

Community Rallies to Aid Rising Hope

'Tenth Avenue North' concert is next hurdle.

BY ED SIMMONS JR.
THE GAZETTE

With a timely rescue by Mount Vernon area donors, the shelves in the Rising Hope Mission Church food pantry are now full and 377 young people received backpacks filled with school supplies to head back to school for a fresh start.

Recent articles alerted the community to critical shortages at the church which aids the homeless and needy along the Route 1 corridor.

"Please be sure to say 'Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you!'" said Sarah Heckman who manages the food pantry. "We have food on the shelves and money in the account, and that relieves stress."

Kay Barnes, director of missions, called the community response "astonishing and wonderful." But she also noted that in the long-term budget "we have a huge hole."

"It's desperate times because in the current economic climate the number of people we're supporting is rising week after week and it's really squeezing us right now." She said that just in the past two weeks, 50 more

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Jaime Wheaton, Lena Harmata, Jordan McCray and Kaila Anderson hold up signs to passing motorists advertising the carwash in the church parking lot.

Dancing In 'Suds'

West Potomac High School members held a car wash Saturday, Sept. 8, at St. Luke's Church on Fort Hunt Road. The members soaped up, rubbed down, sprayed off and dried numerous vehicles during their first fundraiser of the season.



The dance team gets down to work with the sponges soaping up a waiting car.

Hoping For Stables' Rescue

Supporters of Woodlawn Stables hold out hope that horses will be able to stay.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

For months, the debate at Woodlawn has been about which option for widening Route 1 is appropriate. Supporters of Woodlawn Stables supported widening in place, but the National Trust for Historic Preservation supported an option known as the Southern Bypass. Now, as the Federal Highway Administration gets closer to announcing a final decision, officials have signaled that the Southern Bypass will be the route that is constructed.

That meant that supporters of Woodlawn Stables lost one key battle. Then the National Trust announced that it would not renew the lease to Scanlin Farms, which operates the business, when its lease expires in 2015. That means that supporters of Woodlawn Stables lost two key battles. But they haven't given up yet. They say that they are hoping the National Trust might change its mind and renew the lease or that the

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Residents Light Up Meeting on Power Outages

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

Dominion Power responds to questions on systems, underground lines.

About 85 residents attended a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 11 concerning long delays in restoring power following the Derecho storm which occurred at the end of June. The event, held at Sherwood Hall Library, was hosted by Del. Scott Surovell and state Sen. Toddy Puller and state Sen. Adam Ebbin along with Dominion Power.

Some residents complained that they had to wait up to 5 days before their power was restored. The storm hit at a time of extreme heat and the lack of air conditioning

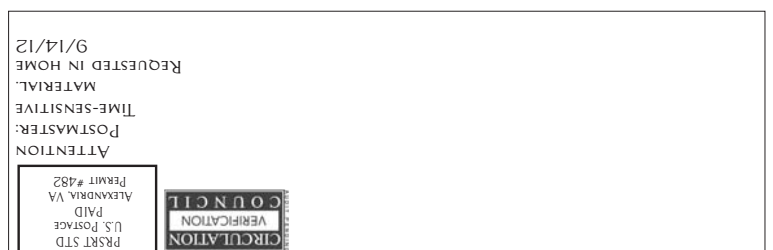
was especially difficult on many families in the Mount Vernon area. Other residents asked questions about the process for having underground power lines and what

the barriers would be. Potential barriers such as obtaining the necessary easements (eminent do-

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Woodbridge **\$269,000**

2200 Jib Lane

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Sarah Heckman (center), food pantry manager, said her shelves are now full and there's money in the account. With her are volunteers Martha Reitman and Andy Powell.

Next Hurdle

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families have turned to Rising Hope for help.

Much depends, she said, on ticket sales to a benefit concert this Sunday, Sept. 16.

Performing at the Hilton Memorial Chapel in Woodbridge is the nationally famous Christian Rock band Tenth Avenue North, now traveling the country for their "Struggle Tour." Their song "You Are More" was the number one Christian song of the year in 2011 according to Billboard.

"It's a nail-biter," said Barnes because ticket sales have been slow. "We very much hope that organizations with large youth groups



PHOTOS BY ED SIMMONS JR./THE GAZETTE

Rising Hope is depending on ticket sales for this Sunday's benefit performance by Tenth Avenue North.

will support it."

The money the concert raises, she added, "will go a long ways to getting us to the

end of the year."

Tickets are available at <http://www.itickets.com/tours/1220.html>.

Supporters of Woodlawn Stables Hold Out Hope

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organization might find some other business to operate a horse stable at the location.

"This isn't a pipe dream," said Shelly Castle, co-founder of Save Woodlawn Stables. "They have not yet come up with what they want to do, and I know there can be some very good investors come in and help them with their vision."

When asked for comment about the potential that the National Trust might change its mind about the lease, an attorney representing the organization said that option was off the table.

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"With regard to the current lease, we've been pretty clear: We're not renewing their lease after 2016," said Ross Bradford, who represents the National Trust. "But we are going to consider any viable options that would work for the property. It may be equestrian use. It may not be. We just haven't gotten to a point where we would know that answer."



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/THE GAZETTE

Roadside politics in Mount Vernon.

THE FUTURE of Woodlawn Stables has been in doubt since U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) secured a \$180 million appropriation to widen the road as a result of the Base Closure and Realignment Commission changes that have added thousands of new daily commuters to Fort Belvoir. State Sen. Toddy Puller (D-36) and a handful of other elected officials supported the widen-in-place option despite the fact it would force dozens of graves to be moved at Woodlawn Baptist Church.

"The widen-in-place option best preserves the historic character of the Woodlawn community, preserves the existing uses of this historic area, and can be done in a manner to most minimize harm to our community's historic assets," the elected officials wrote in the June 10 letter. "We strongly urge you to adopt that alignment."

But the Federal Highway Administration was also being strongly urged by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to choose the Southern Bypass. Officials with

the National Trust have argued that the widen-in-place option could violate the law by encroaching on land that is legally protected by the National Historic Preservation Act. Now, as a final decision nears, the debate about where to widen the road seems to be over.

"The Southern Bypass has been the preferred option since June," said Doug Hecox, a spokesman for the National Highway Administration in an email. "I can't comment on which alternative might or might not be selected until the environmental review process is completed in the next few weeks."

THAT PUTS Woodlawn Stables at the center of a debate that will unfold in the coming weeks and years, as the contours of the project are revealed. In the meantime, the National Trust says it will keep all options on the table as it looks to the future.

"Maybe after construction starts, we'll have a better idea," said Bradford. "It's just that there are so many things we don't know about how tripling the size of Route 1 is going to impact our property and the properties around us."

On the other side of the street — literally and figuratively — are supporters for the stable, who are willing to hold out hope.

"Our goal is that it's no longer Woodlawn Plantation as the mansion side and the stable side — that it's Woodlawn Plantation as a whole, like it used to be," said Castle.

Even though the future remains uncertain, many are remaining hopeful that a grand bargain can be organized.

"I think this might end up being a win-win situation," said Puller. "If another group can come in and financially afford to make a deal with the Trust on a long-term lease, that would be a win-win for the stables and for the Trust."

News Briefs

Support Food Drive

A food drive is being held now through Sept. 24 at Stratford Landing Elementary School, 8484 Riverside Road. Residents are asked to drop food off in the school's lobby. The drive is being coordinated by Jennifer Brower with the support of the PTA at Stratford Landing.

Washington's Copy Of the Constitution

On the 225th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution, Mount Vernon unveils George Washington's annotated copy of the Acts of Congress to the public on Monday, Sept. 17 at noon.

