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State Sen. Toddy Puller, Fairfax County Board of Supervisor Chair Sharon Bulova and Mt. Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland, Hollin Meadows Principal Jon Gates and staff members Jason Pittman and Shawn Akard along with Virginia Power representative Carolyn Moss.

Dominion Power Presents Grants

Representatives of Dominion Power held a small reception in the learning garden at Hollin Meadows Elementary School on Thursday, Oct. 7. Hollin Meadows had been awarded a grant in 2009 to create a solar farm; the irrigation system in the learning garden is powered by solar and wind energy.

This year's area grant recipients are: Forest Grove Elementary School in Loudoun County, Friends of the Rappahannock, H.H. Poole Middle School in Stafford County, IEC Chesapeake and Thomas E. Edison High School, Prince Williams County Public Schools, Sterling Elementary School in Loudoun County and Trinity Christian School in Fairfax County.



Dominion Power representative Carolyn Moss announces to Hollin Meadows staff, that in addition the seven new grants, Hollin Meadows will also receive another grant this year.

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Katie Moery hops on the dominoes in the learning garden.

Present Day Slavery in Virginia

Mount Vernon Estate holds symposium on slavery and human trafficking.

BY BRIAN CAIN
THE GAZETTE

The Black Women United for Action partnered with the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association to hold the first symposium on slavery and human trafficking Thursday, Sept. 30, at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens.

The symposium, entitled "Slavery: Through the Eyes of George Washington Past to Present Day Slavery/Trafficking," hosted lead-

ing experts that explored the differences and similarities of past slavery with modern day human trafficking. Speakers focused on key issues such as economics, migration and coercion.

U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10), a guest speaker at the symposium, said many people ask him about international human trafficking. His response: "What about right here where we live?"

"It is not only in Albania, it is in Annandale. It is not only in Thai

SEE TRAFFICKING, PAGE 3

How Many New Liquor Stores?

Under governor's proposal, Fairfax County would likely have 132 retail stores selling hard liquor, up from just 34 now.

BY STEPHEN GROVES
VIRGINIA STATEHOUSE NEWS

The liquor privatization plan being pushed by Gov. Bob McDonnell has enough numbers in it to make a 10th-grade math story problem look easy, but one figure that will hit close to home for Virginians is the number of liquor retailers that will end up in their neighborhoods

if the plan is passed.

Based on examples in the privatization proposal, the Senate Finance staff estimated the number of liquor retailers in each locality in the Commonwealth. The governor's plan would sell licenses to retailers, increasing the number from 332 to around 1,000. The estimates were done at the request

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Discussing Human Trafficking

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land, it is in Tysons Corner. It is in Vienna,” Wolf said. He explained there are four kinds of sexual trafficking. The first is domestic servitude. Some domestic workers live in slave-like conditions in homes throughout the area. Some work for embassies and

world banks. Workers are brought to the United States and then have their passports taken away. They work 16 to 18 hours a day, do not speak the language and are not allowed to go outside. “It’s fairly — unfortunately — prevalent,” Wolf said.

According to Wolf, the other kinds of sexual trafficking are Asian commercial

front brothels, also known as massage parlors, Latino residential brothels and U.S. citizen domestic sex traffickers. “This is a major problem in the area that we live in. Almost everyone in this room, if you drive 7 to 10 miles as you leave here, will drive by a place where young women, some middle aged, some a little bit older, are sexually trafficked and are basically slaves,” Wolf told the audience.

Sheila Coates, founder of the BWUFA, a nonprofit community service organization that advocates for the concerns of women, said Wolf was the first person she thought of when her group was organizing the event. Coates first met Wolf while he was leading the fight against gangs. “He did a lot of cleaning up in Northern Virginia with gangs,” Coates said.

Wolf is also leading the fight against human trafficking in Virginia. “The way to deal with it is you hit ‘em, and you hit ‘em, and you hit ‘em and you hit ‘em,” Wolf said.

Along with co-sponsoring several pieces of legislation aimed at fighting human trafficking nationally and internationally, Wolf has also asked Neil MacBride, the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, to set up a special task force to combat the trafficking problem in Northern Virginia. Wolf also offered other solutions to the trafficking problem.

“Education — we need a better law in Virginia. We have a weak law,” Wolf said. The other solution is to encourage civic groups to come together to provide a place for victims of trafficking — a place where victims can have security and receive training. Wolf cited groups such as Falls Church Presbyterian Church, Courtney’s House, Shared Hope International and Joe Gibbs’ Youth for Tomorrow are examples of groups that provide help to victims. “The community needs to have a series of these, where young women can go. That’s what we have to do,” Wolf said.

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— U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10)



Slave Memorial

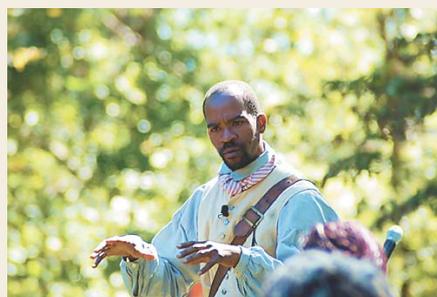
The 27th anniversary Slave Memorial wreath-laying ceremony was held at the Mount Vernon Estate on Saturday, Oct. 2.



Guest speaker Tina Frundt, executive director/founder of Courtney’s House, places the formal wreath on the Slave Memorial.



Alma B. Fortson, the eldest member of the Black Women United for Action attends the ceremony, hosted by the BWUA and the Mount Vernon Ladies Association.



Richard Josey in the role of an unknown slave on the plantation of Mount Vernon Estate.



In an F-18 James Meier, principal at Waywood Elementary School, was selected to fly with the Navy’s Blue Angels. Meier was nominated for this honor by Navy Commander Walt Hogan, father of Waywood students Nick, Henry and Annie Hogan. The United States Navy Key Influencers Ride Along Program selects individuals who have had a positive influence on the attitudes and opinions of America’s school age children. On Sept. 15, Meier drove to Oceania Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach to take a ride on an F-18 Hornet fighter jet. After the flight, Meier described his experience, as “One of the most incredible experiences I have ever had. I have a much deeper appreciation and understanding for the United States Navy. The professionalism and commitment to this country are second to none. An experience I will always cherish.”



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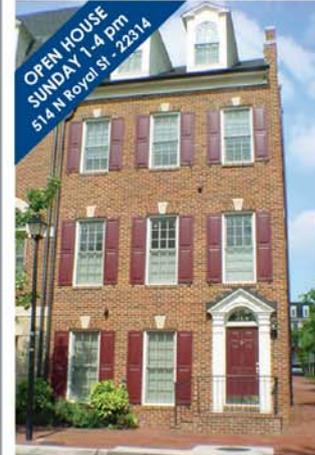
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How Many New Liquor Stores?

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of Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple, D- Arlington. Areas with the highest population would have the greatest percentage of retailers. Fairfax County, which currently has 34 Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) stores, would have 132 hard liquor retailers. The City of Alexandria would see an increase from seven stores to 18 retailers. Arlington, which has eight ABC stores would likely have 26 hard liquor retailers under the governor's privatization plan.

"The vast majority [of localities] are going to have ... quite large increases in the number of outlets that are going to be in their communities," said Whipple.

There would be one outlet for every 8,000 people. Under the proposal, there would be 600 licenses for grocery stores, 150 licenses for larger specialty stores, 150 licenses for smaller chain stores, and 100 licenses for small businesses.

SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE?

McDonnell's aides insist that the increase in liquor retailers is safe and responsible. Most retailers would sell more than just alcohol.

"You're not talking about a proliferation of new stores," said Eric Finkbeiner, McDonnell's policy adviser. "You're talking about new shelves in existing stores."

He also said that even with the increase, Virginia remains on the low end of liquor outlets per capita. Currently, the Commonwealth has the fewest number of stores per capita in the country, at 1.4 per 10,000 adults. If privatization is passed, McDonnell's aides estimate the number would increase to 1.8 outlets per 10,000 adults. This would only be slightly higher than the average in control states, which sits at 1.6 outlets per 10,000 adults.

The effects of this increase are disputed. McDonnell points to a study by the Virginia Institute for Public Policy, a think tank advocating for smaller government. The study, done by researchers from George

LOCAL TALLY ON LIKELY NEW LIQUOR STORES UNDER PRIVATIZATION

Locality	Current Number	Projected Number of Liquor Stores
Alexandria	7	18
Arlington	8	26
City of Fairfax	2	3
Fairfax County	34	132
Falls Church	3	1
Loudoun	11	45
Prince William	11	54
Virginia	334	1,000

SOURCE: Estimates from Senate Finance Staff
For more, see <http://virginia.statehousenewsonline.com>

Mason University, said public health and safety wouldn't be affected.

But the Marin Institute— which describes itself as an "alcohol industry watchdog," — estimated that Virginia could see 220 more alcohol-related deaths per year, based on a 2006 study published in the journal Accident Analysis and Prevention reported in the Washington Post.

Another concern is how these new liquor outlets will fit into the community.

McDonnell's aides said that liquor outlets will have similar regulations as beer and wine retailers.

To get a beer or wine license, retailers must apply through the ABC board. They also must face a hearing in which anyone can voice objections to the license. The board can also decide to deny the license if the outlet would "adversely affect" the operations of a school, church, or park.

Local governments can regulate where and at what hours beer and wine are sold, and McDonnell's aides indicated liquor would also be subject to local regulation, but no details are available. McDonnell's aide Melissa Luchau said stores would be regulated with "Virginia traditions and values," meaning absent of neon signs and excessive advertising.

But the exact regulations would be hammered out if privatization can be passed in the General Assembly. Right now, McDonnell is trying to sell legislators on the plan, but gaining traction with Democrat opponents appears tough.

The governor wants to call a special session in November to pass privatization and other reform measures, but said he would only do so if he has the necessary support from lawmakers.

New Officers At Kiwanis

The Lt-Governor of Kiwanis Capital District, Division 20, Marvin Crawford of Fairfax KC, presided over the Installation Ceremony for the 2011 Officers and Board of the Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club (MVKC) at its Charter Night celebration on Oct. 6 at the Mount Vernon Country Club. This night began the MVKC's 58th year of community service in this area.

