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After the Storm

Thousands of county residents without power as clean-up efforts continue.

By Victoria Ross
The Gazette

Hurricane Sandy battered the region Monday night, Oct. 29, shutting down Fairfax County schools, governments, roads and voting precincts. The mammoth storm made landfall near Atlantic City around 8 p.m., according to the National Hurricane Center, with maximum sustained winds of about 80 miles per-hour.

Driving rains and powerful winds knocked down trees and power lines, leaving at least 70,000 people in Fairfax County without power Monday night.

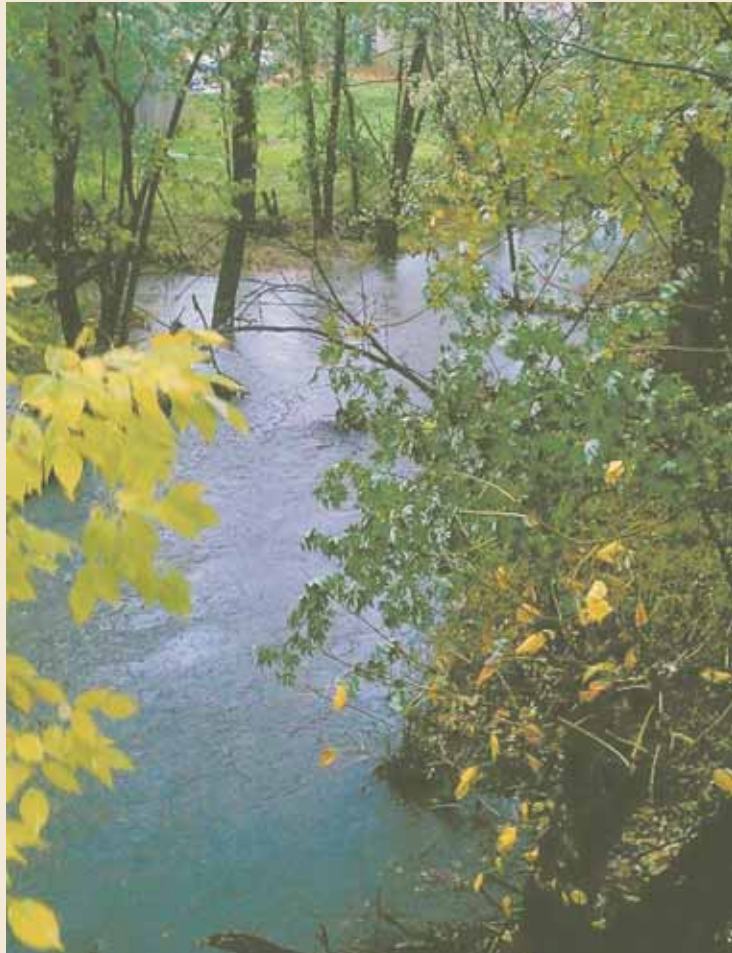
As of 11 a.m. Tuesday morning, Dominion Power reported that there are 57,000 customers without power county-wide. The Virginia Department of Transportation gave an update at 7 a.m. Tuesday morning, reporting that about 143 secondary roads in Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William counties remained closed due to either high water, downed trees and/or power lines. The majority of these roads are in Fairfax County. VDOT also reported there were 107 signal outages in Northern Virginia, and to treat these outages as four-ways stops.

"Our crews are working throughout the day and night to assess storm damage, remove debris and work closely with emergency responders and utility companies to reopen roads closed due to downed trees and power lines," said VDOT spokesperson Joan Morris.

VDOT estimates that it will take several days to reopen all roads.

Many residents who were driving this morning said the roads are still slick and there are leaves and debris everywhere.

Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-large) held several news conferences on Sunday and Monday with County Executive Director Ed Long, giving status updates on the storm, county



Monday, Oct 29, 5:15 p.m.: Little Hunting Creek at Janna Lee Bridge looking north.

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updates and safety information.

She cautioned motorists to turn back if they are driving and encounter a patch of road that is under water.

"It may look like you can drive through the water," she said, "but it's often deceptive how deep and fast-moving the water is. Don't chance it, just turn around."

Tuesday morning, county officials urged residents to stay off the roads to keep them clear for VDOT clean-up crews, utility restoration and public safety personnel.

"Many trees fell across roads last night and by this morning they were largely cleared thanks to their efforts and the planning and preparation that took place before the storm.

There are still areas without power. Please check with your neighbors to make sure they are alright and do not need help," said Supervisor Pat Herry

Photo Courtesy Scott Surveill

Allen v. Kaine For Senate

Voters have stark choice between candidates to replace U.S. Sen. Jim Webb.

By Victoria Ross
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Candidates for U.S. Senate George Allen and his Democratic challenger Timothy M. Kaine have much in common. Both were popular governors of the Commonwealth of Virginia; both have long political resumes; and both men are passionate about the success of their adopted home state.

Now locked in a race that could determine control of the U.S. Senate, both candidates are fighting to secure the seat of retiring Sen. Jim Webb (D), spending a record \$55 million-plus on an avalanche of ads to sway swing voters in Northern Virginia and across the state. The message from both candidates is simple: voters have a stark choice.

Kaine, 54, has portrayed himself as a bipartisan bridge-builder who supports gender equality and believes that access to higher education and investing in what he calls the "talent economy" are critical to the success of Virginia and the nation.

Allen, 60, has portrayed himself as the small-business champion, a job creator who will unleash American energy resources and stop defense cuts that could cost 200,000 Virginians their jobs.

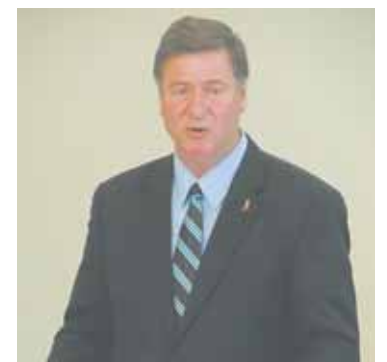
WITH LESS THAN A WEEK before Election Day, both candidates have spent time in Northern

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— Timothy M. Kaine



"[Virginians] deserve a strong independent voice, not an echo."

— George Allen

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'He Comes on Wings of Darkness'

By special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service Inc., New York, Beyond the Page Theatre Company of West Potomac High School will present "Dracula" Nov. 8-10.

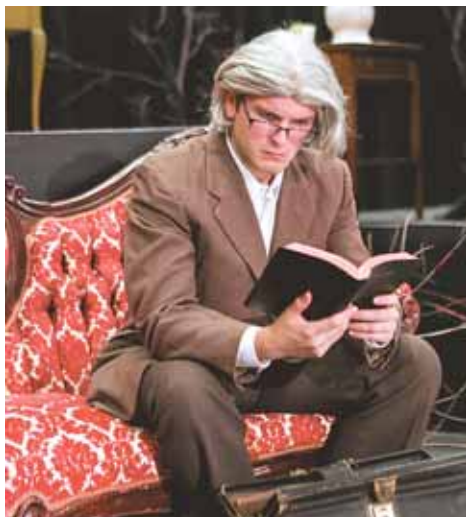
The production stars Peter Serle as Count Dracula and Joe Quinn as Professor Van Helsing. Performances will be held Thursday and Friday evenings at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. All performances are at West Potomac High School in the Kogelman Theater at 6500 Quander Road. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, call 703-718-2585.



Alyssa Denton



Peter Serle and Emma Norville



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News Briefs

Storck To Host Town Hall Meeting

Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District School Board member, invites Mount Vernon District parents, students, and community members to join with Fairfax County Public Schools and community leaders at a Town Hall meeting to discuss current education topics of interest, including school issues and priorities, as well as Mount Vernon District's needs.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 7, 7-9 p.m. in the Walt Whitman Middle School Lecture Hall, 2500 Parkers Lane, Alexandria.

Rotary Club Awarded Grant

The Rotary Club of Alexandria South received a \$1,500 grant from Rotary District 7610, which, in addition to assistance from local businesses, funded a project with United Community Ministries.

The project, labeled "Wolf Run Weekend Retreat," provided an environment of self-help and reliance.

Local Man Reported Missing

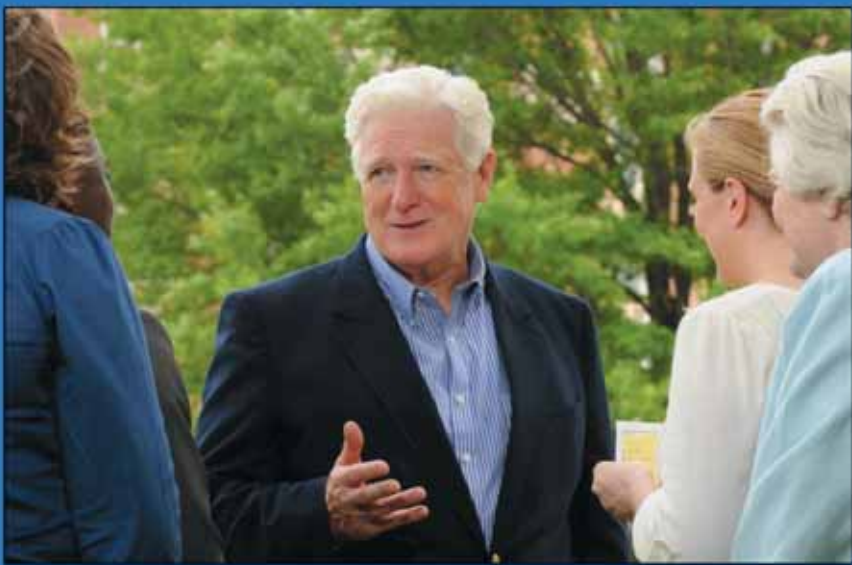
The Virginia State Police have issued a "Senior Alert" for a Fairfax County resident. On Wednesday, Oct. 24, around 4:30 p.m., Mohammad Sharif Yazdani was last seen by relatives at his residence in the 3800 block of Havenwood Place. Yazdani may appear to be confused and disoriented and speaks limited English. He frequently walks in the Alexandria area of Richmond Highway. Yazdani is white, 64, 5 feet 6 inches, 160 pounds with brown to gray hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing a gray sweatshirt, gray sweatpants and blue "Crocs" style shoes. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Chris Flanagan at 703-246-7860 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131 or contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637, or e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org.