This volume includes Washington's copy of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and other legislation passed by the first session of Congress, complete with his personal annotations. This piece of American history will be on view in the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center through the national observance of George Washington's birthday on Feb. 18, 2013.

New Leader at Estate

Curtis G. Viebranz has been named president and chief executive officer of George Washington's historic Mount Vernon estate. He will take the helm on Sept. 17. He is the 10th person to head Mount Vernon since the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association's stewardship began in 1858.

Viebranz has more than 20 years of experience at major multinational Internet and cable enterprises, including a tenure as president of HBO International, the global arm of Time Warner's Home Box Office unit. Born in Boston, raised in Larchmont, N.Y., and currently residing in Chester, N.J., Viebranz, 59, holds a BA from Middlebury College and an MBA from Harvard University. He and his wife, Cissy, will be relocating to Mount Vernon.



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Participating in the Top It Off ribbon cutting are, from left, Ashley McNeff, vice president, Mt. Vernon-Lee Chamber; Karen Rasser, president, Top It Off; Bridget Teter, Hollin Hall store manager; Michael Gailliot, chairman, Mt. Vernon-Lee Chamber, and Sean O'Connell, board member, Mt. Vernon-Lee Chamber.

Chamber Welcomes Top It Off

Located at the Hollin Hall Shopping Center, Top It Off held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, Sept. 7, hosted by the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce. Michael Gailliot, chairman of the Chamber, led the ceremony.

"We are very excited about opening this, our first retail store, here in the Fort Hunt community," said Top It Off president Karen Rasser. "Our national office, which opened in 2004, is located in West Roxbury, Mass. Since its inception, Top It Off has served as a moderate brand boutique wholesale distribution company which now distributes our exclusive line of clothing, jewelry, and other accessories for women and children to 2,000 outlets nationally. We specialize in women's and children's jewelry, tunics, and other accessories for women manufactured in China and India. Gifts sold here at our Hollin

Hall store also include: picture frames, wristlets, and children's apparel. We encourage local residents to stop by and see the wide array of beautiful accessories at very competitive prices (offered from \$3-\$25)."

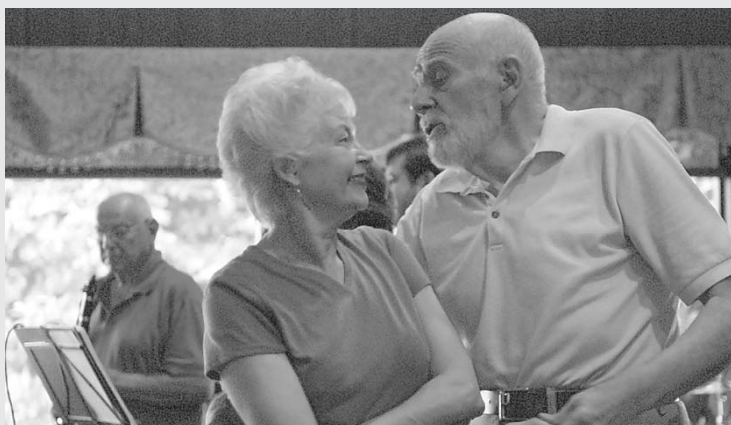
In response to a question about why Top It Off selected the Mount Vernon area to open up its retail store, Rasser said: "As we developed our wholesale distribution business nationally we began to realize we needed an outlet for closeouts and discontinued items. Mount Vernon provided an ideal location for our store."

Top It Off is located at 7942 Fort Hunt Road. Store days and hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Telephone: 703-660-8844. Visit www.TopItOffAccessories.com.

— GERALD A. FILL

Jazz at Cedar Knoll Restaurant

Greg Murphy plays a set with the Jefferson Street Strutters as they perform '20s and '30s jazz music inside Cedar Knoll Restaurant on Aug. 19. A new live concert series to emphasizing jazz music every month at the restaurant.



David and Suzanne Joseph dance as the Jefferson Street Strutters perform.

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Alex./Riverwood \$770,000
9301 Ludgate Drive

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Alex./Yacht Haven \$939,000
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Alex./Mt. Vernon Grove \$535,000
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Alex./Wessynton \$649,900
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The following list of people who lived in Connection Newspapers coverage area and died in the Sept. 11 2001 terrorist attacks, is compiled from multiple sources, including news reports, and is likely not complete. The Pentagon Memorial website offers photos and biographies of most people who died at the Pentagon. <http://pentagonmemorial.org/explore/biographies>.

- ❖ Spc. Craig Amundson, 28, Fort Belvoir, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Lt. Col. Canfield D. Boone, 54, Clifton, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Charles Burlingame, 51, Herndon, employed by American Airlines, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Rosa Maria Chapa, 64, Springfield, employed by Defense Intelligence Agency, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Eddie A. Dillard, Alexandria, employed by Philip Morris, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Capt. Robert Edward Dolan, 43, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Charles A. Droz III, 52, Springfield, employed by EM Solutions Inc., died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Gerald P. Fisher, 57, Potomac, Md., employed by Booz Allen Hamilton, died in Pentagon
- ❖ 1st Lt. (Ret.) Richard P. Gabriel Sr., 54, Great Falls, employed by Stratin Consulting, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Diane M. Hale-McKinzy, 38, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Stanley R. Hall, 68, Centreville, employed by Raytheon, died on AA Flight 77

- ❖ Brady K. Howell, 26, Arlington, employed by U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Lt. Col. Stephen Neil Hyland Jr., 45, Burke, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

- ❖ Bryan C. Jack, 48, Alexandria, employed by Department of Defense, died on AA Flight 77

- ❖ Steven D. Jacoby, 43, Alexandria, employed by Metrocall, died on AA Flight 77

- ❖ Ann Judge, 49, Great Falls, employed by National Geographic Society, died on AA Flight 77

- ❖ Norma Cruz Khan, 45, Reston, Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Assn., died on AA Flight 77

- ❖ Terence M. Lynch, 49, Alexandria, employed by Booz Allen Hamilton, died in Pentagon

- ❖ Ada L. Mason-Acker, 50, Springfield, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

- ❖ Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude, 53, Fort Myer, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

- ❖ Mark McGinly, 26, Vienna, employed by Carr Futures, died in World Trade Center

- ❖ Patricia E. Mickley, 41, Springfield, employed by Department of Defense, died in Pentagon

- ❖ Khang Ngoc Nguyen, 41, Fairfax, employed by Navy contractor, died in Pentagon

- ❖ Barbara K. Olson, 45, Great Falls, attorney, died on AA Flight 77

- ❖ Maj. Clifford L. Patterson Jr., 33, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

- ❖ Capt. Jack D. Panches, 51, Clifton, retired from U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon

- ❖ Lisa J. Raines, 42, Great Falls, employed by Genzyme Corp., died on AA Flight 77

- ❖ Todd H. Reuben, 40, Potomac, Md., attorney, died on AA Flight 77

- ❖ Charles E. Sabin, 54, Burke, employed by Department of Defense, died in Pentagon

- ❖ Marjorie C. Salamone, 53, Springfield, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

- ❖ Cmdr. Robert Allan Schlegel, 38, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon

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- ❖ Michael L. Selves, 53, Fairfax, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon



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- ❖ Diane M. Simmons, Great Falls, died on AA Flight 77

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- ❖ Maj. Dwayne Williams, 40, Lorton, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

- ❖ Vicki C. Yancey, 43, Springfield, employed by Vredenburg Co., died on AA Flight 77.

Post, my father arrived back at his Mt. Vernon home after being discharged from George Washington University Hospital. His recent surgery required him to receive antibiotics via IV for several weeks.

But when nurses realized my 60-year-old Dad was on Medicare due to disability, he was informed that he had to get the infusion treatments at Mt. Vernon Hospital. We were told that Medicare covers only the drugs adminis-

No Place Like Home In Mt. Vernon

To the Editor:

Most people who read about the superbug that killed six people last year at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) probably reacted with fear and horror. My reaction was anger.