Officers installed are: President: Kahan Dhillon, President-Elect (for 2012): Kahan Dhillon, Vice President: Dr. David Reynolds, Co-Secretaries: Joanne Malkin and Vivien Peterson, Co-Treasurers: Steve Vajs and Jim Todd.

Members of the Board of Directors are: Lee Palmer, Paul Mehler, Richard Keil, Dr. Donald Reynolds, Dr. James



From left: Members of the Board Dr. James Zaletel, Lee Palmer, Dr. Donald Reynolds, and Paqul Mehler are installed by Division 20 Lt.-Gov. Marvin Crawford. (Not shown are Richard Peterson, Betty Puscheck, and Richard Keil.)

Zaletel, Betty Puscheck, and Richard Peterson.

Bruce Malkin is the past presi-

dent. To join, call Malkin at 703-360-7725 or e-mail him at brucemalkin1@gmail.com.



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OBITUARY

Dorothy May Pritchard Williams

Dorothy May Pritchard Williams homemaker, volunteer, and Army wife, lived a life of excitement and wanderlust which began as a young child. Her family of five drove more than 700 miles in a Model T Ford, over dirt roads between Kentucky and Oklahoma to visit relatives. Dorothy was born in Louisville, Ky. on May 26, 1921 to Mary and Arthur Pritchard. As a young girl she talked of cutting and frying potatoes for a relative with a potato chip business in Louisville. Living through the devastation of the Great Flood of 1937 made a lifelong impression which she talked about frequently. The Ohio River crested at 85 feet washing away their possessions including her prized violin and leaving her family homeless.

Although she always wanted to be a nurse, she attended business school on her father's recommendation. After finishing business school she moved to Washington D.C. in the 1940s like many young women, to work for the government during the war. She often laughed about her escapades with her roommates during that time. The four roommates would pull the blinds and play cards in the hallway during the "blackout" periods during WWII that required all to turn the lights out. She saved war coupons for weeks to buy meat at the butcher and after cooking it, remarked to the other girls that it was "the best horsemeat she had ever tasted." Her roommate could not be convinced otherwise and refused to eat the meat, even after she told her it was really beef. She often visited with friends living in Afton, Va. and talked about going up "Walton Mountain" with the local state trooper to buy moonshine.

Dorothy married Frank S. Williams at Ft. Myer Chapel in August 1952. This was the start of an adventurous life as an Army Officer's wife that took her to Japan, Hawaii, Alaska, and across the United States twice. They began their married life in Hunting Towers in Alexandria, returned to the area in 1968 from Alaska when Col. Williams was stationed at the Pentagon and then Ft. Belvoir, remaining residents of Northern Virginia for over 42 years.

Dorothy's adventurous spirits led her to climb Mt. Fuji in Japan; the family moved to Alaska six months after the Great Earthquake of 1964. There she took ski lessons, ice

skated, and they traveled to Mt. McKinley National



Park to view the bears, moose, and other wildlife. Her hobbies were many; she took Chinese wok cooking lessons and learned to oil paint in Japan, took up ceramics during the long, dark winter days in Alaska, and camped during the longest days of summer. She bred and raised West Highland White terriers and Yorkshire terriers also showing them in American Kennel Club Shows. She loved gardening, often making watermelon pickles and rose

hip tea, and enjoyed sewing and needlework making many costumes and afghans for her family.

She continued to travel with her husband taking a number of cruises including the QE2 across the Atlantic, several trips overseas with WMAL radio personalities Harden & Weaver, kissed the Blarney Stone in Ireland, visited England, the Caribbean Islands, Mexico, Hawaii, and her travels were through more than half of the United States.

She was a life member of the Friendship Chapter No. 17 of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Army Officer Wives Club, a Girl Scout leader, and volunteered in the community. A 40-year breast cancer survivor, also legally blind from her early 40s from retinitis pigmentosa and macular degeneration she didn't let anything slow her down. She cared for her mother, Mary Pritchard, who lived to the age of 103. Yearning to ride on a motorcycle for years, she finally hopped on the back of one at the age of 82, with an encore ride the next year on a jet ski on the Chesapeake Bay.

Dorothy P. Williams died peacefully at her home at The Fairfax Retirement Community, Ft. Belvoir, Va. on Sept. 19, 2010 at the age of 89. The cause of death was cardiac failure. Wife of the late Col. Frank S. Williams, she is survived by daughters, Sallie (Dennis) Reese, Martha (Steve) Llewellyn, Betsy (Ted) Porter; grandsons, Vincent Reese, Kenneth and William Llewellyn; niece, Lee Ann Meffert; caregiver, Marcela Reyes. She was predeceased by her parents, Mary and Arthur Pritchard, and her sister Virginia Lee Meffert. Funeral services will be held Monday, Nov. 29, 2010, at 9 a.m. at the Old Post Chapel, Ft. Myer, Va., and interment follows at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington or a charity of choice.

CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the Mt. Vernon police department through Oct. 8.

SHOOTING

Police responded to a report of an incident on the parking lot at the Huntington Metro, located at 2501 Huntington Ave., on Monday, Oct. 4 around 10:24 p.m. Police were called by a woman who was concerned for a family member who failed to show up after agreeing to meet at the Metro. Police located a 32 year-old man in a parking lot suffering from a gunshot wound to the lower body. He was transported to Fairfax Hospital initially with life-threatening injuries. The victim's condition has since been changed to non-life threatening injuries. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

BURGLARY/ DESTRUCTION OF

PROPERTY/ ASSAULT/ ARREST

Police arrested a man after he allegedly assaulted a 19-year-old woman and forced his way into her home in the 3800 block of El Camino Place around 8:18 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 4. A 28-year-old male of the 8500 block of Locust Grove Drive in Laurel, Md., was charged with burglary, destruction of property and assault. The victim did not require medical attention.

ATTEMPTED RAPE/ BURGLARY/

PREVENTING THE SUMMONING OF

LAW ENFORCEMENT/ ARREST

A man was arrested for allegedly attempting to sexually assault a 24-year-old woman and preventing her from dialing 9-1-1 on Monday, Oct. 4 around 10:51 p.m. in the 8000 block of Central Park Drive. A 29-year-old male of the 1300 block of Ray Road in Hyattsville, Md., was apprehended

nearby and charged with rape, burglary and preventing the summoning of law enforcement. The victim did not require medical attention.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

Three men attempted to rob another man on Friday, Sept. 24 around 12:22 a.m. in the 7800 block of Richmond Highway. The 20-year-old victim was also stabbed in the lower body; he was taken to the hospital by family members and treated for non life-threatening injuries. Two suspects were described as Hispanic and about 5 feet 9 inches tall. The third suspect was described as black, about 29 years old, 6 feet tall, 140 pounds and bald.

ROBBERY

A 39-year-old man was robbed on Saturday, Sept. 25 around 2:41 a.m. in the 5800 block of North Kings Highway. The suspect was described

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CRIME

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as Hispanic, about 24 years old and 5 feet 5 inches tall. He was wearing a blue shirt and black pants. The victim did not require medical attention.

OBSCENE SEXUAL DISPLAY/ARREST

Police arrested a man on Friday, Sept. 24 for allegedly touching himself inappropriately inside of his car while he was parked across from the Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School around 2:55 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 23. A 21-year-old male of the 3700 block of Buckman Road in Alexandria, was charged with obscene sexual display.

LARCENIES

- 9300 block of Allwood Court.** Purse stolen from vehicle.
- 4200 block of Buckman Road.** Purse stolen from residence.
- 1800 block of Edgemoor Drive.** Change stolen from vehicle.
- 8400 block of Fort Hunt Road.** Cell phone stolen from school.
- 3800 block of Havenwood Place.** Computer stolen from residence.
- 2000 block of Huntington Ave.** DVD player and iPod stolen from vehicle.
- 8300 block of Keeler St.** Power tools stolen from residence.
- 3100 block of Lockheed Blvd.** Beer stolen from business.
- 7500 block of Republic Court.** Three diamond rings and cash stolen from residence.
- 7300 block of Richmond Highway.** GPS stolen from vehicle.
- 7900 block of Richmond Highway.** Purse stolen from business.
- 7900 block of Russell Road.** iPod stolen from residence.
- 8200 block of Russell Road.** Two cases of beer stolen from business.
- 2200 block of Whiteoaks Drive.** Passport, social security card and file stolen from residence.
- 3100 block of Budd Way.** License plate stolen from vehicle.
- 3100 block of Douglas St.** Stereo stolen from vehicle.
- 8400 block of Frye Road.** Food stolen from business.
- 8500 block of Hallie Rose Place.** Cash stolen from residence.
- 6700 block of Harrison Lane.** Purse stolen from business.
- 9500 block of Lynnhall Place.** Jewelry stolen from residence.
- 8300 block of Pondsides Terrace.** Dog stolen from residence.
- 6500 block of Quander Road.** Purse stolen from school.
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- 6700 block of Richmond Highway.** Merchandise stolen from business.
- 6700 block of Richmond Highway.** Merchandise stolen from business.
- 7500 block of Richmond Highway.** Meat stolen from business.
- 7700 block of Richmond Highway.** Shoes stolen from business.
- 8000 block of Richmond Highway.** Sandwiches and chips stolen from business.
- 8000 block of Richmond Highway.** Beer stolen from business.
- 8100 block of Richmond Highway.** Cell phone stolen from business.
- 8200 block of Richmond Highway.** Vacuum cleaner stolen from residence.
- 9100 block of Rosemary Lena Way.** Wallet stolen from vehicle.
- 5800 block of Saint Gregorys Lane.** Scooter stolen from residence.
- 3900 block of San Leandro Place.** GPS stolen from vehicle.
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OPINION

October: Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Early detection still means self-exams, doctor exams and mammograms.

If you are a woman with no family history of breast cancer, chances are you heard the chatter that resulted from the report on mammograms and self-exams from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force about a year ago with one ear. For many women, the message delivered was that it doesn't matter so much that you've missed the time for your next mammogram, or that checking your own breasts is really a waste of time.

