



Founder Capt. Willie Bailey welcomes children from the Gum Springs Head start program to the Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue toy drive distribution day Dec. 17 at Penn Daw Station 11.

To the Rescue

Firefighters and Friends collect more than 3,500 toys.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

Christmas came a few days early for more than 100 children from local Head Start programs as they picked out toys during the annual Firefighters and

Friends to the Rescue toy drive Dec. 17 at Penn Daw Station 11.

"Thank you for what you are doing here," said Alexandria police officer Bennie Evans, who attended the event with his wife Deana. "Keep doing what you are

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Eagle Scouts Nate Smith and Mikel Severeid of Troop 1865 help distribute books as part of the Firefighters and Friends toy drive.

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Sports balls were among the 3,500 toys collected by firefighters.



Michelle Burns, wife of Redskins special teams coach and Alexandria native Keith Burns, helps pack toys to distribute to schools and nonprofits throughout Northern Virginia.

Priorities for '14

Elected officials cite accomplishments and challenges.

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

This is the first in a three-part series on the accomplishments of 2013 and the priorities for 2014 for Mount Vernon by local and state elected officials. Community leaders will share their observations in subsequent parts.

Mount Vernon and the surrounding communities continue to be confronted by traffic congestion brought on by unprecedented additional numbers of military personnel assigned to Fort Belvoir to support the decisions made by the federal Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) to shift more military roles to Fort Belvoir.

This included the transfer of a significant portion of wounded warrior responsibilities formerly provided by Walter Reed Hospital, new military responsibilities, and the construction of a new state of the art hospital on the base which will

treat active duty wounded military and veteran retirees and their families. In addition, a new national U.S. Army museum is being built on the base. All of this will attract additional thousands of military personnel and visitors to the base and the area and place additional transportation burdens on the primary and secondary roads.

On the grounds of George Washington's estate the Mount Vernon Ladies Association completed a landmark new center for the study of George Washington complete with a library, conference center and housing for use by scholars. All this will contribute to the traffic in the Mount Vernon area and require collaboration between local, state, and federal representatives and the infusion of tens of millions of dollars over the foreseeable future to construct roads and mass transit

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Ceramic Therapy for A Wounded Warrior

Art assists veteran's recovery.

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN
THE GAZETTE

"At my worst, I had double vision, my memory was shot and I couldn't focus on most any task," recalled Staff Sgt. Jonathan Meadows. His wife Melissa, a nurse, said that after Jonathan's medevac from Afghanistan earlier this year, "He acted like an advanced Alzheimer's case."

Like many Wounded Warriors from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, Meadows suffers from traumatic brain injury. He is currently an active-duty patient in the TBI unit of the Fort Belvoir Community Hospital. Meadows is a member of the Connecticut National Guard, and he and his wife are from Ledyard, Conn.

His treatment at Fort Belvoir in-

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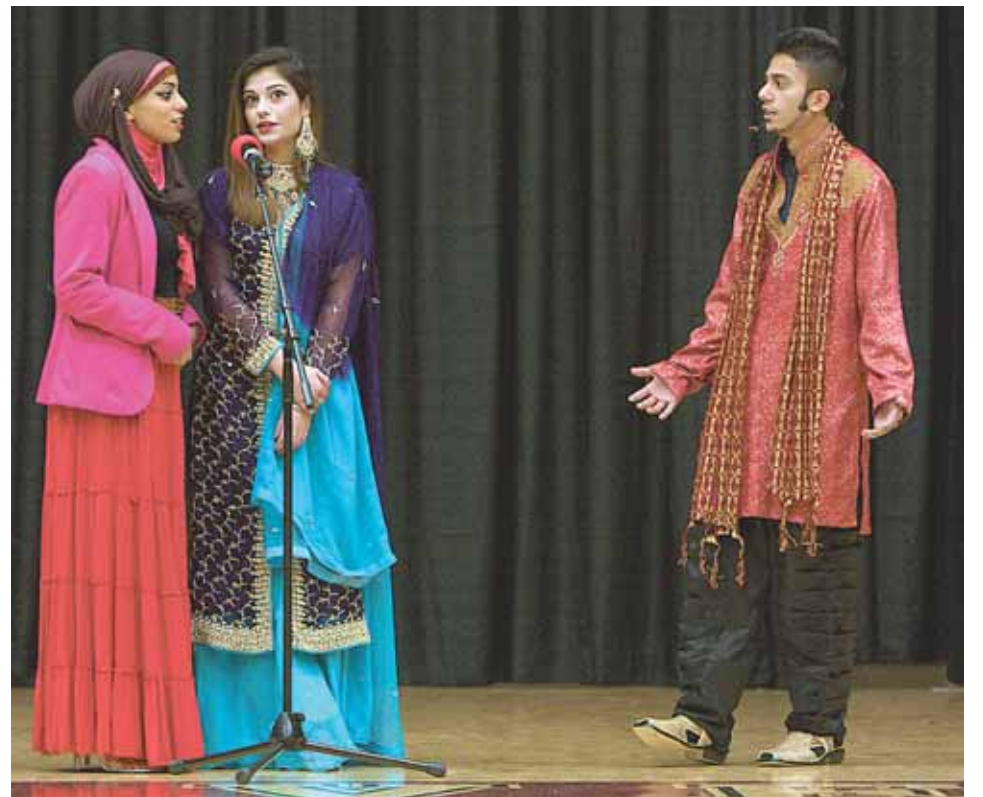
The Multicultural Awareness Day program at Mount Vernon High School on Dec. 20 included a parade of flags from all over the world.



A Bollywood style dance was performed for the crowd.

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RENÉE RUGGLES
THE GAZETTE

A song "You are the Only One" represented the Pakistani Culture.



An Ethiopian Dance was included in the Multicultural Awareness Program.



Students from Riverside Elementary School sang a song in tribute to Nelson Mandela.

Accomplishments in 2013 and Challenges in 2014

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systems to expand transportation infrastructure. Another overarching topic facing Mount Vernon is the continuing need to provide sufficient funding for the county school budget to keep pace with the growth and diverse needs of elementary and secondary education students.

Another a major public policy focus is the need to expand health care for civilian residents to adequately deal with the growth and diversity of the population, and the "Silver Tsunami" — 23 percent of the Mount Vernon population is now 55 and over. To meet the new demands the Lorton Health Plex was recently completed and construction of a major addition onto the existing Mount Vernon Hospital is now underway.

GERALD HYLAND, Mount Vernon District supervisor, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors:

Q. In 2013 what were some of the most significant accomplishments you initiated or actively supported?

A. ♦ The establishment of a Master Plan for an Off Leash Dog Park (OLDA) at the Westgrove Park. After extensive public participation, the Park Authority's final plan provided for both an OLDA and preservation of the natural resources of the Park.

♦ Approval of a \$30 million bond referendum for financing a flood control plan for approximately 200 homes in the Huntington community. Despite the fact that only a relatively small number of homes are affected, voters county-wide overwhelmingly supported the need to finance this much needed flood control program

♦ Approval and financing of artificial turf fields for Mount Vernon and West Potomac High Schools. The Board of Supervisors and School Board each contributed \$1.5 million to the effort, and private funding of \$100,000 was donated by the community from each school.

♦ Completion of the Inova Lorton Healthplex, which was recommended by our Inova Mount Vernon Citizens Commission. Mount Vernon Hospital is now in the midst of a major expansion which, when completed, will enable the hospital to provide more medical care services to meet the growing demands of our community. The completion of the Lorton facility and the partnership between Lorton and Mt. Vernon helps to ensure the financial stability of both medical facilities.

♦ In 2010, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) was proceeding to ignore the master plan for the Meadowood Stables and wanted to raze the large horse barn without community input. Consequently, we held a public meeting to get the community engaged, and due to that public pressure, BLM is now in the process of restoring the barn per the community's wishes. Because this is federal land, we also worked closely with Congressman Jim Moran.



♦ Worked with the Inlet Cove community and the Federal Highway Administration to shift the widening of Richmond Highway south to reduce the negative impacts to the Inlet Cove community. We will continue to work with the community to mitigate noise infiltration into this community by studying various alternative design strategies.