You see, the day before the NIH story appeared in The Washington

Potomac River, a rare opportunity in our area.

Repeated letters from one person attacking individuals and offering misleading facts does not help readers understand the public policy issues at stake. Every week the Gazette invites readers to send "views on any public issue." It is more informative to read letters addressing the issues, not individuals. I hope to see more letters like that from a range of writers in our newspaper.

Adrienne G. Cannon

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Focus on Issues

To the Editor:

I have been trying to follow the pros and cons of the debate on the Westgrove off-leash dog park. Both sides seems to have merit: Dog lovers want the county to provide a place where they can exercise their dogs. Others are advocating that Westgrove be restored to enhance a largely natural corridor from Mount Vernon District Park to the

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tered intravenously, but not the supplies, equipment and pharmacy-related services that account for more than half the cost of home-infusion therapy. Like most Medicare patients, my Dad could not afford to pay for the therapy out of pocket, so getting the treatments at Mt. Vernon was his only option.

Mt. Vernon is an excellent hospital, but the fact is that patients at hospitals are at a significantly higher risk of getting infections. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that two million Americans get hospital-acquired infections every year, and almost 100,000 of them die as a result.

So now every day my Dad, already suffering from a compromised immune system, has to travel to the hospital for treatment. Not only is he at risk for a new infection, but the trip is an additional burden on my Mom, his longtime caregiver. At least he only needs the antibiotic infusion once a day. Some patients who need infusion treatments twice daily must do a return trip every day.

Risk of infection is not the only issue. The difference in price between hospital treatment and home infusion is substantial. The cost of hospital treatment is more expensive than the at-home option.

So why doesn't The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the federal agency that oversees Medicare, fix the problem? It claims it does not have the jurisdiction. CMS maintains Congress needs to correct this glitch in Medicare. Meanwhile, Congress does nothing, leaving taxpayers to foot the bill.

What's even more outrageous is that while the Medicare program continues to place people like my Dad at risk for new infection, every national private insurance company provides coverage for infusion therapies in the home.

As long as CMS indicates it does not have the authority to correct this problem and Congress is unwilling to act, elderly and disabled patients like my Dad will continued to be placed in harm's way. There's no doubt some of these patients will get infections and some will die due to this inaction.

That makes me mad.

Jennifer Waugh

Jennifer Waugh is manager of office services at National Home Infusion Association.

Loss of 'Community' On Bike Paths

To the Editor:

Last week I took a hard fall on the bike path. At 5:45 a.m., as I entered the Mount Vernon bike path on my commute to the Pentagon, I misjudged the location of the ramp entrance and instead slammed into the curb. Though it was dark, I was equipped with proper lighting on front, back and helmet, reflective belt and eye protection to prevent and be prepared for possible mishaps. I had made this trek hundreds of times, so making the entrance should have been easy.

The initial sensation was my full-body impact on the macadam as all breath was crushed from my lungs, and the pain of a broken rib that resulted. I knew I had to get up and off the bike path and into the grass, as the morning rush of bicyclists, runners and walkers would soon pick up, and we didn't need another accident. But the pain was only made worse by what followed. As I struggled to move my broken bike off the path, audibly in pain, a car pulled in and parked within ten feet of me. The driver emerged, proceeded to put on her headphones and start off on a run. There was no "are you OK?" or "can I call an ambulance", instead, just the sound of her shoes hitting the pavement as she disappeared onto the path.

One could argue that it would be unsafe for a woman to approach a man crouched in the grass next to a broken bike. He could be drunk or on drugs. But I being clearly immobile and in need of help, a distant offer would have given a sense of "not being alone." Several others would pass by (though none as close) before my wife arrived to take me to the emergency room. Though there are surely still examples where "good Samaritans" intervene, this was not one of those times.

Though a single incident, it reinforced my concern that we might be losing our "sense of community" on our bike paths (and by extension in our parks, trails, or anywhere where individuals rec-

reate alone and may need the help of a stranger). Do we feel a sense of responsibility to help others who travel along our local bike paths? Are headphones "just for the music" or a "sign of separation"? Have we got so used to our "social media" that we've forgotten how to "socialize"? Or are we just too busy to take time for each other?

As a military family, we've been assigned to the D.C. area three times and consider ourselves

"Alexandrians" by choice. Having commuted to work on this same path since 1993, what was most startling since our return this year was the reduction of camaraderie. Though the path had been smoothed and widened, the human interactions had become lessened and narrowed. In previous years, most passings included greetings like "on your left" or "passing", with a response of "thanks" or a hand raise. Often, as you approached someone you

could hear "enjoy your ride" or a head nod and a smile. Though we were all going to different places at different speeds, there was a sense of "togetherness" and "unity." Today, greetings often go unanswered. The sense of unity seems to be evaporating, possibly by the increase in head phones, smart phones and texting. Listening to music on a run is great, but

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'A Morning Just Like This One'

Fairfax County pays tribute to victims of 9/11 attacks.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE GAZETTE

The mournful tone of a single bell tolling three times — once for each site that was struck on Sept. 11, 2001 — echoed in the Fairfax County Government Center chambers this morning as community leaders, police and fire fighters and citizens gathered to pay tribute to the victims of the terrorists attacks 11 years ago.

"It was a morning just like this one," recalled Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, as she spoke to nearly 100 guests during the Fairfax County 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony. "We had bright blue skies on a crisp fall day on the morning of our national tragedy."



Chairman Sharon Bulova, Fire Chief Ronald Mastin and Police Chief David Rohrer participated in the laying of the wreath at the 9/11 Memorial Grove during a remembrance ceremony at the Fairfax County Government Center on Tuesday.

Fire Chief Ronald Mastin and Police Chief David Rohrer also gave brief remarks during the ceremony on Tuesday.

"There are times I wish I didn't know what I know ... We lost our sense of security that day," said Rohrer in his remarks. "But we became more resolute and more unified. ... My hope is that we have more respect for others, more tolerance and peace. We're an incredible tapestry of cultures and diversity in Fairfax County, and that's our strength."

After the remarks, the Fairfax County Public Safety Honor Guard led a procession to the 9/11 Memorial Grove, where Rohrer, Mastin and Bulova participated in the laying of the wreath.

The site, located on a ridge above the lake behind the government center, is the first U.S. memorial commemorating the attacks on 9/11 built on public space. Fairfax County Tree Commissioner Michael McMahon designed the memorial.

"This is an area that provides an opportunity for contemplation and meditation," McMahon said at the ceremony.

The ceremony concluded with the Fairfax County Carolers singing "God Bless America."

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probably not the safest practice. One wonders, "can you hear me, or just choose not to respond?"

Whether on the battlefield and at home, American soldiers have a creed that says "I will never leave a fallen comrade." Though initially just words, through shared experience they become inculcated. Could we regain a similar sense of "unity" by adopting an approach of concern, support and unity? I think it's time to disconnect from the iPod and "reconnect" to each other. For me, I will do my small part by saying "hello", "passing on your left", or a nod to everyone I meet on the bike path; head phones or not, response or not. I will never pass a distressed traveler; I will seek them out to assist. I will always drive safely with the appropriate gear, and will pray for the safety of those who choose not to. And I will always believe that should we meet on the bike path you will do the same for me, and together, we will reignite the "sense of community" along the way.

John Sims
Alexandria

National Democratic Convention: An Inspiring Experience

BY SCOTT SUROVELL
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)

Iwould like to share with the community some of my reflections on the recent Democratic Convention in Charlotte, N.C. at which delegates nominated President Barack Obama for re-election.