Whatever the recommendations for women in general, remember that there is just one person in charge of your healthcare, and that person is you. If you have a family history of breast cancer, it is never too early to talk to your doctor about how to approach your preventative care. All women age 40 or over should talk with a doctor experienced in breast health about when to begin screening mammograms and how often to have them. When it comes to what is best for your breasts, knowing your own breasts and what feels normal is a low-tech, low-cost measure.

In 2008, more than 182,000 U.S. women were newly diagnosed with breast cancer, and more than 40,000 women's deaths resulted from breast cancer. There are also significant disparities along economic and ethnic differences. For example, the 5-year breast cancer survival rate is 69 percent for black women, compared with 85 percent for white women.

Nevertheless, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force came out with recommendations

at the end of 2009 that women have mammograms every other year beginning at age 50, and recommended against teaching women to do breast self exams. The recommendations were rejected by many doctors who specialize in breast health.

In particular, the recommendations against breast self exams were based on studies of more than 388,000 women in Russia and China. In comparing breast self-examination with no intervention, the studies found no difference in breast cancer mortality between the groups, (587 deaths in total). The women who were taught breast self exam in these studies had almost twice as many biopsies (3,406) with benign results than did the women in the control group (1,856). The reviewers' conclusion: "At present, breast self-examination cannot be recommended."

It's true that unnecessary biopsies are not a positive outcome. But you have to ask yourself whether you think population based studies of women in Russia and China should determine whether you should check your own breasts.

In January, 2009, I found a lump in my breast that I knew immediately was not normal. A coworker's diagnosis of breast cancer had prompted me to have an overdue mammogram seven months before I found the lump, and that mammogram was perfectly normal. The mammogram after I found the lump showed the difference, a glowing spot that led the ra-

diologist to say he would be "very concerned." The biopsy of the lump confirmed the concern, I had an early but aggressive breast cancer. Like most women who are diagnosed with breast cancer, I had no family history of it.

My treatment, which included removing the tumor, and undergoing chemotherapy and radiation, wrapped up eight months later, just more than a year ago. I had excellent care; I'm cancer free. I don't object to being called a survivor, but I don't think of myself that way. I'm a woman who was treated for breast cancer, and that's behind me now.

Most days, it doesn't cross my mind. (Yes, there is an extensive protocol of follow-up that I follow.)

But I can tell you that if I did not find that lump, if I waited two years for my next mammogram, my outcome would very likely have been different.

So I share my experience during breast cancer awareness month and in the weeks leading up to the Komen Race for the Cure in June, not because the experience defines me, but because I know how easy it is to put off a mammogram, how easy it is to miss months of self-checks, and because I know, early detection really can save lives. Your life.

My life.

Building awareness and funds for screening and treating women who otherwise might not have access to care is another important outcome of breast cancer awareness month. A woman's race or economic status in the United States should not affect her chances of surviving breast cancer, but they do.

MARY KIMM,

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EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cut Red Tape For Dog Park

To the Editor:

In September, I met some Mount Vernon residents who are inter-

ested in creating an off-leash dog walking park at the site of the Westgrove sewage pumping sta-

tion just south of Belle View Elementary School. What seems to be a no-brainer is immersed in red tape seemingly intended to discourage the idea. I had never vis-

ited the site, so I did so and was amazed to see that beyond the chain-link gate near Fort Hunt Road, there exists an asphalt road that becomes a circle surrounding a large grassy area about the size of a baseball field. To the right of the gate is a large opening where visitors can easily enter the area on foot as well as a Park Authority sign providing the rules including that dogs must remain on-leash.

Apparently, the County requires that a half-acre be enclosed by a five-foot high fence to create an off-leash area. The County has estimated that such a fence would cost \$55,000. Folks, a fence 150 feet on a side (600 feet total) encloses more than a half-acre. Fences don't cost \$92/foot even if gold-plated. Such a fence could not possibly exceed \$12,000 (\$20/foot). Next, the County has estimated a cost of \$130,000 for a trail from the Belle View Elementary School parking lot to the site as well as \$1,000,000 to provide an entrance to the park. This is truly ridiculous.

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Snapshot This photo was taken the morning of Sept. 30 at the intersection of Waynewood Boulevard and DeWolfe Drive in Waynewood. The obstructed view is a police car blocking traffic.

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WPHS Key Club Works on Walk-a-thon

At an Oct. 6 meeting after school, the members of the West Potomac High School's Kiwanis Key Club finished their Club business and began their community service project work of designing posters to publicize the Walk-A-Thon for the Homeless in which they will participate in November. Another project will be collecting money for UNICEF, which is the UN partner with Kiwanis International in the global

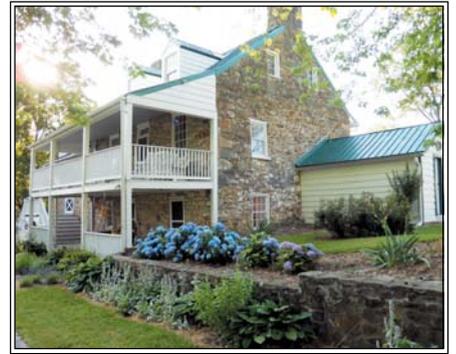
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The entrance to the Westgrove sewage pumping station has been perfectly adequate for County trucks but as a park \$1,000,000 must be spent on access to Fort Hunt Road? All we need are a stop sign for those leaving the park and a right turn only sign. What does that cost, \$500? The gate is a safety hazard and must be removed or opened during hours when the park is open. Only a couple of vehicles can park outside the gate and it is dangerous to re-enter Fort Hunt Road from that small area because vehicles have difficulty turning around. If the gate is open, there is ample room to park on the existing asphalt road and visitors can easily exit by turning right onto Fort Hunt Road. Perhaps one additional sign should be provided warning vehicles traveling north on Fort Hunt Road to watch for vehicles entering the roadway from Westgrove.

There is no need for a \$130,000 path from the Belle View Elementary School parking lot. As mentioned, there is already adequate parking room at the site.

The site of the former Westgrove sewage pumping station is a largely untapped community resource that appears ideal for an off-leash dog park. The only other one in our area is at Grist Mill Park. The City of Alexandria has more than a dozen dog parks. Maintaining the gate open during visiting hours, adding a few signs and constructing an inexpensive fence and perhaps providing a small kiosk and garbage can are all that are needed to make such a park a reality. Let's cut the red tape and create an off-leash dog park at Westgrove.

H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon

Potential Re-location

To the Editor:

I take issue with Mr. Flannagan's remarks ("Supervisors Defer on Two Land Use Proposals," Mount Vernon Gazette, Oct 7, 2010). In the article, Mr. Flannagan is quoted: "The citizen associations, developers, the county planning staff all worked diligently to make certain that individuals, developers, and others interests were carefully considered. I am proud to report the Mount Vernon District led the way in the entire county with 44 citizen nominations for county staff, Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to evalu

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ate for future land use as published in the CP Mount Vernon District citizens can be justifiably proud of this accomplishment.”

First, to say that “interests were carefully considered” is a joke. It should be noted that most residents of the two trailer parks on this property are unaware that their community has the potential to be relocated. But on July 14, six people representing Mount Vernon Manor and Mount Zephyr communities spoke to the Planning Commission. All persons expressed concern over the proposed plan for a town center and specifically the amendment that zones for high density housing (almost 400 apartments) on the Smitty’s property. Even the planning commission questioned the impact to traffic on Route 1 as it is referenced in the plan. Three petitions with over a hundred signatures combined were presented in opposition to the plan. However, when it came time to vote, the plan for a town center was unanimously passed through to the Board of Supervisors for review. The deferral was absolutely necessary because this plan necessitates further

discussion. Supervisor Hyland will be meeting with the communities on Oct. 18 at 7 pm at the South County Government Center.

Second, I am not proud to say the Mount Vernon District has “led the way” with 44 citizen nominations for future land use. Unless these plans make sense and actually improve our district, why brag about a number?

Sally Hazard
Mount Vernon Manor

Correction

In last week’s Gazette, “Preserving Current Use,” the letter incorrectly stated that the Stratford Landing Citizens’ Association’s Executive Committee had not been notified of a proposed Comprehensive plan amendment for the Little Hunting Creek sewage pumping station site. The Executive Committee was notified in a July 4 email; a second email was sent to its president on Aug. 21, and another email was sent to update the Executive Committee on Aug. 28.

While the original proposal referred to a boardwalk or nature pathway, eventually deleted, it was not precisely referred to as a park.

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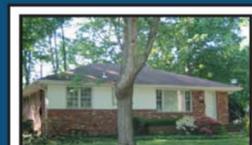
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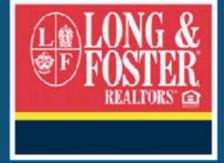
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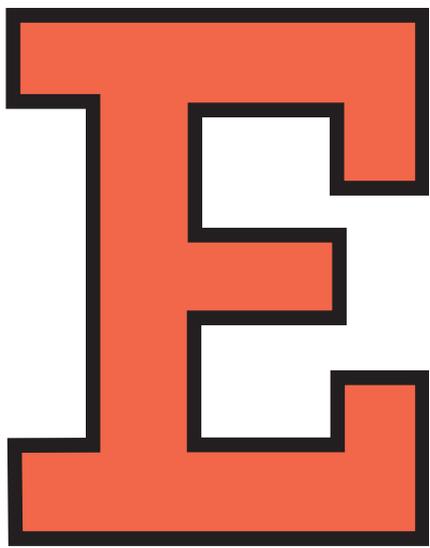
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Lyle Lovett performing at the Birchmere.

Lyle Lovett Reflects On The Birchmere

On any given night a star might be born at the Birchmere, notes its website. Alison Kraus, Shawn Colvin, Jerry Jeff Walker, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Vince Gill and, of course, Lyle Lovett are just a few of the artists that played the Birchmere before they were widely known artists. They are all considered good friends of the Birchmere and vice versa. In a recent telephone interview from his home in Texas, Lyle Lovett recalled the early days and why he still likes to play the Birchmere.