Drumathon To Help Homeless

Join Good Shepherd Housing and the Hollin Hall Senior Center for a Drumathon to help raise funds and awareness for the homeless. The Drumathon will take place at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, at 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 2.

Photos contributed

Nov. 6 Vote Jim Moran



“I am honored to represent Virginia’s 8th District. I work hard to be deserving of this privilege because I believe deeply in the American dream and in the essential role the Federal Government can serve in the fulfillment of that dream. Well-paying jobs, world-class schools, and a clean, healthy environment are what matter most. That’s what motivates me to work for you.”

- Congressman Jim Moran

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Allen v. Kaine for Senate

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Virginia, emphasizing their differences.

“I have an Irish temper that I usually keep in check,” Kaine said, during an Oct. 18 women’s roundtable appearance in Chantilly. “During a debate at the Fairfax Chamber last month, my opponent was asked about the Blunt amendment, the personhood bill. His response was ‘I don’t know why the other side keeps bringing up divisive social issues.’ I kind of got mad at that,” Kaine said.

Kaine said Allen and others in the GOP want to take away women’s choices, and then “step back from the issues.”

“The attempt to dive into wedge issues wedges us apart. We’re wedged apart about as far as we can go,” Kaine said.

Allen has chided Kaine for his 2009-2011 stint as chairman of the Democratic National Committee, calling him an “absentee governor” and an “Obama clone.”

“I want to be Virginia’s senator. Tim wants to be President Obama’s senator,” Allen said during the candidate’s fifth and final debate on the campus of Virginia Tech on Oct. 18. “[Virginians] deserve a strong independent voice, not an echo.”

During five debates, including one last month sponsored by the Fairfax Chamber, they have clashed over pending defense cuts, tax policy, education and over who has the right prescription to avert the “fiscal

cliff” which endangers defense-related jobs in Virginia.

Kaine claims a strong record of bipartisanship, including working with Republican President George W. Bush on strengthening campus security in the wake of the 2007 Virginia Tech massacre. At the final debate, held Oct. 18 on the Virginia Tech campus, Kaine said, “We are all Americans; we are all Virginians.”

While meeting with veterans in Fairfax on Oct. 22 at American Legion Post 177, Allen emphasized his record of working on behalf of veterans and their families. “I believe the federal government should lead by example in providing job opportunities for veterans as intended by current veterans’ preference hiring laws, as well as the law requiring federal agencies to do business with small firms owned by service-disabled veterans.”

BOTH CANDIDATES have tied their campaigns to the national battle for control of the U.S. Senate.

According to Toni-Michelle Travis, a GMU associate professor of government and politics and editor of “The Almanac of Virginia Politics,” Kaine’s lead in some polls is driven by a strong support among women voters.

“I think this race is still neck-and-neck, but I believe it’s a race that will be decided by women in Fairfax County who will vote to protect (their rights.)”

On the Issues

For more: To read more about what the candidates are saying on the issues, go to their official websites at:

www.kaineforva.com/issues

www.georgeallen.com (Click on Blueprint)

JOB CREATION & ECONOMIC GROWTH

Kaine: “I served as Governor of Virginia during the worst national recession in 70 years. But our unemployment rate was among the nation’s lowest, and our median income was near the top. We recruited numerous businesses (MeadWestvaco, Hilton, CSC, SAIC, VW of North America) to move their headquarters from other states to Virginia. ... First, America needs a commitment to being the Talent Society. Just as Virginia’s innovative investments in education — from pre-kindergarten to post-graduate and workforce training — have turned the state into a magnet for talent, America needs to commit to being the best in the world in educational opportunities. Talented people create ideas, companies and jobs. And great businesses locate in places where they know they can hire talented people. America used to be #1 in the world in the percentage of young adults with college or technical degrees. Among developed nations, we are now 12th, and more nations are poised to pass us by. We have to look at reforms — broader early childhood education, more rigorous K-12 curriculums, renewed attention to career and technical education, dramatic efforts to make college more affordable — to return America to tops in the world in educating our population.

Allen: “Key to America’s growth is reducing the U.S. tax on job-creating businesses — currently one of the highest in the world — to a competitive 20 percent. With this one policy change, America can begin attracting new investment and expansion in the U.S. and allow U.S. businesses, large and small, to raise wages and create over 5 million more jobs over the next 10 years. The Blueprint further helps the economy grow and create jobs with a tax code that is more fair and simple, including a Flat Tax option for individual taxpayers; new tools to put a check on overzealous regulators; and a focus on educating and training Americans to compete for and succeed in the good-paying, high-skill, high-knowledge jobs of the 21st Century.”

HEALTHCARE

Kaine: “I support the Affordable Care Act as a first step to put patients in charge of their health care decisions and put the brakes on runaway health care costs that were crippling patients and businesses. I am proud that millions of children can now stay on family insurance policies until they are 26, that millions of small businesses are eligible for tax credits to help them purchase insurance for their employees, that millions of seniors are receiving free preventive care and lower prescription drug prices, and that key protections are in place to stop insurance companies denying care to those with pre-existing conditions and from abusing their customers.

Going forward, we have to do more to bring down health care costs while improving the quality of care. The experience of other nations shows that it can be done.”

Allen: “Repeal Obamacare and replace it with portable, affordable health insurance, including options for personalized Health Savings Accounts. Americans do not want the federal government running their health care.”

IMMIGRATION

Kaine: “America is a nation of immigrants. Our strength and international competitiveness has continually been augmented by the skills and talents of people coming to this nation from around the world. But for far too long our immigration system has been broken and for more than a decade Congress has been unable to work in a bipartisan manner to find a way forward that reflects our American values and tradition.”

Allen: “I have said throughout this debate that we should not reward illegal behavior and this includes allowing individuals who used fraudulent identification or Social Security information to then receive Social Security benefits. I was supportive of [the amendment] and I will support other efforts in Congress to strengthen our security and ensure that only individuals with legal status receive Social Security benefits. If anyone who is here illegally desires the benefits of citizenship they should become citizens legally.”



Photo of a suspect in the Oct. 24 robbery of the TD Bank at 6615 Richmond Highway.

Bank Robbery in the Beacon Hill Area

Police are investigating a bank robbery that occurred Thursday, Oct. 24. Around 1:30 p.m. a man entered the TD Bank located at 6615 Richmond Highway, implied he had a weapon and demanded money from a teller. The teller complied and the suspect fled. There were no injuries.

The suspect was described as black, 5-feet-10-inches to 6-feet tall, 180 to 210 pounds and wearing

a reflective construction vest with orange reflective stripes, blue pants or jeans and a construction hard hat.

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.

Bulletin Board

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is the Thursday at noon.

TUESDAYS/THROUGH NOV. 27

Seminars. 12:30-2:30 p.m. Join Fairfax County's Independent Living Project, a free series of educational seminars for older adults, along with exercise or yoga classes for strength and balance. The program also provides home safety visits for 60+ adults and adults with physical disabilities. Participation in the full project is advised, and space is limited. At 7000 Schoonmaker Court. Register with Jennifer Edge at 703-324-7210, TTY 711 or email Jennifer.Edge@fairfaxcounty.gov. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/independent.htm>.

NOV. 1-30

Training Courses. The American Red Cross in the National Capital Region will host training courses in CPR, First Aid, and AED in the Alexandria and Fort Belvoir offices. These classes offer a two-year certification, a choice of free digital or affordable print materials, and digital refreshers. Classes range from \$70-\$110 and will be held Monday through Saturday, dependent upon the participant's choice. Advance registration is required. To register for a class or find another class in your area, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcross.org/takeaclass.

SATURDAY/NOV. 3

Church-wide Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Baked goods and lunch also available for sale. At Cameron United Methodist Church located at 3130 Franconia Rd. Rain or Shine. Contact Marilyn by Oct. 22 at 703-765-6817 to purchase a table for \$20 to be a seller.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 7

District Schools Meeting. 7-9 p.m. Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District

School Board Member, invites Mount Vernon District parents, students, and community members to join with Fairfax County Public Schools and community leaders at a Town Hall meetings to discuss current education topics of interest, including school issues and priorities, as well as Mount Vernon District's needs. At Walt Whitman Middle School Lecture Hall, 2500 Parkers Ln.