♦ I established a district wide Visioning Task Force with the goal of identifying the future needs of the Mount Vernon District. We have been focusing on those recommendations by working to bring more public transit service on the Richmond Highway corridor, encouraging development in the Community Business Centers at North Gate-way, Penn Daw, and Beacon Hill to revitalize these areas. Also, through collaborative Board initiatives, we are reducing homelessness, expanding youth recreational opportunities, and expanding senior citizen services, as recommended by our Visioning TF.

Q. What do you hope to accomplish in 2014?

A. ♦ By working with developers in Lorton, Huntington, and along Route 1 at North Kings Highway, we can create more funds to provide artificial turf fields for all students in the Mount Vernon district.

♦ Begin construction on the Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse project. This is located at the former site of the closed Lorton reformatory and when completed, 78 acres of land will be converted into new townhomes and single family homes, 110,000 square feet of commercial space, and approximately 30.7 acres or 35 percent of the land will remain as open space. This plan makes this one of the crown jewels of development for the Lorton area.

♦ Begin the construction of the North Hill Village, located on the east side of Richmond Highway south of Beacon Hill. It is a 33-acre site for a planned community to be developed in partnership with the private sector and the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority. It will include a large park, high quality affordable housing, and a diversified residential income mix.

♦ I support a plan for a rail line along Route 1 that would go south from the Alexandria City line to Woodbridge. I also support locating a transit center on Richmond Highway. The currently underway State-financed Transit Study looking at this area is one of the most important transportation policy undertakings in decades for the Mount Vernon District and I intend to closely monitor and participate in the debate and recommendations which emerge from this study.

♦ The Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton is in need of financial assistance and we are working to design a new emphasis that will make it a more financially viable and attractive location for our residents and others throughout the region. For example, I support studying the feasibility and worth of creating an events center to include a theatre, a music venue, and/or a teen cen-

ter. I am committed to help make the Workhouse Arts Center a successful enterprise.

♦ Seven times previously I have urged my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors to support a meals tax referendum. I intend to once again ask the board members to support placing it on the fall ballot. If the voters pass the Referendum I propose that the funds raised, estimated at \$100 million, be dedicated to meeting the growing demands of our public education programs.

♦ I support efforts to identify additional cell phone towers sites that would be supported by the neighborhoods where they would be located. The additional sites are needed to improve cell phone communications for our residents.

Q. What do you view overall are the major challenges and decisions facing Mount Vernon residents in the coming year?

A. ♦ First, adequately funding the growing needs of our public schools. Top quality public schools are needed to prepare future generations for competing successfully in our increasingly complex technology-oriented society. Quality public education has been and continues to be the engine of our economy and the primary reason families choose to live here and businesses choose to locate here.

♦ Second, it is essential that we deal effectively with the ever-growing traffic congestion in the district. Widening Richmond Highway is important, but not an answer by itself; it must be accompanied by a workable design that will accommodate mass transit along Richmond Highway from the Alexandria city line to Woodbridge.

♦ Third, this coming year I will form a citizens' Task Force to look at the options for reusing the building and grounds of what is now being leased to the Islamic Saudi Academy (ISA) on Richmond Highway. They will be relocating to the northwestern part of the county. The building was originally used as the Mount Vernon High School, and then a middle school, before it was leased to the ISA. A variety of uses have already been suggested, such as the Northern Virginia Community College, relocating human services agencies, using it as a Mount Vernon Town Hall, and possibly a new elementary school. I look forward to working with the Task Force to explore the options on this important issue.

As your Supervisor, I will continue to listen and engage the community as I have done for the past 26 years. In that connection you are invited to attend and participate in my annual Town Hall meeting on Saturday, Feb. 1, at Mount Vernon High School.

DANIEL STORCK, Mount Vernon District School Board member, Fairfax County School Board:

Q. What were your and/or the board's major accomplishments in 2013?



A. ♦ We hired a new superintendent, Dr. Karen Garza, the first female superintendent ever to head up the school system.

♦ All Mount Vernon District schools met federal and state standards for reading and all but one school for math. Based on SOL test results.

♦ Approved changes in the students rights and responsibilities regulations including early notification and involvement of parents, and more age-appropriate discipline standards.

♦ A State Efficiency Review Report confirmed our school system as a high performing school division with recommended changes potentially saving \$2million annually.

Q. What are your and/or the School Board's top priorities for 2014?

A. ♦ Continue to find a way to maintain a high achieving school district by increasing funding over previous fiscal years; overcoming our projected \$100 million budget deficit; meet the challenges of a growing student body (currently 2,500 students per year) who are increasingly lower income and non-English speaking; conduct school boundary studies to address overcrowding, build a new elementary school and renovate seven elementary schools; and promote expanded business-community partnerships with our school system and students.

Q. What overall is the state of elementary and secondary public education in Fairfax County?

A. ♦ Mount Vernon and the county public school system continue to provide an excellent education. However, the challenges to maintain that quality of education with diminished funding resources continues. The influx of students who are low income and non-native English speakers place an added burden on the school system. Students now receiving free or reduced cost meals is 27 percent of all students and 32 percent of kindergarten students. County-wide limited English proficiency students represent 16 percent of all students and 38 percent of incoming kindergarten students. Education costs for these students are approximately 50 percent greater than average, thus posing an added challenge for the school system to maintain a quality of education for all students.

LINDA "TODDY" PULLER, state senator, 36th District, Virginia General Assembly:

Q. In your opinion what were the most significant 2-3 accomplishments of the General Assembly this past Session?

A. ♦ Passing a transportation bill for the first time in 27 years that will bring real money to road repairs and improvements as well as new road and transportation projects to northern Virginia.



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Elected Officials Cite Priorities

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❖ Creation of a Commission to study expansion of Medicaid in Virginia in response to the federal Affordable Care Act. I support Medicaid expansion and will support its expansion in the 2014 budget. There are 400,000 uninsured Virginians covered by Medicaid. All of us will benefit in lower health costs because these uninsured people will have access to proper medical care and will not be forced to use the emergency services in hospitals as their doctor's office. Expansion will bring 30,000 jobs to Virginia. Virginia has one of the lowest qualifying rates for qualifying citizens for Medicaid in the country. If we expand Medicaid we will improve the health of our citizens and our economy.

Q. On a more personal level what legislation did you sponsor that was passed?

A. ❖ In the 2013 Session my bill, SB 829, to establish a program to reduce unemployment among Veterans, was passed and signed by the Governor. It will assist businesses to attract, hire, and retain Veterans.

❖ I also sponsored a budget amendment to provide funding for the Virginia Values Veterans program. This will fund an already successful program to work with employers who are committed to hiring veterans, and especially disabled veterans.

Q. What are some of your legislative priorities for the upcoming session?

A. Two bills introduced in the last Session which I will continue to work on for passage are:

❖ A bill to allow military men and women serving in overseas posts to vote absentee by secure electronic means using their military email and CCard, which provides for encryption and a high level of security. The Virginia State Board of Elections and the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations supports this legislation.

❖ I am the chief patron of a bill to ensure that all insurance carriers who do business in Virginia alert their customers when a prescription drug is moved from one price to another. This will help Virginia families to better budget for their health care needs.

SCOTT SUROVELL, delegate, 44th District, Virginia General Assembly:

Q. In the General Assembly Session this past year what was the most significant 2 or 3 legislative accomplishments overall?

A. ❖ Including \$2 million in the State budget for the Richmond Highway Multimodal Transit Alternatives Analysis study, and secondly, passage of legislation prohibiting texting while driving. The Richmond Highway study will hopefully resolve the questions about what our area of U.S. Route one will look like, and determine development patterns for the next 40 years.

Q. For the upcoming General Assembly Session what will your top 2 or 3 priorities be and why?

A. ❖ I will focus on introducing meaningful ethics reform legislation, prohibit use of electronic textbooks without providing computers to every student, and introduce legislation to amend the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) with the goal to put more sunlight on the State Corporation Commission.

The experience with Governor McDonnell and his family's acceptance of gifts from an individual who

could gain from favorable Virginia state government treatment has highlighted the need for ethics reform in Virginia.