The Mt. Vernon and Lee areas were well represented. Ginny Peters and I were elected national delegates from our area along with Virginia Senator Adam Ebbin. Del. Mark Sickles spent most of the week in Charlotte along with Chris Ambrose and Ronald England from Lorton. I ran into Peter Appel and Robert Nealon, and John Arundel who was covering it as a reporter all week long from Belle Haven along with Robert Powers from Wayneswood. Several Northern Virginians addressed the convention including a Vietnam veteran from Great Falls and a brewery owner from Alexandria.

The schedule was exhausting. Each day, we attended a 7:30 a.m. breakfast for speeches, our marching orders and most importantly, our credentials — the pass that allowed us to clear security and get onto the convention floor.

The breakfasts featured some nationally prominent speakers. We heard from Jesse Jackson, Sr.; President Obama's Senior Advisor Valerie Jarrett; Donna Brazile and Terry McAuliffe. U.S. Sen. Mark Warner, former Governor Tim Kaine and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly also spoke to us.

Virginia had prime seats on the floor itself located behind only Illinois and Colo-



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rado. However, that meant that to get good seats within our delegation, I had to camp out in the Arena starting around 2 p.m. every day to save my seat and then sit there until the speeches were over around 11 p.m. or later. We ran on about five hours of sleep

every day with about three hours of free time during the day due to the logistics of travel. Our hotel was 15 minutes away by car.

On Monday, we had policy workshops, caucus meetings and receptions. On Tuesday, the full convention sessions began. One of my first tasks was to actually vote to nominate President Barack Obama which we did by a paper ballot circulated throughout our 135-member delegation right at the beginning. We also adopted the party platform.

Former Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine addressed the convention on Tuesday. He ticked off President Obama's accomplishments and talked about how Democrats in Virginia focus on results over partisanship. The highlight of the evening was First Lady Michelle Obama who focused on how deeply President Obama feels for issues and changing people's lives. It was a truly moving speech.

Wednesday's highlight was former President Bill Clinton. He delivered a 45-minute dissection of recent criticisms of President Obama's performance and the Romney-Ryan proposals, a speech that was simply stunning. My West Potomac High School

U.S. government teacher, Eugene Levy, always told us "simplicity is elegance." I think Bill Clinton was channeling him. My favorite quote was his view of the message of the recent Republican National Convention: "We left him a total mess, he hasn't cleaned it up fast enough, so fire him and put us back in."

On Thursday, former Arizona Congresswoman Gabby Giffords, who was brain injured from a shooting, walked on stage without assistance and led the Pledge of Allegiance. There wasn't a dry eye in the building. Next, we were treated to performances by Mary J. Blige, James Taylor and The Foo Fighters before Vice President Joe Biden highlighted the sharp contrast between President Obama and Governor Romney, especially the rescue of the auto industry and neutralizing Osama Bin Laden.

On the final night, President Obama delivered a stirring call to action. He defended health insurance for all and underscored his defense of a woman's right to make her own healthcare decisions and an individual's

right to marry any person they love. He highlighted his effort to create economic opportunity by spreading tax burdens more equitably and investing in education, children, infrastructure and enacting fair immigration policies. He noted our reduced reliance on foreign oil during his term through increased fuel efficiency and encouraging cleaner fuels. He reminded us that our troops were out of Iraq, scheduled to leave Afghanistan and he looks forward to investing these funds at home instead of abroad.

Being an official part of something that I had experienced on television as a kid was personally significant for me. It was an honor to be part of an exciting, inspiring historic and uniquely American process. There are now only 60 days before the Nov. 6 election. No matter who wins, I hope this election brings a conclusion to some of the policy disputes that have gridlocked Washington, D.C.

Congress has been gridlocked for too long.

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- > Should hunters be allowed in our parks to exacerbate deer-vehicle collisions, which increase when deer flee in fear from danger?
- > Should we have to witness suffering, dying, or dead deer in our parks or surrounding neighborhoods?
- > Should animals be subjected to suffering & slow death when humane methods exist?

> Should Fairfax County cater to bow hunting special interest groups OR fairly represent the interests of our 1.3 million residents?

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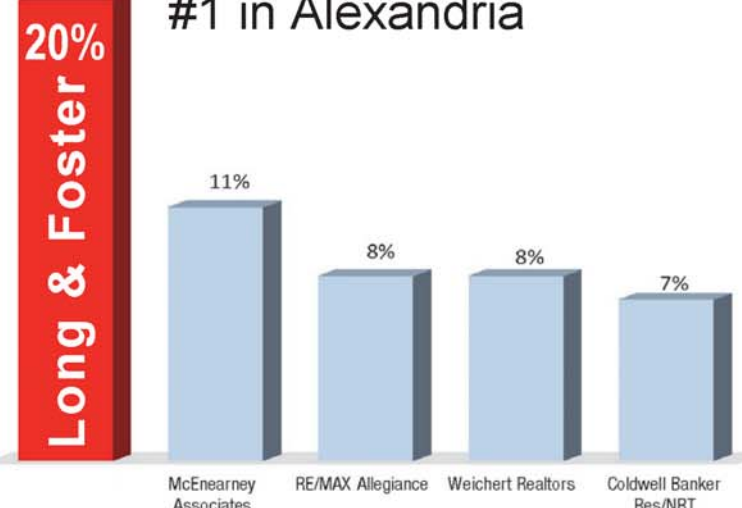
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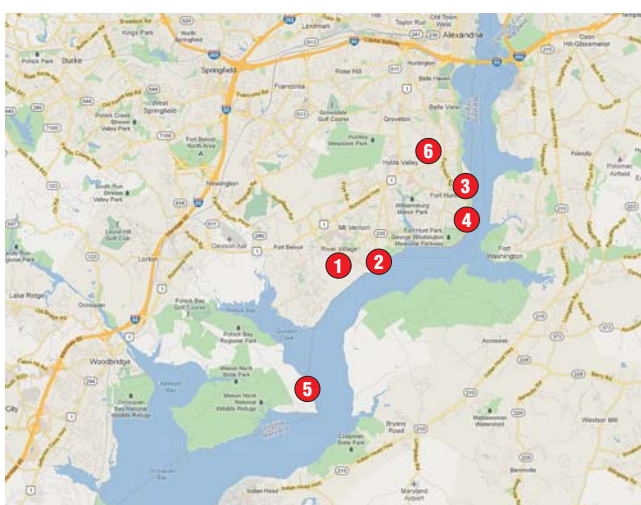
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Uncorking the Possibilities

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
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From those who sip an occasional glass of Chianti with friends to enthusiastic oenophiles, the notion of owning a wine cellar is fascinating to many people. In fact, a recent U.S. Luxury-Home Market survey by Wine Trends, a wine-consulting firm, showed that 67 percent of respondents were interested in incorporating wine storage into their homes.

