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Concerts

Julianne Baird, soprano, and Andrew Willis, fortepiano, 7:30 p.m. today, Christ United Methodist Church, 410 S. Holden St., Greensboro. \$18. (336) 333-2605.

New Kids on the Block, 8 p.m. today, Time Warner Cable Arena, Charlotte. \$35, \$55, \$75; tickets available at all Ticketmaster outlets.

The Avett Brothers, 8:30 p.m. Friday, War Memorial Auditorium, Greensboro. SOLD OUT.

N.C. Symphony's Halloween Spooktacular, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Meymandi Concert Hall, Raleigh. Get ticket information at ncsymphony.org or (919) 733-2750.

N.C. Triad Women for Obama present Polecat Creek and Rhiannon Giddens, 3 p.m. Saturday, The Green Bean, 341 South Elm St., Greensboro. Free, but tickets are required. Get tickets between noon and 4 p.m. Friday at the old Guilford County Courthouse at Governmental Plaza, 300 W. Washington St., Greensboro. (336) 512-6480.

The Cheetah Girls, 4 p.m. Sunday, Greensboro Coliseum. \$35, \$45; tickets available through Ticketmaster.

Nine Inch Nails, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Greensboro Coliseum. \$25, \$35, \$45; tickets available through Ticketmaster.

Hallie Hogan, mezzo-soprano, and Omri Shimron, piano, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Whitley Auditorium, Elon University. Free. (336) 278-5610.

Dolly Parton, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, RBC Center, Raleigh. \$49.50, \$59.50; tickets available through Ticketmaster.

Events

Native American Cultural Festival, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Greensboro Cultural Center, 200 N. Davie St., Greensboro. Free. (336) 373-2044.

Caswell Artists League's Studio Tour, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Stanley Woodworks, 7567 Blanch Road, Blanch, and Vernon-White Studio, 413 Vernon Road, Blanch. Visit caswellartistsleague.org for more information.

Orange County Artists Guild Open Studio Tour, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, various studios. Visit orangecountyartistsguild.com for more details.

Jordan Lake Arts & Music Bluegrass Festival, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jordan Lake Farm, 1226 Martha's Chapel Road, Apex. Get more details at jordanlakeartsandmusic.org or call (919) 475-1847.

Exhibits

Burlington Artists League's 25th Fine Arts Competition Exhibition runs through Friday at the BAL Gallery in Burlington Square Mall. (336) 584-3005.

Artwork by Elon resident Tom Conally is on display through Friday at Eden Public Library, 598 S. Pierce St., and Eden City Hall, 308 E. Stadium Drive, Eden. For more details, call (9336) 623-3168 or visit eden.nc.us.

Artwork by Libby Rowe will be on display through Monday, Arts West Gallery, Elon University. (336) 278-5610.



Photo submitted

Cellist Viktor Uzur, left, and guitarist Brad Richter perform at 7 p.m. Saturday at The Village at Brookwood, 1860 Brookwood Ave., Burlington. Admission is free, but reservations are required. Contact the Alamance County Arts Council at (336) 226-4495 for more information.

Passionate on the strings

Renowned guitarist, cellist join forces for unique show

By Charity Apple
Times-News

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Brad Richter was only 12 when he saved up the money and bought a guitar from a pawnshop, all without his parents' knowledge.

"I hid it at a friend's house," Richter, now 39, said in a recent phone interview from his home in Tucson, Ariz. His parents eventually gave in, and the self-taught musician began taking lessons at the age of 19.

Richter, now regarded as one of the leading guitarists and guitar composers of the 21st century, wasn't ashamed to admit "I was pretty obsessed."

That same passion is attached to everything Richter

does. He has teamed up with Viktor Uzur, cello professor at Weber State University in Utah, to perform a few shows nationwide, including a 7 p.m. concert Saturday at The Village at Brookwood, 1860 Brookwood Ave., Burlington. Admission is free but seating is limited and reservations are required. The event is presented by the Alamance County Arts Council.

Richter describes his musical relationship with Uzur as "a healthy challenge to keep up with him."

