barsa and tea party independent Joe Glean. At one point, the seat was seen as a potential pickup for Republicans, and Gov. Bob McDonnell's political action committee contributed \$1,000 to Barsa's campaign. Although many speculated that the independent candidate might erode support for the Republican, even if all of Glean's votes went to Barsa, Surovell would have still won with more than 2,000 votes.

Del. David Albo (R-42) has represented Springfield and parts of the Mount Vernon District for



PHOTO BY GERALD A. FULL/THE GAZETTE

State Sen. Linda "Toddy" Puller, candidate for re-election, greets voter Tony Archer at the Hollin Meadows Precinct.

many years, but this year his district stretches further north to Mount Vernon Memorial Highway and Old Mill Road — a district that now includes Mount Vernon Estate. Albo was challenged by first-time candidate Jack Dobbyn, a native of Mount Vernon who is the vice president of his family's real-estate business. Election returns show that Albo scored a lopsided victory over Dobbyn.

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland sailed to victory against independent Gail Parker. Known as "Gail for Rail," Parker has campaigned in a number of races in recent years to advocate for increased use of light and heavy rail. Hyland scored the most lopsided victory of the night in Mount Vernon, with well more than twice as many votes as Parker.

Mount Vernon District School Board member Daniel Storck triumphed over challenger Michele Nellenbach, 12,308 to 8,745 votes.

Voters Say No to 'Reform' Candidates

Democratic-endorsed candidates sweep at-large School Board seats.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE GAZETTE

Voters made it clear they think Fairfax County Public Schools is moving in the right direction by electing the Democratic-endorsed slate of candidates for three at-large seats.

Four-term incumbent Ilryong Moon, and newcomers Ted Velkoff and Ryan McElveen got the top spots

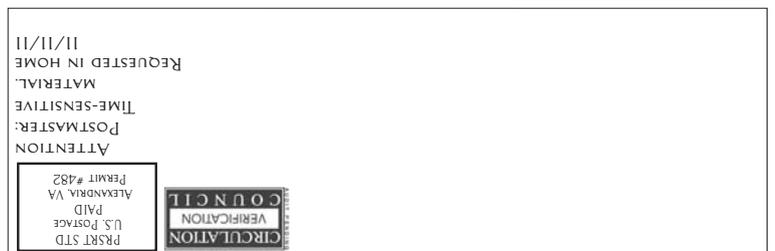
in one of the most closely-watched and contested School Board races in the board's 19-year history.

AT 12:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY, with 100 percent of the precincts reporting, Moon received the most votes with 91,588 votes (17.85 percent). Velkoff received 84,611 votes (16.49 percent), and McElveen received 86,268 votes or (16.81 percent).

"We have a great school system. I'm not saying we can't improve, but why would you want such radical reform and budget-slashing as some of the candidates were proposing," said Evangelia Ifantides, an ESOL technology specialist with the school system.

A graduate of Harvard University, Moon, an attorney with two sons who graduated from Thomas

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VETERANS DAY

Reactions Toward Veterans Change Over Time

Veterans share their perspectives.

BY MONTIE MARTIN
THE GAZETTE

On Veterans Day, citizens honor those servicemen who fought in America's wars, heroes who risked life and limb protecting the country and its values.

Veterans Day was officially established during the 69th Congress on June 4, 1926, and falls on Nov. 11 in recognition of the Armistice that ended WWI.

President Woodrow Wilson noted in 1919 that, "to us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of

those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

"The public is very supportive of soldiers, there's a sense of pride even though we want to pull out"

— Beth DeMerse LaMois

Yet the public reception of America's Veterans has not always been that of appreciation.

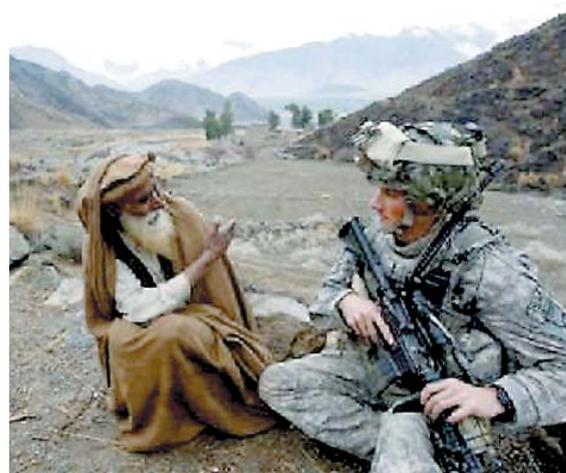
"The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 to support the veterans of WWI," said Mount

Vernon resident Sam Ramseur, Post Commander of American Legion Post 162 in Lorton. "During the 1930s there was no recognition of WWI veterans, they were living in Hoovervilles."



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHARLES "CHUCK" VOCCIO

Charles "Chuck" Voccio, a 22-year veteran with the Army Corps of Engineers, serves a home-made pie to his dentist Robert Moffit. Voccio bakes a home-made pie for every individual who donates \$100 or more to the Wounded Warrior Program.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BETH DEMERSE LAMOIS

Gabriel LaMois consults with a local Afghan during his year-long tour with the 10th Mountain Division in Afghanistan.

In 1932 during the Great Depression, WWI veterans occupied the Anacostia section of Washington, D.C., and demanded the immediate payment of promised bonuses much needed during those hard times.

General Douglas MacArthur subsequently drove them from their encampment with the authorization of President Herbert Hoover. It was only in 1936, under the Roosevelt administration, that the veterans received payment for their services.

The Greatest Generation, however, received a warm welcome when they returned home from the wars in Europe and the Pacific during WWII. Veterans of the Korean War received a positive reception as well.

"People accepted what we had done in Korea, they would say what we did was OK," said Mount Vernon resident Charles "Chuck" Voccio, who fought in the infantry during the Korean War. Voccio was drafted into the war in 1952 when he was 22, and served a year-long tour before enrolling in Officer Candidate School.

"I decided to make the most of my experience," said Voccio, who went on to serve 22 years in the Army Corps of Engineers. Voccio followed his country's call to arms by going to Vietnam.

The pendulum of public opinion, however, swung in a different direction regard-



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Beth DeMerse LaMois and husband Garbiel LaMois surround their newborn son Edward. Gabriel served with the 10th Mountain Division in Afghanistan in 2009 as a First Lieutenant.

ing veterans of Vietnam.

"My experience coming back from Vietnam was miserable," said Voccio.

"Coming home from Vietnam was poison, we couldn't wear our uniform into town" said Ramseur. "There was no caring from the public, back then the silent majority was silent."

Ramseur, a 28-year US Army veteran who helped develop top secret maneuvers for B52 bombers as a way to avoid Soviet surface to air missiles used in Vietnam, prefers to look to the future rather than the past.

"I don't go to unit reunions. Once discharged it's important to take another step," said Ramseur. "Now we focus on the major goals of today, which is taking care of our wounded warriors at Ft. Belvoir."

"Today there is a 180-degree difference in public opinion," said Ramseur. "At the legion we are dedicated to helping families."

Ramseur and Voccio have received much community support for the Wounded Warrior Program, soliciting donations from area restaurants and individuals alike.

"All the local restaurants were supportive, they all agreed to do something" said Voccio. "Anyone who donates \$100 or more to the Wounded Warrior Program receives a home-baked pie."

Proceeds from the Wounded Warrior Program directly support returning soldiers who are recovering at Ft. Belvoir, as well as the unsung heroes from military families.

Beth DeMerse LaMois, from Alexandria, understands the challenges of raising a family with a husband who is often away for extended periods of time.

"It's an emotional roller coaster, there are times when things are calm and times that are scary," said LaMois. "When my husband was in Wurzistan it was a mess, there was lots of fighting going on. That was a scary month."

Gabriel LaMois, a captain currently in

Wounded Warrior Program

The Wounded Warrior Program supports returning soldiers recovering at Ft. Belvoir. Individuals who donate \$100 or more receive a home-baked pie from Charles "Chuck" Voccio who heads the program. Checks can be made out to the Wounded Warrior Fund, Attention Chuck, and sent to 8210 Legion Drive, Lorton, VA 22079. Voccio can be reached at chuckhelenv@aol.com.

training with Special Forces, served

a one-year tour with the 10th Mountain Division in Afghanistan in 2009. When he returned home, the reunion was marked by joy, as well as a sense of uncertainty.

"It was really cool, there was a welcome home ceremony and I could see Gabe standing in formation with a grin on his face. But it was slightly awkward the first few days, I had only seen him once that year," said LaMois.

"Having a baby also changes things, as far as gearing up for deployments, it will be a challenge to explain why he is going away and that he will come back," said LaMois. "The public is very supportive of soldiers, there's a sense of pride even though we want to pull out. There is still an American pride in our military."

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Marv Rodney, a 22-year veteran of the Marines, Sam Ramseur, a 28-year U.S. Army veteran, and Charles "Chuck" Voccio, a 22-year Army Corps of Engineers veteran, pose outside the American Legion Post 162. All three served in Vietnam, and experienced an ungrateful reception when they returned to the United States.

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ELECTION '11

Fairfax Democrats Celebrate Victory

Concerns remain over statewide Republican gains.

By VICTORIA ROSS
THE GAZETTE

Fairfax County's Democratic incumbents in the Virginia General Assembly continued to be the "firewall" against complete Republican control of the legislature, despite Republican gains elsewhere in the state. Fairfax County's nine incumbent State senators, all Democrats, were re-elected, despite the GOP targeting their seats, contributing cash to local Republican challengers, and bringing high-wattage Republicans to stump for those candidates.

State Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35), who was first elected to the House of Delegates in 1976, announced the Democratic winners at the Waterford at Fair Oaks last night.

"Guess what? The Republican money just went down the drain. We kept our Fairfax team," Saslaw said to loud applause and cheers. A Virginia legislator since 1976, Saslaw said the main reason he ran this year is "to restore cuts in education and social service ... I

just don't want to see the lunatics take over the asylum. That's the reason I'm still in it."

DESPITE LOCAL Democratic victories, the Democrats effectively lost control of the Virginia Senate because the 22-18 majority is now a 20-20 tie with the lieutenant governor, a Republican, able to cast any necessary tie-breaking votes. The GOP already held a substantial majority in the Virginia House of Delegates.

However Fairfax County, the state's most economically powerful and populous jurisdiction, continues to be in the Democratic column, with a seven-member majority on the Board of Supervisors and nine Democratic state senators.