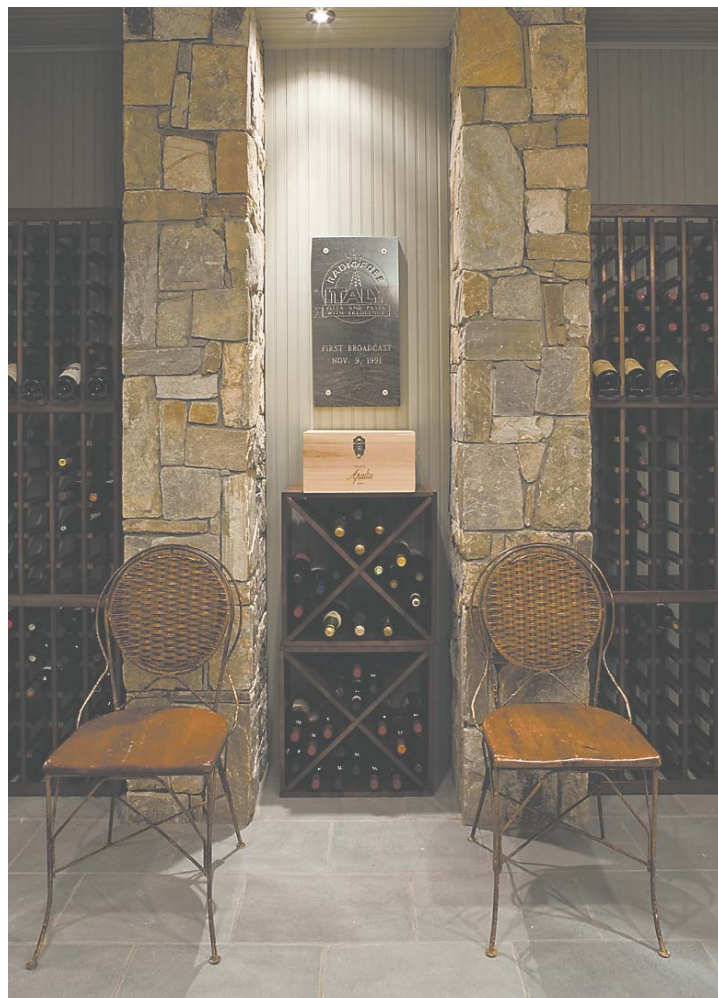
Local designers say they are now catering to a new breed of wine collector and are creating cellars equipped with perks ranging from full kitchen and dining spaces to rare art and LED lighting. Jason Kirkpatrick, of Kirkpatrick's Construction in Centreville, says creative options are virtually boundless.

"With wine cellar design, the sky is the limit. In fact, the sky is actually the starting point," he said. "There are so many neat things that you can do with architecture, racking and lighting. You can turn a relatively small space into a gorgeous wine cellar."

DESIGNERS SAY that when planning a wine cellar, there are a few basic factors to consider.

The first item that those who want to build a wine cellar should think about is a system of organization. "You have to not only think about how many bottles you have in your collection, but also how much you think your collection will grow over the next five to 10 years," said Kirkpatrick, who lives in Clifton. "You don't want to make this kind of investment in your home and then a year or two later say, 'Gosh, we need to make an addition onto our wine cellar.'"

Local interior designer Marika Meyer of Marika Meyer Interiors says homeowners should create a style for the cellar that will be consistent with the rest of the home, something she and the design team did when creating the cellar in a McLean home.



Local builders say wine storage options are almost limitless.

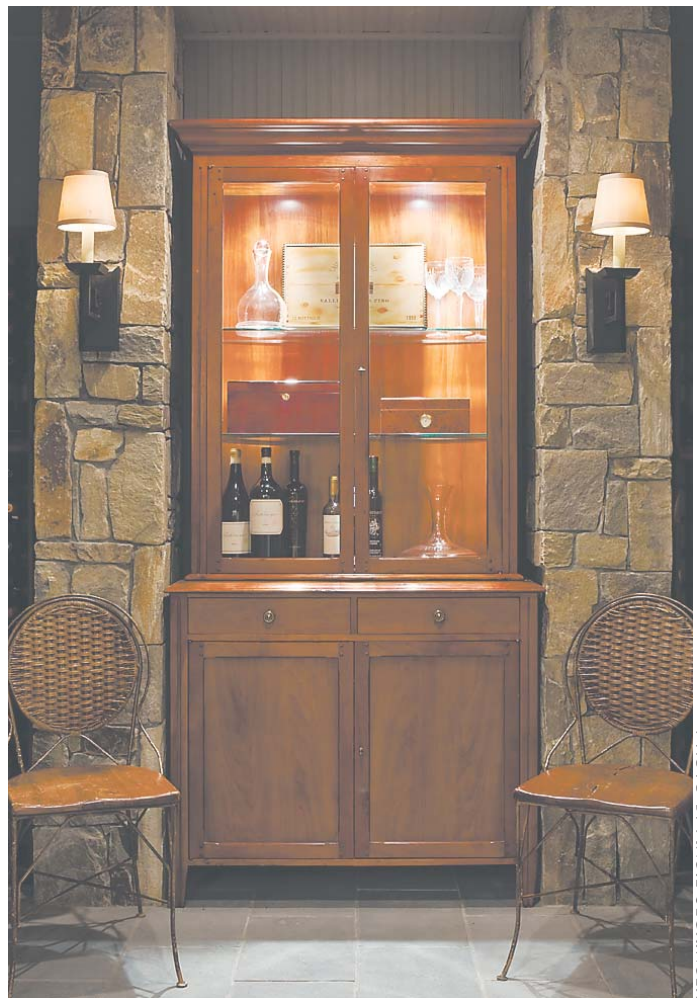


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The wine cellar in this McLean home opens to the adjacent billiard room. Designers say homeowners should create a style for the cellar that is consistent with the rest of the home.

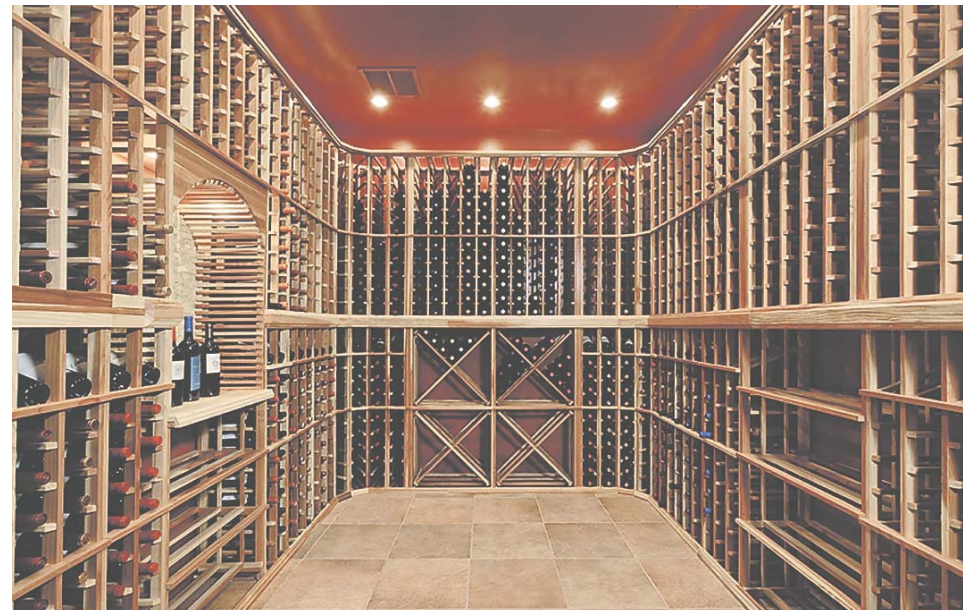
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Home LifeStyle

Wine Storage

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enclosure and added side-lights to make the space open."

HOW THE SPACE WILL BE used is another important consideration. "Are you planning to use it for strictly for utilitarian storage or would you like for there to be a space for entertaining in it as well?" said Kirkpatrick, who won a Contractor of the Year Award from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry for a McLean project that included a wine cellar with a tasting area. "Which do you drink more of: White or red? Do you prefer large format bottles or standard-sized bottles?"

Designers say the style and features of the rest of the home should be factored into the cellar's design: "What are the spaces that are adjacent to the wine cellar? You can incorporate them into the design for a better flow," said Kirkpatrick.

Kirkpatrick says he integrated a wine bar into the design of a south Arlington kitchen during a recent renovation. "We used interesting frosted glass cabinets and really designed the space for wine tasting, there was even a space for tasting cheese or chocolate. The plan was integrated into the design of the kitchen and the whole space flowed."