"We both had different backgrounds. He was a child prodigy. One of the things that has really re-energized me is getting to play with Viktor. He pushes me in a lot of ways I wasn't pushing myself. That's really been inspiring."

One thing that excites both musicians is the classical and rock mashups. The talented pair takes classical songs and combines them with rock tunes. Don't be surprised if you hear Stevie Wonder's "Superstition" or Kool & The Gang's "Jungle Boogie" mixed with classical compositions.

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There's plenty to do on Halloween

By Lauren Brown
Times-News correspondent

Looking for something to do this Halloween? If so, Alamance County offers a variety of options for trick-or-treaters and the entire family. Check out the list below:

Dark in the Park and annual fireworks show

■ 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday at Burlington City Park (in between the YMCA and Ham's Restaurant)

■ Halloween-themed fireworks show, located at City Park Ball Field No. 1. Other fun-filled activities include amusement rides, costume contests, carnival games put on by local nonprofit groups, inflatable rides and trick or treat candy. Amusement rides and concessions open at 5 p.m.; fireworks show is at 8:30 p.m. Admission and fireworks are free; very small cost for rides. For more information, call (336) 229-3148.



Downtown trick-or-treating

■ 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Friday in downtown Burlington. Treat bags will be available at Historic Depot. (336) 222-8497.

■ Participating merchants on Front, Davis, Spring and Main Streets and Maple and Lexington Avenues will be handing out Halloween goodies to costumed children and their parents/guardians trick-or-treating from store to store. A limited supply of trick or treat bags will be provided at the Historic Depot, though participants are welcome to bring their own bags. Remember to look for the orange flyers designating participating locations. Participation is free. For more information, call (336) 222-8497 or (336) 222-5017.

Trick or Treat at the Times-News

■ 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Friday at the Times-News office, 707 S. Main St., Burlington. Stop by the Times-News and have your photo taken in costume. All ages welcome. Photos will be available for purchase and viewing at thetimesnews.com. Enter a photo contest at thetimesnews.com/halloween. For more information, call (336) 227-0131.



Trick or Treat at Burlington Square Mall

■ 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday (or until the candy runs out)

■ Shopping at Burlington Square Mall never seemed so ... tasty. Trick-or-treat bags will be provided to participants at guest services, where they can then start making the candy collection rounds at participating mall stores. Look for the laminated orange pumpkins in the store front windows indicating participation. Participants can also bring their own trick or treat bags. For more information, call (336) 584-5118 or visit shopburlingtonsquare.com.

Family friendly Halloween at Burlington Outlet Village

■ 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday at Burlington Outlet Village, 2389 Corporation Parkway

Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

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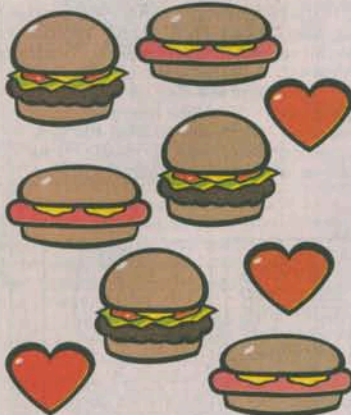
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My name: _____

Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

Hamburger Hunt

Help Henry find the hamburger stand.



My Letters

H is for **Hamburger**
h is for hamburger



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter H. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the **H** sound like the word **hamburger**?

My Numbers

How many hamburgers?

How many hot dogs?

How many hearts?



Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Rhyme Time

A hamburger delicious
 In its cozy bun,
 We slather it with ketchup
 And eat until we're done.

My Sentence

Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



Hamburgers are _____



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Letter Identification With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter H in the word hamburger.	Math Play Point to the number 3 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.	H to H Dot-to-Dot With your child, find and circle six uppercase Hs on one sheet of the newspaper. On the same sheet of newspaper, find and circle six lowercase hs. Have your child connect the "dots" to make a silly picture.	Play "How Many?" With your child, look at a picture or an ad in the newspaper. Ask your child "how many?" regarding something in the picture or ad. For example, you could ask how many people are in one picture. Then count them together.	More or Less Select from the newspaper two pictures or drawings with people in them. Ask your child, "Which picture has more people?" "Which picture has fewer people?"	Left and Right Put one sheet of newspaper on the floor. To practice left and right, give your child directions such as, "Touch the top left corner with your right hand." "Step with your left foot on the lower left corner."	Fitness Time Make newspaper reading time fitness time. Look through the newspaper for pictures of people doing physical activities. With your child, imitate the movements you see in the pictures.

