



Staff photo/Steve Hunt

Driver Hits Gas Pump, Causes Fire

Fairfax County firefighters were called to a Shell gas station in the 8500 block of Richmond Highway in Mount Vernon Sunday when a car caught fire at the gas pump. Units arrived on scene and found a car and gas pump engulfed in flames. The driver had safely evacu-

ated the vehicle prior to fire department arrival. Firefighters were able to quickly extinguish the fire.

Fire Investigators determined that the driver was pulling up to the gas pump to fuel up her vehicle. The individual tried to stop the vehicle when she accidental-

ly stepped on the accelerator and knocked the fuel pump over. The vehicle's impact with the fuel pump ignited the fire.

There were no firefighter injuries. The driver was transported to a local hospital for an evaluation. Damages as a result of the fire are approximately \$50,000.



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Downsizing Helps Out Four Families

A family in Washington, DC recently decided to downsize and generously offered their extra furniture to Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services knowing it helped families living on tight budgets as they turn around their financial situations. "I was thrilled when Joe Oliver reached out to us. Just this month we had several new families move into our housing," said Lesley Hatch, VP and COO of GSH. "Our Community Case Manager, Aleisha Wilhite, was able to connect four families with furniture. Sometimes families move in with just a bed, so receiving a dresser or a sofa can be just what is needed to turn an apartment into a home." TWO MEN AND A TRUCK® moved the furniture.

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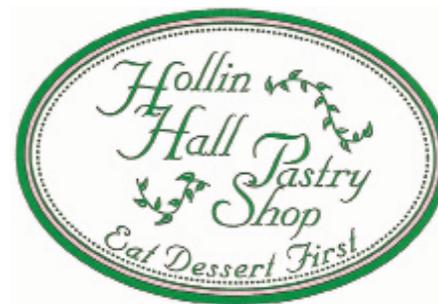
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