The Constitution of Virginia requires our school systems to provide free textbooks to all public school students. Aside from being fundamentally unfair, if a child's family cannot afford a computer or broadband access we are not meeting our Constitutional requirement if a school system is mandating electronic textbooks.

The State Corporation Commission is probably the most powerful State agency in Richmond but has very little accountability to the General Assembly or the public. There is no excuse why the Freedom Information Act should not apply to them.

Q. Anything else you would like to comment on to our readers for the upcoming year?

A. The Virginia budget environment continues to be challenging due to a weak economic recovery, and the adverse effects of the automatic budget cutbacks that the Federal Sequester placed on the Virginia economy and services. Therefore, we should not expect any new major policy initiatives in the near term.

ADAM EBBIN, state senator, 30th District, Virginia General Assembly:

Q. What were your major accomplishments in the past General Assembly Session?

A. ❖ Passed legislation to protect the privacy of absentee voters by removing certain information requirements from the absentee ballot application, such as religion, or an Armed Forces ID number which includes your Social Security number.

❖ Passed legislation to allow election day staff to be transferred where the need is greatest and lines longest; this will help bring about improved election polling place efficiencies, and to reduce voters from being discouraged from voting by having to wait in long election lines.

❖ Collaborated with Del. Scott Surovell to convince Governor McDonnell to reduce the new hybrid vehicle tax from \$100 to \$64.

❖ Working with the McDonnell Administration, reduced the number of inmates in solitary confinement which will save the Commonwealth money and reduce the recidivism rate.

Q. What are your top priorities for the upcoming General Assembly Session?

❖ A. Ethics reform; repealing the Hybrid vehicle tax; initiating mental health services at community colleges; reducing the victimization in the Latino community from legal fraud.

❖ Expand transparency in State government; hasten the processing of sexual assault kits to better prosecute rapists; repeal the anti-equality Marshall Newman marriage Constitutional Amendment.

Q. Anything else you would like to say as you head into the upcoming Session?

A. Accepting federal Medicaid funds will be critical for Virginia to help the working poor to achieve access to quality health care services.

I will be an advocate for promoting workforce development and the Virginia Preschool Initiative to ready children for public school.

Although our unemployment rate has dipped to a low of 5.6 percent we must continue to remain vigilant about how to best grow our economy and expand economic opportunities.



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Dedication of Jeff Todd Way

Joined by her daughters Kimberly (second from left) and Hannah (holding the sign) Becky Todd cut the ribbon that officially opened Jeff Todd Way on Dec. 17. The road was renamed for her late husband, former Chamber of Commerce Chairman Jeff Todd, who did a great deal for his community. From left are Chamber of Commerce President Ashley Behrens, Kimberly Todd, Supervisor Gerry Hyland, Hannah Todd, Becky Todd, Supervisor Jeff McKay, and Del. Scott Surovell.



The street, formerly known as Mulligan Road, was re-named to honor Jeff Todd.

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Supervisor Jeff McKay told the crowd that the new road will join the Mount Vernon and Lee Districts, just as Jeff Todd did. He hopes that people who drive on the newly dedicated road will ask him who Jeff Todd was.

Supervisor Gerry Hyland dedicated the new Jeff Todd way and his family was presented with a copy of the street sign.



Hoping for an Angel Rising Hope volunteer needs help for his son.

BY ED SIMMONS, JR.
THE GAZETTE

A volunteer with years of service at Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church which aids the needy along the Route 1 corridor, Abderrahim Lahlou believes people can be angels.

Now, after four heart attacks and unable to hold a steady job, he's hoping an angel from the Mount Vernon community will come forth. "I'm the one in need to help my son," he said.

His son, Adel, is a recent graduate of Mount Vernon High School. With his father urging him on, he worked very hard. His grades and test scores were outstanding. He was named Most Valuable Player on the cross country team in 2010. In their modest home on Buckman Court stands a trophy case full of academic and sports awards.

When it came time for college, Lahlou's belief in the American Dream came true.

Adel won a full scholarship to Northwestern University, with total yearly awards and assistance amounting to over \$60,000.

But there was a hitch.

The university expects the family to provide \$4,300 yearly to cover books, personal expenses and travel. Lahlou can't provide it. Though his son is home now for Christmas break, he had no money to travel home for Thanksgiving. Adel might have to withdraw.

It was 20 years ago when Lahlou and his wife Leonora immigrated from Morocco. She is Catholic and he is Muslim. He had worked as a CPA at the airport in Casablanca, but he couldn't find comparable work here.

Willing to work hard, he bought a franchise with Jani-King doing office cleaning and maintenance work, employing as many as five people. Meanwhile, when Rising Hope opened a few blocks from his home six years ago, he liked the idea of aiding the needy. He volunteered working in the food pantry and driving to pick up and de-

liver groceries. Life looked promising.

But then came problems with the franchise, the loss of his franchise, and then the heart attacks.

"After my heart attacks, I thought to myself, 'Hey, God gave me an extra life. If only I can do something good to help others.'"

He increased his volunteering at Rising Hope. These days, sometimes it is a struggle. When he carries groceries to a shut-in in a third floor apartment, he must pant to catch his breath. Still, he knows God expects him to help.



Abderrahim Lahlou, left, heads off to deliver groceries to shut-ins. Helping him is fellow volunteer Charlie Hicks.

"We all can be like angels if we wanted to," he said.

To be an angel to Lahlou and Adel, call Rising Hope Mission Church at 703-360-1976 and ask for Mary Hamilton or Sarah Heckman.



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More than 3,500 toys were collected for needy children in Northern Virginia.

Firefighters Collect 3,500 Toys

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doing for these kids because it matters.”

Evans is the father of Cameron Evans, a T.C. Williams student who committed suicide last month. Donations raised for the family were used to help the firefighters buy toys for Alexandria children in need.

“It’s not easy to be here today,” said Deana Evans, who stressed the importance of being aware of mental health issues. “But Cameron touched so many lives in this community during his life and we wanted to be here to let you know that what you are doing is important.”

Started nearly two decades ago by Alexandria native Capt. Willie Bailey, this year’s drive collected more than 3,500 toys, bikes and gift cards for needy children in Alexandria and Fairfax County.

“I’m excited to be here again and happy to help out in any way I can,” said Troop 1865 Eagle Scout Mikel Severeid, who has raised thousands of dollars over the six years that he has been volunteering in the toy drive. “There are so many kids who are less fortunate than me. It makes me feel good to help them have something at Christmas.”

With Ronald McDonald on hand,

Members of Delta Sigma Theta gather for a group photo prior to volunteering at the toy drive distribution event.



Fairfax County Fire Chief Richard Bowers thanks Capt. Willie Bailey for his efforts in leading the toy drive.

toys were distributed to representatives of 72 schools, shelters and nonprofits. Jazz, the Dream Dog Foundation mascot, gave away hundreds of donated books.

“Every school from Alexandria City showed up to pick up gifts for children who otherwise would not receive a gift for the holidays,” said Bailey, a Del Ray resident. “There were numerous businesses in Fairfax and Alexandria assisting us with purchasing and distributing the toys today. We can’t save the world but we believe no child should go without a gift during the holidays so we are doing what we can to make sure that doesn’t happen.”

Fairfax County Fire Chief Richard

Bowers praised the work of Bailey and the community volunteers.

“I am so proud of this community and the outreach effort on behalf of those children who are less fortunate,” Bowers said. “This is what it’s all about — the kids. So thanks to all of you for stepping up and standing out to make this a happy holiday for everyone.”



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Future of Woodlawn

To the Editor:

In a letter published in the Ga-

zette on Dec. 19 identified as "Woodlawn Betrayed," the writer chastised "officials" for failing to heed community desires to preserve and continue the public stable/equine activities that had

been part of Woodlawn's presence in the Mt. Vernon District for many decades.

It should be noted that the Woodlawn property is owned by the National Trust for Historic

Preservation, a private non-profit organization chartered by the U.S. Congress and based in Washington D.C. The Trust leadership made a business decision they hope will improve financial stability at the property (an issue of long-standing concern) thus their choice to appoint Arcadia as property manager and operator of expanded agricultural programs on the site.