When I told Gary and Michael I thought it would be great to talk with one of the performers that played the Birchmere before being famous, they both thought of you.

A: I'm happy to talk about the Birchmere because it's just one of the best listening rooms anywhere in the world. It really is. It was Guy Clark who introduced me to the Birchmere back in 1985 I guess. Guy invited me to go there with him and open for him one weekend. I was in Nashville and I flew from Nashville to D.C. with Guy and we just had a great time.

They said the next time you played the Birchmere, they co-headlined you with Mary Chapin Carpenter because you had both just come out with records.

A: No, that wasn't it at all. The next time they booked me — and it was after my first record came out — I was scheduled to play solo. In those days I couldn't afford to bring the guys who usually

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The Birchmere: America's Legendary Music Hall

A cradle for new talent, a legacy for Gary Oelze.

BY SANDY LEVITZ LUNER
GAZETTE PACKET

It's a long way from Nashville, but for more than 40 years, the Birchmere has been a local attraction turning out international stars.

"I mean people like Vince Gill, Lyle Lovett, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Alison Krauss — all these people played here before they even had records," Gary Oelze recalled. "And most of them still remember ya' you know. Like Lyle or Vince, I can call them at home if I wanted to. Lyle comes on a regular basis. Vince has been here a couple of times in the last couple of years.

"We fell in love with this little girl Elizabeth Cook and we brought her in and everybody loved her," Oelze bragged recently.

"And I said to her the next time we bring you in you're gonna be headlinin' and she didn't believe me," he smiled. "She's just really catching fire."

According to Oelze, the most exciting part of the Birchmere for him and Michael Jaworek who heads the Birchmere's booking office, is finding new and young talent.

Discovering and nurturing new talent, it seems, has always been a thrill for Oelze.

Oelze was fresh out of the service when he bought the Birchmere in April of 1966. Back then, the Birchmere was just a joint located behind the village of Shirlington.

"In those days, Four Mile Run had the industrial park and all," Oelze recalled. "So, I had a great lunch business, and evening business was all the young families out of Fairlington and Clarendon. So, for a few years it was just a neighborhood bar and restaurant."

Around the late 1960s, says Oelze, the area started undergoing a dramatic transformation.

"Everyone was discovering Woodbridge and Dale City, and all these young families was moving out, so my night business was changing," the Owensboro, Ky., native noted.

His solution to rebuild the evening business was to offer music. And by the early '70s, Oelze introduced a taste of his native Kentucky to the Birchmere with blue grass music. He lured the band The Seldom Scene away from their home club in Bethesda. They played the Birchmere every Thursday night for more than 20 years.

"That sort of legitimized the Birchmere as a real music venue," Oelze said. "Just about every musician that played in the area would stop by to catch The Seldom Scene, and most would sit in. People like Emmy Lou Harris



SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER/GAZETTE PACKET

Gary Oelze reads the dedication on a Platinum Album given to him by Alison Kraus, one of the many young talents he helped over the years.

and Linda Ronstadt. And it's grown from that.

"I often say if it weren't for The Seldom Scene, there wouldn't be a Birchmere. I was just a kid 44 years ago. If I'd've visualized

"So there we were at midnight going, 'Well, this is easy.' Little did I realize."

— Michael Jaworek

what's going on now back then, it probably wouldn't have happened. It's been a real learning process."

Oelze seems to have a second sense when it comes to the music that touches people's hearts. He likes to point out that even though he's had partners and other input over the years, the music was always his.

"I'm real proud of that," he said. "I still approve all the music. Number one, because the bankroll's my department. But now I have a booking office on site."

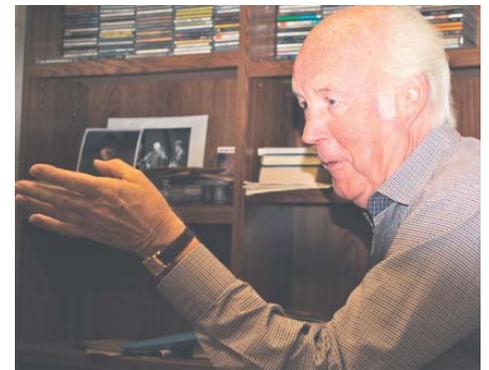
WHEREAS OELZE has a sixth sense about music, Michael Jaworek seems to have a more studied approach to the business.

His resume dates back to 1971 while a student at The University of Illinois. Four friends put up \$500 to bring two acts to the University. They needed 500 people to break even. They got about 1,500.

"So there we were at midnight going, 'Well, this is easy.' Little did I realize," he said with a slightly ironic laugh.

Jaworek continued bringing concerts to his alma mater which helped him land similar work after college at the University of Tennessee and the University of Maryland.

Jaworek joined Alexandria-based Chesapeake Concerts in 1985 where he booked a variety of shows in the DC/Baltimore corri-



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Gary Oelze responds to a question during his daily meeting with the booking staff.



Doc Watson and Jerry Jeff Walker at the Birchmere in 1984.

dor. He approached Oelze in 1988 with a proposition.

"Chesapeake Concerts was at a point where it needed a club to grow artists," Jaworek said. "I told Gary I could increase and diversify the Birchmere's business."

Chesapeake still earned its booking fee. When the talent grew too big for the Birchmere, Chesapeake booked them in a theater or arena. That worked for Oelze who wasn't interested in going outside the club. By 1997, Jaworek left Chesapeake to join the Birchmere staff — just in time for the move from Birchmere's first Mt. Vernon Avenue venue to its current location.

The Birchmere has a "Hall of Fame" — wall-to-wall photos and posters of Birchmere alumni with personal, heart-felt signatures. But don't try to get Oelze or Jaworek to reveal a favorite performer. Both insist they don't have one.

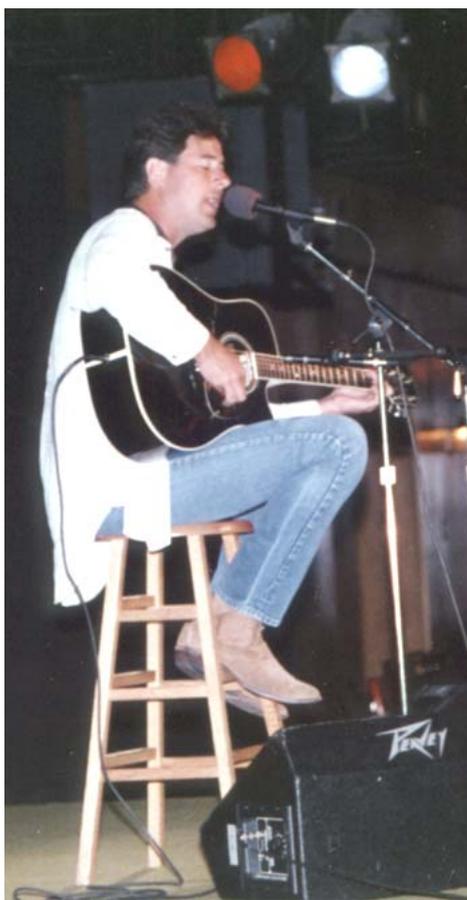
"Each act on the Birchmere calendar is a treasure to me," Oelze said.

RELAXED, feet up on his desk, Oelze makes a quick apology for the noise of this day's sound check that can be heard faintly through the closed door of his modest office before he continues.

"Personally I like singer/songwriters," Oelze said. "For instance, Guy Clark, Rodney Crowell, people like that. And Lyle, Lyle Lovett. Those come to mind.

"To me, that's the hardest thing is to get up there all by yourself and lay your soul out, you know. My all-time favorite was the late Mickey Newbury. But I could hardly sell a

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An early shot of Vince Gill playing the Birchmere.



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Michael Jaworek brings up a new issue during the 4 p.m. meeting.

Michael's Picks

Like his boss, Michael Jaworek is quick to light up, too, when he talks about new talent. And, true to boss Gary Oelze's promise, Jaworek has already booked one of their recent "discoveries," Elizabeth Cook for a return engagement. On Dec.

2, she'll be co-headlining with Jim Lauderdale, a singer/songwriter who penned hits for country legend George Strait.

"Liz follows in the path of several artists that combine the classic and modern, not straight-ahead country," Jaworek said about Cook. He likens her style to that of Kathy Mattea, Hal Ketchum and Suzy Bogguss.

Of their other recent "discovery," Jaworek said, "Joe Robinson is going to go far." He describes Robinson as a brilliant instrumentalist reminiscent of other guitarists like the late Michael Hedges, Keller Williams, or even Chet Atkins, whose music combines the best of pop, jazz and country. "The kid did two 30-minute sets opening for the blues band Keb Mo, which made sense because Keb was on an acoustic tour, too. And the public voted," Jaworek shared. "The public had no idea who he is and he sold all 150 CDs he brought."

Jaworek has already started the process of bringing Robinson back to the Birchmere, and hopes to see his return in the first quarter of 2011.

For those who have never experienced the Birchmere, and even for those who are regulars, Jaworek highlights a few additional upcoming shows.

Oct. 16: "This is where, as I put it, some of the diversity comes in. We have Paula Poundstone coming in and she always sells out. She's great — wonderful lady."

Oct. 19-20: "Blues legend Buddy Guy comes



Founder of the bands The Country Gentlemen and The Seldom Scene, the late John Duffy with Birchmere owner Gary Oelze back in 1981.

back with two different opening acts — Britt Neal on the 19th, and Kirsten Thien on the 20th. He's out promoting a new album."

Oct. 27-28: "One of my favorite acts, The Belly Dance Superstars, are bringing their show, Bombay Bellywood. They are the best belly dancers in North America. And they're stunning and brilliant dancers. They worked, over the years to establish themselves, as hard as any heavy metal road band doing eight shows in seven days. They've been all over the world."

Oct. 29: "I'm proud of this one — Barbara Cook, without a doubt the doyon of Broadway and cabaret. Barbara loves to work, and her folks know the venue, so we made the connection — the same way, over the years, I've played Mel Torme, Sarah Vaughn, Oscar Peterson, Karen Ackers. I can speak that language."