"It's kind of a pyrrhic victory," state Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) said Tuesday night, after announcing that his Republican opponent, Jason Flanary, had just conceded. "What I'm hoping is that we send out a message to Republicans to pay attention to what voters here just said. A 20-20 split is not a license to do whatever you want. I

hope they recognize that this is not a mandate."

Marsden received 16,338 votes (53.35 percent) compared to Flanary's 14,279 votes (46.62 percent).

When state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) took the stage, he drew laughter from the crowd with the line: "I'm Chap Petersen, and I approve of this message."

Petersen received 59.7 percent of the vote compared to 40.5 percent of the vote garnered by his Republican challenger, Gerarda Culipher.

"First, we have to see who is left in the Senate, and when we go back to Richmond, it will be time to strategically game-plan for the state budget," Petersen said. "But right now, I just look forward to spending more time with my family."

DEL. DAVID BULOVA (D-37) fended off a challenge from newcomer Brian Schoeneman, a Republican attorney who contributes to the conservative blog Bearing Drift. The Republican Caucus pumped \$75,000 into



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State Delegate Scott Surovell greets voter Christine Erickson at the Startford Landing Precinct.

Schoeneman's campaign in September, a clear indication they thought the seat had play. Bulova received 3,842 votes (56.2 percent) compared to Schoeneman's 2,982 votes (43.6 percent).

"Let me just say that democracy is best when it's a team sport," Bulova said. "From the beginning, I never took anything for granted in this race. I know things are kind

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ELECTION '11

Bulova Wins Second Term

Democrats retain control of County Board of Supervisors.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE GAZETTE

Election Day 2011 was a good one for incumbents, which meant it was a good night for Fairfax County Democrats. One of the stars of the night was Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, who took the stage to chants of "Sharon, Sharon, Sharon" from the crowd of 250-plus Democrats gathered at the Waterford Inn in Fairfax. The party was hosted by the Fairfax County Democratic Committee.

"I want you to know that local and state elections matter," Bulova said. "These are the people who are taking care of business. These are the people who are maintaining the roads, keeping our schools great and keeping up our quality of life in Fairfax County."

Bulova held a commanding lead over Republican challenger Michael "Spike" Williams throughout the evening: She won with 59.4 percent of the vote (113,769 votes) to Williams' 35.59 percent (68,167 votes.)

"This is a big win for Fairfax County Democrats," FCDC chair Rex Simmons said. "It shows the diversity in our county. Voters are very educated here, and they have clearly embraced our great education system and our terrific leadership. Sharon has shown over and over again that she is a leader who is committed to keeping the county one of the best places to live in the country."

BULOVA, active in local Democratic politics for more than 20 years, ran on a record of accomplishments as leader of the most powerful governing body in the County. She was endorsed by almost every major organization, from the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce to The Fairfax Deputy Sheriff's Coalition. Praised for her skillful handling of county finances in tough economic times, she is known as a consensus-builder on the Board of Supervisors.

Bulova won the at-large seat in a 2009 special election after her predecessor, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), moved on to Congress.

At numerous debates, meet-the-candidates forums and fundraisers, Bulova maintained that she is a strong leader who, despite the economic free-fall of the past few years, has preserved Fairfax County's quality-of-life standards with a first-rate school system and progressive transportation plans.

"Fairfax County is an exceptional place to live, work and play and grow older comfortably. It's not that way by accident," she said at a recent candidate's forum. "Our quality of life is protected, fostered and enhanced by an engaged community... Fairfax County's quality of life remains intact with vibrant parks, libraries and recreational amenities, as well



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE GAZETTE

Chairman Sharon Bulova spent the afternoon on Election Day visiting voters at Greenspring Retirement Community in Springfield. "Greenspring residents really helped me win my special election. This group is well-educated, and I am very grateful for their support," Bulova said, greeting supporter Al Wicjorek, 88.

as compassionate human services that are the envy of the region."

Bulova said she will continue to use "smart-growth" strategies to help the county move forward on a number of transportation issues, including Tysons Corner redevelopment and the Dulles Metro-Rail project.

"During my next term, I'd like to increase transit options by looking at light rail opportunities and completion of rail to Dulles," she said.

ANOTHER PRIORITY is rebuilding the relationship between the Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County School Board, which currently absorbs 53 percent of the County's \$3.3 billion budget.

"You know, one of the first things I'd like to do is have a retreat in February with the new School Board," she said. "It will be an opportunity for new members of the School Board to step back and look at where we're going and how best to collaborate."

"She is fair and competent," said supporter Dorothy Massie, a resident of Greenspring Retirement Community in Springfield, where Bulova spent the afternoon on Election Day. "She will be mindful of giving everyone equal opportunities to succeed."

Al Wicjorek, another Greenspring resident, said he voted for Bulova because "she does the right thing. She is efficient, capable and hardworking. That's the kind of leader we need."

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Northern Virginia Remains Blue

Republicans poised to take state Senate even though Democrats maintained control in contested races.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Republicans experienced all the seasons Tuesday night. First there was the spring of excitement as they gathered at the Fairview Park Marriott eager to see election returns they hoped would see them take control of the Virginia state Senate. Then there was the long summer of anticipation, with election returns slowly arriving from far-flung precincts across the commonwealth. That was followed by a troublesome autumn, a time when Republicans watched one targeted state Senate seat after another maintained by Democratic control. By the winter of discontent, the camera crews packed up and left the ballroom. Fairfax County Republican chairman Anthony Bedell was almost ready to throw in the towel and admit the G.O.P. failed in its attempt to take control of the Virginia state Senate.

Then everything changed.

As if spring were arriving yet again, the final precincts were posted bringing new life to their efforts. Although none of the targeted Democratic seats in Northern Virginia fell to Republican challengers, a seat in southwest Virginia moved into the red category when Republican challenger Bill Stanley was declared the winner over Democratic incumbent state Sen. Roscoe Reynolds (D-20). Then Republican Bryce Reeves had an 86-vote margin of victory against incumbent state Sen. Edd Houck (D-17), prompting a recount in a district that stretches from Fredericksburg to Charlottesville. Shortly before midnight, Bedell declared Republican control of the state Senate pending a recount.

"A win is a win, and that's how you have to look at it," said Bedell. "As Al Davis used to say, 'Just win, baby.'"

REPUBLICANS SCORED the narrowest win possible, achieving an evenly divided state Senate with 20 Democratic votes and 20 Republican votes — pending the results of the recount, although recounts almost always go to the candidate with the majority heading into the recount. With Republican Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling expected to break the tie in organizational votes for naming committee chairmen, the G.O.P. will likely take control of the state Senate and have full control over the executive and legislative branches of the commonwealth headed into the 2012 presidential election.

"Virginia is the canary in Barack Obama's coal mine," said Del. Tim Hugo (D-40). "There are very few Democrats left south of the Rappahannock River once this is done, and I think that makes it a tough dynamic for the president to win in 2012."

Fair or not, the Virginia election will be viewed as

Results

RACE	CANDIDATE	VOTE	PERCENT
State Senate District 39	Democrat George Barker	21,093	53 percent
	Republican Miller Baker	18,679	47 percent
State Senate District 36	Democrat Toddy Puller	15,558	55 percent
	Republican Jeff Frederick	12,531	45 percent
State Senate District 31	Democrat Barbara Favola	24,363	58 percent
	Republican Caren Merrick	17,480	42 percent

a dual referendum on Democratic President Barack Obama and Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell. Republicans view the potential control of the state Senate as an indication that Virginia is likely to flip in 2012, voting Republican even though the commonwealth was one of the states that went with Obama in 2008. Perhaps more importantly, with Republicans in control of the state Senate, the congressional redistricting process will be controlled by the G.O.P. heading into the next year's key election.

"Folks are riled up and upset with what's going on in Washington," said former Republican Gov. George Allen, who is engaged in a campaign to reclaim his U.S. Senate seat. "And so you have the energy on independents and conservatives and Republicans with us."

ALTHOUGH REPUBLICANS were eager to declare victory, the party failed to make the sweep many were predicting. In what may have been the most hotly contested race in Virginia, freshman incumbent state Sen. George Barker (D-39) was able to fend off Republican Miller Baker. The race became a target for both parties, and television viewers were besieged with advertisements in the race. In the end, Barker beat Baker 53 percent to 47 percent.

Other key Northern Virginia races that Republicans were targeting included the open seat created by the retirement of state Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple (D-31). After emerging from a bruising primary, Arlington County Board member Barbara Favola beat Republican businesswoman Caren Merrick 58 percent to 42 percent. And former Republican Party of Virginia chairman Jeff Frederick was unable to beat longtime incumbent Toddy Puller (D-36), with the incumbent Democrat beating the Republican challenger 55 percent to 45 percent.

"We certainly need to look at doing better in other areas," said Bedell. "We are very competitive in Fairfax County, but we weren't in Arlington and Alexandria and we need to figure that puzzle out."



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Amy Frederick, wife of Republican State Senate candidate Jeff Frederick, greets voter Paul Dean at the Stratford Landing Precinct.

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Raba Letteri with School Board candidates Ryan McElveen and Pat Hynes.

Voters Reject 'Reform' Candidates

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Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, immigrated to the United States from Korea as a teenager. He said his experiences as an immigrant, and as a long-term member of the school board, will serve the needs of the schools in the future.

"The current school board has been very successful putting in place budget cuts and adjustments that did not impede our school system's continuing academic improvement," Moon said. "So while our per-pupil cost has fallen, test scores and other indicators of academic achievement have been on the rise."

After his victory last night, McElveen, who, at 25, is the youngest candidate in any of the races, said he wanted to sleep first. "Then I will continue doing what I've been doing: listening to the concerns of parents, teachers and students. We will continue making Fairfax County Schools the 'shining schoolhouses on the hill,'" he said.

"I think McElveen offers a fresh perspective and Moon provides the continuity the School Board needs," said Catherin Read, a member of the Fairfax City Democrats. "I think Ryan has diversity in terms of thoughts, experience and perspective. He just recently came out of that school system, and the fact that he cares to spend his time making the school system better is just amazing."

BORN AND RAISED in Vienna, McElveen

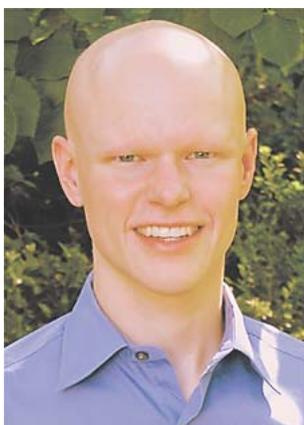
attended Marshall High School, where he served as class president and graduated with an International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate from The University of Virginia, he currently works in the International Operations and Policy Office of the Boeing Company, and is a Mandarin Chinese tutor.