Lamentable as the loss of the stables as a public activity may be, it appears that there may be a greater betrayal of Woodlawn at stake as this operational transformation evolves. In general, the focus on and interpretation of agriculture is consistent with the historical roles the property has played since the 18th century through the ownership tenure of George Washington and his granddaughter Nelly Custis Lewis.

However, information emerging about the new tenant's plans seems to suggest that matters of interpretation and public presentation of Woodlawn's history and culture are very much at risk. No mention is made of its people and their historic association with the property. Little to no specific mention is made of the historic archi-

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Christmas Performances

Fr. John Baker, pastor of St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, read the "True Story of the First Christmas" and the kindergarten children acted out the play, and sang "Quiet Night" and "Happy Birthday Baby Jesus." After their performance they joined the other children from St. Aidan's Day School for a Christmas concert for parents.

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VIEWPOINTS

“What is your New Year’s Resolution?”



Deborah Glembocki: “Getting my health back.”



Melody Witte: “To make more money. It’s an expensive area for a single person.”



Mr. and Mrs. Scott: “To stay healthy and to spend more time as a family”

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 10

ture, which includes the William Thornton designed federal mansion, the Frank Lloyd Wright designed Pope-Leighey House and several fine vernacular buildings. Likewise, Woodlawn’s status as a National Historic Landmark and its role as the focus of an Historic Overlay District created by Fairfax County to help preserve and protect Woodlawn’s irreplaceable character and resources, have not been part of the discussion about future plans. Will the need for financial stability at the property lead to abandonment of one of the National Trust’s fundamental mission imperatives — that of basic historic preservation?

We know too well, and dread deeply, the impending losses and changes to Woodlawn’s integrity occasioned by the highway now under construction. Are there more losses to fear? We pray not, but for now, we know not. Alas, poor Woodlawn.

C. Richard Bierce, AIA
Mount Vernon

Targeting Seniors

To the Editor:

Commuting around the Washington area is a dual exercise in frustration and near-death expe-

riences. If traffic isn’t slowed to a crawl, it’s racing at break-neck speed with rude, distracted, dangerous drivers.

But no worries, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has discovered our traffic nightmares are actually caused by your homicidal Grandma and they have an immediate solution. The DMV is recommending that based on a recent study, the state should examine the fitness of elderly motorists and grant legal immunity to people who provide information to the state about those who might not be fit to drive.

It’s ridiculous and it’s time for the DMV to slow down and consider reality. Older drivers are more experienced on the road and their generation is well known for respecting the rule of law. They’re less likely to speed, less likely to be impaired by drugs or alcohol, less likely to engage in road rage, and less likely to be talking on a cell phone or texting. In fact, according to a just released survey by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, only 1 percent of drivers older than 75 say they text while driving.

Suffice it to say, it’s been a long time — if ever — that a speeding, inebriated, irate Grandmother tailgated me down the George Washington Parkway, whizzed by and extended her middle finger. I’d feel safer driving to an AARP conven-

tion with a thousand seniors on the road than I would with one younger, texting driver.

But while one group of lawfully abiding residents is about to be scrutinized and possibly “turned in” by others to the authorities, another group of unlawfully abiding drivers and residents — illegal aliens — are being richly rewarded throughout Washington, D.C. and Maryland. Mayor Vincent Gray signed a law that allows them to obtain driver’s licenses. Gray claims it’s a “civil rights issue.” Meanwhile Maryland has also extended driver’s privileges to their illegal aliens, all of whom can and will drive on Virginia roads. And rest assured, with Terry McAuliffe now the newly elected governor of Virginia, it’s only a matter of time before the Commonwealth jumps on the bandwagon. That push is already in motion at the grassroots level.

Our older citizens are not the public enemy and they should not be singled out for restriction. The real threat is a politically correct nanny state imposing more scrutiny on older, experienced drivers. Is there anything more perverse in justice than penalizing those who obey the law while ignoring and or rewarding those who violate it?

Hey DMV, pick on someone your own age.

Bob Dane
Alexandria

My Day at Fort Hunt

Fort Hunt Elementary is a joyful place. You learn a lot and make new friends. Not only that but teachers like to make learning fun and exciting. Also they have fun activities like the Fox Trot because the Fox Trot is full of laughter and excitement. They have family things at night like the winter dance, fall carnival, spring fling, silent auction and even the spring and winter concerts. The teachers and staff love being around kids and also being at the school. Many parents like the school and enjoy having their kids go there. Specials are also fun because you get to do things like P. E., music, Art and library. Also they let kids do things like

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Spiritual Wellness in the New Year

What is it and how does one achieve it?

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

As we begin a new year, many are focused on their spiritual health and well-being. In fact, the National Wellness Institute names spiritual wellness as one of the seven dimensions of overall wellness. It's essential in life, say experts.

Lisa Jackson-Cherry, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Counseling at Marymount University in Arlington, who specializes in pastoral counseling and pastoral integration, believes spiritual well-being doesn't always have to do with religion. It's about being connected to something greater than one's self. "It doesn't have to be a higher power," she said. "It can be your community or nature, but the key piece is that there is a connection to something other than yourself."

Elizabeth Rees, the associate rector at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church in Mount Vernon, said, "I would say at its heart, spiritual well-being is knowing ourselves to be loved and cherished by God and then living into that

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Connecting with others is an important part of spiritual well-being say experts.

truth."

Kathy Judd, Alexandria-based meditation teacher and director of No Place Like Om, said, "Spiritual health and well-being is when you ... feel just as, if not more, connected to what you can't see as to what you can. It's about knowing that there is an animating force that drives the show and seeing all the ups and downs of our human experience as just like that — a show."

Some say that expectation management

is a factor in spiritual wellbeing. "If there is a gap between expectation and reality, there can be a ... lack of contentment," said Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt of Congregation B'nai Tzedek in Potomac, Md. "When we set our expectations lower in terms of what we expect from others, we are less likely to be disappointed. It is appropriate to set our goals high, but our expectations lower. Goals motivate us, but when we have expectations, we set ourselves up for disap-

pointment."

WHILE SPIRITUAL WELLNESS can mean different things to different people, experts said there are common factors that can help one achieve it, such as engaging with others. "When we think about spiritual health or well-being, we think about people being at peace with themselves and

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WELLBEING

Spiritual Wellness

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others," said Jackson-Cherry.

"In my opinion," she said, "once people become connected with other people and not so consumed with themselves or their own tragedies or pain and they give of themselves to others, share their gifts, often they experience contentment."

"Community is a big one, and also what you pay attention to and consume," Judd said. "If you're constantly tuned in to the news cycle and people who are negative and arguing, you're going to see the world from a certain viewpoint."

... If you take time to be in nature, read uplifting things, eat [the right] foods, and surround yourself with a community of people who are loving, supportive and want to bring out the best in you, you'll have a very different experience of the world."

Rees believes self-love is also a component of spiritual well-being. "In adult education here at St. Aidan's, we've been listening to the talks of [scholar, author and public speaker] Brené Brown and talking about what she has to say about vulnerability. I have definitely found in my own life that when I dare to share the truth about my struggles with the people around me, it creates a new space for growth and depth."

"Until we learn to love and forgive ourselves, it's almost impossible to love and forgive others," she said. "For me, the Christian story in general, and the Church community in particular, is the place where that comes together and makes sense."

Prayer is an important part of many religions. "Spirituality is found both within the context of meditation and reflective time, which could be prayer, as well as being part of a larger community," said Weinblatt. "That is why people can find contentment in prayer and places of worship and as well as in other contexts."

Jackson-Cherry said, "When I'm working with clients, I find that people who have the healthiest spiritual well-being are people who have a sense of purpose in life or have a meaning in life."

They might not have achieved it, but they are working toward it.

Having a sense of purpose or meaning in life leads to contentment."

So how does one find a sense of purpose and meaning in life? "We've talked about this question a lot," said Rees. "What comes up most frequently is the idea of finding ways to live in the present, slowing down and finding God present in the moment. ... Hearing where other people are finding God, and taking the time to look for God acting in my own life and share that with others makes me much more aware of God all

around, and helps me to remember that God is also acting in and through the people around me."