Oct. 30: "This is really cool. Tom Paxton is doing a double bill with Janis Ian. They are here, together at last. A show so hot, they wouldn't let it any nearer to the nation's capitol. They had to play the Birchmere, America's Legendary Music Hall."

Nov. 8: "In The Bandstand! Robert Earl Keen's Uprising Tour, featuring Robert Earl Keen, Reckless Kelly, Randy Rogers Band. Keen is a Birchmere regular and this time comes from Texas with two of the hottest Lone Star acts. A night of rockin' country!"

Nov. 15: "A rare acoustic-oriented tour by Ian Anderson, leader of the timeless rock band Jethro Tull. The show features Tull classics plus Anderson and the band will also play material from his solo albums and beyond!"

Dec. 7: "Rickie Lee Jones will perform her first two albums 'Rickie Lee Jones' and 'Pirates' in their entirety. These were the albums that firmly planted her in rock's pantheon of singer/songwriter stars."

Dec. 27: "The 14th Annual HANK WILLIAMS TRIBUTE show, once again Cathy Fink, Marcy Marxer, Bill Kirchen, Robin and Linda Williams and others return to celebrate the music by one of America's greatest songwriters, country or otherwise."

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played with me on the trip.

I remember having this conversation with Gary and with Michael who was working with Chapin at the time. They asked if it was OK if a local act opened for me. And I said well sure. They said the only thing is, it's a band. And I said well I don't know — that's going to be kind of tough for me since I'm playing solo. They told me who it was, and I had actually met Chapin. I remembered her because the very first time I played anything in the D.C. area was in 1984, and it was a folk festival thing they did at the Kennedy Center and Chapin and was a show runner, and she picked me up at the airport. So I told them, yeah I know her.

They said, well, her band has offered to learn some of your songs, and I thought this is going from bad to worse. I was just thinking of her as the show runner, and I was thinking to myself, oh my goodness.

I said, can she just open by herself, without the band. And they told me, well it's a chance for her. They said Steve Buckingham from CBS records was gonna be there that night and it's a showcase for her for CBS.

I said OK, all right, but I'll be fine playing by myself. Don't worry. And of course I got there for sound check and it was her band, that great band, and they had rehearsed some of my songs and they did a sound check with me and of course they were great. I just couldn't believe how good they were. And so that's the night Chapin actually got her record deal. That's what it was.

How did Guy Clark find you and why did he take you to The Birchmere?

I had met Guy in Nashville and was a fan of Guy's. I had dropped off one of my demo tapes at CBS where Guy was a songwriter and told the young song plugger there that I was a big fan of Guy's and he passed my tape on to Guy. Guy was just giving me lots of support, and I finally met him and we started hanging out a little bit and he was nice enough to invite me to come play the Birchmere. He was familiar with the kinds of places I played in Texas like the Café in Austin and Poor



Alison Kraus on the fiddle with her band Union Station at the Birchmere. The first time she fiddled at the Birchmere was with The Birchmere Super Pickers at the old club on Mount Vernon Avenue. It was a surprise to Gary Oelze and Michael Jaworek the first time they heard her sing.

David's Pub in Dallas and so he knew that the Birchmere was right in line with those kind of places. Guy knew that I would appreciate the Birchmere, I think that's what it was.

Any anecdotes from the early days?

I just remember how Gary and Linda and Pudge that worked the door back then, just how much they cared about the music and about the ethic of their place and that the place was a listening room. There are very few places like that in the world. The Birchmere is kind of it — in the D.C. area for sure.

But there are just a handful of those places in the country — and in the world that have that kind of respect for the singer/songwriter and who show the kind of support for the singer/songwriter that Gary Oelze always showed.

Gary always made you feel like you were at home when you were in his place and in fact gave

all of us a home when we were there. It was a place that we could count on a wonderful crowd — wonderful in so many ways. Not just a listening crowd, but really smart — a crowd that has high expectations, the kind of expectations that you sort of have to rise up to.

Do you remember the first time you played there?

I remember the first time I played there very well — and the crowd didn't know who I was. That's what I think speaks so well of Gary and the tone he set there at the Birchmere.

The crowd wasn't there to see me, and the crowd didn't know me from anybody, and my set on each of those nights, couldn't have been better for me. They listened and they were very supportive and I just remember feeling grateful that night that I

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Lyle Lovett Reflects

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could play there. And I was so excited to hang out with Guy.

Of course, I knew about the Birchmere from my days of playing the listening rooms here around Texas. You know, the Birchmere was one of those famous places that you think, oh gosh, if I could ever play there then that's how I'd know I was really making it. And it continues to be a great place to play. Now, the old Birchmere being a little bit smaller was so charming. But the new Birchmere, even with its larger size, has the same feeling about it.

As a performer what do you think about the newer location?

It all speaks to the level of concern that Gary has and now Michael as well. They just always give you the impression they always want to get it right, and they want to do what's right for the music. And as a performer, you know, that's just the nicest feeling in the world to have when you walk through the door. To know, have confidence that the people running the place are concerned about the music, about what you're doing.

At what point did you realize you had made it?

Oh gosh, are you kidding? I feel so lucky to have the career I've had and to be able to do something that I love to do everyday of my life. But you know, I'm still working. I'm still, you know the music business has changed a great deal since those days, and anything you do requires looking after and requires constant thought. We're planning a tour that will start the beginning of November and go up to Thanksgiving and we'll get to go to parts of the country we didn't get to go this summer on our tour. This weekend we get to play the closing ceremonies of The World Equestrian Games in Lexington which I'm excited about. You can never think to yourself well, gosh, I don't ever have to worry about anything. Every show you ever do is the most important show that you have.

You've been traveling a lot with your Large Band, which Gary and Michael say they can't really accommodate at the Birchmere.

In fact, the first time we put the band together and called it the Large Band was in 1988. And the very first place we played, and it was a 10-piece band with our entire vocal group with three horns instead of four and we didn't have a steel guitar in the

band. But, the very first place we played as the Large Band was the Birchmere. Yeah, it was the old Birchmere. It was the beginning of a month-long tour and we went from there to Boston and came back through N.Y. and then headed west. We kind of covered the whole country in March of '88.

Why do you think you haven't come back with the Large Band?

I'd love to come back with the Large Band, but it's such a great listening room that I love, particularly when we come to the Birchmere these days, I bring a more scaled-down presentation and I still love playing in a smaller room. I always appreciate the musicians I get to work with so much whether it's the Large Band or something scaled down. They're all so talented. It's a thrill for me every time I walk out on stage. But, you know I do enjoy doing something with more sparse accommodations. I hope it works out for me to come to the Birchmere next year.

What would you tell today's up and comers about The Birchmere?

The first thing I would tell somebody is, it's a great place to go listen to music. I'd say, go there and check out who's playing there because it's just, really, you don't get to hear people in that kind of atmosphere often. And then I'd tell them if they ever had a chance to play there, I know they'd enjoy it.

Lyle Lovett is currently on tour with his Large Band supporting his most recent studio album, "Natural Forces" (Curb/Lost Highway). The 15-city fall outing follows on the heels of a

cross-country summer tour and a debut tour of Australia this past spring.

— SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER



Birchmere owner Gary Oelze, center, with Mickey Newbury, left, and Guy Clark.



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THURSDAY/OCT. 14

Sol Roots Performs.

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Kindergarten Fair.

7 to 9 p.m. Alexandria City Public Schools representatives will participate in Alexandria's annual Kindergarten Fair. At Grace Episcopal School's Merrow Hall Auditorium, 3601 Russell Road, Alexandria. The event will be geared toward parents of preschool-aged children. Read more at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/news2011/nr2010100703.php>.

18th Century Dance Classes.

7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Dance master Corky Palmer will lead a fun series of 18th-century English country dance classes in preparation for the Masquerade Ball on Saturday, Oct. 23. Singles or couples are welcome at this beginner-level series. The cost for lessons is \$30 for the series or \$12 per class. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling 703-746-4242. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St., Alexandria. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

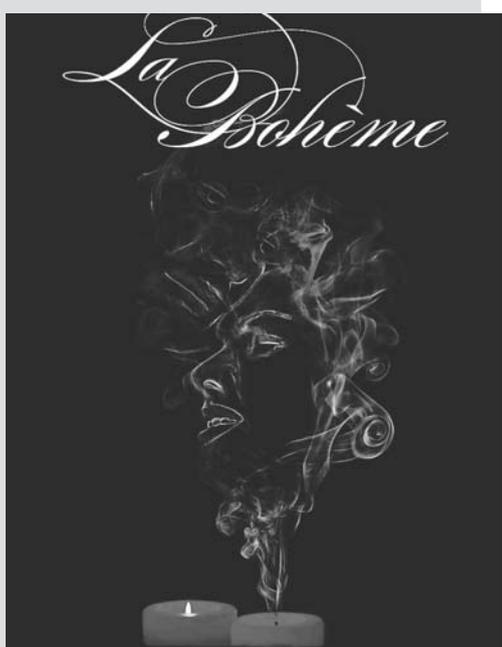
Dig Pink Event.

5 p.m. West Potomac High School volleyball team is hosting matches to raise money for breast cancer research. There will be a baked goods sale and drawings for raffle prizes, like spa treatments and restaurant gift cards, during the freshman, junior varsity, and varsity matches. The volleyball teams will donate all raffle and concessions proceeds to the Side-Out Foundation.

FRIDAY/OCT. 15

"Spanglish." Life lessons as illustrated by Aesop himself, penned centuries ago. Presented by Alexandria City Community Theatre. The production features singing (in English and Spanish) and dancing. Admission is \$5 with proceeds benefitting ACCT. Call 703-746-5533. At the Lee Center's Kauffman Auditorium, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-5533.

"Hiding" Film Screening. 7 p.m. This film exposes the struggle North Korean refugees must go through in China to find freedom. Through this film, you will be introduced to those still in hiding and learn about ways to help bring them to safety. Representatives from LiNK, an organization that educates people on the refugee crisis in North Korea, will lead the after-film



OCT. 15, 16, 22, 23

"La Boheme." 8 p.m. Repertory Opera Theater of Washington presents G. Puccini's "La Boheme," fully staged and sung in Italian with English Supertitles. Tickets are \$25/adults; \$20/students and seniors. At Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Call 571-403-0814 or email: tickets@repertoryoperadco.org or visit www.repertoryoperadco.org.

discussion. At Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-721-0595 or gpurchot@yahoo.com.