"In the coming term we will also have the opportunity to make the school system more transparent and accountable," McElveen said. "We can employ an independent auditor...and hire an ombudsmen for teachers and parents [so that] we can ensure that the concerns of both groups are heard."

Ted Velkoff, a Rocky Run resident who has been active in several PTAs, said one of his first priorities as a new School Board member is to "complete a thorough review and revision of its values and goals...the newly-elected School Board must establish the values and goals that will guide its work during the upcoming term look forward to creating a shared vision with the new Board and with input from FCPS's constituents."

Velkoff said he thought voters connected with the Democratic-endorsed candidates because they "best represent the sentiments and core values of Fairfax County voters."

"I would say the activists were too focused on shortcomings, failings and controversies, and we were focused on academic achievement and 21st century learning," Velkoff said.



Democratic-endorsed candidates, from left: Ilryong Moon, Ted Velkoff and Ryan McElveen, won all three at-large School Board seats.

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U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly watches election returns at the event sponsored by the Fairfax Democratic Party at The Waterford at Fair Oaks on Nov. 8.



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Fairfax County Office of Election officials dressed patriotically for the long day of voting at the polls: From left, General Registrar Cameron Quinn, Barbara Scott, Amidla Bersdis and Lougenia Carnell.

Democrats Voice Concerns on Statewide Republican Gains

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of up in the air, but I'm happy people seem to agree with the message that we invest in tomorrow, and that future quality of life of our children depends on our willingness to

make investments today ..."

Bulova said he was looking forward to "buying a new pair of shoes," and spending more time with his family.

Rex Simmons, chair of the Fairfax County

Democratic Committee, was not so willing to play nice with the state Republicans.

"The current Democratic majority has vigorously fought for funding for our schools, advocated for additional revenue to pay for

transportation improvements that attract new jobs to Virginia, and generally held extremist policies of the McDonnell-Cuccinelli administration in check," Simmons said.



School Board incumbent Dan Storck greets voter Ralph Scherer.



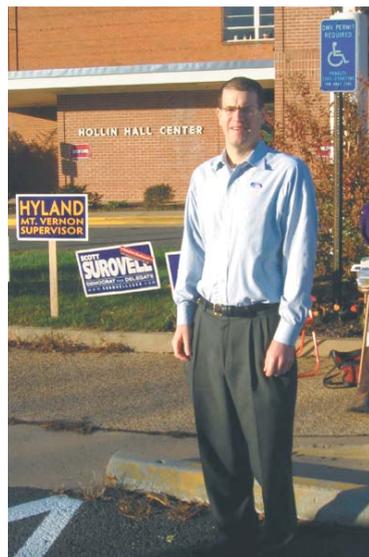
Supervisor Gerald Hyland, candidate for reelection, greets voter Janice Ahlie.



David Florcryz said he came out to vote because he's looking for an improvement in the management of taxpayers' money.



Elizabeth Doran, daughter of the late former Mayor of Alexandria Charles Beatley, came out to vote for change.



Andrew Adamson votes at the Hollin Hall Precinct.



Charles Little explains he votes in all elections all the time.



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Voters line up to vote on Tuesday at the Stratford landing Precinct.

WEEK IN MOUNT VERNON

New Executive Director Named To Lead SFDC

David Versel has joined the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation as executive director.

Versel comes to SFDC with 14 years' experience working with local governments, real estate developers and institutions all over the U.S. He brings a range of expertise including real estate market and feasibility work, revitalization planning, transit-oriented development planning, fiscal/economic impact analysis, tourism development, and arts/cultural development. A native of Rockville, Md., he has a B.A. in architecture from Washington University and a master of city planning degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He has spent most of his career as a consultant, most prominently for the Washington, D.C. office of Economics Research Associates. He later worked as a staff planner for the Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission and ran his own consulting practice for several years.

The SFDC is a non-profit organization established to revitalize, market, and serve as a liaison for businesses looking to establish a presence along the Richmond Highway corridor area from the Capital Beltway to Fort Belvoir.

House Fire Under Investigation

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue department units responded to a house fire, Tuesday, Nov. 8, at approximately 1:15 a.m. in the Alexandria area of Fairfax County. The single family home is located at 5500 Sheldon Drive.

Firefighters encountered a brick, two-story home fully involved with fire upon arrival. Firefighters confirmed the occupants were out of the home and conducted extensive defensive operations in extinguishing the fire. It took firefighters approximately 70 minutes to bring the fire under control. Two occupants have been displaced. There were no smoke alarms in the home. There were no injuries. Red Cross is assisting the occupants.

The home is a total loss, valued at approximately \$240,000. The fire is under investigation.

Cub Scout Pack 1509 To Collect Food

On Saturday, Nov. 12, the boys of Cub Scout Pack 1509 and Boy Scout Troop 1509 in Mt Vernon, will be collecting food to help the hungry in the community. All food collected will be brought to Rising Hope United Methodist Church's "Milk and Honey Food Pantry."

Donations will be picked up from homes in the neighborhoods bounded by the following roads: 22308 George Washington Memorial Pkwy., Vernon View Dr., Fort Hunt Road, Elkin St., Londonderry Road, Little Hunting Creek. Bags will be left at homes in these areas on Saturday, Nov. 5. If residents did not receive a bag and would still like to donate food, donations can be left at Rising Hope United Methodist Church, 8220 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA 22309.

Items needed include: canned meats/fish, fruit juice, soups, baby formula, Jello, pudding mix, pasta, sauces, canned fruit, canned vegetables, baby cereal, powdered milk, peanut butter, hot or cold cereal. No outdated or opened items.

This food collection is part of Scouting For Food, an effort by Packs and Troops around our nation to fight hunger.

Pack 1509 is chartered to St. Aidan's Episcopal Church. In keeping with the values of Scouting, Cub Scouts devote themselves to community service. Along with year round activities of crafts, outings, games and projects, Cub Scouts seek to be of service to others.

For more information on this collection, email pr.pack1509@gmail.com.

CRIME

Activities reported by the Mt. Vernon police department through Nov. 4.

ARREST

Police arrested three men in connection with the robbery of a 7-Eleven Store and a subsequent series of traffic crashes in the Beacon Hill area. Police were called to a robbery that took place at 2800 Beacon Hill Road just before 11 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27. A clerk was tending to customers when three men approached the store. Two of the men entered; one of them produced a gun and demanded money. The clerk complied and the two men joined the other and fled in their white Mercury Mountaineer. Witnesses provided officers with a license plate number and officers were quickly able to track the suspects, following them on several roads in the area. The Mountaineer struck two civilian vehicles near Fairhaven Ave. as it drove southbound on Richmond Highway. After these crashes, it crossed into oncoming traffic near Quander Road and struck an officer's cruiser. This crash resulted in injury to the officer and disabling of the suspect's vehicle. The men tried to flee on foot but were apprehended nearby. The investigation also determined that the suspect's Mountaineer was reportedly stolen from a resident of Prince Georges County, Md. Police charged a 17-year-old from Washington, D.C., with robbery and use of firearm in the commission of a felony. They also charged a 48-year-old male of the 12800 block of Ashbury Drive in Fort Washington, Md., and a 25-year-old male of the 1400 block of Indian Head Highway, Oxon Hill, Md., with robbery of a business with a gun and

use of firearm in commission of a felony. The driver, the 25-year-old male, was charged with felony speeding to elude and additional charges are pending further investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

ASSAULT

Police are investigating a report of a 14-year-old girl that was allegedly grabbed while walking to school on Friday, Oct. 28 around 7 a.m. The incident occurred near the intersection of Quisenberry Drive and Kings Hill Court. A man offered the girl a ride to school; she ignored him and continued walking. The man grabbed her; she kicked him and fled. Police were not immediately notified of the incident but have subsequently investigated, contacted neighbors and canvassed the area. The investigation is ongoing. The suspect is described as Hispanic, between 30-35 years old, around 5 feet 10 inches tall and wearing a dark, puffy coat. He stood near a vehicle described as an older model gray or black 4-door vehicle. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

BANK ROBBERY

Police responded to two bank robbery attempts and one

successful bank robbery that occurred between 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29. Detectives believe that all three of these were likely committed by the same suspects. First, around 11 a.m., a woman entered the Sun Trust Bank at 5922 Richmond Highway, and attempted to rob the teller. The teller questioned her and the suspect left. No one was injured. In a second attempt, moments later, a man and woman entered the Wells Fargo Bank at 6300 Richmond Highway, implied a weapon and demanded money. For unknown reasons, they left the bank without any money. Then, around 12:22 p.m., a man entered the BB&T bank at 6618 Richmond Highway, implied a weapon and demanded money. The teller handed over an undisclosed amount of cash and the suspect fled. The male suspect was described as black, in his 20s and about 5 feet 7 inches tall, with a thin build and a medium complexion. In the first robbery, he was wearing a red beanie hat and a dark-colored sweater. The female suspect was described as black, in her 20s and about 5 feet tall, with a thin to medium build. She had long, red hair and was wearing light-colored clothing. Police do not have surveillance video or photographs at this time. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

BURGLARY

A home in the 6000 block of Rixey Drive was burglarized between 8:30

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OPINION

On Veterans Day 2011

Honoring those in military service.

More than 6,000 U.S. military service men and women have died in Iraq and Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001. More than 50,000 have been wounded.

On Veterans Day, we honor and thank all those who have served in the military, in times of war and peace. It's an important moment to evaluate how we are serving the needs of veterans as well. The Post-9/11 GI Bill dramatically increases the educational benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. Steps to provide better, faster and more responsive health care to veterans, including mental health care are underway, but have a long way to go. Here, we must commit the resources to do better.

More than 175 U.S. military service personnel from Virginia have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, including several in the last year.

Aaron Carson Vaughn, 30, was one of 30 American service members and 22 Navy SEALs killed Aug. 6, 2011 when their Chinook helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan. Vaughn's family has ties to McLean and Burke. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly, and their two small children.

Spc. Douglas Jay Green, 23 of Sterling, died Aug. 28, 2011, when insurgents attacked his unit using a roadside bomb in Kandahar province, Afghanistan. Green enlisted in 2007, after attending Potomac Falls High School.