Judd said there is work involved in achieving spiritual well-being. "It takes practice, just like anything else," she said. "Yoga and meditation are extremely valuable. Spirit is nothing more than an energy field, so if there is a lot of static in the field, it's going to be hard

to hear messages that are there. So anything you can do to calm the 'talk radio' in your head will make it easier to listen. When you learn to listen, you are able to be lead, to be called, to find your calling."

LIVING IN THE MOMENT is also a factor that can lead to contentment and spiritual well-being. "I think trying to ... find as much love and joy in it as possible is a huge piece," Judd said. "Also, worry less about what others think and be more willing to live and love greatly. Developing gratitude, as something that runs through all of our life, not just as something that comes when life seems to be going really well, is important too."

Rees said keeping a journal is a useful tool in developing gratitude. "One spiritual exercise that helps me sometimes is to practice gratitude by prayerfully journaling about the things for which I am grateful," she said. "Sit down and write 100 things for which you are grateful. You start with the big and obvious things, but then also find yourself digging deep for the small but ever-present graces of life. ... Journaling in general can be a great for spiritual well-being."

"When we think about spiritual health or well-being, we think about people being at peace with themselves and others."

— Lisa Jackson-Cherry, Ph.D., Marymount University

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Application Deadline. The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) is seeking to recognize a high school senior from Mount Vernon HS, South County SS and/or West Potomac HS, who demonstrates personal achievement through community involvement, volunteer work, and/or exceptional civic duties. The award will be made during the MVCCA Annual Gala on April 26, 2014. Visit www.mvcca.org.
Speaker Series Kickoff. 8:30-10 a.m. at the SpringHill Suites, 6065 Richmond Highway. Southeast

Fairfax Development Corporation will host a free speaker series to encourage the startup and growth of small businesses in Southeast Fairfax County. The series will be held on the second Friday of every month. Coffee and light breakfast will be served. RSVP to info@sfdc.org. Visit www.sfdc.org.

TUESDAY/JAN. 14

Pet Loss Support Group. 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Talk with others who are dealing with the death of a beloved pet. Free, register by calling 703-333-6963.
Training Session. 7-8 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Center. Learn the

aspects of trap-neuter-return program from Community Cats. Free. RSVP to animals13@verizon.net.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 15

Discussion. 9:30 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Richard Lilienthal, an Alexandria collector of antique bottles made in the D.C. and Alexandria area will share his collection. Free. 703-765-4573.

THURSDAY/JAN. 16

Model Railroad Club. 10 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Gillian Chen will discuss her "Trans-Canada Journey." Free. 703-765-4573.

Independent Living Project. 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Kingstowne Center for Active Adults, 6488 Landsdowne Center. A free eight-week program that includes gentle exercises, presentations on county services, demonstrations and more. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/independent.htm or call 703-324-7210, TTY 711.

SATURDAY/JAN. 18

Open House. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Fort Hunt Preschool in the Carriage House, 1909 Windmill Lane. Learn about the school, meet teachers and our classrooms. Contact Alex St. Clair at admission@forhuntschool.com or visit www.forthuntpreschool.com for more.

CLARIFICATION

In "Woodlawn Reinvented" [Mount Vernon Gazette, Dec. 12, 2013], the article should have noted that both Woodlawn and the Pope-Leighey House will be open March – November 2014. On March 1, Woodlawn will reopen for its 51st annual needlework show; regular tours will resume in mid-April. The Pope-Leighey House will be open for regular tours beginning March 1.



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SCHOOL NOTES

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Mauricio Salvatierra, of Alexandria, made the honors list for the Fall 2013 semester at Louisburg College.

Natalie Felice, from Alexandria, will study abroad in Costa Rica through the University of Delaware during the winter semester.

Caitlin Dougherty, of Alexandria, was recently initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Dougherty was initiated at Auburn University.

Adam M. White, of Alexandria, has earned a Master of Education degree in educational leadership from Alvernia University. White studied at the university's Main Campus.

Drew Longlott, of Alexandria, graduated with a bachelor of science degree in health promotion from Coastal Carolina University on Saturday, Dec. 14.

MILITARY NOTES

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Air Force Airman **Rashaad E. Bell** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. Bell is the son of Melva Bell of Washington, D.C., and Reginald Bell Sr. of Alexandria. He is a 2012 graduate of Anacostia Senior High School, Washington, D.C.

Air Force Airman **William T. Luster** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. Luster is the son of Elizabeth Luster of Alexandria. He is a 2010 graduate of West Potomac High School.



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Music for Salvation Army

Shoppers at Hollin Hall Safeway had the festive joy of hearing James West on his coronet playing Christmas carols on a chilly, overcast Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 17. Standing a six-foot-four, West is originally from Kent, England. He now lives in Canada and works as a horticulturalist. For the past three years he's made the trip to the U.S. with his coronet to volunteer at a Salvation Army kettle, playing in six-hour shifts. "It's the musicians who bring in the most money," he said with a grin.

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ONGOING

African American Activists

Exhibition. Through Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014, Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing photo-documentary project created in 2006 by artist-photographer Nina Tisara to identify, honor and chronicle people making current history in Alexandria. This free exhibit is at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 601 Wythe St. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or call 703-746-4356.

Art Exhibit. “Small Works,” juried by Irene Owsley will run Nov. 26-Jan. 5, at the Multiple Exposures Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Art Exhibit. See “IMPART,” a project that is a collaboration between The Art League and the Wounded Warriors at Ft. Belvoir. Features ceramics by eight artists showcased at The Art League in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Exhibit runs through Jan. 5. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

“The Street Sense Project.” Thien-Kim Pham presents “Portraits of People Who Live and Work on the Streets” in studio 21 at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The exhibit runs Dec. 5 through Jan. 6. A portion of the sales will be donated to a local charity related to the subject matter depicted in the piece. Visit www.theartleague.org or 703-683-1780 for more.

Art Exhibit. “Small Worlds,” a multimedia juried exhibition with a focus on artists who work in miniature or small scales will run Dec. 6-Jan. 12, at the Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Solo Artist Preview Exhibit. Runs Jan. 9-23 at at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, on the waterfront in Old Town Alexandria at 105 N Union St. Call 703-683-1780 or visit www.theartleague.org. The Art League’s Solo Artist Preview Exhibit premieres one piece by each of the nine solo artists on the 2014 exhibition calendar, which include photographers, collage artists, sculptors, and painters. A panel of outside jurors select the solo exhibits at The Art League in a process that happens two years in advance.

Art Exhibit. See “No Room For Doubt,” abstract works on wood, canvas and paper by Kristen Hayes through Jan. 26 at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Free. Visit nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

Art Exhibit. Artist John Gascot of Studio 4, 218 N. Lee St., suite 101, creates an art exhibit to honor the life journeys of transgender individuals. It will be on display through January. Gallery hours are Thursday-Saturday, noon-7 p.m. and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. or by appointment. Visit www.studio4oldtown.com for more.

Art Exhibit. See “Primary Colors” art exhibit from Jan. 3-Feb. 2 at The Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Artists use the three primary colors without mixing them. Free. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Art Exhibit. See a solo photographic exhibit “Darkness Visible” by Timothy Hyde at Multiple Exposures Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Runs Jan. 7 through Feb. 16. Hyde’s photography examines the mysteries hidden in the shadows. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Theater Performance. Arts on the Horizon presents “Under the



Joe Crookston

Live Music

Focus Music presents contemporary folk singer-songwriter Joe Crookston with Tiffany Thompson on Sunday, Jan. 19, 7 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St. Ohio native Joe Crookston is the classic traveling troubadour, accompanied by guitar, banjo or fiddle, plus an amplified foot-stomping box. Now based in Ithaca, N.Y., he has released his third CD,



Tiffany Thompson

“Darkling and the Bluebird Jubilee.” Since 2008, D.C.-based Tiffany Thompson has toured as a solo artist, fusing story-telling folk and pop songs with an often jazzy sound. Visit www.joecrookston.com or www.tiffanythompsonmusic.com. \$18/\$15 for advance sales and members, visit www.focusmusic.org/concerts_alexandria.php

Canopy,” a 20-minute interactive, nonverbal show for children up to age 4. Performances are Feb. 12-14, 16, 17, 19-21, 23 at 10:30 a.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. \$5/person. Tickets at www.artsonthehorizon.org or at the door.