An Evening of Music for Brass Quintet.

8 p.m. Free. With the U.S. Air Force Band Chamber Players. At George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or www.usafband.af.mil.

SATURDAY/OCT. 16

Family Fall Festival. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. At Armistead Booth Park, 520 Cameron Station Blvd., Alexandria. Sponsored by the City of Alexandria. Call 703-746-5592 or 703-746-5418.

Fall Fun Fair. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Games, rock climbing, moonbounce, sports games, field games, sack races, maze, contests. At Hollin Meadows, 2310 Nordock Place, Alexandria.

Wonders of Science. 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$6/person. Investigate the wonders of 18th century science at the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Visit www.apothecarymuseum.org or call 703-746-3852.

Nelly's Needler's Bazaar. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Handmade items by the Nelly's Needler's, a volunteer fundraising organization with proceeds benefiting Woodlawn. Items include: quilts and quilted items; baby gifts and toys; clothing and jewelry; holiday

decorations; ornaments; painted furniture; canned/preserved/baked goods. On the grounds of Woodlawn, 9000 Richmond Highway, three miles west of Mount Vernon. Call 703-780-4000 or visit www.woodlawn1805.org.

Ice Well Fundraiser. 7 to 10 p.m. Silent auction and raffle tickets, fine food and drink. Costumes are encouraged. Tickets are \$75/members and \$100/non-members. \$150 per person for pre-party cocktail reception. All proceeds benefit Gadsby's Ice Well Restoration. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Old Town Alexandria. Call Karen Byers at 703-836-3939.

Halloween Fall Festival. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pumpkin patch, moon bounce, face-painting, food and much more. Benefit for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. At Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Contact

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Big Top Country Market. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Carnival games and rides, airbrush tattoos, spin art crafts, cake walk, clowns and balloon animals. Marketplace with local vendors and BBQ cafe from Famous Dave's. At Alexandria Country Day School, 2400 Russell Road, Alexandria. Visit www.acdsnet.org.

Mega Bazaar and Craft Sale. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Over 30 crafters, silent auction with services and new merchandise, bake sale, door prizes and lunch. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573 or TTY/711.

Family History Workshop. 1 to 4 p.m. "Saving Your Stories for Seven Generations: A Family History Workshop" will give participants helpful tips, innovative ideas and hands-on experience to document and preserve family stories. Cost is \$50/person. At the Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street in Old Town. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org or call 703-746-4994.

Sketching with Live Model. 6-8 p.m.

Free. Musical performance at 8 p.m. Complimentary special show cocktail by Mie N Yu Restaurant. At Art Whino Gallery, 122 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, Md.

TAG Day. T.C. Williams High School Band is conducting its annual fundraiser called Tag Day. Students will canvass Alexandria neighborhoods in teams asking for money to support the band program. If there is no answer, they will leave a Tag requesting funds on the door.

Flea Market. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Large selection of collectibles, trinkets, gadgets, books and attic treasures; children's items, toys and books; baked goods and lunch. All proceeds will be donated to charities. At Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria. Call 703-549-5500.

Burgundy Farm Fall Fair. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Live performances, local artisans, delicious food, a used book sale, and games and prizes for kids. At Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria.

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Steven Gellman Concert. 8 to 10 p.m. At St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-739-9268.

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SUNDAY/OCT. 17

Paul Carr in Concert. 4 p.m. Donation of \$15. Sponsored by the Committee for Jazz at Meade. At Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alfred Street, Alexandria. Call 703-549-1334.

Fall Festival. 3 to 6 p.m. Pony rides, moon bounce, games, crafts, decorating pumpkins, sing-a-longs and storytelling. At Fort Hunt Preschool, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. The rain date is Sunday, Nov. 7 from 2 to 5 p.m. Call 703-768-7584.

Pumpkin Patch Book Signing. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Author Michael Lee Pope will sign copies of "Ghosts of Alexandria" at the Immanuel Church-On-The-Hill pumpkin patch, located at 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria. A portion of the proceeds to the Immanuel Pumpkin Patch fundraiser. Call 703-615-0960 or visit

ghostsofalexandria.blogspot.com. **Andrew McKnight and Beyond Borders.** 7 p.m. Tickets are \$18/general; \$15/advance at www.FocusMusic.org. At Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit www.andrewmcknight.net.

Bishop Ireton Cardinal 5K Run. 9 a.m. Online registration through Oct. 13 at www.cardinal5k.com. Mail registration with check to BI Athletic Boosters to Pacers of Arlington, 3100 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington VA 22201. Entry fees: \$30 pre-registration, \$35 Race Day. At 4001 Eisenhower Ave. (Cameron Run Great Wave Pool Park). Bring canned food for United Community Ministries. Call Bill Simmons at 751-212-5169 or email at kellerj@bishopenet.org

MONDAY/OCT. 18

College Night. 7 to 9 p.m. Fairfax County Public Schools will host representatives from 300 colleges and universities as well as military academies and business and technical schools. Also, workshops on financial aid, the SAT and ACT, college readiness and career planning. At Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road in Alexandria.

TUESDAY/OCT. 19

College Fair. 7 to 9 p.m. All Alexandria-area high-school students and their parents are invited to the 15th annual College Fair at T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St., Alexandria. An iPod shuffle will be raffled off at the event! Read more at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/news2011/nr2010100705.php>.

Orchestra Concert. 7 p.m. West Potomac High School Intermediate and Advanced Orchestras. The Advanced Orchestra will perform: "Simple Symphony" by Benjamin Britten; "Boisterous Bourree;" "Playful Pizzicato;" "Sentimental Saraband;" and "Frolicsome Finale." The Intermediate Orchestra will perform: "Three Nigerian Dances" by Samuel Akpabot; "A Touch of Ireland" by Elliot Del Borge; "Autumn Op. 8 No. 3" by Antonio Vivaldi from "The Four Seasons" Le Quattro Stagioni. At West Potomac High School's Springbank Auditorium.

Preschool Fair. 9 a.m. to noon. Free. Sponsored by the MOMS Club of Alexandria-NE. If you are a local preschool representative interested in presenting at the fair, call 678-571-3653. At the First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King Street, Alexandria.

Author Talk. 6 p.m. Free. Local author Kristin Levine will talk about her children's book, *The Best Bad Luck I Ever Had*, and discuss how kids can write and share their own stories. Age 8 and up. At John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria.

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ANIMAL PLANET

The Birchmere

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ticket for anybody to see Mickey because he never had a record anybody knows. He'd written over 500 songs that people recognized, but other singers covered them."

"Favorite acts? You mean besides the one my wife is in — Four Bitchin' Babes? Her name is Debi Smith. That's D-e-b-i," Jaworek joked.

After his wife's band, Jaworek looks for music he feels is routed in a tradition, whatever that tradition may be.

"You can hear the music of yesterday in that group's sound today," he said. "Or, as another guy said, 'Oh, you mean music that has a soul to it — that has substance and passion and a lasting quality.' That may be the best way to put it."

Of course, the music business has changed quite a bit over the years. And that's meant changes at the Birchmere. For example, Oelze notes, they're not as free to select opening acts for the club because the agency often sends an opener with the headliner. That's where he and Jaworek have traditionally introduced their up-and-comers.

"The bands are involved more and more, always trying to make the most of their bookings," he said. "What they're doing is they're selling opening acts — you can be on our tour with us, but you've got to pay. Then they make us, the promoters, present these people."

"Artists and promoters, our agendas are only aligned so far," Jaworek added.

Ask this duo about some of the other challenges they face these days in their business and Jaworek cites the economy. Or he laments how the weather and illnesses have had an impact on their business this past year.

But Oelze is quick to name the city of Alexandria as his biggest challenge.

"First of all, they're trying to say they're business friendly and all, which is quite contrary to any of their actions. The Birchmere pays over \$300,000 a year to the city in taxes," Oelze said. "Now that's equal to anybody in this town. Yet I feel I get no respect from them whatsoever."

"Since 2005, you come to The Birchmere and you have to pay an entertainment tax on top of the ticket price."

According to Oelze, the state of Virginia sanctions an entertainment tax, but allows municipalities to decide whether to levy the tax. If they do, Oelze says he understands, it should be collected across the board — even from non-profits such as symphony orchestras.

For the Birchmere, the tax requires not only an explanation to

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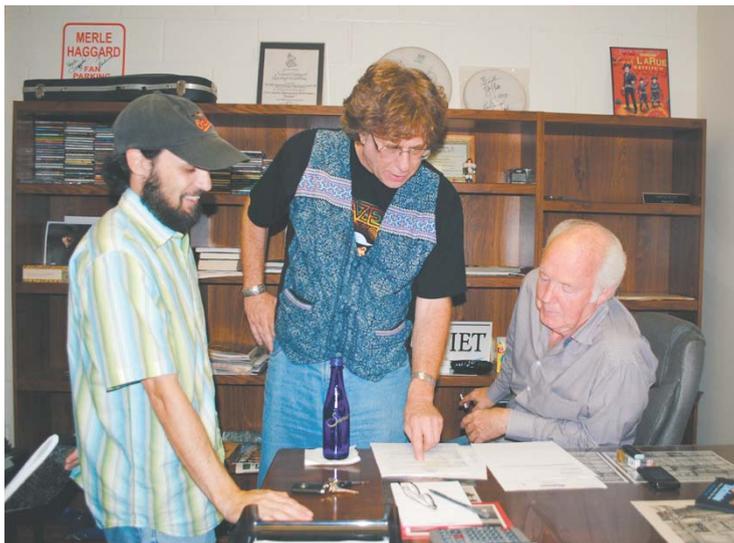


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Assistant Booker Ben Finklestein, Michael Jaworek and Gary Oelze do a last-minute review of a contract before the night's performance.

The Birchmere

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customers, but clarification and extra steps when booking an act. Oelze explained that bands get a percentage of overall ticket price as part of their compensation.