Learning Buddies!

My Kid Scoop comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily activity focuses on a specific learning readiness skill.
Step by Step Success 1. Read the activity instruction aloud. 2. Show how to do the activity by doing it yourself first. 3. Ask your child to copy what you do.

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Paramount's weekend lineup takes a hit

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Two events originally scheduled for this weekend at the Paramount Theater, 128 E. Front St., Burlington, have been canceled, according to managing director David Wright.

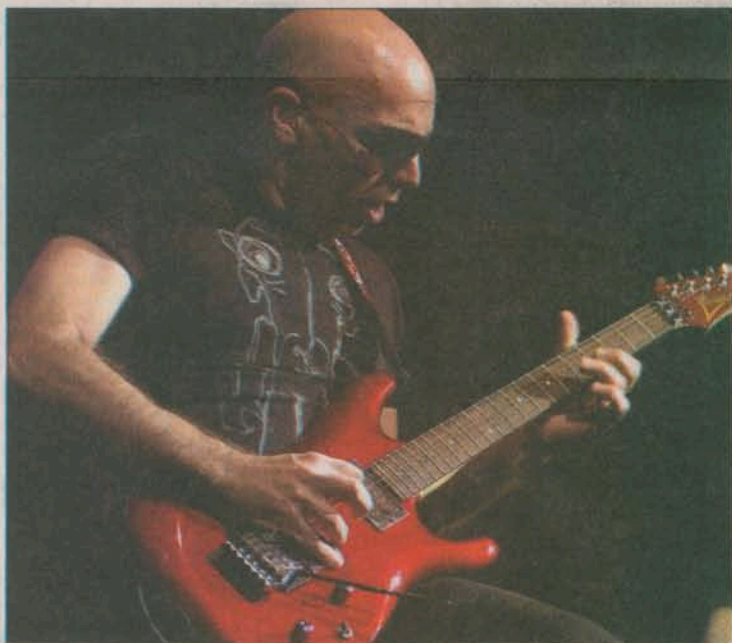
Saturday's "Night With The Blues Brothers" was canceled by the promoters, BRC Entertainment of Ferrum, Va. The company cited lack of ticket sales for the decision.

"Their show has done pretty well in most places it's played," Wright said. "I just don't think they had the advertising at this time to support ticket sales."

Sunday's concert by the Sammy Kaye Orchestra was called off due to the illness of band leader and business manager Roger Thorpe.

"Roger had to undergo bypass heart surgery a week or so ago and will be off the road for several months," Wright added.

"Roger is one of the great guys in the world of the Big Bands. He's been playing since the 1950s."



Danny Walden / Special to the Times-News

Guitarist Joe Satriani wowed the audience Saturday night at the Carolina Theatre in downtown Durham. The performance was Satriani's only North Carolina show on his 2008 tour.

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"It's a lot of fun," Richter said. "It's flashy and exciting."

The duo has performed in a wide variety of venues from night clubs to concert halls, but exposing others to classical music is the goal.

Richter is a guest lecturer at the University of Arizona, where he teaches master classes. Musical education is another one of his passions. He has created the Lead Guitar! foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides musical education for schools with a large number of at-risk youth.

"There is a connection between musical education and learning. When it comes to

math and science skills, reading music can make a big difference. Studies have shown that if you can read music, you can excel at science and math," Richter said.

And when he's not on the road, he's husband to Kerstin Meyers and dad to his two boys, ages 3 and 5. The family comes on the road as often as they can.

"I try to have the whole family come on one or two trips a year. They usually come along to special concerts," he said.

He also enjoys the visits to Kerstin's hometown of Straelen, Germany.

"We spend two months in Germany. We have family there. I love the town. It gives me a chance to work on my music and spend time with the family, too."

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