When remodeling a kitchen in Alexandria, Kirkpatrick created two spaces for wine. "We used open storage where wine can be stored for easy accessibility and built-in wine storage under the cabinets. But one of the most cost-effective things you can do is to buy a glass-front refrigerator that is specifically designed for holding wine with so you can display the wine nicely," said Kirkpatrick.

In fact, Potomac, Md.-based designer Susan Matus of Case Design/Remodeling says that there are budget-friendly options for wine storage. "[Kitchen] cabinet-makers are now making cabinets that incorporate wine storage in base cabinets or wall cabinets. There are also wine refrigerators that have two cooling zones that are appropriate for red and white wine, but are not outrageous in terms of price."

According to National Association of the Remodeling Industry spokesperson Nikki Golden, "Wine cellars are still very popular for people to put into their home during a remodel."

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Residents Seek Underground Lines

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main) and costs of installation were discussed.

Dominion Power Vice President for Distribution Operations P. Rodney Blevins presented an overview of his company's commitment to reduce restoration times and discussed the challenges of doing so. He also presented the pros and cons of installing underground power lines in the older communities of Mount Vernon.

Blevins pointed out that 63 percent of Dominion Power customers were affected by the unanticipated recent high wind and rain of the Derecho storm. Hundreds of thousands were left without power in northern Virginia. In response they brought in crews from 18 states and Canada to work on repairs and restore power to customers. He also said that the company invests \$200 million annually to improve service and said that the power outage time has been substantially reduced in recent years and will continue to improve.

Following the Town Hall meeting Dominion Power spokeswoman Lee-Ha Anderson issued a statement which said, in part, the following: "We had a very good meeting tonight. Dominion will continue to make investments to improve our system, our technology, and our workforce. This evening we heard about concerns about power outages, and we will address those concerns."

"Our reliability, operations, and forestry teams will follow up with residents who provide us with details about their outages. ... We recognize there are benefits and challenges to converting overhead lines to underground facilities. We are not opposed to underground distribution lines — in fact 65 percent of the lines in Northern Virginia are underground and new communities are being served with underground distribution lines. There is a cost to the conversion, as well as other issues that have to be resolved, and we will work with the communities that are able to come to an agreement on cost, right of easements, equipment needs, etc."

"For those customers who have questions



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At the Town Hall Meeting jointly held by Dominion Power and Mount Vernon area state legislators at Sherwood Hall Library are, from left, standing: Vice President of Dominion Power for Distribution Operations Rodney Blevins; seated: State Sen. Adam Ebbin, Del. Scott Surovell, and state Sen. Toddy Puller.

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At the conclusion of the Town Hall Meeting, local legislators had the following comments.

State Senator Puller:

"We had a good turnout from the Mount Vernon community to discuss the Derecho and other power outage issues with Dominion officials. A lot of good information was shared, especially local information that should result in improved services," Puller said.

Surovell said, "I believe we accomplished what I had hoped for: a good discussion of the issues that will help in getting information out to the broader community and will sensitize Dominion about the aging infrastructure which the Mount Vernon community is dealing with. I received a lot of comments from my constituents about outages, delay in restoring service, and questions

about why their community didn't have underground power lines. Our older communities did not have the benefit of new construction requirements that installed underground power lines. So the discussion tonight was very helpful.

"I was not surprised by the size of the crowd that attended; there is a lot of concern; no one wants to experience 2, 3, or 5 days of power outage again."

In response to a question about follow up actions, Surovell said: "I plan on contacting District Supervisors Gerry Hyland, Jeff McKay, and Chair Sharon Bulova to see if the county has or will explore burying main power lines in our area to improve power reliability. I am also going to look into streamlining ways to promote underground service in communities that want to have them. In addition, I will post a survey on my website to assess the community's interest in burying lines and how much they are willing to pay for it."

Dominion Power's Response

Sept. 12 statement by Dominion Power concerning the "June 29 Derecho Power Outage, and What Dominion is Doing to Improve Service."

Close to 500,000 customers lost power in Northern Virginia from the June 29 storm. 240,000 of the 394,000 customers in Fairfax County lost power.

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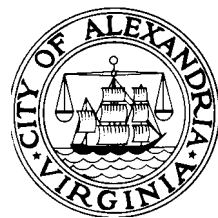
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A PUBLIC HEARING on a Request for Council to Support a Resolution Supporting the Design and Construction of the Northbound I-395 Auxiliary Lane Between Duke Street and Seminary Road.

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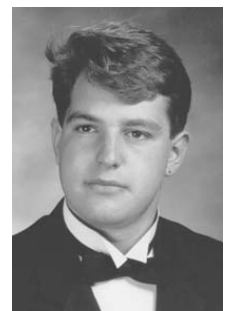
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Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 25, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 38, OLD TOWN GREENS, as the same is shown on a plat attached to a deed of consolidation and resubdivision recorded in Deed Book 1698 at page 1601, among the Land Records of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Commonly known as 702 Scarborough Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$50,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 6.75 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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Tres Bien!

'Jacques Brel' comes to life at MetroStage.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

Though he was Belgian by birth, no one captured the spirit of the French troubadour tradition better than Jacques Brel, whose potent mixture of musical romanticism, cynicism and whimsy are brought to life in "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris," now playing at MetroStage in Alexandria.

With an explosive cast of four, "Jacques Brel" delivers an enthralling evening of entertainment featuring the works of Brel augmented by material from Eric Blau and Mort Shuman in a revival of the award-winning Off-Broadway production.

Director Serge Seiden has cast four exceptional performers as capable of acting the quintessentially French songs as of singing them: Natascia Diaz, Sam Ludwig, Bobby Jones and Bayla Whitten.

Diaz, who received the 2009 Best Actress Helen Hayes Award (in a tie with theater legend Chita Rivera) for her MetroStage performance in "ROOMS, a Rock Romance," returns to the "Jacques Brel" role she captivated audiences with Off-Broadway in 2006. She gives a stirring performance of songs ranging from the heart wrenching "Ne Me Quitte Pas" to the powerful "Marieke."

Ludwig, Smith and Whitten are equally as gifted, each taking command of the stage during vignettes that bring luster to Brel's lyrics. Smith's comedic talents are evident when delivering the hilarious "Middle Class" and cavorting in the bawdy "Amsterdam," while the formidable presence of Ludwig

shines in the dramatic "Next," a shattering performance of a young soldier preparing for war.

Making her MetroStage debut is Whitten, whose lyric soprano savors each note from "I Loved" to "Not Alone." Along with Smith and Ludwig, she is cleverly captivating in the story of "Timid Frieda."

IN TRUE CABARET tradition, the show moves along without a plot, unified by the eloquent set design of Daniel Pinha, breathtaking lighting effects by Jessica Winfield and striking costumes by Janine Sunday.

Signature Theatre's Associate Artistic Director Matthew Gardiner provides the choreography and music director Jenny Cartney (keyboards) leads the superb four-member onstage band of David Cole (guitar), Greg Holloway (percussion) and Yusef Chisolm (bass).

The ensemble comes together to capture the exhilaration of a carnival in "Carousel" and closes the show with Brel's signature "If We Only Have Love."

When the original Off-Broadway production of "Jacques Brel" opened in Greenwich Village in 1968, the composer was indeed alive and well and living in Paris. At the time, American audiences were familiar with his few songs that were successful as English translations, such as "Le Moribond," a hit for Rod McKuen as "Seasons in the Sun." In this must-see MetroStage production, Artistic Director Carolyn Griffin introduces a new generation to the power and passion that is the incomparable music of Jacques Brel.

"Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris" is playing now through Oct. 21 at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria. For tickets or more information, call 703-548-9044 or visit www.metrostage.org.