"You're collecting money off them, and they think they should get a piece," he said. "So in both the offer and the contract, we have to say the ticket price includes this tax. It's a handicap for us in this area." Music venues in D.C., some in Maryland and most in northern Virginia, like The State Theater in Fairfax, don't pay an entertainment tax.

"I just did some FOI Act research and there's only a few of us businesses here paying — the big theater chains and the Birchmere, Oelze

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said. "Well, Nick's Restaurant on Picket — but they don't sell much. And I'm thinking, I'm gonna question the legality of that."

Oelze says there are some 30 businesses that sell tickets but don't pay a tax.

"I don't want to blow the whistle on anyone, I just want us all to come together and show the city how ridiculous this is.

"It's just that they slapped it on and it's not even being policed or anything. We've always taxed the meals we serve. But now, a tax on our own tickets! And we have to pay for the license to have the privilege to do so. I feel very wronged."

In a recent meeting about redevelopment of Mount Vernon Avenue, Oelze was talking to councilman Rob Krupicka, whom he counts as a friend.

"I told him that when BB King or Lyle Lovett play Wolf Trap it's 'the arts.' And in the city of Alexandria,

it's a tax liability."

Oelze paused, went to light a cigarette then changed his mind.

"See that's what happens when you get me started on the city," he said. "It's a nervous habit. And I don't even really like to smoke them. I just like lighting them. That's why I buy these short ones."

SUDDENLY A loud noise from the club caused floor and seats to vibrate.

"Oh there it is," Oelze said with a contented smile on his face. "That bass check. I always love that."

Though an early riser, Oelze has Jaworek open the booking office around 10 a.m. every day there's a show. They are

in regular contact by phone until Oelze heads into the club by 4 p.m. for equipment load-ins and a daily meeting with Jaworek. Years ago, he says, he used to stay with the bands until the bitter end.

"Maybe that's what made me old," he joked. "Anyway, because of my staff I was bragging about, I have the luxury of getting out early, but I never leave before the show starts."

Oelze says people talk to him about the Birchmere being his legacy. "I never understood it for the longest time. I think it comes with age, you know," he said. "You start to realize that there is such a thing as a legacy.

"I just enjoy doing it. I'm very lucky. Most people don't have a job they love going to every day. Every day's different. The Birchmere's a living, breathing thing, I don't think it's just a stagnant institution.

"I'm appreciating it more and more, you know."



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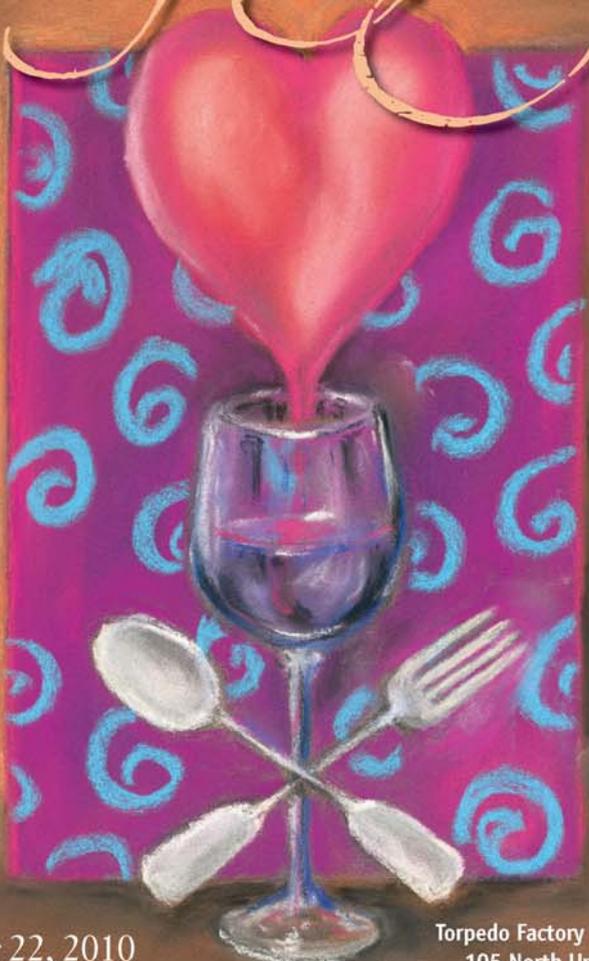
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Some Ways To Make Kitchen Remodeling Easy

Plan well and use the right people.

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Mention the words kitchen and remodeling in the same sentence and it's enough to make most people panic. However, a basic kitchen remodeling project does not have to be a nightmare. A little homework goes a long way.

Think local and think small. While there is nothing wrong with "big box" stores, the stores that are smaller and locally owned may have the same price or be just a little bit higher. The added benefit is that you will probably get more individualized service with one of these smaller places — plus you will be shopping locally.

The most important thing when planning out a kitchen is to find somebody who can design the space. Larger projects that require extending the original footprint of the house will most likely require an architect, but for the smaller projects, a kitchen designer will most likely suffice.

As with most kitchen stores, Southern Kitchens will design the space for homeowners with the understanding that at least most of the items are purchased from Southern Kitchens.

Bob and Bill Rymiszewski started Southern Kitchens about 11 years ago. Bob had worked at St. Clair Appliances for many years before deciding to use his expertise to start his own business. They carry a variety of cabinet lines such as Medallion, Corsi, Habersham, Wellborn and Mouser and countertops by Silestone, Corian and CaesarStone.

Southern Kitchens has a staff of professionals available Monday through Friday to answer any of questions. Do not forget to ask about the discounts that they can offer. They are insured and licensed.

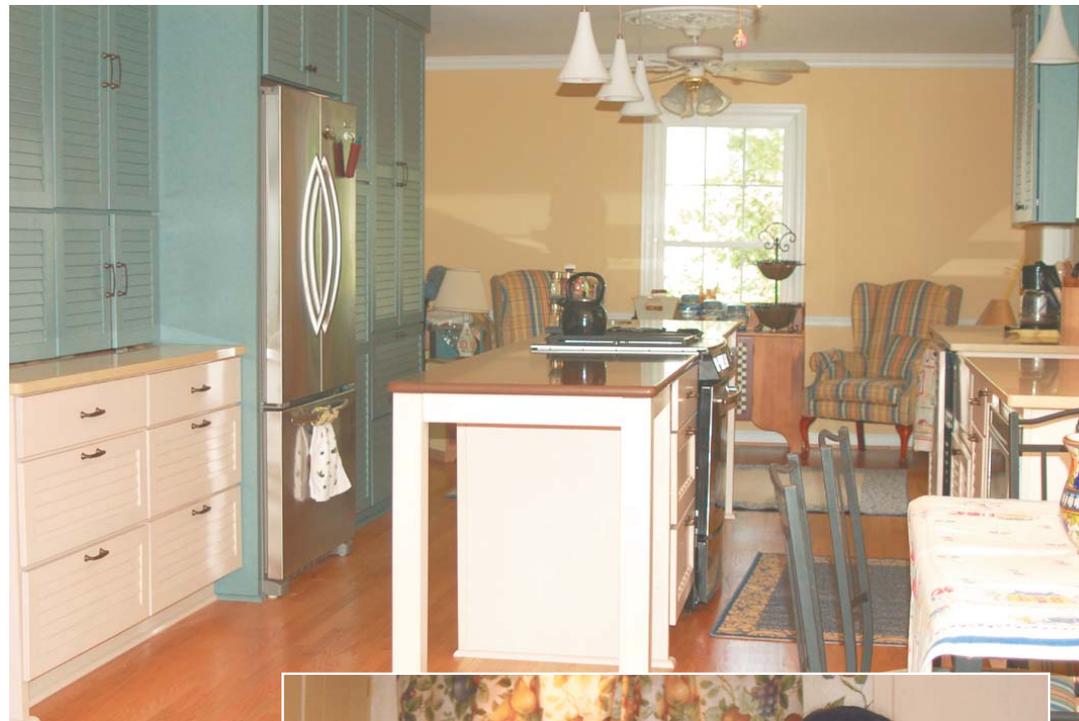
Rymiszewski thinks outside the box and sees the space in a different way than the novice homeowner. He will come up with the most practical use of space with a design that is fresh.

Not only does Southern Kitchens sell cabinets and countertops, but they also sell high-end appliances, hardware, faucets, sinks and other kitchen items.

LIGHTING NEEDS can all be found at Alexandria Lighting & Supply. A family-owned business for over 50 years, Alexandria Lighting was started by Edward Delman, and is now run by his son, Eric Delman.

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Before the kitchen was renovated.

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the more traditional styles. Customers can find lighting to show off their landscaping

proffess, creating the indoor mood they've been looking for, or light up the driveway for security. They offer well-known brands such as Progress Lighting, Quoizel, Murray Feiss, Kenroy, Kim Lighting, and Lutron.

They recently started staying open until 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings to make it easier for homeowners to get to the store.

APPLIANCES can be purchased at Bray and Scarff, which has locations throughout the Washington, D.C. area. Steve Collum works in the local store on Richmond Highway. They sell top quality appliances and

kitchen and bath products.

They carry a variety of products, such as

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Bray & Scarff - Appliance & Kitchen Specialists have locations throughout the Washington, DC region. The local store is at 6733 Richmond Highway and can be reached at 703-660-1060. For more information, call 1-800-486-3744 or visit www.brayandscarff.com.

To contact **Jose Flores**, contractor @ Flores Remodeling, call 540-760-4456.

To contact **Haw Sok Yi**, upholsterer, call 703-799-3404.

Renaissance Tile and Bath is located at 816 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. They can be reached at 703-549-7806 or by visiting www.renaissancetileandbath.com.

Southern Kitchens is located at 2350 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 and can be reached at 703-548-4459 or by emailing bobr@southernkitchens.net or by visiting www.southernkitchens.net.

accessories, air conditioners, audio, barbeques, compactors, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, disposals and dispensers, electric ranges, freezers, gas ranges, hoods, laundry, microwave, refrigerators, small appliances, water treatment, and more.