THURSDAY/NOV. 8

From Distressed to De-Stressed: Making Wellness a Priority for Women. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring another Women in Business program, "From Distressed to De-Stressed: Making Wellness a Priority for Women," at the Historic Mount Vernon Inn. Hilaire Henthorne will discuss the top stressors for women and what can be done to minimize stress. Women in Business supports women by providing educational and networking opportunities that help them grow personally and professionally. To make reservations, call 703-360-6925 or visit www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org

THROUGH NOV. 9

Online Survey. Fairfax County residents 18 and older are being asked to complete a brief survey on behaviors and attitudes about underage drinking, binge drinking, and alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes in the county. Data collected in the survey by George Mason University will be used by the non-profit Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County (UPC) to develop and implement strategies to reduce the number of alcohol-related crashes for those 18-24. To take the anonymous survey, visit www.unifiedpreventioncoalition.org

THURSDAY/NOV. 15

"Chart Your Retirement" 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. George Mason University is offering a non-credit, 8-hour class at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Rd. Participants will discuss changing roles and relationships, work, the value of community involvement, and See Bulletin Board, Page 18

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Prime Time Business Expo

Primetime Business Expo, hosted by the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce on Oct. 23, filled the Knights of Columbus Hall on Richmond Highway with businesses serving the area.

Sponsors of the program were Central Michigan University Global Campus, Redmon, Peyton & Braswell LLP, Mamma's Kitchen, Hilltop Golf Club, Rent-All Center, and Chevys Fresh Mex Restaurant.

Exhibiting businesses included ALine Architecture, Bartlett Tree Service, Central Michigan University,

Chevys Fresh Mex, Curcio Communications, Curcio Law, EcoWaste Consulting, Fort Belvoir Swim Team, Hilltop Golf Club, Holly, Woods & Vines, Honest-1 Auto, Knights of Columbus, Liz Marketing, Mamma's Kitchen, Mount Vernon Cross-Fit at the DAM Garage, Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, Nina Tisara Enterprises, Occasionally Cake, Pareto Operations, Penteco Insurance and Financial Services, Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, Redmon, Peyton & Braswell LLP Rent-All Center, The Fairfax and Vinylite Windows.



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Storm

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(R-Springfield.)

Countywide it is reported that 55 trees fell into homes.

"I saw many trees leaning into other trees, structures and wires this morning. Please keep yourself and kids clear of these trees until they have been assessed and dealt with," he said.

According to VDOT, all interstates in northern Virginia are clear. VDOT officials reminded drivers that HOV restrictions have been lifted today on interstates 66, 95, 395, and the Dulles Toll Road.

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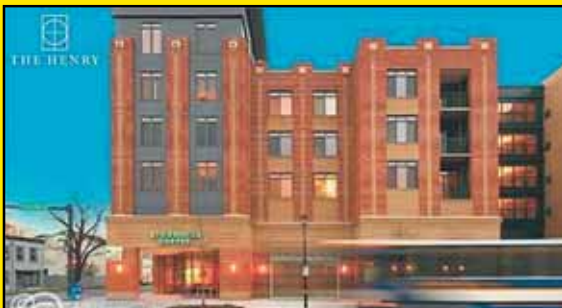
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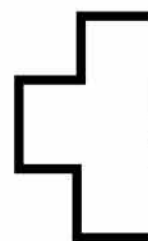
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News

Invasive Restrictions

Effort to restrict sale of invasive plants may wilt in Richmond.

By Michael Lee Pope
The Gazette

They're all over Mount Vernon — English ivy, Bradford pear, porcelainberry, oriental bitter-sweet and bamboo. They're invasive plants, and the Mount Vernon Council Citizens Associations

be willing to introduce legislation banning the sale of invasive species in the wake of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, state Sen. Toddy Puller (D-36) mentioned Whipple's inability to get similar legislation out of committee.

"I have not seen the council's resolution yet," said Puller said last weekend. "But at this point, I would not be included to introduce legislation to ban the sale of invasive species."

"When these plants get into an area, they can take over. And many vendors don't even know they are invasive."

— Al Bomann, co-chairman of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations

The problem of invasive species has been growing in recent years, creating a sense of rising concern among many members of the

council. And yet, despite efforts of vendors at farmers markets are prohibited from selling invasive plants.

volunteers to remove them as part of the Invasive Management Area program, invasive species are supplanting native plants in many parts of Fairfax County — eliminating wildlife habitat and destroying trees in parkland.

"When these plants get into an area, they can take over," said Al Bomann, co-chairman of the council. "And many vendors don't even know they are invasive."

"I've had a lifelong hatred of English Ivy," said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44). "But if Mary Margaret Whipple wasn't able to get something passed on this, I doubt I could."

But don't expect the legislative delegation to rush to the clerk's office. Back in 2003, former state Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple (D-31) attempted to introduce legislation to ban the sale of English Ivy. She even brought in a large chunk of it to a Senate committee to show members how large the trunks can get. But Senate Bill 1300 failed to get out of Local Government Committee on a 10-to-5 vote.

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"The thinking was that banning the sale of English Ivy interfered with free enterprise," said Whipple. "The prevailing attitude in Richmond is let the buyer beware."

FOR THOSE who want to see action, the resolution is likely to have more success with the Fairfax County Park Authority than the Virginia General Assembly. If none of the members of the General Assembly are will-

WHIPPLE'S EXPERIENCE has created uneasiness among the legislative delegation that now represents Mount Vernon in Richmond. When asked if she would

ing to introduce legislation that could be perceived as anti-capitalist in an election year, another tactic could be an education campaign to make sure that plant nurseries and farmers market vendors know the dangers of invasive plants.

"I think any kind of legislation on this would be unlikely," said Whipple.

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Opinion

As Sandy Rolls In, Still Plan to Vote

Variety of choices in political landscape.

Hurricane Sandy means that the week preceding the election will not be what we were expecting. This editorial is being written Sunday night, Oct. 28, as forecasters predict five inches of rain and 65-mile-per-hour winds over the next two days.

With some predicting that power could take a week or more to restore, we have to worry about the likely condition of the Eastern seaboard will be on Election Day, Nov. 6. Absentee voting in person had been cancelled for Monday, and most government offices were closed in anticipation of the storm. What will this mean for voter turnout, for access to voting places on Election Day?

We don't believe that there are significant numbers of undecided voters in Northern Virginia. There are voters who know who they would vote for if they did vote, but they might not be committed to voting if circumstances are difficult. The outcome of the national election, both who will be president and which party controls the U.S. Senate and by what margin, could depend on voter turnout in Virginia. Make a commitment to have your vote counted, no matter how many days you might be without electricity.

We are not endorsing candidates for elected office this year. We do recommend that voters support local bond questions for investments in libraries, schools, transportation, parks, stormwater management and public safety.

Four years ago in the presidential election of 2008, there were 5,034,660 voters regis-

tered in Virginia, and 3,752,858 actually voted. On Oct. 3, Fairfax County reported 723,967 total voters registered. Arlington reported 163,919 total voters. Alexandria reported 104,947 registered voters.

At the top of the ticket, in addition to choosing a president and vice president, Virginians will choose a new U.S. senator. Tim Kaine (D), former governor will face George Allen (R), also former governor and former U.S. senator, to replace U.S. Sen. Jim Webb (D) who is retiring from the Senate after a single term. Webb defeated George Allen six years ago. Connection coverage of the U.S. Senate race is available at <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/Election/National/Senate/>

Two constitutional questions will appear on all Virginia ballots, one about the use of eminent domain and one about the timing of a particular session of the General Assembly to consider overriding vetoes by the governor of legislation that was passed by the assembly. See <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/webdocs/201211ConstitutionalAmendmentsPoster.pdf>

Coverage of the eminent domain question in particular can be found at <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/Elections/>

In the races for U.S. House of Representatives, it's worth noting that redistricting resulted in significant changes in Northern Virginia in terms of who your U.S. representative will be. If you live in Reston, for example, in the last election you were represented by Jim Moran and the 8th district, now you are in the 11th district where the incumbent is Gerry Connolly. See the map for details. Fairfax County is represented by three Congressional Districts, 8, 10 and 11. Connection coverage

Editorial

Letters to the Editor

Investigate Voter Fraud Allegation

To the Editor:

[Last week], Congressman Jim Moran sent a letter to Attorney General Eric Holder calling on him to investigate allegations of voter fraud in Harrisonburg, Va. The next day, Project Veritas released a video showing Jim Moran's son Pat Moran [allegedly] detailing to an [individual who was secretly recording] how to commit voter fraud in Virginia. Pat Moran, who at the time was also serving in an official capacity of field director for his father's campaign, immediately resigned. Brian Moran, Pat's uncle and Jim's brother, is presently the state chairman for the Democratic Party of Virginia.

In announcing his request for an investigation in Harrisonburg, Moran wrote an article entitled "Voter Fraud Must Be Investigated." Moran's concluding point was that: "Voting is at the core of our democratic principles. When that right is violated, our democracy is violated." I concur.

For these reasons, my campaign is calling upon Attorney General Eric Holder to initiate

an investigation into allegations of voter fraud against the campaign of Congressman Jim Moran. Proceedings have already been initiated by the Arlington County Police Department.

However, because this is a federal election, it is critical that the Department of Justice conduct a thorough investigation to ensure that we have free and fair elections in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

While serving in Kosovo, I had the opportunity to be an official election observer. Deployed in a remote village in the mountains of Southern Kosovo, I witnessed throngs of excited, happy Kosovar Albanians rushing to the polling stations as soon as they opened. It was the first time in their lives that they had confidence that their vote counted, that they were participating in a free and fair election. As I saw their smiles, I felt a surge of pride that as Americans, we have a culture of free and fair elections.