Occupied City: Life in Civil War Alexandria Exhibition. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St., through Sunday, March 23. This exhibit traces life in Alexandria following Virginia’s decision to secede from the Union in May 1861. The Lyceum is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Suggested admission is \$2. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org or call 703-746-4994.

CLASSES

Metro Club After-School Program.

From Sept. 9-June 2014, the Metropolitan School of Arts presents an after-school program for grades 1-6. The program is located at both the Lorton studio at Workhouse Arts Center, 9517 Workhouse Way and in Alexandria at 5775 Barclay Drive. Programs will focus on the arts, including music, dance, theatre, yoga and academics, as well as designated homework time. The program will run Mondays, 1-6 p.m., and Tuesday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. Tuition runs from \$130-150. Call 703-339-0444 or visit www.metropolitanarts.org.

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Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union Street. Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

SATURDAY/JAN. 4

Show. Doors open at 10 a.m., show starts at 11 a.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. “Dezmo and the Secret Power of Knowledge” will be performed for children. \$15/person. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com/ for more.

Music Performance. 3 p.m. at George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic will perform. This is a rescheduled concert from Dec. 8. \$20/adult; children 18 and under are free. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or 703-799-8229.

SUNDAY/JAN. 5

Twelfth Night. 6 p.m. at Christ Church, 118 N. Washington St. Armonia Nova, an ensemble of historical instruments and voices celebrates 12 years of Twelfth Night concerts with more than a dozen seasonal early music gems from England, France, Germany and Spain. Constance Whiteside, medieval/baroque harps; Craig Resta, vielle & baroque violin; Corey McKnight and Jay White countertenors. Donations welcomed. Visit www.armonianova.org.

MONDAY/JAN. 6

Second Thursday Music. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Hear music by The Noctonals. \$10. Visit www.nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

Choral Evensong. 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St. Enjoy music on the Feast of the Epiphany. Free. Optional donation will benefit St. Paul’s Lazarus Ministry. 703-549-3312 for more.

TUESDAY/JAN. 7

Salon-Style Series. 6-8 p.m. at Morrison House, 116 S. Alfred St. Catherine B. Hollan will discuss American silver. Free, food and drink for purchase. Visit www.morrisonhouse.com or www.torpedofactory.org for more.

THURSDAY/JAN. 9

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SATURDAY/JAN. 11

Dance Performance. 2 p.m. at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Jane Franklin Dance performs “Mouse of Amherst,” adapted from the book “Mouse in House” by Elizabeth Spires. \$15/adult; \$10/child. Visit www.janefranklin.com or 703-933-1111.

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SUNDAY/JAN. 12

Performance. Doors open at 1:30 p.m., show at 2 p.m. at Grace Episcopal School, 3601 Russell Road. Families can enjoy a performance by Rocknoceros. \$5/person. Visit rocknoceros.com for more.

Gallery Talk. 2-3:30 p.m. Kristen Hayes will lead a talk about her exhibit “No Room For Doubt” at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Free. Visit nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

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Swing Dance. 9-11 p.m. at Nick’s Nightclub, 642 S. Pickett St. Dance to music by The Grandsons. \$10.

FRIDAY/JAN. 17

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Jackson Edwards (of the WeatherVanes) will open for Junior Brown. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for tickets.

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MONDAY/JAN. 6

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Read to the Dog. 2 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. Children ages 6-12 can read aloud to a trained therapy dog. Register for a 15-minute session. 703-768-6700.

Wild and Wonderful: Hidden Pond. 3:30 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Children ages 6-12 can learn about animals in nature. Free. Registration required.

Let's Play. 4 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library. Children ages 6-12 can play board games, card games and puzzles. Free. Registration required.

TUESDAY/JAN. 7

Sherwood Poetry Read-Around. 6:45 p.m. at Sherwood Library. Adults can share favorite poems, either original or by a favorite poet. Free.

Sweet Dreams. 7 p.m. at Kingstowne Library. Children can enjoy stories and songs with their families. Registration required for adults and children.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 8

Rising Words, Rising Images. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library. Discuss "Macbeth" by William Shakespeare. For teens ages 13-18. Free. Registration required.

Toddler Time. 10:30 a.m. at John Marshall Library. Children ages 13-23 months can listen to stories. Registration required.

KNCAA Book Group. 2 p.m. at Kingstowne Center for Active Adults, next door to the Kingstowne Library. "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" by Deborah Moggach.

THURSDAY/JAN. 9

Movies at Martha. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. Adults and teens age 13 and up can enjoy a movie. Call

for title. 703-768-6700.

SATURDAY/JAN. 11

Friends Book Sale. 10 a.m. at Kingstowne Library. All ages can find something.

Wag A Tale. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library. Children ages 5-12 can register to read aloud to a reading therapy dog. Registration required, 703-339-4610.

MONDAY/JAN. 13

Fun for 2s & 3s. 10:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. at John Marshall Library. Children ages 2-3 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required.

Terrific Twos and Threes. 10:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library. Children ages 2-3 can enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays. Free. Registration required.

Cliffhanger Book Club. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. Children ages 8-10 can listen to a story being read aloud. Free. Registration required.

Books and Ideas. 7:30 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library. Discuss "Midnight's Children" by Salman Rushdie. Free. Registration required.

TUESDAY/JAN. 14

Winter Fun. 10:30 a.m. at Martha Washington Library. Children up to 23 months can enjoy stories, songs and movement activities. Free. Registration required.

Small Wonders. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library. Stories, songs and games for ages 12-23 months with an adult. Registration required.

Martha's Book Discussion. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. Adults can discuss "Quiet" by Susan Cain. Free.

Second Tuesday Book Group. 7 p.m. at Kingstowne Library. Discuss "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer. Free. Visit secondtuesdaybookgroup.blogspot.com.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 15

A to Zoo Storytime. 10:30 a.m. at John Marshall Library. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required.

THURSDAY/JAN. 16

Martha's Poetry Discussion. 2 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. Discuss the poetry of Emily Dickeson. Free.

Book Discussion. 7:15 p.m. at John Marshall Library. Discuss "Long Walk to Freedom: An Autobiography" by Nelson Mandela. Free.

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SATURDAY/JAN. 25

Dance Performance. 2 p.m. at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Jane Franklin Dance performs "Penelope's Pesky Pen," inspired by a children's book by Frank Dormer. \$10-\$15/person. Visit www.janefranklin.com or 703-933-1111.

Dance Performance. 7 p.m. at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Jane Franklin Dance performs "The Trickster," a multidisciplinary work in collaboration with percussionist Tom Teasley. \$20/person. Visit www.janefranklin.com or 703-933-1111 or get tickets at the door.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Manhattans featuring Gerald Alston and Blue Lovett will perform. \$45. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for tickets.

SUNDAY/JAN. 26

Dance Performance. 2 p.m. at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four

Mile Run Drive. Jane Franklin Dance performs "Penelope's Pesky Pen," inspired by a children's book by Frank Dormer. \$10-\$15/person. Visit www.janefranklin.com or 703-933-1111.

MONDAY/JAN. 27

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Robin Zander of Cheap Trick will perform a solo concert. \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for tickets.

SUNDAY/FEB. 23

Dance Performance. 4 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. See "I Missed It" by Jane Franklin Dance Company. \$20. Visit www.janefranklin.com or 703-933-1111.

THURSDAY/APRIL 17

Live Music. See Kevin Costner & Modern West at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. 7:30 p.m. \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for tickets. Visit www.kevincostner.com.

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Top Sports Moments of 2013 in Mount Vernon

The year 2013 provided several exciting moments in local sports. The Mount Vernon boys' soccer team won a state championship. Mount Vernon's Bill Adusei and West Potomac's William Rupp each won a state wrestling title and West Potomac's Katie Genuario earned all-state cross country honors.