OTHER RECENT Virginia deaths:

Staff Sgt. James Ronald Leep Jr., 44 of Richmond, died Oct. 17, 2011 at Forward Operating Base Kalsu near Iskandariya in Babil province, Iraq.

Spc. Levi Efrain Nuncio, 24 of Harrisonburg, died June 22, 2011 when enemy forces attacked his unit with small-arms fire in the Narang district of Kunar province, Afghanistan.

Capt. Michael Wray Newton, 30 of Newport News, died June 11, 2011 in Meymaneh, Faryab province, Afghanistan.

Capt. Charles A. Ransom, 31, of Midlothian was one of eight airmen who died April 27, 2011, at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from gunfire. Sgt. Sean T. Callahan, 23, of Warrenton was one of two Marines who died April 23, 2011 in combat in Helmand, Afghanistan.

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, in a non-combat incident. Venetz had been seriously wounded months before.

Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire.

Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk, was one of two soldiers who died Nov. 22 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked with an improvised explosive device.

Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach, was one of two soldiers who died July 5, 2010, in Kandahar, Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked their vehicle with an improvised explosive device.

Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, Va., died June 18, 2010 at Zhari district, Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed

in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After 9/11, Cahir left his career as a journalist to join the Marine Corps, and got a special exemption from Congress after his application to become a Marine was denied because of his age.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 29, 2005.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him," said his mother.

2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand along with former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R) as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son.

Four months after the knock on the door that notified David Sharrett Sr. that his son had been killed fighting in Iraq came a second knock, informing him his son might have been killed by friendly fire. The father's four-year efforts to learn the truth about his son's death are part of a movie titled, "A Second Knock At The Door."

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.

HERE ARE the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names at least twice a year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), which provides emotional support and other services for families of the fallen.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his

vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, when an IED exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds received during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

Airman 1st Class LeeBernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

U.S. Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005.

Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhruz, Iraq.

Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunner Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church; Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria, and Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

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A Gift Members of the Mount Vernon High School Class of 1970 gathered at the entrance of the high school on Saturday morning, Nov. 5, for the presentation of a class gift, a new bench. Class president Larry Paxton, organizing the event, invited area alumni to participate. Present were: Beverly Wesley Dasch, Larry Fullerton, Larry Paxton, Bev Childers, Karen Tice, Betty Schurtz Sneed, Cathy Sweatt Baron, Vicki Breault Schofield and Cathy Carpenter, mother of Missie who was unable to attend. Any alumni classes interested in donating benches for the school entrance should contact Bob Maxey, the director of Student Activities at Mount Vernon High School.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank You Voters

To the Editor:
The following open letter is addressed to Mount Vernon District residents.

Thank you Mt. Vernon District voters for your very strong vote of support and my reelection as the Mt. Vernon District member of the Fairfax County School Board. I greatly value and appreciate your trust and confidence in me and I look forward to the opportunity to represent you for another four years.

I know that there is still much to be done on behalf of Fairfax County children and Mt. Vernon District residents. To start, I will be sharing my experiences with the six new School Board members, while listening and working with them to increase their understanding of our students' needs, particularly those from the Mt. Vernon District. We have some major challenges ahead, including securing the funding necessary to keep our schools' world class, selecting the right new superintendent, ensuring the appropriate academic and technical courses are available to meet each student's needs, and guiding our school system through the internet revolution which is transforming learning. I look forward to continuing my School Board and community leadership roles on behalf of you and all our children.

With your continued involvement and support, our students' performance will continue to improve and our schools will remain the world class standard of education that attracts so many families and businesses to Fairfax County. Please don't hesitate to contact me at Dan.Storck@fcps.edu. It is an honor serving you.

Dan Storck
Mt. Vernon District Member
Fairfax County School Board

Fort Hunt Park:
A Jewel As Is

To the Editor:
An open letter to the U.S. Park Service:
What a day (Sat 11-5) in Fort Hunt Park! Clear skies, crisp temps, fall colors, and lots of people. The regular users were out in force; The Park Service "Learn to Bike Program" was quite busy;

The Minnesota State Society had gathered for a picnic; 750 people were doing a memorial run for local hero Tony Snow;

And, that was just the morning! You and your staff are to be saluted for making such activities possible.

Also, you are to be congratulated for your interest in the future of the park.

But, we would urge you to recognize and preserve the success of your work.

Do not remove the roads, do not take out the pavilions, do not mess up the place.

Add all the interpretative programs you want ... they will enhance the park.

But, do not worry about overuse and "... too many people on the grass."

That is a good problem to have ... and why the park is even there.

Recognize Fort Hunt Park is a jewel as is ... keep it that way!

John and Barsha Shepherd

Halloween Memories

To the Editor:
As someone who lived in Waynewood for 38 years, your article on Brian and Jeff Park ("The Science of Spooky") brought back wonderful memories of our time in Northern Virginia. It wasn't Halloween without a visit to their display, and "kids" that we were, my wife and I enjoyed the fun as much as did our two young daughters. If my memory serves me correctly, I recall that the Park's also had a small-gauge railway system running around one (possibly both) of their homes. The brothers always could be counted on to present us with something both unusual and delightful.

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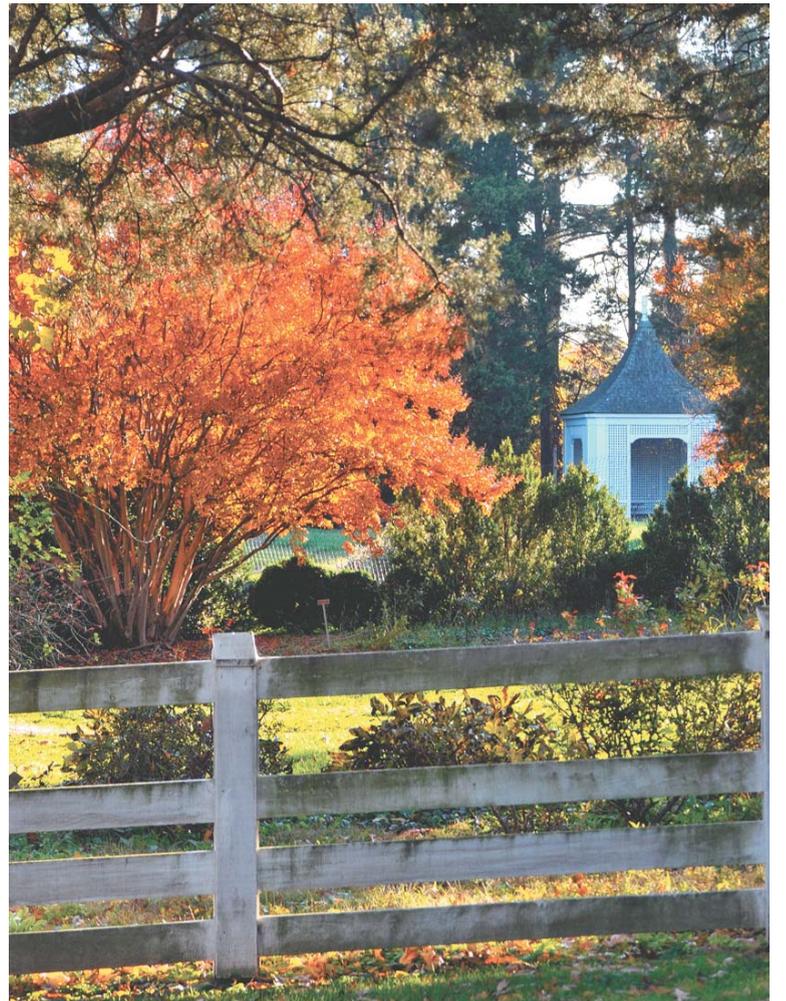
COMMUNITY



Kealy Rudersdorf, a volunteer at the Arcadia Mobile Market talks about the future plans for the mobile market providing farm fresh produce to the underserved areas of the District and Alexandria.



Charlie Perryman plays the fiddle with the Naked Mountain Boys Blue Grass Band.



Autumn at the farm at Woodlawn Plantation, site of the "Vices That Made Virginia" event on Saturday, Nov. 5.

The Vices That Made Virginia

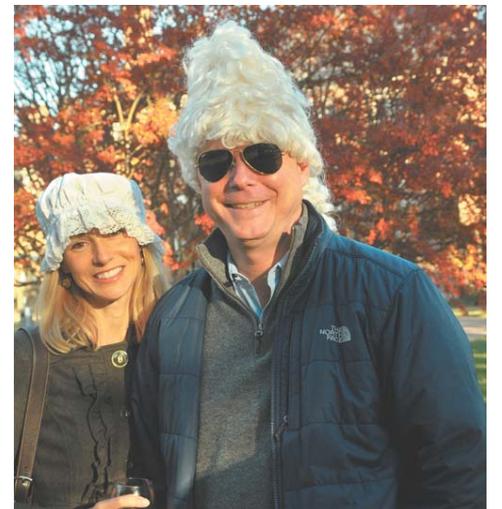
A culinary celebration on the farm and fields of Arcadia.



Local cheeses are paired with chutney's for tasting at the afternoon fete.



Todd and Maria Lechner return from a walk in the newly cultivated Arcadia farm garden at Woodlawn.



Dave and Sherri Zadareky step out in costume after being photographed in the picture booth donated to the event by the Little Theatre of Alexandria.



Ernesto Castedo with Star Catering prepares a chilled glass for a guest at his wine and bourbon bar.

The mansion house at Woodlawn Plantation.