They have been thus because the participants, candidates and organizations, almost always agree to play by the rules. We are only as good as the rules we make.

So when this story concerning the Moran campaign broke this week, I was as stunned

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In the 8th District, incumbent U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D), seeking his 12th term since being elected in 1990, will face Patrick Murray (R), and two independent candidates, Janet Murphy and Jason Howell. The 8th district includes all of Alexandria and Arlington, plus parts of Fairfax County including Mount Vernon, Lorton and parts of McLean, Tysons and Falls Church.

In Fairfax County, we recommend that voters support investment in infrastructure based on four bond questions, answering yes to support \$75 million for parks, \$55 million for public safety facilities, \$25 million for library facilities and \$30 million for stormwater and sewer improvements. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/nov_2012_county_bond_issues.pdf

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and disappointed as everyone else. Regardless of political party, we are all, or should be, Americans first, and that means insisting that our political leaders play by the rules.

I hope, on behalf of the integrity of our electoral process, Attorney General Holder will conduct a thorough investigation. In Jim Moran's own words: "Voter Fraud Must Be Investigated."

Patrick Murray

Colonel, USA (retired)

Republican Candidate for Congress
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Protect Property Rights

To the Editor:

On Nov. 6, Virginia voters will be asked to vote on a Virginia constitutional amendment to prevent the government from taking private property through eminent domain and simply transferring it to another person.

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6224 Quander Road, Alexandria, VA 22307
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OPEN SUN!

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\$465,000
Totally Updated! Great Price!
Nothing like it on market for under \$500,000! Fabulous large Rambler just completely updated on spectacular large level lot in prime close-in location. Many features include brand new gourmet kitchen, new baths, open floor plan, 4BRs, hwd flrs, distinctive front porch entry, huge exterior deck, garage and extra parking. Unique opportunity! **OPEN SUN 11/4, 1-4! GW Pky S; R-Morningside, becomes Sherwood Hall; R-Schellhorn.**



JUST LISTED!

8704 Greystone Pl
\$455,000
Great Value!
Spacious home on quiet cul-de-sac in prime Mt. Vernon location. Fabulous features include: bright, open floor plan. Enhanced by high ceilings and glass gable in major rooms, stunning sunroom, multi-tiered exterior deck, private yard, garage, gas heat and hot water. Finished lower level family room with fireplace. Hardwood under carpet on main level. Garage parking plus expanded driveway. Excellent Price!



9317 Old Mansion Rd
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Stunning Colonial with River Views in Riverfront Community!
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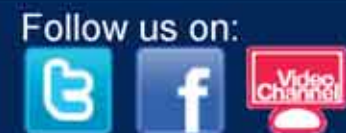
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Proposed Constitutional Amendments

To be voted on at the November 6, 2012 Election

Full text of Amendment [Proposed new language is underlined. Existing language that is deleted is shown as stricken (~~stricken~~)]

1 Article I. Bill of Rights.

Section 11. Due process of law; obligation of contracts; taking of private property; prohibited discrimination; jury trial in civil cases.

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall Section 11 of Article I (Bill of Rights) of the Constitution of Virginia be amended (i) to require that eminent domain only be exercised where the property taken or damaged is for public use and, except for utilities or the elimination of a public nuisance, not where the primary use is for private gain, private benefit, private enterprise, increasing jobs, increasing tax revenue, or economic development; (ii) to define what is included in just compensation for such taking or damaging of property; and (iii) to prohibit the taking or damaging of more private property than is necessary for the public use?

EXPLANATION

Current Constitution and Background

Article I, Section 11 of the current Constitution prohibits the taking or damaging of private property for public uses without just compensation. The power to take private property for public uses is known as the power of eminent domain. If a private property owner and the entity acquiring property for a public use cannot agree on the sale of the property, the property may be taken by eminent domain and the amount of just compensation is decided in a court proceeding.

In a 2005 case from Connecticut, the United States Supreme Court upheld the taking of private property and its transfer to a private business for economic development purposes and also said that states could restrict the use of eminent domain (*Kelo v. City of New London*, 545 U.S. 469). Two years later, the Virginia General Assembly enacted § 1-219.1 of the Code of Virginia and set limits on the use of eminent domain powers. For example, § 1-219.1 provides that no more private property may be taken than is necessary for the stated public use, that the public interest for the taking must outweigh any private gain, and that private property cannot be taken for certain primary purposes such as increasing the tax base, revenues, or employment.

Proposed Amendment

The proposed constitutional amendment continues the approach and concepts set out in § 1-219.1. However, while limits in the Code can be amended by any future General Assembly, the proposed amendment, if approved by the voters, could only be changed by a future constitutional

amendment approved by the voters.

The proposed amendment includes the following:

- The right to private property is a “fundamental” right.
- The taking or damaging of private property must be for a “public use.”
- No more property may be taken or damaged than is necessary for the stated public use.
- A “public service company, public service corporation, or railroad exercises the power of eminent domain for public use when such exercise is for the authorized provision of utility, common carrier, or railroad services.” Elimination of a public nuisance may be a public use. It is not a public use if the “primary use is for private gain, private benefit, private enterprise, increasing jobs, increasing tax revenue, or economic development.”
- Just compensation for property taken is expanded and defined to be “no less than the value of the property taken, lost profits and lost access, and damages to the residue caused by the taking.” The terms “lost profits” and “lost access” are to be defined by the General Assembly, and it has done so by separate legislation that will become law if this proposed amendment is approved by the voters (Chapters 699 and 719, 2012 Acts of Assembly).
- The entity condemning property, known as the condemnor, has the burden to prove that the property is being taken for a public use.

Amend Section 11 of Article I of the Constitution of Virginia as follows:

Article I. Bill of Rights

Section 11. Due process of law; obligation of contracts; taking or damaging of private property; prohibited discrimination; jury trial in civil cases.

That no person shall be deprived of his life, liberty, or property without due process of law; that the General Assembly shall not pass any law impairing the obligation of contracts, ~~nor any law whereby private property shall be taken or damaged for public uses, without just compensation, the term “public uses” to be defined by the General Assembly; and that the right to be free from any governmental discrimination upon the basis of religious conviction, race, color, sex, or national origin shall not be abridged, except that the mere separation of the sexes shall not be considered discrimination.~~

That in controversies respecting property, and in suits between man and man, trial by jury is preferable to any other, and ought to be held sacred. The General Assembly may limit the number of jurors for civil cases in courts of record to not less than five.

That the General Assembly shall pass no law whereby private property, the right to which is fundamental, shall be damaged or taken except for public use. No private property shall be damaged or taken for public use without just compensation to the owner thereof. No more private property may be taken than necessary to achieve the stated public use. Just compensation shall be no less than the value of the property taken, lost profits and lost access, and damages to the residue caused by the taking. The terms “lost profits” and “lost access” are to be defined by the General Assembly. A public service company, public service corporation, or railroad exercises the power of eminent domain for public use when such exercise is for the authorized provision of utility, common carrier, or railroad services. In all other cases, a taking or damaging of private property is not for public use if the primary use is for private gain, private benefit, private enterprise, increasing jobs, increasing tax revenue, or economic development, except for the elimination of a public nuisance existing on the property. The condemnor bears the burden of proving that the use is public, without a presumption that it is.

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2 Article IV. Legislature. Section 6. Legislative sessions.

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall Section 6 of Article IV (Legislature) of the Constitution of Virginia concerning legislative sessions be amended to allow the General Assembly to delay by no more than one week the fixed starting date for the reconvened or "veto" session when the General Assembly meets after a session to consider the bills returned to it by the Governor with vetoes or amendments?

EXPLANATION

Current Constitution and Background

After the end of every legislative session, the General Assembly is required by the Constitution to meet again or reconvene in a "veto" session. The only bills that the General Assembly can consider in a veto session are bills that it had passed during the legislative session and that the Governor has sent back to it with his vetoes or suggested amendments.

The Constitution now requires that the veto session must begin on the sixth Wednesday following the end of each session. The veto session usually lasts for only one day and cannot last more than ten days.

Proposed Amendment

The only change to Section 6 of Article IV, proposed by this amendment will allow the General Assembly to delay the start of the veto session for up to one week. The General Assembly will be able to avoid the possible scheduling of the veto session on a religious holiday such as Passover. The proposed amendment does not change the present limits on the business that can be considered in a veto session or on the length of the veto session.

Amend Section 6 of Article IV of the Constitution of Virginia as follows:

Article IV. Legislature Section 6. Legislative sessions.

The General Assembly shall meet once each year on the second Wednesday in January. Except as herein provided for reconvened sessions, no regular session of the General Assembly convened in an even-numbered year shall continue longer than sixty days; no regular session of the General Assembly convened in an odd-numbered year shall continue longer than thirty days; but with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members elected to each house, any regular session may be extended for a period not exceeding thirty days. Neither house shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn to another place, nor for more than three days.

The Governor may convene a special session of the General Assembly when, in his opinion, the interest of the Commonwealth may require and shall convene a special session upon the application of two-thirds of the members elected to each house.