PHOTOS BY CHRIS BANKS

Bobby Smith, Sam Ludwig, Bayla Whitten and Natascia Diaz in MetroStage's "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris."



Natascia Diaz



Bobby Smith

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FRIDAY/SEPT. 14

Spoken Word. 7 p.m. The Northern Virginia Fine Arts Society (NVFAA) is pleased to announce the next four scheduled SLAM ALEXANDRIA spoken word poetry events at the Athenaeum in Old Town. Admission is free for all, but attendees interested in competing in the poetry slam can pay an entry fee of \$10 for a chance to win a \$100 cash prize.

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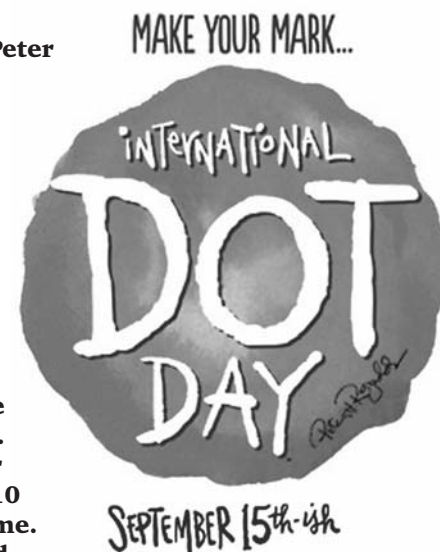
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ENTERTAINMENT

'Funny Money' Laughs to bank on at LTA.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

It's another routine day at the office when Henry Perkins heads home from work thinking his briefcase contains paperwork and a half-eaten cheese and chutney sandwich. But when he discovers a stash of cash, the hilarious hijinks begin in the Ray Cooney comedy "Funny Money," now playing at The Little Theatre of Alexandria.

The rapid-fire British farce about mistaken identity tells the tale of Henry, a London accountant who discovers 735,000 pounds in a briefcase he mistakenly picked up on his way home from work. A stop at a local pub to contemplate his next move leads to one small lie that quickly snowballs into a complicated puzzle of imaginary relatives and compromising situations.

Director Shawn g. Byers has culled together a superb cast featuring Erik Harrison as Henry, Charlene Sloan as his teetotaling wife Jean, Gayle Nichols-Grimes and Ted Culler as Betty and Vic Johnson, Larry Grey as Inspector Davenport and John Shackleford as taxi driver Bill.

Each sails through the tongue-twisting dialogue and physical slapstick with aplomb, providing plenty of laugh-out-loud moments as Henry attempts to convince Jean to immediately jet off to Barcelona and leave their old life behind.

Harrison plays ringleader Henry with perfect co-

medic timing that is especially priceless in his near-end recap of the madcap plot. As Jean, Sloan brilliantly deteriorates from controlled Stepford-wife decorum into a wife-swapping drunken stupor.

Henry and Jean get support from their friends Vic and Betty Johnson, played to Fred-and-Ethel-Mertz perfection by Culler and Nichols-Grimes. As Betty, Nichols-Grimes draws some of the evening's biggest laughs as she eagerly jumps into the escalating drama. Culler is spot on as the straight man, a puzzled Vic who's always a few minutes behind.

Police detectives Davenport (Grey) and Slater (Marisa Johnson) add to the general confusion. Grey especially makes an endearing crooked cop who pockets cash for turning a blind eye to the incestuous hanky panky.

The laughs would be fewer without the considerable talents of Shackleford's exasperated taxi driver Bill. Don't be fooled: in true Shackleford fashion, he knows more than you think.

"Funny Money" shines with a quality cast and crew that rise to the challenge of the cleverly-penned misadventure. Don't think too hard, just relish the delightful humor that kicks off the 2012-2013 LTA season.

"Funny Money" is playing now through Sept. 29 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. For tickets or more information, call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

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refreshments to follow. Register online at www.greenspring.org or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

Carlyle House Fashion Show. 10:30 a.m. - noon. Enjoy a morning of high fashion - from the past. Admission: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Call 703-549-2997 or e-mail carlyle@nvrpa.org.

CALENDAR

The City of Alexandria's Seventh Annual Doggie Day Swim. 3-7 p.m. at the Old Town Pool, 1609 Cameron St. This annual event provides dogs with the opportunity to swim and play games. Free. Register Online - activity number 140950. Visit alexandriava.gov/Pool or call the Chinquapin Park Recreation Center at 703-746-5435.

Wee Ones Storytime. 10:30-11 a.m. Explore the exciting world with some children's favorite stories and songs. Ages 2 and under. Free. Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St. Call 703-548-4092 or visit www.hooray4books.com.

Alexandria Story Festival. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Interact with some favorite authors and check out games and activities for the whole family. Located at TC Williams High School, 3330 King St. Visit wrighttoread.org/alexandria-story-festival.html. All ages. Free.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 16

Matinee Film. 2 p.m. Beatley Central Library Sunday Matinee Film Series featuring: The American President (PG-13). The Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Visit

www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1702. Free and open to the general public. Refreshments will be served.

Green Spring Gardens. Tea at Downton Abbey. 4603 Green Spring Rd. 1-3 p.m. \$27. The spellbinding "Downton Abbey" portrays the intertwined lives of Edwardian aristocrats and their servants during a period of changing world order. Hear about life upstairs and downstairs at Downton. Call Historic Green Spring at 703-941-7987 to register.

Music Benefit. Tenth Avenue North's concert will support Rising Hope Mission Church in Mount Vernon—a church that serves the homeless, economically disadvantaged and those in recovery. At 14640 Potomac Mills Rd, Woodbridge. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets available at www.itickets.com/events/287540/Woodbridge.

Free Concert. 3 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of music of violin at Chamber Players Concert, the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Call the United States Air Force Band's Concert Line at 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil

Free Concert. 7:30 p.m. The D.C.-based Valenzano Trio will perform "20th Century Music for String Trio" at the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, Hollin Hall, 1909 Windmill Ln. This concert is one of an occasional series presented as fundraisers for the music program at MVUC. Donations are Welcome.

Bridal Showcase. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Simply Couture Bridal Showcase will be held at the Crowne Plaza Old Town Alexandria. 901 N Fairfax St.

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Jazz Concert. Anna Mwalagho and the Afroloetry Band will perform at Meade Church, 322 N Alfred St. Donation is \$15. Light refreshments will be served, and parking is available in the church's lot and on the street.

Talk Like a Pirate Storytime. 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Celebrate Talk Like a Pirate Day with two rip-roaring story times for aspiring swashbucklers. Wear a pirate costume to the event. Ages 6 and under. Free. Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St. Call 703-548-4092 or visit www.hooray4books.com.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 18

Mount Vernon Genealogical Society Meeting. Room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. 1:00 pm. Free and open to the public. The presentation "Solving Problems with Tax Records" will focus on what information can be found in tax lists when other sources fail. Visit www.MVGenealogy.org.

Jeff Carmella Band. 9-11 p.m. The band draws their musical influences and inspiration from American roots, rock, surf, jazz, swing, blues, and rhythm and blues, performing at The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St. \$10. Visit thecarlyleclub.com or call 703-548-5953.

Potomac Conservancy's 2012 Benefit. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. At River Farm, 7931 East Boulevard Dr. Special guest Alexandra Cousteau, will be honored for her global leadership on water quality and environmental policy. Dress Attire: Cocktail Blue. Tickets are \$250 per person (\$175 tax deductible). Visit www.potomac.org.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 19

TODD SNIDER at the Birchmere. \$25. Visit www.toddsnider.net or www.Birchmere.com.