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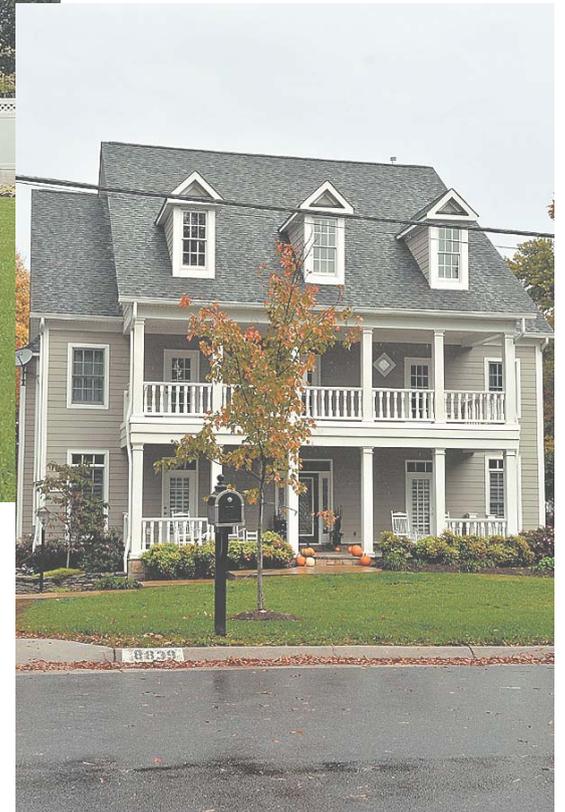
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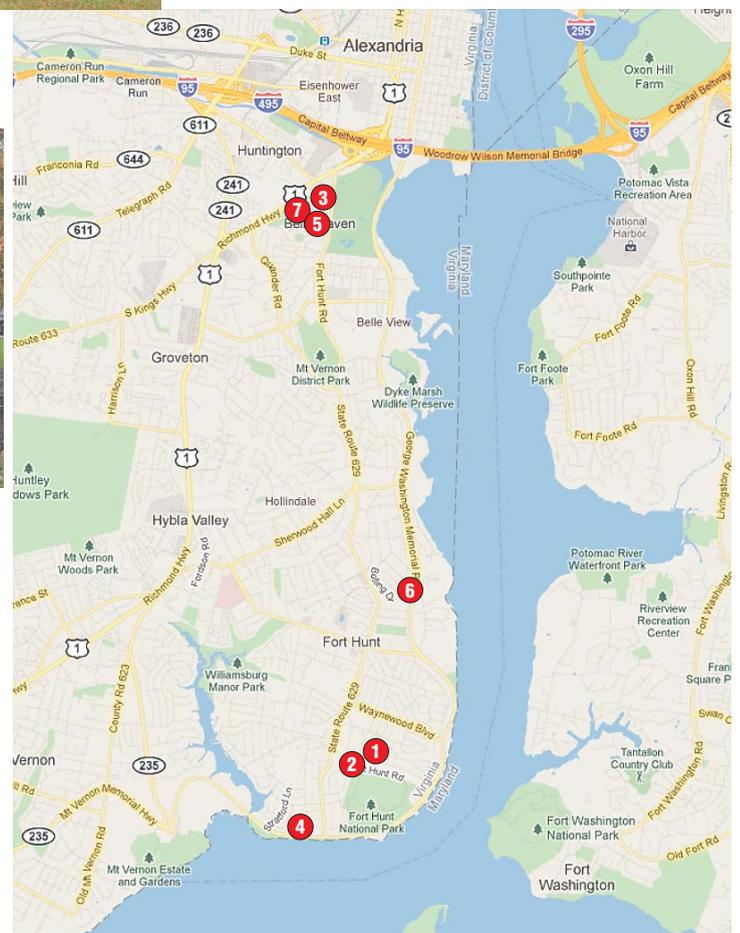
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Creating Dream Kitchens

Many approaches, most include green-design elements.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

Whether used to sip morning coffee or to host a large dinner party, the kitchen is often the most occupied room in a home. Local interior designers and the National Kitchen and Bath Association say the trendiest kitchen design elements of 2011 and 2012 are glass, cabinetry with dark finishes, energy-efficient lighting and accessories, double-wall ovens, walk-in pantries and induction cook tops.



PHOTO COURTESY 2 IVY LANE INTERIORS

This Mount Vernon kitchen, designed by Alex Deringer and Courtney Cox of 2 Ivy Lane Interiors, has a dramatic skylight and large windows to let in natural light.

ELEGANT AND DARK

The owner of a home in Old Town Alexandria eschewed glossy countertops and embraced dark wood cabinetry during a recent remodel of her kitchen.

The home, which was built in the 1880s, has large rooms with high ceilings and bay windows. When the homeowner decided to renovate the kitchen, she wanted a design that was compatible with the home's existing architecture.

"For this new kitchen, we wanted an open, flowing work space, a large island and room for a family dining table," said the homeowner.

She hired designer Sarah Pak, who added custom cabinets in cherry wood and used honed black granite for the counters. There is an island in the center of the room that is topped with granite in shades of gray, green and red.

"[Manufacturers] now have the ability to finish stone to give it more interesting features," said Pak. "Counters now have stone with a softer finish, moving away from the 90's countertop that is slick and shiny."

Cabinet-covered appliances give the kitchen a clean, polished look.

"The backsplash is a nod to Victorian whimsy," she said. "It has a variety of tile shapes, dimensions and sizes in a creamy crackle finish."

The kitchen has two sinks. One is wide and deep to accommodate the grill from the cooktop during cleaning. "There is a small black prep sink in the island that adds functionality to the work space," said the homeowner.

The homeowner chose hardwood floors with radiant heating and stained them to match the original heart pine flooring in the other rooms of the house.

"Pak [helped create] the design aesthetic that works so well in this house—a combination of a simple, clean, elegant look with



PHOTOS BY MARILYN CAMPBELL



Alexandria based interior designer Sarah Pak used custom cherry wood cabinets and honed black granite counters when she remodeled the kitchen of this Old Town Alexandria home. The homeowner wanted the kitchen to be an open, flowing workspace with a large island and room for a family dining table.

rich colors and a variety of surface textures," said the homeowner.

LET THERE BE LIGHT

When Alexandria-based designers Alex Deringer and Courtney Cox of 2 Ivy Lane Interiors designed a kitchen in the Mount Vernon area recently, they took a light approach.

The homeowners wanted a spacious and elegant room for entertaining that also accommodated their children.

The result was a kitchen with white marble counters and white, custom-de-

signed, painted wood cabinets, including some glass-front cabinets with interior lighting. The island has a rosewood counter surface, creating a dramatic contrast against the light-hued wood.

"The appliances have cabinet overlays, so they blend in with the rest of the cabinetry," said Cox. "Custom cabinets give you a more refined look."

The most dramatic feature in this room is the colossal skylight above the island. Other large windows add additional natural light.

"[This owner] is a very light-driven person," said Deringer.

GO GREEN

When Holly and Rick Wolff bought a second home in their North Arlington neighborhood, they gutted and remodeled it. Having lived across the street in a smaller home for 30 years, they wanted more space, especially in the kitchen.

"[Our previous house] had a tiny kitchen, and I wanted a big kitchen with an island where our family could congregate and talk and relax," said Holly Wolff.

Environmentally active since they started a paper recycling program as students at George Washington University, the Wolffs hired green architect David Peabody, to design the new kitchen.

"Almost everything in the kitchen is green," said Holly Wolff. "Our cabinets are bamboo. We have a cork floor that is sustainable. Our counters are Riverstone concrete."

Peabody, an Alexandria-based architect, added a long wall of win-

dows and placed the sink in the middle. The breakfast room, which was once a screened porch, is now enclosed in glass and adjoins the kitchen.

"What we decided to do was to expand the kitchen out in the back about six feet and then enclose the porch so it is one streaming room," said Holly Wolff. "It added all this light to the back end of the house. We put windows everywhere we could. Now we have light everywhere: sun tubes, skylights. David is a firm believer in light."

Peabody used energy-efficient lighting,

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including LED downlighting and compact florescent lighting.

“The most appealing features [of the kitchen are]...its views to the very private wooded back yard [and] the cabinetry that works rather seamlessly with the adjoining spaces,” said Peabody.

The couple tasked interior designer Sarah Pak of SPI Design with choosing accessories and appliances such as their Bosch range and oven, Kitchen Aid dishwasher and GE Monogram Spacemaker microwave. The dishwasher and refrigerator are EnergyStar rated.

“When sustainable design is integrated into the project from the beginning, you do not have to compromise beauty and function nor pay an elaborate premium,” said Peabody.

WHEN PASSIONATE COOKS with a flair for coordinating colors and a commitment to energy efficiency collaborate on a kitchen design project, it is no surprise that the end result incorporates current trends. That is what happened when David Bauer, an environmental consultant, and Joanne Bauer, a museum curator and artist, hired Alexandria-based architect Laura Campbell to remodel their Reston home.

The couple had lived in their home for 20 years when they decided to do a major renovation.

“The kitchen was so small that you could only open one appliance at a time,” said Joanne Bauer. “I cook a lot, and we entertain a lot. When we had a lot of people over, I was always holed up in the kitchen while everyone else was having a good time [in another part of the house].”

The Bauers wanted their kitchen to be a spacious room in which family and friends could flow in and out freely.

“[Our new kitchen] is the kind of kitchen where [there is room for] people to help with cooking. It has an open floor plan and works well for entertaining,” said Bauer. “Now what was once our kitchen is a walk-in pantry.”

Because their appliances can be seen from the living room, the design covered them with cherry wood cabinet fronts and attached brushed stainless steel pulls for opening and closing.

Campbell created a niche just outside the kitchen where Joanne Bauer could display art, including her own.



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HomeLifeStyle

This home, purchased by former Hewlett Packard chief executive Carly Fiorina sits on 5.1 acres and has six bedrooms, eight bathrooms and two half-bathrooms. It has spectacular views of the river from virtually every room.

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\$6.1 Million for Waterfront Home

High profile buyers acquire top properties.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Some waterfront and Alexandria real estate gems have been scooped up recently. Former Hewlett Packard chief executive Carly Fiorina shelled out \$6.1 million for a home along the Potomac River on Gunston Road in the Mason Neck section of Alexandria.

The house, which originally listed for \$7.7 million, sits on 5.1 acres and has six bedrooms, eight bathrooms and two half-bathrooms. It sold in September.

"This home is located on a particularly beautiful part of the Potomac River," said listing agent Sue Goodheart of McEneaney Associates. "The lot was leveled so that you can have direct access to the water. In every room you have a spectacular view of the river. There are a lot of open areas and open stairwells." Goodheart says the home is in a gated community, offering privacy.

Ferry Point is the location of another Alexandria water-front property which sold recently. Originally listed at \$10.7 million, the 7,000-square-foot home sold in August for \$8.2 million. It sits on 11.7 acres and has six bedrooms, five bathrooms and one half-bathroom. A winding, tree-lined driveway leads visitors through the lush grounds to the main the house. The property includes a carriage house with a two-bedroom, one-bathroom guest apartment.

The main house features four fireplaces including one outdoor fireplace, a pool, a green house, stables and a boat dock.

In Old Town, a five-bedroom, four-and-a-half-bathroom home in the historic district sold for \$3.5 million, originally listed at \$4 million. The four-story home includes a pool, 12-foot ceilings and eight fireplaces. It still has the original woodwork and

floors. Ideal for entertaining, the home has a library and a large library that overlooks the gardens.