The General Assembly shall reconvene on the sixth Wednesday after adjournment of each regular or special session for the purpose of considering bills which may have been returned by the Governor with recommendations for their amendment and bills and items of appropriation bills which may have been returned by the Governor with his objections. No other business shall be considered at a reconvened session. Such reconvened session shall not continue longer than three days unless the session be extended, for a period not exceeding seven additional days, upon the vote of the majority of the members elected to each house. The General Assembly may provide, by a joint resolution approved during a regular or special session by the vote of the majority of the members elected to each house, that it shall reconvene on a date after the sixth Wednesday after adjournment of the regular or special session but no later than the seventh Wednesday after adjournment.

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Inova Mount Vernon radiology department chairperson Dr. Deborah Blair describes the latest improvement in imaging equipment at the hospital.



Carmen and Mark Duarte.

Toast for a Cure

An evening at historic River Farm on Oct. 25 supported Inova Breast Care Institute at the Inova Mount Vernon Hospital and the new Patient Tower Campaign.



All cheer as Michelle Montalbano wins the live auction bidding on the safari to South Africa.



Dr. Mary Beth Cutting, Inova Mount Vernon CEO Barbara Doyle and Dr. David Weintritt.



Breast surgeon, Dr. David Weintritt talks about the improvements in technology and early detection.

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changing family commitments. Presenters will share tools to create a customized retirement plan. Since this is part of a pilot project for potential research, the university is offering this class at a reduced rate of \$40. Contact Lois Tetrick at ltetrick@gmu.edu

Film and Discussion. 6 p.m. Mount Vernon Branch AAUW will sponsor a free showing of the film Food Inc. at the Heritage Presbyterian Church at 8503 Ft. Hunt Road. After the film, there will be a panel discussion. Speakers will include organic farmers Jim Bourne of Calvert County and Maureen Moodie of Arcadia Farm at Woodlawn Plantation. Hope Warshaw, a

nutritionist, will participate along with a member from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Contact Joanne Clark at 703-768-8996.

SATURDAY/NOV. 17

Volunteer Session. 11 a.m.-noon. A new case of child abuse or neglect enters the Fairfax County Domestic & Juvenile Relations Court system once every 36 hours. These children need caring advocates to help ensure that they grow up in safe and permanent homes. Fairfax CASA trains volunteers to advocate for a child's best interests in Court. If you seek a volunteer role with real purpose that can create real change, please attend Fairfax CASA's upcoming information

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THURSDAY/NOV. 29

Public Information Meeting. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Fairfax County Park Authority staff members and wetlands design professionals from Wetlands Studies and Solutions, Inc. will present a wetlands restoration plan for Huntley Meadows Park, a 50-plus acre freshwater wetland. The public information meeting is in the park Visitor's Center located at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Working closely with the public,

wetland experts and design professionals, park staff and volunteers gathered data, developed project goals and worked through several designs over the years. The final design will be presented.

ONGOING

UCM's Back Porch Thrift Store is in need of donations of furniture. UCM will pick up furniture, as well as other larger donations, or they can be dropped off at the back of the store Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. To arrange for pick-ups, call 703-768-7106, ext. 320. Located at the Mt. Vernon Crossroads Shopping Center at 7838 Richmond Hwy.

Military Notes

Army Pvt. Marvin I. Martinez has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. He is the son of Rosa Martinez of Russell Road, Alexandria. Martinez graduated in 2008 from Mount Vernon High School, Alexandria.

Army Pfc. Andrew M. Tiongson has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training. Tiongson

is the son of Brenda Eiseman of Digby Green, Alexandria. The private is a 2008 graduate of the Word of Life Christian Academy, Springfield.

Army Pvt. Michael S. Annino has graduated from the Basic Field Artillery Cannon Crewmember Advanced Individual Training course at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. Annino is the son of Michael F. Cranston of Lorton, and Gina M. Annino of Alexandria. The private is a 2009 graduate of Woodbridge Senior High School.

Navy Seaman Cameron E. Long, a 2010 graduate of West Potomac High School, Alexandria, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Marine Corps Pfc. David M. Annan, son of Stephanie C. Annan of Kershaw, S.C., and Kevin M. Annan, of Alexandria, recently graduated from the Marine Corps Basic Combat Engineer Course at Marine Corps Engineer School, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. Annan is a 2010 graduate

of Andrew Jackson High School of Kershaw, S.C., and joined the Marine Corps in June 2010.

Air Force Airman Carl H. Mase graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Carla Ronk of Alexandria, and grandson of Bill Ronk of Panama City, Fla. Mase graduated in 2010 from Mount Vernon High School, Alexandria.

Air Force Airman Jason M.

Frank graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Kenneth Frank of Alexandria. Frank graduated in 2007 from Forest Park HS, Woodbridge.

Army Pfc. Brittany B. Jefferson has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. She is the daughter of Tonya D. Jefferson of Oxon Hill, Md., and granddaughter of Sharon Drinkard of Alexandria. Jefferson graduated in 2010 from Oxon Hill High School.

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only be taken for public use like a road and that the government in question bears the burden of proving the use is public, (2) the government in question cannot take more property than is necessary to accomplish the public use and (3) compensation for the property owner will include lost profits and other losses. You can find the full description of the amendment on the State Board of Elections web site.

We need checks and balances in government to help maintain our property rights that we worked so hard to acquire and maintain. The two following persons had it right when they stated:

"Next to the right of liberty, the right of property is the most important individual right guaranteed by the Constitution and the one which, united with that of personal liberty has contributed more to growth of civilization than any other institution established by the human race." — President William H. Taft.

"Ultimately property rights and person rights are the same thing." — President Calvin Coolidge.

Vote for the constitutional amendment and protect your property rights.

Frank Medico
Mount Vernon

Amendment Was Bi-Partisan

To the Editor:

I read with interest the opinion of state Sen. Linda T. "Toddy" Puller and state Del. Scott Surovell in last week's Gazette in opposition to the proposed Constitutional Amendment limiting the government's ability to impose eminent domain takings on private property owners and requiring compensation for lost profits and lost access. They cite five reasons to oppose: (1) the proposed amendment is too detailed; (2) it is unnecessary because Virginia law covers the situation; (3) condemnation damages which include compensation for lost profits and lost access unfairly favor business owners over non-business properties; (4) the proposed amendment would increase the costs of transportation construction; and (5) "governments fear the consequences from adding lost-access damages."

A brief look at the legislative history of the proposed amendment reveals that Senator Puller and Delegate Surovell are out of the mainstream of political thought in Virginia concerning this issue.

Under Virginia law, in order to get a proposed Constitutional Amendment on the ballot, proponents are required to achieve a majority vote in the House of Delegates and Senate in two separate consecutive sessions.

A look at the session in 2012 is quite revealing. The House of Delegates approved the measure by a vote of 83 in favor, 14 opposed (including Delegate Surovell), and with three delegates not voting.

In the Senate, the vote in the Privileges and Elections Committee was 13 in favor, 2 opposed (including Democrats favoring the proposal by a vote of 5-2). Among those Democrats voting in favor was Senator

Creigh Deeds who was the Democrats' most recent gubernatorial nominee (losing to Governor McDonnell). The full Senate approved the measure by a vote of 22 in favor, 16 opposed (including Senator Puller), with two not voting. Since the Senate is evenly split between Democrats and Republicans 20-20, obviously, some Democrats voted in favor of the proposal. It appears that our delegate and senator are even out of the mainstream of thought for the Democratic Party.

Senator Puller and Delegate Surovell attempted to frighten voters into opposing the provision, expressing a concern about how the terms "lost profits" and "lost access" would be applied. This concern is a "red herring."

The proposed amendment includes the following language: "The terms 'lost profits' and 'lost access' are to be defined by the General Assembly." Thus, the concerns expressed by Senator Puller and Delegate Surovell can be adequately addressed when the General Assembly defines these terms.

As to the argument that there is no need for the amendment since a law is already in place concerning this issue, one purpose for the amendment is to preclude that law from being changed if a General Assembly and Governor of differing political persuasion decide they want to make it easier for the government to take private property for use in a manner they desire for which the current owner does not concur.

Concerning the transportation issue, if our representatives in Richmond were persuasive in increasing the percentage of our tax money returned to us for transportation improvements, this would be a non-issue. Presumably, they will try harder.

I will not make any recommendation as to how voters should vote on this important issue.

My purpose in writing is merely to ensure that voters have a complete picture concerning all the relevant issues so that they can vote on an informed basis. The opinion published on behalf of Senator Puller and Delegate Surovell fell well short of doing so.

H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon

A Write-in Candidate

To the Editor:

On Friday, Oct. 26, I presented myself before the Virginia State Board of Elections and announced my intention to run for President of the United States of America.

This was to ensure that voters of conscience will have a good, godly, moral choice on election day.

I received word earlier today [Monday, Oct. 29] that our filing has been accepted and that any write-in votes cast for our campaign will be counted and reported.

Visit www.mountvernonstatesman.com/ for more information.

Joseph A. Glean
Mount Vernon

Entertainment

Voices From The Past

'Cantorial' debuts at Little Theatre of Alexandria.

By Jeanne Theismann
The Gazette

After moving into a new condominium, a young couple begins to hear eerie, hauntingly beautiful Hebrew singing. Unbeknownst to them, their Lower East Side condo is a former synagogue haunted by the ghost of its Cantor.

