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## A FEW NOTES OF INSPIRATION

*Renowned pianist performs for Appomattox Regional Governor's School*



Don Irwin started playing piano with Willie Nelson when he was only 14 years old.



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Don Irwin, pianist, performs for students at the Appomattox Regional Governor's School Tuesday morning.

BY F.M. WIGGINS  
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PETERSBURG — Don Irwin started to play with Willie Nelson when he was just 14 years old. That's about the same age as some of the freshman at Appomattox Regional Governor's School for the Arts and Technology, which is where Irwin — a renowned Steinway pianist — performed Tuesday.

Irwin came to the school to talk to the students about his passion — music — but he also came to perform for the students.

"I really wish that I had been able to go to a high school like this," Irwin said before the performance. "To be able to pursue your passion without having to wait to get to college, that's

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Appomattox Regional Governor's School students listen as Irwin plays.

## Medical centers to limit visitors

*SRMC, JRMC won't allow most minors due to H1N1 fears*

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PETERSBURG — Local hospitals are changing their visitation policies in response to the H1N1 and seasonal flu.

Richmond and Tri-Cities area hospitals announced yesterday a coordinated plan to reduce the spread of seasonal and H1N1 flu by limiting visitors to healthy adults 18 years and older and no more than two adult visitors at a time per patient.

The new policy goes into effect Monday and will last at least through March of next year.

The new policy was designed to help protect patients, visitors and staff at the area hospitals, but especially children. Children in particular are more likely to get the H1N1 flu and can be infectious for longer periods of time, putting them at greater risk of carrying the virus into health care settings.

"We recognize that this is a departure from what patients and families are used to," said Southside Regional Medical Center spokeswoman Terry Tysinger. Southside Regional Medical Center and John Randolph Medical Center in Hopewell are both participating in the plan. "The

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### Election 2009

## Va. Lt. Gov. candidates spar over job records

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RICHMOND — In their campaign for lieutenant governor, Republican Bill Bolling and Democrat Jody Wagner are both accusing the other of botching their duties in high-ranking state government posts.

Bolling, who's seeking a second term in the state's No. 2 job, says Wagner is responsible for billions in budget cuts because her revenue projections as Virginia's secretary of finance were way off the mark.

Wagner paints Bolling as a no-show lieutenant governor who sat on the sidelines and criticized those who were trying to solve the state's budget and transportation problems.

Neither argument has much to do with the job's only official duties — presiding over the Senate and succeeding the governor. Voters will decide Nov. 3 who fills the \$36,000-a-year, part-time job that is often a first step to running for governor.

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## Juvenile shot on Hinton Street

FROM STAFF REPORTS

PETERSBURG — A young man is in the hospital after being shot on Hinton Street Wednesday night. Petersburg police were on scene looking for evidence on a possible suspect.

A call for shots fired was received at 5:15 p.m., police said in a statement. They found a juvenile male with a gunshot wound to the lower leg. He was taken by helicopter for treatment at an unnamed hospital. Part of Hinton Street and

the area behind a grey duplex was cordoned off from dozens of curious neighbors. Police forensic team members were en route around 6 p.m.

Witnesses on the street, filled with small homes between South Chappel Street and Battersea Lane, are cooperating with police. They have found a possible suspect vehicle in the area. No further information was available.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Solvers at 861-1212



PATRICK KANE/STAFF PHOTO

Police investigate a shooting on Hinton Street on Wednesday. A juvenile male suffered leg injuries.

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