"It was built in 1870 and has ... eight fireplaces and beautiful gardens," said Goodheart. She says the double lot, large for the area, was another attraction for buyers.

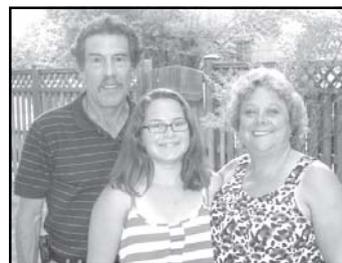
While those homes are no longer on the market, Goodheart says there are others that are just as spectacular. She names, a \$4.85 million home on Fairfax Street in the heart of Old Town with six bedrooms, four bathrooms, two half-bathrooms and an air-conditioned two-car garage.

Originally built in 1770, it is an 8,000-square-foot home on a quarter-acre lot. The home has built-in book cases, antique limestone mantels on six fireplaces and ceramic tile in the bathrooms. It has grand rooms for entertaining. Other amenities include an historic smokehouse and a chef's kitchen with an adjoining breakfast room.



The living room and master bedroom of this Gunston Road waterfront home offer views of the river.

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Hilarious Hijinks With 'Noises Off'

LTA's production is not to be missed.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

When "Noises Off" made its Broadway debut in December of 1983, New York Times critic Frank Rich — often known as the Butcher of Broadway — said it "is, was, and probably always will be the funniest play written in my lifetime." His comments propelled English playwright Michael Frayn to international fame and set off a quest for theater companies around the world to replicate the hilarious hijinks for local audiences.

With an ingeniously synchronized script, "Noises Off" demands impeccable technique and spot-on timing to succeed and The Little Theatre of Alexandria does not disappoint.

"Chris is just brilliant to work with," said Gayle Nichols-Grimes of director C. Evans Kirk. "The show requires so much precision and concentration and Chris pulled it all together for us."

For those unfamiliar with "Noises Off," it is a play-within-a-play where each of three acts is a performance of the first act of the fictional farce titled "Nothing On."

Act One opens on the final run through of "Nothing On." Things are not going well as the frustrated director is faced with a cast of has-been and wanna-be actors still fumbling with missed cues and misspoken lines.

In Act Two, the same opening act is observed from backstage during a matinee performance one month later.

Act Three is yet again the opening act of "Nothing On," a bungling performance seen from the audience during its final stop on the tour.

This deftly written comedy about putting on a comedy is expertly performed by an LTA



PHOTO BY SHANE CANFIELD

Kat Sanchez as Brooke, Gayle Nichols-Grimes as Dotty, Ron Bianchi as Selsdon, John Crowley as Timothy, and Rachael Hubbard as Belinda.

cast that is surely one of the most finely-tuned ensembles ever assembled. Nichols-Grimes is joined by Bruce Alan Rauscher, Adam Downs, Kat Sanchez, Elizabeth Heir, Lars Klores, Rachel Hubbard, John Crowley and Ron Bianchi. As a team they execute with razor-sharp precision Frayn's descent into delirium.

The award-winning Nichols-Grimes plays with aplomb the questionable competence of faded star Dotty Otley, who is financing the disastrous "Nothing On." Dotty is directed by the self-important cad Lloyd Dallas, played to arrogant and exasperated perfection by Helen Hayes nominee Bruce Alan Rauscher.

Lloyd is one part of a three-way gnarled romance involving terminally underdressed ingénue Brooke Ashton (Kat Sanchez) and stage manager Poppy Norton-Taylor (Elizabeth Heir). Dotty, meanwhile, is keeping company with Garry Lejeune (Adam Downs) and possibly Frederick Fellows (Lars Klores).

Rounding out the cast is Ron Bianchi as lovable lush Selsdon Mowbray and LTA newcomer John Crowley as stage manager and "Nothing On" understudy Timothy Allgood. The role of Belinda Blair is played by Rachel Hubbard, who especially shines in the over-the-top syncopated slapstick of Act Two.

What sounds confusing is spectacularly funny as each member of the cast exhibits unparalleled verbal dexterity and physical agility.

In an evening of highs, no one does brainless more beautifully than Sanchez while Downs and Bianchi turn in the solid performances theater audiences have come to expect. In the midst of all the madcap mayhem, Klores delivers an unflappable deadpan performance while Crowley and Heir are delightful as the frantic stage managers trying to hold the neurotic "Nothing On" cast together.

An essential element to the success of the LTA production is the set co-designed by Kirk and Dan Remmers. What at first appears to



PHOTO BY SHANE CANFIELD

Adam Downs as Garry and Kat Sanchez as Brooke.

be a standard set is actually a giant turntable that rotates 180 degrees between scenes. Some of the funniest moments in "Noises Off" come during the backstage brawls and bedlam that arise from the intricately crafted scenic design.

The original 1982 London production of "Noises Off" won the Evening Standard and Olivier Awards for Best Comedy. The following year, it earned a Tony Award nomination for Best Play when it opened in New York as well as a Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Ensemble.

Under Kirk's tautly timed direction, the dazzling LTA cast is peerless in delivering an evening of side-splitting, laugh-'til-you-cry hilarity. It is as clever and comical a show ever performed and is not to be missed.

"Noises Off" is playing now through Nov. 26 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria. For tickets or more information, call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.



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Director C. Evans Kirk, second from right, joins the cast of 'Noises Off' following the Nov. 5 opening night performance at The Little Theatre of Alexandria. From left to right: Ron Bianchi, Elizabeth Heir, Lars Klores, Rachel Hubbard, Adam Downs, Gayle Nichols-Grimes, John Crowley, Kat Sanchez, C. Evans Kirk and Bruce Alan Rauscher.



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Gayle Nichols-Grimes and Ernie Sult at the LTA opening night reception for 'Noises Off.'

ENTERTAINMENT

NOV. 10 TO 13

Designer Reception. To commemorate Periwinkle as Alexandria's exclusive Beija-Boutique, Emilie Moça Whitaker, co-owner and designer, will be having her Fall/Winter 2011 collection available for shoppers for three days. Shoppers can RSVP to meet Beija-Flor's Jeans designer on Friday, Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. At Periwinkle of Alexandria, 1557 Potomac Greens Dr., Alexandria. Call 703-519-5242 or visit www.periwinkle.com.

THURSDAY/NOV. 10

Army Community Covenant Renewal. 8 a.m. The Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce will renew its Community Covenant with Fort Belvoir and celebrate Veterans Day at a special ceremony hosted by The Fairfax, Belvoir Woods Parkway, Fort Belvoir. Special guests are Fort Belvoir Commander Col. John Strycula and Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland. All veterans and community members are welcome.

The Big Cheese. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

18th-Century Dance Classes. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. In preparation for the Anniversary Ball on Nov. 12, learn 18th-century English country dancing from expert dance instructors at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street. Class is \$12 per class. Reservations are recommended. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org or call 703-746-4242.

Promoting Native Bee Abundance. 7:30 p.m. Join Maria Van Dyke, the Program Coordinator for Virginia Working Landscapes for a slide lecture about the importance and habitat requirements of native bees. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173.

FRIDAY/NOV. 11

Spirit of the Civil War. 7:30 p.m. Donation of \$10/adults; \$5/students. NOVA's 80-member, in-house performance ensemble, The Alexandria Band, and its 100-member NOVA Community Chorus will be joined by the Mount Vernon Concert Band and the Arlington Children's Choir to perform Civil War period music. At the Rachel

M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College.

Veterans Day Program. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Alexandria Black History Museum's annual Veterans Day program, co-sponsored by the Alexandria Branch of the NAACP, at the museum, 902 Wythe Street. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or call 703-746-435

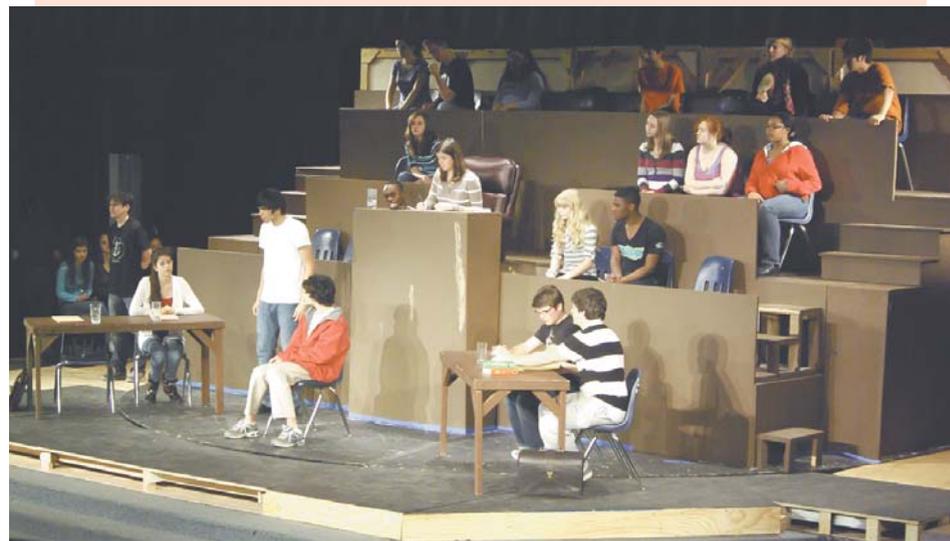
Veteran's Day Concert. 3 p.m. With the Air Force Strings. At George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Call 202-767-5658 or visit our homepage: www.usafband.af.mil

"At the Crossroads of History: Bailey's through the Century." 8:15 a.m. Tickets are \$30/person. Keynote speakers include Frank J. Williams, a retired Rhode Island Supreme Court chief justice and chair of the Lincoln Forum, and Dr. Edna Greene Medford, chair of Howard University's history department and board member of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Foundation. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College. Contact Dr. Wendy Matthews at wmatthews@nvcc.edu or 703-845-6252 or Ken Balbuena at kpbalbuena@nvcc.edu.

Holiday Marketplace. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. With 20 vendors selling everything from hand-crafted art and accessories to reps from local businesses providing services from party planning to hand-picked childrenswear and toys. At St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, White Hall, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria.

Mount Vernon Celebrates Veterans Day. 11 a.m. Harmony Heritage Singers perform; 2 p.m. wreathlaying at the tomb of George Washington. Cost is \$15/adults; \$7/children 6-11; and free under age 6. At Historic Mount Vernon Estate.