From the author of "Rosemary's Baby," "The Stepford Wives" and the Tony-nominated "Deathtrap" is "Cantorial," the Ira Levin play now playing at The Little Theatre of Alexandria.

"I was first introduced to the works of Ira Levin in fourth grade through a cousin who loved horror novels," said director C. Evans Kirk. "'Rosemary's Baby' was a must read. You can only imagine the letter home to my parents from the school concerning my

choice of reading. My mom's response was, 'You mean he's actually reading a book!'"

The award-winning director is no stranger to hair-raising plots, having directed productions of Stephen King's "Misery," Shirley Jackson's "The Haunting of Hill House" and Bram Stoker's "Dracula."

"I was excited at the prospect of adding a work by Levin to my résumé," Kirk said. "And as I read 'Cantorial' for the first time, I kept turning the page waiting for that moment like Rosemary walking down the long hallway to see her baby for the first time. I don't think I'm giving anything away by stating that the moment never came!"

Kirk has assembled a nimble cast led by Heather Benjamin, Josh Franklin and James Myers. The competent cast is rounded out by Fe Vivas Patriciu, Steve Rosenthal and LTA favorite John Shackelford.

"Yes, this is a ghost story, but only because there's a ghost in it," Kirk said. "Instead of horror, suspense or espionage, Levin has given us a personal journey...a story of an adopted boy searching for his missing link."

The synagogue turned condo originally opened in 1896. With the help of an old Jewish grocer, also a former member of the congregation, the new owners learn that the words most often sung mean "Build your house the way it was." Not always in sync, they set about uncovering the beauty and history that lies beneath the walls of their home.

"The world we live in is enchanted and mysterious," Kirk said. "It is not a symbol or a metaphor. However, we often make up symbols and metaphors to explain the unknown. In fiction, it may be hard to believe in vampires and time travel, so it becomes a work of horror and science fiction."



Photos by Shane Canfield

James Myers (Warren Ives) and Heather Benjamin (Lesley Rosen) play new homeowners who hear the chants of a Jewish cantor in the LTA production of "Cantorial," through Nov. 17 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

The mesmeric play seeks to resolve many questions: What will happen to the couple as the obsession of one partner stresses the relationship? What will happen to the apartment? And—of course—how will this all be resolved?

"Do you believe in angels and miracles?" Kirk said. "If so, do you actually see them and are they a part of your everyday life? In magical realism, writers write the ordinary as miraculous and the miraculous as

ordinary. As Freud might have said, 'Sometimes a ghost is just a ghost.' There is no answer; you just believe. I hope the audience enjoys this production of 'Cantorial' as much as I have enjoyed working on it."

"Cantorial" is playing now through Nov. 17 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. For tickets or more information, call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

Calendar

E-mail announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon.

THROUGH NOV. 4

Art Exhibition. Día de los Muertos: The Art of Remembrance - Exhibition & Celebration. There will be a Costume and Dance Party on Friday, Nov. 2, 8-11 p.m.. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at door, or two for \$35. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/dayofthedeath.

THURSDAY/NOV. 1

6th Annual Alexandria Film Festival. The festival brings high-quality short and feature length films, documentaries, filmmaker panels and arts presentations to Alexandria. Presented by the Alexandria Commission for the Arts and the City of Alexandria Office of the Arts from Nov. 1-4. Call 703-746-5592

FRIDAY/NOV. 2

Día de los Muertos Costume & Dance Party. 8-11 p.m. Presentation of the 4th annual Day of the Dead extravaganza featuring an exhibition of artist-made altars and a festive Costume & Dance Party. Admission: Advance \$15; Door: \$20 or two for \$35 (Tickets \$10 each with a student ID). Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Call 703-838-4565.

Drumathon. 4 p.m. Join Good Shepherd Housing and the Hollin Hall Senior Center to help raise funds and awareness for the homeless. Each drumbeat can help Good Shepherd Housing reach the goal of 4,000 participants in Help the Homeless events, earning a bonus of \$50,000 for our work in preventing and ending homelessness. The event will take place at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Rd.

Audition. 6-9 p.m. Aldersgate Church Community Theater will be holding auditions for "Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr." Children ages 8-18. Visit www.acctonline.org.

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS/NOV. 2-7

Port City Playhouse. 8 p.m. Alexandria's award-winning theatre company continues its 2012-13 season with the regional community theatre premiere of The Soul Collector. There will be a performance on Tuesday, Nov. 13 too. Saturday matinees will be available on Nov. 10 & 17 at 2 p.m. Port City Playhouse performs at The Lab at Convergence, located at 1819 N. Quaker Ln. General admission tickets are \$14-18. Visit portcityplayhouse.org.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 2-3

Play. 7:30 p.m. St. Stephen's & St Agnes School will perform the drama, "I Never Saw Another Butterfly." The play is based on the works of art and poetry by Jewish children who lived in the World War II concentration

camp of Theresienstadt, and centers around Raja, a child who survived to tell her story. Performed by the Cappies award-winning Stage One Players. Matinee performance is on Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. At St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Chapel/Performing Arts Center, 1000 St. Stephen's Road. Tickets are \$5. Visit www.sssas.org/arts or call 703-212-2950.

THROUGH NOV. 2

Death Comes to Carlyle House. To commemorate the 232nd anniversary of the death of John Carlyle, Carlyle House presents an exhibit on the mourning practices of 18th-century Virginia through the experience of the Carlyle household. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. from Tuesday through Saturday, noon-4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: \$5/adults, \$3/children, Free for members. Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Call 703-549-2997.

NOV. 2 THROUGH 25

Photography exhibition: "Telling Images." Opening reception is Nov. 2, 7-10 p.m. See photographic techniques and interpretations that tell a story without words. Call 703-960-3873, email jldtiff@cox.net or visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

NOV. 2 THROUGH JAN. 24

Watercolors and Collagraph Prints: African Encounters: Coast to Coast. The Alexandria Black History Museum will open an exhibition of watercolors and



Upheaval at Target

In celebration of Fotoweeek DC, the Target Gallery hosts a juried photography exhibition that explores the theme Upheaval, whether in our own lives or throughout the world. Visit on Thursday, Nov. 8, 6-8 p.m. for a reception to meet some of the artists and listen to a gallery talk by juror Brie Castell at 7 p.m.

The exhibition will showcase 16 works by nine artists from across the country, including two local artists, Sascha Hughes-Caley (Great Falls) and Angela Kleis (Arlington). Other selected artists are Therese Brown (CA), Lisa DiLillo (NY), Jodie Mim Goodnough (MA), Annie Hogan (NJ), Matthew Moore (MD), Brandon Pilcher (NY), and Allison Rufrano (NY).

The exhibition runs from Nov. 3-Dec. 2. The gallery is open daily from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and until 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street. The entire exhibition is online at www.torpedofactory.org/target.

collagraph prints entitled African Encounters: Coast to Coast. Artist Kathleen Stafford explores the landscape, architecture, and people of Africa, providing a kaleidoscope of variety and color for the eye. Free and open to the public. The Alexandria Black History Museum is

located at 902 Wythe St. and is open from Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org.

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Entertainment

National Men's Chorus Presents Veterans Day Concert

National Men's Chorus will begin its 14th season with a concert of music appropriate for Veterans Day on Saturday, Nov. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road in Alexandria. This is the first time the Chorus has performed a full concert in the Mount Vernon area.

The program will be conducted by Founder and Artistic Director, Thomas Beveridge, and will feature the renowned pianist, Thomas Pandolfi. The Chorus will perform a selection of American patriotic music, including The Star Spangled Banner, with a rarely heard verse by Oliver Wendell Holmes and a new verse by Jay Kelly Wright; Songs of the American Wars, including Chester, Tenting Tonight, The Battle Hymn of the Republic, Ballad of the Green Berets, and A Sentry's Prayer by Fred Gray, written to honor his son fighting in Afghanistan.

Other works will include selections from Randall Thompson's Testament of Freedom, Thompson's famous Last Words of David, Psalm 121 by Peter Cornelius, Dirge for Two Veterans by Gustav Holst, and From the End of the Earth by Alan Hovhaness.

In addition to accompanying the chorus, Pandolfi will play Polonaise in A Major, Op. 40, No. 1 ("Military"). Performing throughout the United States and extensively in Europe and China, Pandolfi has been hailed as one of America's finest virtuoso pianists.

Beveridge has had a distinguished career as a solo singer, keyboard artist, teacher and conductor. He has composed more than 600 original works, including 150 arrangements for male chorus, most of which are in the repertoire of National Men's Chorus. His signature composition, The Yizkor Requiem, is avail-



National Men's Chorus

able on two commercial CDs, one by Sir Neville Marriner and the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields. The New Dominion Chorale has scheduled its sixth performance of The Yizkor Requiem on April 7, 2013 under the baton of Beveridge in the Schlesinger Concert Hall at the NOVA Alexandria Campus.

National Men's Chorus has performed at the Library of Congress, The National Gallery of Art, Washington Street Methodist Church in Old Town Alexandria, and the Cosmos Club. The Chorus has also performed several times at Mount Vernon honoring new citizens on Flag Day.

Tickets for the concert will be available at the door for \$20. Students and children admitted free. Visit www.nationalmenschorus.org or call 202-244-7191. The church provides ample free parking.