Swing Speak. 9-11 p.m. The group has a musical range of 1930s and 1940s, American jazz, Latin, and rhythm & blues. They will perform at Nick's Nightclub, 642 S. Pickett St. \$10. Visit nicksnightclub.com or call 703-751-8900.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 20

Lecture. 7 p.m. "From Private to Public: New Uses for Wright Houses." The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. \$15 (\$10 National Trust Members). Call 703-780-4000 ext. 26327. Thursdays through Mondays only. Advance purchase recommended. Limited ticket sales at door.

Author Series. 10:45 a.m. Barbara Glickman will talk about her new book, *Capital Splendor*. Free. Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall, 8532 Fort Hunt Rd. Call 703-549-4245.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 21

Joe Pug (Solo) to open for John Hiatt & The Combo at the Birchmere. Visit Birchmere.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 22

Matinee Film. 2 p.m. The Contender (R). The Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1702. Free, open to the public.

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West Potomac Girls' XC Finishes Fourth at Invitational

Wolverines finished 3rd at 2011 states, graduated top 2 harriers.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

West Potomac cross country coach Jenn Dietz doesn't like the term "rebuilding year." But after graduating four key seniors from a girls' team that finished third in the state in 2011, the Wolverines have their work cut out for them.

Gone are standouts Sarah Jane Underwood and Dale Lescher, and state contributors Sami Miller and Colleen Boyle. The Wolverines return some harriers with varsity experience, but it will be challenging to repeat the success of last season. That's OK, Dietz said, as long as the team is giving maximum effort.

"I hate the term 'rebuilding year' because I don't think that that serves them well, so that's not the mindset we have," Dietz said. "The mindset that they have is a lot of them were on the team last year and they know what it's like to work hard, so we're going to work just as hard and maybe we're not going to place as high, but we want to achieve our full potential. Last year, full potential was winning. This year, our full potential may be making it to the state meet."

The Wolverines' effort on Sept. 8 earned them a fourth-place finish at the Monroe Parker Invitational at Burke Lake Park. West Potomac finished with a score of 122, just behind third-place Madison (120). Lake Braddock (83) won the event and Battlefield (108) finished second.

"I think it was a good starting point," Dietz said. "A lot of new faces in the lineup and the girls that we have are very much improved from where they were last year. There's a lot of work that needs to be done if we want to make it back to states, which would be great."

Katie Genuario was the Wolverines' top finisher, placing 10th with a time of 18:41. Genuario, a junior, is in her second season as a cross country runner and has



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West Potomac's Katie Genuario finished 10th at the Monroe Parker Invitational on Sept. 8 at Burke Lake Park.

transitioned into the team's No. 1 harrier.

"She's really, really stepped up," Dietz said. "She's a new girl this year. She's got a lot more confidence and her training shows a lot of progress. ... Last year, because we had so many people, she kind of sat back and she keyed off of them and she even kept herself far behind them — even girls that she ended up beating at the end of the season. She was so timid, and now she's running with boys, she's not really afraid and she knows that she's our lead runner. She sets the tone at practice."

Kathryn Murray finished 23rd for West Potomac with a time of 20:02. Sophia Passacantando was 24th (20:04), Lauren Price finished 28th (20:11) and Maura Finn was 44th (20:37).

Hannah Christen and the Lake Braddock Bruins overcame the loss of defending state champion Sophie Chase and a strong effort by West Springfield's Caroline Alcorta to take home top honors during the event. Chase, ranked among the nation's top 10 high school harriers by milesplit.com, pulled out midway through the race due to lower body discomfort. Despite the loss of their top runner, the Bruins won the team competition.

Christen, ranked in the top 15 nationally by milesplit.com, held off Alcorta to win the individual title with a time of 17 minutes, 40 seconds, 6 seconds faster than her Spartan opponent. Alcorta led toward the end of the race, but Christen battled back.

Along with Christen's first-place finish, Lake Braddock's Katie Roche finished 12th (18:49), Katie Kunc was 19th (19:46), Anne Johnson finished 25th (20:06) and Misha Suresh was 30th (20:16).

West Springfield's Alcorta placed second with a time of 17:46, helping the Spartans to a sixth-place finish (200).

"I didn't think I'd be anywhere near [Christen]," said Alcorta, who placed eighth at states in 2011, her first season competing in cross country. "... [Christen is] really one of the greatest runners in the state. It's really hard trying to fight somebody that's so good. A couple times I thought I could get her, but she's really quick."

Maddie Wittich placed ninth (18:40) for the Spartans, Katie Kennedy finished 38th (20:28), Abbie Walker was 77th (21:15) and Erin Falk finished 89th (21:28).

In boys' action, West Potomac finished 10th. Luca Halladay finished 38th (16:42), Nicolas Cucinotta was 39th (16:44), Eric Turner finished 55th (16:56), Corey Rosenberg was 64th (17:04) and Crispin Bernier finished 99th (17:33).

"They have a nice pack in practice," Dietz said, "but they really didn't show that today."

Chantilly senior Sean McGorty cruised to victory, posting a time of 14:50, 26 seconds ahead of Lake Braddock's Nick Tuck. McGorty placed fourth in the state as a sophomore, second last season, and was ranked in the 2012 preseason national top 10 by milesplit.com. He battled with Annandale's Ahmed Bile the last two seasons, but Bile came out on top, winning back-to-back state championships. Now that Bile is a freshman at Georgetown, McGorty is focusing on self-motivation.

"You have to be very mentally strong," McGorty said of running with no competitors around him. "I've been working on that

coming into this year because I really want to be able to motivate myself during races and not rely on other people or other events. ... It will be a little different not having someone right there with you. Mentally, last year I had to focus on staying with [Bile] or pushing the pace, trying to beat him. This year, it's more pushing myself, keeping myself motivated"

McGorty praised Northern Region harriers after the race, but none posed a threat on this day. Tuck placed second with a time of 15:16, helping the Bruins to a sixth-place team finish. Mangan said Tuck's time was one of the best in Lake Braddock history for the Burke Lake course. Edison's Louis Colson placed third (15:18), followed by Battlefield's Haben Zemichael (15:54) and Chantilly's Peter Malander (15:55). Madison's Matthew Calem (15:56) finished sixth, followed by Stone Bridge's Brady Guertin (15:56), Chantilly's Faris Sakallah (15:57), South Lakes' Ashkan Mohammadi (15:58), Marshall's MacKenzie Haight (16:05), Battlefield's Aaron Hill (16:05), Bishop O'Connell's J.J. LaPointe (16:05), Yorktown's Ryan Hart (16:07), Lake Braddock's Alex Corbett (16:07) and T.C. Williams' Anteneh Girma (16:08).

Chantilly finished first as a team with a score of 57. Battlefield finished second (122) and Robinson placed third (134).

Multiple harriers needed medical attention due to the warm temperature.

"It was really, really hot," West Springfield's Wittich said. "It was brutal."



RICHARD MAPLE

Demornay Pierson-El runs with the ball while being chased by a Centreville defender on Sept. 7.

West Potomac Football Beats Centreville

The West Potomac football team defeated Centreville, 27-20, during the Wolverines' home opener on Sept. 7. Centreville was the 2011 Division 6 Northern Region champion and state runner-up, and opened the 2012 campaign by beating Lake Braddock, 28-27.

The victory came one week after West Potomac, led by first-year head coach Jeremiah Davis, beat rival Mount Vernon, 34-7.

The Wolverines (2-0) will travel to face

South County (0-2), last season's Division 5 region champion and state runner-up, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 14. On Sept. 21, West Potomac will host Lake Braddock (1-1).

Former Wolverine quarterback Caleb Henderson and linebacker Jon Henderson transferred to Lake Braddock near the end of the 2011-12 school year after their father, former West Potomac head coach Eric Henderson, was informed he would not return as head coach of the Wolverines.

Little League Fall Baseball Registration

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