Fashion Show and Silent Auction. 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$43. Sponsored by the Board of Lady Managers, Founder and Supporter of INOVA Alexandria Hospital. Fashions by Lord & Taylor and modeled by INOVA Alexandria physicians, nurses and staff. Proceeds support the Board of Lady Managers current pledge to purchase anesthesia machines for the Surgical Service. At the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. Contact Lynda West 703-836-8853.



"Inherit the Wind" cast members Eliza Lore (Rachel Brown) and Joe Quinn (Bert Cates).

NOV. 11, 12, 13

"Inherit the Wind." West Potomac Drama Department presents "Inherit the Wind," a fictional retelling of the 1925 "Scopes Monkey" Trial. Friday Nov 11 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 12 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 13 at 2:30 p.m. in the Kogelman Theater, West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road, Alexandria. Tickets \$10. Call 703-718-2585.

NOV. 11 TO 20

The Sound of Music. Show times are Nov. 11, 12, 18, 19 at 7:30 p.m.; matinees on Nov. 13, 20 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10/advance; \$12/door. Presented by the Mount Vernon Community Children's Theater. To be held at Carl Sandburg Middle School, 8428 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Visit www.mvcc.org or call 703-360-0686.

NOV. 11, 12, 18, 19

"The Laramie Project." 7:30 p.m. The Laramie Project is a play that tells the story of the brutal beating and death of Matthew Shepard, a gay

college student, in Laramie, Wyo. Presented by T.C. Williams High School. Tickets are \$5/students; \$10/adults.

SATURDAY/NOV. 12

Christmas Market & Silent Auction. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. High-end vendors, crafts, jewelry, collectibles, youth-sponsored White Elephant Sale, children's shop, bake sale, Casserole's to Go, homemade café lunch and silent auction. At Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Rd., Alexandria. Call 703-765-6555 or www.aldersgate.net.

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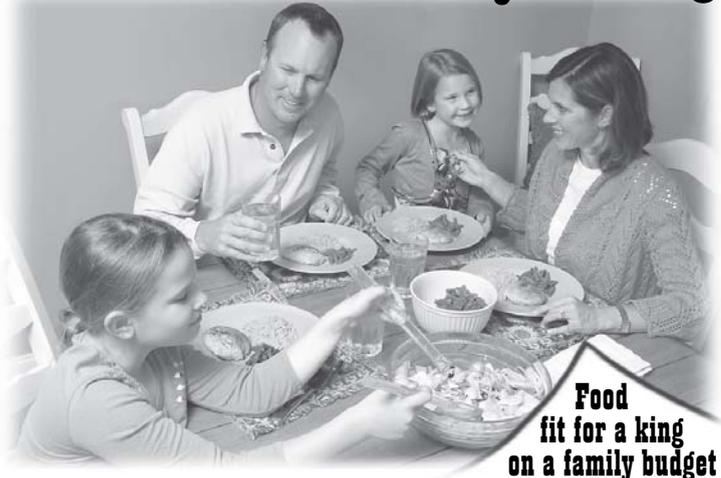
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Back to Nature — Paintings from Life. Landscape and Still Life Paintings by Christine Lashley and Trisha Cherrington Ratliff. Artist's reception is Saturday/Nov. 12 from 4 to 7 p.m. At Broadway Gallery, 5641-B General Washington Dr., Alexandria.

Volunteer Appreciation & Holiday Party. 6 to 8 p.m. Celebrating 50 years of Archaeology in Alexandria. At the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St., #327, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4399 or Archaeology@Alexandriava.gov.

"Standing On My Sisters' Shoulders" Film. 4:30 p.m. Explore a missing chapter in our nation's record of the Civil Rights movement with a film at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street. Part of Movies with a Mission Series. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or call 703-746-4242.

Boston String Quartet Concert. 7:30 p.m. The Boston String Quartet is seeking 104 high school orchestral, band, and choral students to join them for two days of workshops, master classes, and rehearsals, culminating in a final performance. At The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria Campus. Students can pre-register until Oct. 23 at www.xibus.org. Call 617-875-7851.

SUNDAY/NOV. 13

Coffeehouse Cabaret. 6 to 8 p.m. Two outstanding acts: Mike Gillispie Jazz Quartet and Sarah Jebian, vibrant vocalist with six-piece back up of singers and instrumentalists. Coffee, tea, and snacks. Adults \$12, students \$6, family max \$25. Proceeds benefit music and racial/social justice programs at MVUC. At Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. See www.mike.gillispie.com and www.jebian.com/sarah.

Musician Nassar Abadey. 4 p.m. Donation is \$15. Part of the Jazz at Meade program. At Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alfred St., Alexandria. Call 703-549-1334. Visit www.meadechurch.org.

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.alexandriaarchaeology.org or call 703-746-4399.

Violin/Cello Duo: Claudia Chudacoff and Sean Neidlinger. Works by Gliere, Ravel, Schulhoff. 7 p.m., The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington, Old Town Alexandria. \$15 admission payable at door. Cash or checks only. Info: www.alexperformingarts.org or 703-505-0700.

An American Girl Experience. Tickets are \$50. American Girl fans of all ages are invited to bring their favorite dolls to Mount Vernon for a chance to meet the book series' creator and one of its

authors, Valerie Tripp. Ticket sales begin at 10 a.m. on Oct. 3. At Mount Vernon Historic Site. Visit MountVernon.org.

Concert. 7 p.m. Admission is \$15. Claudia Chudacoff, violin; and Sean Neidlinger, cello. Will perform a special "Blue Ribbon" salon recital at the Lyceum in Old Town Alexandria. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St., Old Town Alexandria.

NOV. 14 AND 15

Jewelry Sale. All jewelry is \$6. Designer inspired handbags \$12 - \$48. Sponsored by The Board of Lady Managers of INOVA Alexandria Hospital. All proceeds go to the purchase of new anesthesia machines for the hospital's surgical services. Monday, Nov. 14, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. Open to the public at INOVA Alexandria Hospital.

NOV. 14 TO 19

"Angel: A Nightmare in Two Acts." Tickets are \$18/adults; \$16/seniors and students; \$14/groups of 10. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11-12 and Nov. 18-19; and Tuesday, Nov. 15. The evening performances on Friday, Saturday and Tuesday begin at 8 p.m. In addition, there will be matinees on Saturday, Nov. 12 & 19 at 2 p.m. Presented by Port City Playhouse, which performs at The LAB at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria.

TUESDAY/NOV. 15

Mount Vernon SALT: Safe Online Shopping. 10:30 a.m. Mount Vernon Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) will present Safe Online Shopping with Vee Johnson, community outreach liaison, Consumer Affairs, from the Department of Cable Communications and Consumer Protection. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Call 703-765-4573.

"On the Shoulders of Giants." 10:30 a.m. Film spotlights the all-black Harlem Renaissance basketball squad during the 1930s. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573

Eat Smart, Stay Healthy. 11 a.m. Hollin Hall Senior Center Hosts "Eat Smart, Stay Healthy." With Jolanta Coleman, an avid health and nutrition advocate. At 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573.

Author Nancy Lynch. 7 p.m. Free. Author of Vietnam Mailbag: Voices from the War, 1968-1972. Sponsored by the Friends of Beatley Central Library. At Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1702.

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Community Appreciation Day. 5 to 8 p.m. The YMCA Alexandria will host food demos, recipes, exercise activities such as ZUMBA, youth swim team information and more. At 420 East Monroe Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-838-8085 or email Melissa.Lovell@ymcadc.org

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the Atomic Swing Club. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

Jane Franklin Dance. 1 p.m. Hollin Hall Senior Center hosts a performance and interactive program by Jane Franklin Dance. At 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573.

Senior Housing Options. 10 a.m. Senior Services of Alexandria is hosting a free conversation about senior housing options in Alexandria. At Shiloh Baptist Church, 1401 Duke St., Alexandria. Visit www.seniorservicesalex.org or call 703-836-4414, ext. 13.

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West Potomac Football Clinches Share of District Title

Wolverines will host regional playoff game against Chantilly.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

The West Potomac football team led by the slimmest of margins in the third quarter when DeMornay Pierson-El lined up deep to return a kickoff against T.C. Williams.

Pierson-El watched as the kick sailed over his head. But rather than finding its way into the end zone, the ball landed at the 1-yard line and bounced straight up, almost begging the Wolverine sophomore to reach out and grab it. No. 5 snatched the ball out of the air and headed up the field for what proved to be one of his many highlights in the afternoon.

“He’s a sophomore. We’re going to be reading about him for a long time.”

— West Potomac head football coach Eric Henderson about DeMornay Pierson-El

noon.

“I thought it was a touchback,” Pierson-El said, “but when it bounced, it bounced back right to my hands. I saw a seam and I just took it and it led me all the way to the end zone.”

Pierson-El returned the kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown, turning a 14-13 West Potomac lead into a 21-13 advantage. Pierson-El finished with



DeMornay Pierson-El scored four touchdowns during a victory against T.C. Williams on Nov. 5, helping the Wolverines clinch a share of the Patriot District championship.

four touchdowns and the Wolverines concluded the regular season with a 41-27 victory on Nov. 5 at T.C. Williams High School.

Senior playmakers such as Tyrone Jenkins, Brandon Johnson and Joseph Marinelli were a major reason why the West Potomac football team earned a postseason berth. But with an opportunity to clinch a share of the Patriot District title and a home game in the opening round of the playoffs, it was sophomore Pierson-El who stole the show.

“He’s a sophomore. We’re going to be reading about him for a long time,” West Potomac head coach Eric Henderson said. “He can play on Saturdays, too. He’s really good.”

Pierson-El pulled in five receptions for 158 yards and three touchdowns, and ran the ball five times for 22 yards, helping the Wolverines to a share of their first district championship since 2006. The victory also

ensured West Potomac earned the No. 4 seed in the Northern Region Division 6 playoffs, meaning the Wolverines will host No. 5 Chantilly at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 11.

Pierson-El’s first touchdown came on West Potomac’s third play from scrimmage, when he caught a screen pass near the left sideline and raced 69 yards for a score. After his kickoff return touchdown, Pierson-El’s third score, an 18-yard reception, might have been his most exciting. After making the catch, he eluded the T.C. Williams defense with a spin move before somersaulting into the end zone.

Pierson-El’s final touchdown came on a short pass near the right sideline that he turned into a 39-yard gain.