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SATURDAY/NOV. 3

Church-wide Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. The public is welcome to come and shop. Baked goods and lunch also available for sale. At Cameron United Methodist Church located at 3130 Franconia Rd. Rain or Shine. If you want to be a seller, contact Marilyn by Oct. 22 at 703-765-6817 to purchase a table for \$20.

Movie: Courageous. 3 p.m. The movie will be shown in the fellowship hall of Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, 8600 Plymouth Dr. Refreshments will be served.

Audition. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Aldersgate Church Community Theater will be holding auditions for "Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr." Children ages 8-18. Visit www.acctonline.org.

NOV. 3 THROUGH DEC. 2

Free Art Exhibition. This juried photography exhibition — open to all artists nationally and internationally—explores the theme of upheaval in our personal lives and throughout the world. A reception on Nov. 8, from 6-8 p.m. occurs during 2nd Thursday Art Night and features a talk by juror Brie Castell at 7 p.m. Target Gallery (Studio 2), 105 North Union St. Call 703-838-4565, x4 or visit www.torpedofactory.org/target.

SUNDAY/NOV. 4

Concert. 3 p.m. The American Youth Philharmonic (AYP) and Music Director Daniel Spalding begin the season with "Meet the Orchestra" at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert

Hall and Arts Center of Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria. The program features Britten's The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra, narrated by John R. Adams. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors (65+), \$10 for college students, free for ages 18 and under, and free for music teachers. Tickets available at the door. Visit www.aypo.org/events.

FRIDAY/NOV. 30

Concert. 8 p.m. "Music in Motion" at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center will feature the American Youth Concert Orchestra led by J.D. Anderson and the American Youth Symphonic Orchestra led by Carl J. Bianchi with repertoire by Bellini, Tchaikovsky, Luigini, Rimsky-Korsakov, Hardiman, Berlioz, Debussy, Ravel, and Saint-Saëns. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors (65+), \$10 for college students, free for ages 18 and under, and free for music teachers. Tickets available at the door. Visit www.aypo.org/events.

THROUGH NOV. 4

Pulse4Artists - "4 Ways Of Color" 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Gallery West, 1213 King St. The opening reception will be Saturday, Oct. 13 from 5-7 p.m. Call 703-549-6006 Visit www.Pulse4Artists.com.

Exhibition of 2D and 3D Artwork. Featuring ceramic artist Daiva Balkus and photographer Ruth Ann Lowery. At Gallery West, located at 1213 King St. Visit www.gallery-west.info.

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Election Day Dinner. Jackson 20 Chef Brian McPherson has created a three-course, Andrew Jackson-inspired menu, available for \$20 on Election Day for those wearing an "I Voted" sticker. The restaurant is located at 480 King St. Call 703-842-2790 or visit www.jackson20.com or www.facebook.com/Jackson20.

NOV 6, 12, 19 & 27 AND DEC. 4, 10 & 18 Community Singers Wanted. The West Potomac choirs invite alumni, parents, and community to rehearse and perform Part I (Christmas section) of Handel's Messiah. Rehearse 6:30-8:30 p.m. through Nov. 19; 6:30-9 p.m. through Dec. 18 with orchestra. At West Potomac High School in the Springbank Auditorium. Visit <http://westpotomacchoirs.org>.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 7

Author Series. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Alma Katsu will talk about The Reckoning, second book of the Taker Trilogy at the Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Call 703-746-1702.

Uncorked. 7-9 p.m. Wine, cheese, and chocolates catered by The Curious Grape and light hors d'oeuvre provided by the Symphony Orchestra League of Alexandria, with a silent auction. At the home of Stevie and Gardner Gillespie, 2414 Ridge Road Dr. Contact Susan Yonts-Shepard at seysrls@verizon.net or call 703-823-4020.

THURSDAY/NOV. 8

War at the Birchmere. \$49.50. Visit <http://war.com>. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount

Refugees from Slavery: Contrabands in Washington, D.C., and Northern Virginia

The National Park Service and the Office of Historic Alexandria will co-sponsor a program called Refugees from Slavery: Contrabands in Washington, D.C., and Northern Virginia on Thursday, Nov. 8, 2012, at the Alexandria Black History Museum from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The program will consist of two parts. Initially, Professor Chandra Manning of Georgetown University will explain the history of the Contrabands, men and women who escaped slavery during the Civil War.

Afterward, there will be further discussion about who the Contrabands were and how they can be remembered by a panel consisting of researchers, descendants, rangers, and local historians from across the region.

In 2013, the City of Alexandria will open its Freedmen's and Contraband Cemetery Memorial. The Memorial honors the more than 1700 contrabands who came to Alexandria seeking freedom and who were later buried on this site.

This program is free and open to the public. Seating may be limited, RSVP to Alexandria Black History Museum at 703-746-4356. Patrons needing special assistance should contact the Museum two weeks prior to the event for accommodation.

The Alexandria Black History Museum is located at 902 Wythe Street, in the Historic Parker-Gray District. The Museum is five blocks from the Braddock Road Metro Station on the Yellow or Blue lines. There is on-street parking.

Visit www.alexblackhistory.org.

Vernon Ave. call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

Art Night at the Torpedo Factory 6-9 p.m. Free. Browse open studios and galleries, interact with artists, and enjoy refreshments at this free event held on the second Thursday of each month. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Call 703-838-4565.

Art Focus Group. 7:30-9 p.m. Making Marks and Making Meaning: Drawing

and Early Literacy Connections. Classes are \$25 each or \$200 for the 10 class series. A school or group of teachers can share the registration for the full series. At 2804 Sherwood Hall Ln. Call 703-201-1250.

NOV. 8 THROUGH DEC. 3

Free Photography Exhibition. Andrew Zimmermann: Cold River.

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This solo exhibition of large-format black and white photographs captures the "character of blankness." The opening reception takes place on Nov. 8 from 6:30-8 p.m., during 2nd Thursday Art Night. The Art League Gallery, 105 North Union St. Call 703-683-1780 or visit www.theartleague.org.

NOV. 8 THROUGH 25

Free Exhibition: Blurring the Line. To complement the FotoWeek panel discussion on Nov. 15 surrounding the issues of fine art vs. commercial photography, this exhibition features artwork by the photographers serving on the panel. Site 2 & 3 Galleries, 105 North Union St. Call 703-838-4565, x 4 or visit www.torpedofactory.org/target.

FRIDAY/NOV. 9

Fashion Show. 10:30 a.m. The Board of Lady Managers of Inova Alexandria Hospital will celebrate its 140th anniversary at their Annual Fashion Show, Luncheon and Silent Auction at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. Proceeds benefit Inova Alexandria Hospital surgical services. Tickets are \$45-\$140. Contact Lynda West at 703-836-8853.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 9-10

Play. 7:30 p.m. St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School will perform the drama, "I Never Saw Another Butterfly." Matinee performance is on Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. At St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Chapel/Performing Arts Center, 1000 St. Stephen's Rd.

Tickets are \$5. Visit www.sssas.org/arts or 703-212-2950.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 9-11

Alexandria Antiques Show & Sale. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Admission is \$12, \$10 with ad. George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr. Call 973-927-2794.

NOV. 9-18

Oklahoma! Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre, now in its 32nd season, presents Oklahoma, featuring a cast of 43 children and teenagers, ages 8-18. Performances will be held at Bryant Alternative School, 2709 Popkins Ln. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. To purchase online visit www.mvcct.org.

FotoWeekDC at the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Free. In conjunction with the 5th annual FotoWeekDC Festival. The complete schedule is online at www.torpedofactory.org/fotoweek. Torpedo Factory Art Center is located at 105 North Union St.

SATURDAY/NOV.10

Vegan Beauty Workshop. 2-3 p.m. Learn about making cuticle cream, a purse-size winter relief pod, a jar gloss and a lip stick at the Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Call 703-746-1743 to sign up.

Fort Hunt Preschool Play EXPO and Family Fall Festival. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Features lego engineering, yo-yo experts, an obstacle course, nature games, storytelling, and live music. Free. At Fort Hunt Preschool grounds, 1909 Windmill Ln. Email alumni@forhuntingpreschool.com, or visit www.forhuntingpreschool.com.

Fundraiser. 4 p.m. Poetry and tea are on the menu at the annual fundraiser for Project Discovery at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Donations are welcome at the event or can be mailed to the Office of Youth Services, 2525 Mt. Vernon Ave. Make checks or money orders payable to Project Discovery Alexandria. All donations are tax deductible. Donations of \$500 or more should be made by Nov. 1 to ensure inclusion in the Annual Special Recognition Legacy Program. Contact Ron Frazier at 703-746-5967 or ron.frazier@alexandriava.gov.

Concert. 8 p.m. Featuring Kim Allen Kluge, conductor; Yefim Bronfman, piano; Hovhaness: Symphony No. 2, "Mysterious Mountain;" I. Andante con moto Mussorgsky/Ravel: Pictures at an Exhibition; Newman: Little Women (1994); Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 5 in E Flat Major, "Emperor," Op. 73." At Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Tickets start at \$40 adult, \$35 senior, \$15 students and \$5 for all youth (18 & under). Purchase online at alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885. Free pre-concert chat one hour prior to each performance.

Photography Lecture. 1 p.m. Free. Photographer Andrew Zimmermann reveals his inspiration and techniques for creating the black and white imagery appearing concurrently in his solo show, Cold River. The Art League Gallery, 105 North Union St. Call 703-683-1780 or visit www.theartleague.org.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. National Men's Chorus will begin its 14th season with a concert of music appropriate for Veterans Day at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road. \$20 and free for students and children. Call 202-244-7191 or visit www.nationalmenschorus.org.