Here is a look at the top moments in Mount Vernon sports for 2013.

Mount Vernon Boys' Soccer Wins State Championship

The Mount Vernon boys' soccer team lived on the edge during the 2013 postseason.

Three times the Majors' playoff hopes came down to a penalty-kick shootout, including the AAA state championship game against Cosby. Each time, Mount Vernon came out on top — thanks in large part to goalkeeper Lucas Belanger.

In the state final on June 9, Cosby had an opportunity to win the shootout but Belanger came up with a save. After each team converted its next chance, Mount Vernon's Erik Rodriguez put his attempt in the net to put the pressure back on the Titans. With Cosby needing a successful PK to extend the shootout, Belanger came up with another save, ending the match with a 0-0 (6-5) Majors victory and giving Mount Vernon its first team state championship since the football team won it all in 1983.

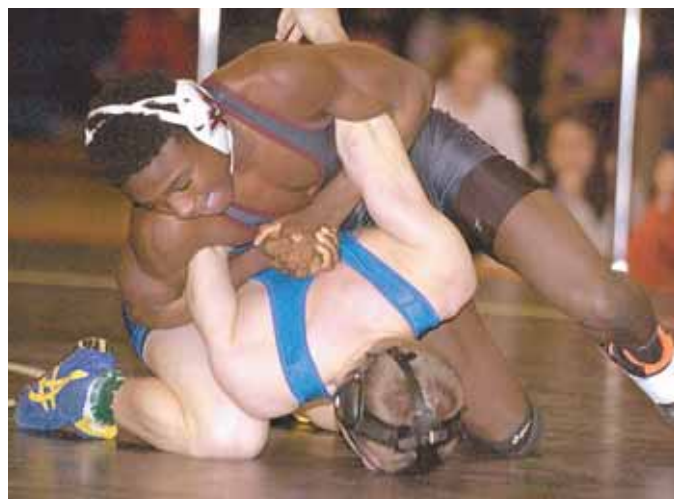
"I'm actually in shock that we did it," Mount Vernon head coach Tony Garza said after the game. "I'm shocked that we put it all together. We came in with eight losses — the most losses a state tournament team had — and we prevailed and went all the way through, so it was great."

Mount Vernon finished the season with a 14-8-1 record and won the National District championship. The Majors overcame a 3-7-1 start to the season due in part to the additions of Belanger and forward Rahim Costa-Dorsey, who had each been playing academy soccer.

"The biggest thing, though, is for the boys and the community," Garza said after the state final. "When we go to away games to schools out west — no disrespect to any of the schools out west — but a lot of boys, they hear stuff [from people] — you're Route 1 trash, you're poor. Some of the boys, they block it out. The Route 1 corridor, the community of Route 1 and Mount Vernon needed this win. We needed that [winning feeling]."

Mount Vernon's Adusei, West Potomac's Rupp Win State Titles

A pair of grapplers from the Mount



Mount Vernon's Bill Adusei won National District, Northern Region and state wrestling championships in the 126-pound weight class in 2013.

Vernon area captured state championships in 2013.

Mount Vernon's Bill Adusei, then a freshman, and West Potomac's William Rupp, then a senior, won state titles in their respective weight classes. Adusei won National District, Northern Region and state titles in the 126-pound weight class and finished with a 32-2 record. He placed third at nationals and became a freshman All-American.

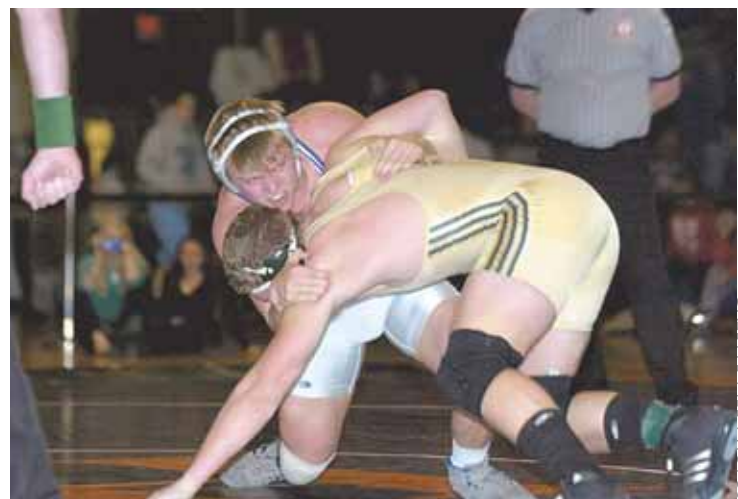
"Adusei is a great kid who teaches in the room and is a total team leader," Mount Vernon head coach Anthony McDuffie wrote in an email, "even as a freshman."

Rupp won Patriot District, Northern Region and state titles in the 220-pound weight class and finished the season with a 42-0 record.

"I feel like, especially coming into this season, no one really knew who I was," Rupp said after winning states, "and I really had to throw myself out there ..."



The Mount Vernon boys' soccer team celebrates winning the 2013 AAA state championship.



West Potomac's William Rupp won the 220-pound state wrestling championship and finished the 2012-13 season undefeated.



West Potomac senior Katie Genuario (1499) placed 11th in 6A at the 2013 VHSL state cross country meet.

West Potomac Harrier Genuario Earns All-State

Katie Genuario finished 23rd at the 2012 state cross country meet. One year later, the West Potomac senior improved by 12 places and earned all-state honors.

Genuario placed 11th in 6A at the VHSL state cross country meet on Nov. 15 at Great Meadow.

"I think it's always been my goal to somehow make it [in the] top 15 and it feels awesome that I finally accomplished that," Genuario said at the state meet. "Our region is really tough and to only finish a few places behind last week [at regionals] is amazing."

Genuario finished with a time of 18:24, 40 seconds faster than her time of 19:04 at the 2012 state meet.

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Holiday Smiles

Helping out on Saturday, Dec. 14, with gift distribution to parents are UCM teen volunteers (from left) Pat Umanzor, brother and sister Will Shute and Nina Shute, Yaneth Castro, and Juan Alvarez.



UCM teen volunteers from West Potomac High and Hayfield Secondary assist low-income parents to select books for their children at United Community Ministries' Holiday Gift Room.



Carol Howerton, Stratford Woman's Club luncheon chairman, and Maureen Ribble, entertainer and actress.

Ribble Performs for Woman's Club

The Stratford Woman's Club members and guests were entertained recently by Maureen Ribble, a Fort Hunt neighbor, at their annual Christmas luncheon held at the

Mount Vernon Country Club. Ribble has performed for five presidents, has had a cabaret show, performed at the U.S. Capitol and currently has a one woman show, "Music for the Greatest Generation."



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Championship Banner Presentation

Current West Potomac Dance Team members and coaches, Dance/Drill Team Alumni, West Potomac High School Principal Alex Case and Fairfax County Public Schools Board Member Dan Storck gather during halftime at the varsity basketball game on Dec. 20, 2013. The Dance team presented West Potomac with the National Championship banner they were awarded last spring.



The Varsity and JV dance teams perform at half-time at the West Potomac Varsity basketball game on Dec. 20, 2013. Team members include: Varsity Captains - Kaila Anderson, Jordyn Elliott, Lyndsay Leisher and team members: Mary Grace McPeck, Destiny Webb, Alondra Alvarez, Lily Weisblatt, Kate Todd, Clare Spitnale, Haley Narins, Meghan Wilkerson, Jaime Wheaton, Jessika Dickerson, Lisa Cohen, Caroline Austin, Jensen Wainwright, Fiona Penn, Marge Lingenfelter, Madison Kurcias, Emma Cullen, Jordan McCray, Patricia Peters, Lena Harmata, Emily Carbone, Courtney Chauncey, Maddie McMullin, Emma Anderson. JV Captains are Leslie Nares and Valerie Martin and team members include: Beth Burns, Kate Babiuch, Tommy Halladay, Cat Garber, Lyssa Leisher, Jenni Wheaton, Anna Ustun, Katie Martineau, Hannah Nobles, Emily Madden, Madison Harden, Vera Abankwa, Logan Petkosek, Bela Starinchak, Zerrin Osei, Kristin Gulgucki, Catherine Chittal and Victoria Rulapaugh.