“I love that kid,” sophomore quarterback Caleb Henderson said. “[We have] been talking about how we want to go to college together. ... We’ve played freshman football together; we’ve known each other since for-



West Potomac quarterback Caleb Henderson threw three touchdown passes against T.C. Williams on Nov. 5, helping the Wolverines to a 41-27 win.

ever. He played great. This is the best game I’ve ever seen him play.”

West Potomac finished the regular season with a 7-3 record, including 6-1 in the Patriot District. The Wolverines split the district title with Lake Braddock and South County. West Potomac averaged 33.6 points per game this year, including 37.9 in district play. The Wolverines scored 40 or more points five times.

Against T.C. Williams, running back Keaton Labyzon carried 13 times for 71 yards and two touchdowns. Caleb Henderson completed 8 of 29 passes for 256 yards, three touchdowns and an interception. He also rushed eight times for 43 yards.

Pierson-El and Henderson are two of seven sophomores who either start or see significant playing time for the Wolverines.

“If we can keep everybody lifting weights and keep them focused,” Eric Henderson said, “my hope is that we can keep doing this.”

West Potomac Girls Win Regional Championship

Corum advances to states for boys.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

The West Potomac girls cross country team was favored to do well at the Northern Region championship meet on Nov. 3, but that didn’t stop the Wolverines from working like underdogs.

West Potomac captured the team title at Burke Lake Park eight days after winning the Patriot District title. The Wolverines tallied a score of 86, followed by West Springfield, Thomas Jefferson and Oakton, which finished in a three-way tie with 117. West Springfield finished runner-up based on a sixth-runner tiebreaker.

Facing the best harriers in the region, each of West Potomac’s top five runners finished in the top 30.

“I know we were favored,” West

Potomac’s Sami Miller said, “but our coach (Jenn Dietz), she kept us grounded and she really pushed us. She told us that we needed to work for it, so we did.”

Miller finished 29th with a time of 18 minutes, 56 seconds. She improved from the team’s sixth-best finisher at districts to fourth-best at regionals, shaving 10 seconds off her districts time.

“The race of the day, no matter what the order, was Sami Miller,” Dietz said. “She went from being our sixth last week to being our fourth. She set a PR and she ran strong.”

Sarah Jane Underwood finished 10th with a time of 17:59, earning all-region honors. Dale Lescher (18:30) finished 17th, Katie Genuario (18:33) was 18th and Sophia Passacantando (19:00) finished 30th.

“We have a really tight pack this year and we’ve all been pushing each other throughout the season,” Underwood said. “Even though we won districts, we knew that we

had to push even harder for regionals and not to just think that we had it in the bag. It was definitely just a lot of teamwork and pushing yourself individually for the whole team’s benefit.”

Lake Braddock’s Sophie Chase won the region with a time of 16:53, followed by Oakton’s Allie Klimkiewicz (17:29) and Lee’s Bailey Kolonich (17:30).

In boys action, West Potomac’s Brady Corum finished 11th with a time of 15:38, earning all-region and a berth in the state meet. The Wolverines finished 10th in the team standings.

Annandale’s Ahmed Bile won the event with a time of 14:38, followed by Chantilly’s Sean McGorty (14:42) and Lake Braddock’s Nick Tuck (15:11). Oakton won the team title with a score of 72. Robinson (87), Chantilly (101) and Thomas Jefferson (126) also earned team berths in the state meet.

The state cross country meet will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12 at Great Meadows.



Dale Lescher was part of a West Potomac girls cross country team that captured the Northern Region championship on Nov. 3 at Burke Lake Park.

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MVHS Cares 3rd Annual Turkey Trot "Gobblepalozza" 5k Community Walk/Run will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12 at 8:30 a.m. at the MVHS rock entrance. Cost is \$30 for 5K race for adults; \$25 for 18 and under. Pre-register online at www.racedctiming.com or at MVHS. Any student interested in running should see Mr. Charles Sabatier in room A215.

Waywood Elementary School will be honoring veterans on Friday, Nov. 11 by conducting a silent procession of students posting small American flags along the entry sidewalks of the school. Then the entire school will recite the Pledge of Allegiance in front of the school flag. Our Daily Owl News program will also be featuring veterans who are currently serving in the military.

On Thursday, Oct. 13, some 20 **Mount Vernon High School** and **Walt Whitman Middle School** students visited the Headquarters of NASA in downtown Washington, D.C. Students had a meeting with two astronauts, Pilot Doug Hurler and Mission Specialist Rex Walheim, who flew on the final mission of the space shuttle Atlantis and had recently returned from the International Space Station. The students were seated around a conference table and were able to ask questions of the astronauts about the last shuttle mission.

MVHS students attending were: Rob-



Famous farmer Old MacDonald, portrayed by Ray Owen, presented his Farm Heritage Show Wednesday, Nov. 2, for students at Fort Hunt Elementary School. The PTA Cultural Arts Enrichment Committee hosted the show.

ert Gill, Denise McGarity, Joshua Lewis, Uong Yalap, Rachel Wong, Michael Parker, Christian Rodriguez, Nicole Gray, Anthony Michelli, Brittany Michelli, and Jessica Kane.

WWMS students attending were: Emanuel Anicette, Dominic Carabello, Haley Cathey, Jadyne Cunningham, Robert George, An Judie Martin, Patrick Price, Tashon Seabury, and Rachel Sutton.

Congratulations to MVHS's var-

sity field hockey team for competing in the National District Field Hockey Championships for the fourth year in a row.

The Majors fell to Washington-Lee, 1-0, and took the runner-up plaque but came home champions. They advanced to the Northern Region Tournament and hosted Marshall. A great game came out and the Majors fell 2-1 in double overtime.

A team of students from **Mt. Vernon**



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Youngsters at play: The new Hollin Hall playground — a \$150,000 project formally opened Saturday, Nov. 5, with a ribbon-cutting — features updated equipment and a separate playground for the very young.

High School competed with teams from Oxon Hill High School and Annandale High School on the "It's Academic" quiz program. The competition was spirited and Annandale High School won the match. The program will air Saturday, Nov. 26, at 11 a.m. on NBC-TV 4, Channel 4.

Congratulations to the Mount Vernon High School Band for taking first place in Group 1A at the band competition held at Oakton High School last Saturday. Way to go Major Band!!!

The Class of 1981 will have its 30-year high school reunion and is sponsoring a MAJOR 5k run / walk. The event will begin on Saturday, Nov. 12 across from Cedar Knoll Restaurant. The registration fee is \$15 and participants will receive a race shirt as well as snacks and drinks. All Mount Vernon High School Alumni and their families are invited so come on out ... current students are encouraged to come as well. Contact Ed Montgomery at alwayscalled@yahoo.com.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2012 BUDGET
Fairfax County Water Authority (Fairfax Water) is proposing a \$141.3 million budget for calendar year 2012'. On Thursday, December 15, 2011, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its proposed 2012 Budget in its offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax. The public hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. A copy of the proposed budget can be viewed on our Web site at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org/>. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed budget should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017. Revenues are expected to be \$141.3 million in 2012. Water sales are expected to provide \$121.9 million. Approximately \$19.4 million is expected from connection charges, investment income and other sources.

Category	-- \$1,000s --	
	2011	2012
Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$44,812	\$46,934
Power and Utilities	10,813	11,802
Chemicals	5,958	7,463
Fuel	822	862
Postage	407	416
Insurance	1,211	1,175
Supplies and Materials	3,891	4,044
Contractual Services	8,569	8,480
Professional Services	1,112	1,151
Other	2,130	2,224
Sub-Total	79,725	84,551
Transfer to Improvement Fund	(9,391)	(9,559)
Total	70,334	74,992

Net revenues are expected to be appropriated as follows:

Debt Payment	\$40,798,000
Improvement Fund	\$11,000,000
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a.m. and 8:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25. An investigation determined entry was forced through a door and two laptop computers were missing.

A home in the 2400 block of Fort Drive was burglarized around 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29. An investigation determined entry was forced through a window and laptop computers were missing.

A home in the 5700 block of Biscayne Drive was burglarized around 10:10 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29. An investigation determined entry was forced through a window and household items were missing.

The Quiznos restaurant at 7770F Richmond Highway was burglarized around 5:23 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 1. An investigation determined entry was forced through a door.

Police arrested a man for burglarizing a home in the 5700 block of Biscayne Drive around 11:20 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 1. A 32-year-old male of the 300 block of East Howell Ave. in Alexandria was charged with burglary. Police are investigating to determine if the suspect is responsible for other burglaries in the area.

A home in the 4200 block of Buckman Road was burglarized around 1:10 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2. An investigation determined the suspect forced her way into the home as an 83-year-old woman was entering and stole jewelry. The suspect was described as black, in her 20s, about 5 feet 5 inches tall and 145 pounds, with a light complexion, black hair and brown eyes. She was wearing sunglasses, a dark-colored baseball cap, pea coat and pants. The victim was taken to the hospital with non life-threatening injuries.

ROBBERY

Two men, armed with guns and a small knife, robbed a 32-year-old man in the 5800 block of North Kings Highway around 1:14 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26. One suspect was described as white, in his 20s, between 5 feet 9 inches and 6 feet tall and 160 to 190 pounds, with blonde hair. The second suspect was described as black, in his 20s, between 5 feet 10 inches and 6 feet tall and 170 to 200 pounds. The victim was not injured.

Two men robbed a 19-year-old man and a 17-year-old boy at gunpoint near a bus stop in the area of Buckman Road and Janna Lee Ave. around 1:39 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15. The suspects were described as black, between 20 and 30 years old and wearing dark colored clothing. One suspect was about 5 feet 11 inches tall and 180 to 230 pounds, with a light complexion, hair in dreadlocks and a goatee. The second suspect was between 5 feet 5 inches and 5 feet 9 inches tall and 160 to 200 pounds, with a dark complexion; he also had a goatee.

ARREST

Police arrested a man for assaulting a postal worker and preventing him from calling the police on Saturday, Oct. 29 around 1:41 p.m. in the 6800 block of Deer Run Drive. A 49-year-old male of the 6800 block of Deer Run Drive in Alexandria was charged with petit larceny, disorderly conduct, assault and preventing someone from summoning law enforcement. The victim, a 54-year-old man, declined medical attention.

INDECENT LIBERTIES WITH A CHILD/ARREST

Police arrested a 45-year-old man for allegedly touching himself inappropriately in front of a 14-year-old girl inside the Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, around 5:10 p.m. on Monday, October 17. Jeffrey A. Tibbs, of no fixed address, was charged with taking indecent liberties with a child.

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