SUNDAY/NOV. 11

Kids Takeover Gadsby's Tavern Museum. 2-3:30 p.m. Visitors touring Gadsby's Tavern Museum will meet 18th century characters bringing to life the people who visited and worked in a tavern. This event's planned by a team of 5th through 7th grade volunteers who invite all veterans and active duty military and their families to attend for free. Admission is \$5 per adult and \$3 per child (ages 5-12). Visit www.gadsbystavernrestaurant.com.

Symposium: "A Lifetime of Learning through Play." 3-5 p.m. Fort Hunt Preschool is celebrating 50 years of learning through play. Engage with a panel of experts to examine the critical places of play and discovery in the journey of learning. A panel discussion on the importance of play for all ages. Free. Hollin Meadows Elementary School, 2310 Nordok Place. Email alumni@forhuntingpreschool.com or visit www.forhuntingpreschool.com.

Birchmere Show. 7:30 p.m. London-based singer/songwriter Lianne La Havas will perform at the Birchmere Theatre located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

Concert. 3 p.m. Featuring Kim Allen Kluge, conductor; Yefim Bronfman, piano; Hovhaness: Symphony No. 2, "Mysterious Mountain;" I. Andante con moto Mussorgsky/Ravel: Pictures at an Exhibition; Newman: Little Women (1994); Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 5 in E Flat Major, "Emperor," Op. 73." At Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Tickets start at \$40 adult, \$35 senior, \$15 students and \$5 for all youth (18 & under). Purchase online at alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885. Free pre-concert chat one hour prior to each performance.

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Sam works on painting a small pumpkin at the annual school fall fair.



Burgundy Farm Fall Fair

Pumpkins painting, barn yard tours, a haunted house, scarecrow stuffing and a moon bounce were just a few of the activities and attractions at the annual Burgundy Farm Fall Fair held Oct. 13 at the school.

Burgundy student Iris Loretan poses at the Fall Fair with the scarecrow she made.



Photos contributed

Guests at Burgundy's Fall Fair enjoyed feeding and petting goats, rabbits and chickens on tours of the school's barnyard.

Help Scouts Collect Food For Needy

A Scouting for Food collection will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10.

In 2011, 2,620 Scouts in the area collected more than 64,000 pounds of canned and non-perishable food and delivered it to ALIVE, UCM and Koinonia for distribution among people in need locally.

This year, each Scout unit is assigned a local neighborhood for collection; the unit will drop off Scouting for Food bags on Saturday, Nov. 3 and pick them up on Saturday, Nov. 10.

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West Potomac Boys', Girls' XC Advance to Regionals

Halladay, Genuario lead Wolverines with 7th-place finishes.

By Jon Roetman
The Gazette

The West Potomac girls' cross country team graduated four key members from a team that finished third in the state in 2011. Head coach Jenn Dietz described the boys' team as "a work in progress" during the 2012 campaign.

Yet when the Patriot District cross country championships arrived on Oct. 25 at Burke Lake Park, both teams performed well enough to qualify for regionals.

The West Potomac boys' team finished runner-up and the girls' team finished third on a warm Thursday at the 2.98-mile course. The top four teams from each district advance to the Northern Region championship meet, scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 1 at Burke Lake Park.

Lake Braddock won the boys' team title with a score of 55. West Potomac finished runner-up with a total of 66, followed by West Springfield (78) and Woodson (118).

West Potomac's top finisher, Luca Halladay, placed seventh with a time of 16:02. Halladay said the Wolverines gained a confidence boost from their performance at the Glory Days Invitational on Oct. 13, placing seventh out of 31 teams.

"Just two weeks ago at the Glory Days meet, most of our guys just had amazing personal records — changes in records of about maybe 30 seconds, 40 seconds, which is pretty rare," Halladay said. "That's when we really figured it out."

Halladay, a junior, said he set a 31-second PR during the Patriot District meet. Sophomore Nick Cucinotta placed eighth for the Wolverines with a time of 16:03. Senior Corey Rosenberg finished 10th (16:12), sophomore Eric Turner was 19th (16:24) and senior Crispin Bernier finished 22nd (16:31).

Lake Braddock's Nick Tuck won the individual title with a time of 15:11. T.C. Williams' Anteneh Girma placed second with a time of 15:36, followed by South County's Alec Jones (third, 15:42), Lee's Biruk Amare (fourth, 15:58), Lake Braddock's Alex Corbett (fifth, 16:00) and West Springfield's William Rabil (sixth, 16:02).

T.C. Williams' Nick Brown was ninth (16:08), West Springfield's John Amann (16:12) and Joey Spaziani (16:13) finished 11th and 12th, respectively. Annandale's Aviad Gebrehiwot (16:14) was 13th, followed by Woodson's David Falcone (14th, 16:15) and Lake Braddock's Forest Isenhour (15th, 16:15).

Lake Braddock also won the girls' team championship, finishing with a score of 25. West Springfield finished second with a score of 49, followed by West Potomac (79)



West Potomac's Katie Genuario placed seventh at the Patriot District cross country championships on Oct. 25 at Burke Lake Park.



West Potomac's Corey Rosenberg finished 10th at the Patriot District cross country championships on Oct. 25 at Burke Lake Park.

Photos by Craig Sterbutzel/The Gazette

"Just two weeks ago at the Glory Days meet, most of our guys just had amazing personal records — changes in records of about maybe 30 seconds, 40 seconds, which is pretty rare. That's when we really figured it out."

— West Potomac's Luca Halladay

and South County (89).

Katie Genuario was West Potomac's top finisher. The junior placed seventh with a time of 18:16.

"I think Katie Genuario is coming along very well," Dietz said. "That's her best time

on this course."

West Potomac seniors Lauren Price (11th, 18:56) and Sophia Passacantando (15th, 19:07) earned all-district honors with top-15 finishes. Junior Katie Murray finished 25th (19:44) and senior Allison McNulla

was 26th (19:51).

Lake Braddock's Sophie Chase won the event with a time of 17:02, followed by West Springfield's Caroline Alcorta (second, 17:09), Lake Braddock's Hannah Christen (third, 17:34) and Katie Roche (fourth, 17:39), Lee's Bailey Kolonich (fifth, 17:58) and West Springfield's Maddie Wittich (sixth, 18:05).

West Springfield's Katie Kennedy finished eighth (18:23), and Lake Braddock's Katy Kunc (18:37) and Misha Suresh (18:41) placed ninth and 10th, respectively. Woodson's JaHyun Yang finished 12th (18:59), and South County's Mary Cate Scully (19:02) and Emily Lamontagne (19:02) were 13th and 14th, respectively.

Sports Briefs

Mount Vernon RB Griffith Excels In Defeat

Even with the outcome all but decided, Mount Vernon running back Carlton Griffith pushed forward. The junior burst through the middle of the line late in the fourth quarter, dragging a Yorktown defender for a 14-yard gain.

The Mount Vernon football team lost to Yorktown, 35-0, on Oct. 26. The loss wasn't due to lack of effort from Griffith, who carried 21 times for 166 yards against a Patriots team that has allowed just 34 points in six games against National District opponents.

Yorktown improved to 9-0, including 6-0 in district. Mount Vernon fell to 3-6, including 2-4 in the district. The Majors will conclude the regular season on the road against 0-9 Wakefield at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 2.

— Jon Roetman

West Potomac Football Loses to West Springfield

The West Potomac football team lost to West Springfield, 34-10, on Oct. 26. The Wolverines dropped to 6-3, including 4-2 in the Patriot District, and will close the regular season with a home game against

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Photo by Louise Krafft/The Gazette

Mount Vernon running back Carlton Griffith rushed for 166 yards during the Majors' loss to Yorktown on Oct. 26.

Sports Briefs

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T.C. Williams on Friday, Nov. 2.

MVHS Field Hockey Ends Season in Region Quarterfinals

After winning the program's first Northern Region Tournament game since 2007, the Mount Vernon field hockey team ended its season with a loss to West Springfield in the region quarterfinals on Oct. 26 at MVHS.

Mount Vernon and West Springfield were scoreless after regulation and two overtime periods before the Spartans won a shootout. The two teams met three times during the season, with West Springfield going 2-0-1.

Mount Vernon finished the season with a 16-4-1 record. The Majors defeated Chantilly, 1-0, in the opening round of regionals on Oct. 23 at MVHS, giving Mount

Vernon its first regional tournament victory during the five-year tenure of head coach Jessica Edwards. Prior to regionals, Mount Vernon went undefeated in National District play and won its third district title in the last four years, beating Yorktown, 2-0, in the championship game on Oct. 22. The Majors have appeared in the last four district championship games, winning in 2009, 2010 and 2012.

Edwards was named National District Coach of the year for the 2012 season and senior midfielder Jane Heller was named Player of the Year.

Heller was one of nine seniors on the Mount Vernon roster who suited up for the Majors for the final time. Forward Tamara Warren, midfielder Ashleigh Sable, forward Sophie Juola, midfielder Sabrina Smith, forward Lizzy Sagar, defender Megan Cole, midfielder Serenna Schantz and forward Gabby Ocker also suited up for Mount Vernon for the final time.

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