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Helping Santa

Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club President Jack Dobbyn assisted Santa and Sacramento Neighborhood Center (SNC) Director Teleshia Taylor-Boyd on Dec. 14 in "gifting" 60 neighborhood students who actively participated in the SNC's after-school programs for further learning. The SNC is located in Sacramento Plaza on Richmond Highway near Cooper Road, and serves about 200 children year round. It is part of the UCM family of operations. Mount Vernon Kiwanis donates about 60 gift certificates worth \$10 each purchased from Wal-Mart every year at Christmas time and also supports the SNC's summer program financially. Above, from left, are Mount Vernon Kiwanis members Bruce Malkin, Joanne Malkin, Santa, Jack Dobbyn, and Telishia Taylor-Boyd, SNC's director.

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Art Assists Soldier's Recovery

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cludes vision and speech therapy, treatment to improve his memory and physical training. All of that is helping, Meadows said, but he surprises everyone when he identifies the key to his ongoing recovery — ceramics.

"All the problems go away when I'm working with clay," Meadows said. "It opened the door for recovery for me."

Meadows came to ceramics through the efforts of Blair Meerfeld, chairman of the ceramics department at the Art League of Alexandria. Meerfeld convinced Fort Belvoir officials to offer ceramics as one of their therapeutic activities, largely by demonstrating his potter's wheel before clinic patients.

Meadows signed up for Meerfeld's class and quickly got his hands on the clay. "At first, I made a little pig, then a three-legged elephant and a turtle," he recalled. "All of a sudden, overnight, I started making more complex subjects. I had never done anything in clay." One of Meerfeld's fellow instructors, Carla Amerau, was surprised at Jonathan's innate skill.

"It is amazing to me that less than a year ago, Jon showed up to take our class having never worked with clay," said Amerau. "Today he is producing amazing, emotionally powerful sculptures. They are works of art that creatively express his religious faith, life experiences and personal traumas."

"Jon's enormous talent is not something we taught him," added Amerau, a Mount Vernon resident. "It was probably always there. Our class just allowed him to express his ideas and feelings in a creative way."

The Art League is featuring Meadows's work, and ceramics from other wounded warriors, in a special exhibit at the Torpedo Factory through Jan. 5. Several of his pieces were on display for a special reception hosted by the Art League on Dec. 12.



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The Art League of Alexandria featured ceramic sculpture by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Meadows, left, at a reception highlighting Wounded Warrior art on Dec. 12 at the Torpedo Factory. At right is Jose D. Riojas, chief of staff to the U.S. secretary of veterans affairs. U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney, center, is Meadows's congressman from Connecticut's 2nd District.

Among the dozens of people crowding the gallery that evening was U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney, Meadows's congressman from Connecticut's 2nd District. Also there was Jose D. Riojas, chief of staff to the U.S. secretary of veterans affairs.

"Jon's sculptures amazed many people at the show," Amerau said afterward, "and one woman told me his sculpture made her cry."

Meerfeld, also at the reception, spoke of how the League instructors benefited from working with the Wounded Warriors: "It's therapy for us too."

The Art League is holding another reception for its Wounded Warrior exhibit at the Torpedo Factory on Jan. 5 from 2-4 p.m.

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Richard E. Gutting, Jr.

Richard E. Gutting, Jr. died December 24, 2013 in Alexandria, VA. He was 70. Mr. Gutting graduated from Stanford University and Stanford Law School in 1968 to pursue a 45-year career of law, government service, writing and teaching. He was President of the National Fisheries Institute and partner with the law firm of Redmon, Peyton and Braswell. Mr. Gutting also served as general counsel for fisheries of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, counsel for the Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation of the U.S. House of Representatives and as legal advisor to the President's Council on Environmental Quality. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Jimmie B. Cook, his son David J. Gutting and his wife Monica of Santa Rosa, California, his daughter Gretchen E. Curtis of Menlo Park, California, four granddaughters Alondra Gutting of Santa Rosa, CA, Linnea Gutting of Santa Rosa, CA, Natalie J. Curtis of Menlo Park, CA, and Stella M. Curtis of Menlo Park, CA. He also leaves one sister Anne L. Gutting of Huntington, NY. His family thanks Richard's many friends and neighbors for the extraordinary love and support as he battled his final illness. Services will be private. Expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of a donation to the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, P.O. Box 25036, Alexandria, VA 22313 www.alexandriaseaport.org

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Christmas Party at Creekside

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TOYOTA LIFETIME GUARANTEE

Mufflers • Exhaust Pipes • Shocks • Struts
Toyota mufflers, exhaust pipes, shocks, struts and strut cartridges are guaranteed to the original purchaser for the life of the vehicle when installed by an authorized Toyota dealer. See us for full details.



TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE OIL & FILTER SERVICE SPECIAL

\$5⁰⁰ OFF

Includes: Change oil, install Genuine Toyota oil filter, inspect & adjust all fluid levels and complimentary multi-point inspection with print out.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE TRUE START BATTERY SPECIAL

\$129⁹⁵

INCLUDES BATTERY INSTALLATION

Includes: 84 month warranty, 24 month FREE replacement, 24 month FREE roadside assistance, 60 month prorated, PLUS we'll check all battery cables & connections.

Does not apply to hybrid batteries. NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 1/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE BRAKE SPECIAL

\$79⁹⁵

PADS

Includes: Install Genuine Toyota front brake pads, inspect front & rear rotors & drums, check tire condition and inspect all hardware. Pads only.

MACHINE ROTORS AN ADDITIONAL \$199.95.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE VARIABLE DISCOUNT

\$5.00 OFF with purchase of \$35.00 - \$49.99
\$10.00 OFF with purchase of \$50.00 - \$99.99
\$15.00 OFF with purchase of \$100.00 - \$199.99
\$20.00 OFF with purchase of \$200.00 - \$499.99
\$50.00 OFF with purchase of \$500.00 Or more

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE WINTER DETAIL SPECIAL

\$119⁹⁵

Prepare your car's paint for the harsh winter road conditions. A full exterior buffing, paint sealant and wax, along with a vacuuming of the interior. Vans & SUVs add \$20.00.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE BUY 3 TIRES AND GET 4TH FOR

\$1⁰⁰



GOT TIRES? NO CHARGE ROAD HAZARD PROTECTION, TIRE WARRANTY, AND FREE COURTESY MULTI-POINT INSPECTION. PRICE MATCH GUARANTEE. SEE SERVICE ADVISOR FOR DETAILS.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE

DETAIL SPECIALS

\$39⁹⁵

Wash & Vacuum

\$139⁹⁵

Hand wash, wax & interior cleaning

\$295⁹⁵

Full premium detail

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE COMPLIMENTARY MULTI-POINT INSPECTION

Includes: Inspect tires, brakes, wipers, lights, belts & hoses & fluid levels.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE 4 WHEEL ALIGNMENT

\$89⁹⁵

Your car's alignment suffers, and can cause uneven tire wear, steering problems and decreased fuel economy.

INCLUDES: Inspect suspension, ball joints, struts & shocks, tire condition and set tire pressure.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE 12% OFF ANY FACTORY RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE WINTER MAINTENANCE PACKAGE SPECIAL

\$59⁹⁵

INCLUDES: Install Genuine Toyota oil filter, up to 5 qts of oil, tire rotation, tire tread inspection, set proper tire pressure, battery check (with print-out), inspect brakes, inspect drive belts, check & top off all fluids and check engine coolant/antifreeze.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE WE WILL MEET OR BEAT ANY LOCAL TOYOTA DEALERSHIP'S CURRENT ADVERTISED SERVICE SPECIALS

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE FREE QUICK ALIGNMENT CHECK

We will take the guess work out. Stop paying for alignments you don't need.

ADJUSTMENTS, \$89.95

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Service & Parts Dept. Hours:
Monday - Friday,
7:00am to 7:00pm
Saturday,
8:00am to 5:00pm



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