For tile needs, check out Renaissance Tile & Bath in Old Town, Alexandria. With the aesthetic vision and design talents of owners David O'Neil and Randy Ruppel, Renaissance Tile & Bath has experienced extraordinary growth from the beginning. They opened their Atlanta showroom over 13 years ago, and have since opened design studios in Charlotte (1997), Nashville (1999) Alexandria (2004) and most recently, Dallas in 2008.

In addition to the founders' vision, providing outstanding customer service is vital to their customers' experience. To that end they have focused on educating customers about their tile and bath products for any home or commercial application.

Amy Scheinman, one of the design consultants in the Alexandria store, likes getting just the right combination for her customers to make sure that they get the best look and feel.

Flores Remodeling, a local contractor, specializes in kitchens and baths. Jose Flores provides proficiency in carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, painting, drywall and more. Having all the skills in one person eliminates the need to wait for multiple contractors and moves the job along quickly. Ana Flores is a quick painter and does many other jobs. Both The couple is detail oriented and will often suggest additional finishing touches to make sure that the job is perfect.

IF THE KITCHEN project calls for some reupholstering of furniture, then Haw Sok Yi is the person to call. Formerly a seamstress with Abbott's Upholstery, Haw Sok and her husband, Hanson, started their own business since 1992.

Working in a garage on their property, this couple can take a tired and tattered piece of furniture and turn it into a work of art. Their customers come through recommendations by existing customers, many of whom have been with Haw Sok and Hanson since they first started the business.

This article only mentions a handful of dealers, but there are many other reputable dealers in this area. The goal of this article is to encourage people to look for local contractors.

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SPORTS

Johnson's Big Night Carries West Potomac

Junior rushes for 236 yards, four touchdowns to push first-place Wolverines past Woodson.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

West Potomac running back Brandon Johnson sat on the bench and started drinking water after his 52-yard touchdown run gave the Wolverines a three-score lead against Woodson in the third quarter. Johnson's run was so nifty, however, assistant coach Chuck McCullough felt the junior deserved to upgrade his means of hydration.

Johnson vaulted over a Woodson defender before racing into the end zone, part of a 236-yard, four-touchdown effort for the running back, who led West Potomac to a 50-36 homecoming victory on Oct. 8.

"You deserve Gatorade," McCullough said as he approached Johnson on the sideline, handing him a bottle of blue electrolyte replenishment. "What the hell was that? Where did that come from?"

According to Johnson, the play started ominously as quarterback Nik Dimitrijevic called the wrong play at the line of scrimmage. But the running back and his offensive line made the best of it.

"I just saw the hole," Johnson said. "I cut back and then I just had to do what I had to do."

West Potomac head coach Eric Henderson praised Johnson and credited the Wolverines offensive line for the team's big day on the ground.

"He just got better as the game wore on," said Henderson, who coached in his second game after suffering a heart attack and missing the team's Sept. 24 contest at West Springfield. "Those last couple of touchdowns (were great). At the same time, without those guys up front (we wouldn't have had the same success). W.T. Woodson had

seven guys in the box (against West Potomac's spread offense) and we're still kind of squirting through and making honest yardage."

Sophomore Dennis Hunter (6 feet 3, 300 pounds) played left tackle for West Potomac, senior Dan Carriker (6-4, 300) was the left guard, junior Tommy Friederich (5-10, 240) was the center, junior Agyem Boateng (6-0, 210) was the right guard and senior Jesse Fico (6-5, 260) was the right tackle.

Johnson was the star of an offensive shootout, scoring on runs of 20, 55, 52 and 22 yards. West Potomac led 19-0 and kept scoring points but couldn't shake the resilient Cavaliers. Woodson pulled to within five early in the third quarter when an 8-yard run by Jon Stokes cut the Cavalier deficit to 26-21. But West Potomac responded with a 15-yard touchdown pass from Dimitrijevic to Jalen Dawson and Johnson's stylish run to take a 40-21 lead. The Wolverines led by at least 12 the rest of the way.

West Potomac had nine plays of at least 20 yards and forced six Woodson turnovers.

"I don't even know how many turnovers we had, how many big plays that we gave up and that's what we try and do — limit our turnovers and prevent the big play and we did neither of those," said Woodson head coach Trey Taylor, whose Cavaliers fell to 2-4. "That being said, the score was much closer than I would expect it to be for playing like we did. But until we eliminate mistakes, we're going to lose football games."

Dimitrijevic threw two touchdown passes and ran for another. Dawson Daryl Copeland each scored a receiving touchdown and tallied more than 100 yards.

SPORTS BRIEFS

MV Field Hockey Loses to Yorktown

Members of the Mount Vernon field hockey team scurried into position as the final 20 seconds of their Oct. 7 contest against Yorktown ticked away. The Majors, facing a one-goal deficit, had a corner opportunity and this was likely their final scoring chance.

Mount Vernon passed the ball near the top of the circle, but the team's final shot attempt was disrupted and the contest came to a close. The Majors suffered their second 1-0 loss in National District play, dropping their district mark to 3-2.

"The play went where it was supposed to go," Mount Vernon head coach Jessica Hebel said, "but the shot was missed. It happens. It's frustrating."

Mount Vernon is the defending district champion, but the Majors are a much dif-

ferent team in 2010 after graduating five seniors who earned first- or second-team all-district honors. Junior forward Allie Schray, Mount Vernon's leading scorer as a sophomore last season, has stepped up as a leader and team captain.

"I've definitely had to take on a lot more responsibility, both me and [senior captain] Bailey [Braun]. We both had to bring the team together and, since we've been playing the longest, be the moms of the team."

Sophomore midfielder Jane Heller is also a captain.

Mount Vernon concludes the regular season on the road against Stuart at 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 15.

— JON ROETMAN

MV Football Suffers First District Loss

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West Potomac running back Brandon Johnson rushed for 236 yards and four touchdowns against Woodson on Oct. 8.

The win improved West Potomac's record to 4-2, 3-0 in the Patriot District, good for a first-place tie with Lake Braddock. After the game, Henderson said the Wolverines broke down the season into a three-act play. Games 1-3 were for getting used to their offense — quarterback Dimitrijevic is a first-year full-time varsity starter — while the team's defense carried the load. West Potomac went 1-2, beating Mount Vernon and losing to Westfield and Chantilly.

Henderson said he felt the Wolverines were evenly matched with opponents 4-6 (West Springfield, South County and Woodson) and they hoped to jump out to a lead in the district during the three-game stretch. West Potomac did just that.

The final act involves the Wolverines' final four regular season games (Lee, T.C. Williams, Lake Braddock, Annandale).

Henderson said the team hopes to remain competitive while working to secure a playoff berth and battle for the district title. Next up for West Potomac is a road game against Lee at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 15.

Last season, the Wolverines won their opener against Mount Vernon but things quickly went south. Losses against Westfield and Chantilly snowballed and the team finished 2-8. This year, West Potomac has so far found a way to turn things around

"These kids are much more resilient — nothing against last year's kids — but they're just much more resilient than last year's kids," Henderson said. "These kids have more sweat equity in the program. They did a lot more in the offseason than last year (and) you don't want to let down because you put so much into it. It's just a different tone to the team."



Sophomore Serenna Schantz and the defending National District champion Mount Vernon field hockey team entered Wednesday's action with a 3-2 district record.

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The Mount Vernon football team lost to Hayfield, 14-10, on Oct. 8, dropping the Majors to 2-4, 2-1 in the National District. Mount Vernon is tied for second with Washington-Lee, one game behind 3-0 Yorktown.

The Majors will travel to face WL at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 15.

MVHS 5K

The Mount Vernon High School 5K Turkey Trot and Wellness Walk will take place on Nov. 13 rain or shine. Registration is at 7:30 a.m. and the race starts at 8:30 a.m. General registration fee is \$35. Teachers or students with a valid ID card can participate for \$25. The race begins at the Rock entrance of MVHS. The race benefits the MVHS Cares Emergency Fun, to help provide education-related assistance and incentives for MVHS students.

Running Club on Sundays

The Mount Vernon Milers running club meets at 8 a.m. on Sundays. The group usually meets along the Potomac River, but the exact location is listed in an e-mail

sent every Wednesday for the coming week. Distances vary but runners can expect between four and eight miles.

To join the Mount Vernon Milers, send Lee Britton an e-mail at lbritton7@yahoo.com to be put on the e-mail list.

Fort Hunt Basketball Registration

Registration is open for the Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association winter basketball season. Those interested may register at www.fhyaa.org. The league is for boys and girls ages 6-18. All players must be properly registered and have paid to play.

Registration fee is \$75 with a \$15 discount for a second basketball player in the family and a \$20 discount for a third player. There is a \$5.50 Fairfax County field use fee per registrant. A \$40 late fee will be assessed to anyone registering after Nov. 1 (except high school age).

Contact Catherine Gorham at gorhamca@aol.com or more information.

5Qs

Mount Vernon junior forward Allie Schray



Q: What location is the farthest from the Washington, D.C., metro area that you've traveled?

A: Portland, Ore., to visit family this summer.

Q: Who is your favorite music artist?

A: Taylor Swift. She's close to my age and I like her music — it's catchy.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

A: Hang out with friends, practice field hockey and practice other sports.

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: "Anchorman." It's so funny and it's so

quotable.

Q: Do you have any plans for after high school?

A: I definitely want to try to play field hockey in college.

— JON ROETMAN

SCHOOL NOTES

Congratulations to the following West Potomac High School students who were selected for the 2010 Virginia Honors Choir: James Guss, Max Jones, and alternate Mark Mattis. The students will perform at the Virginia Music Educators Association convention Nov. 20 in Norfolk. Auditions were open to seniors enrolled in choral programs at their respective schools, and acceptance is the highest state honor that a choir student can achieve during his or her high school career.

The following Virginia Tech students were among those honored at the university's spring commencement ceremony held May 14, 2010, in Lane Stadium.

❖ **Scott Huber** of Alexandria received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree in finance.

❖ **Christopher Porter** received a Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Systems Engineering degree magna cum laude in industrial and systems engineering from the College of Engineering.

❖ **Katherine Staples** of Alexandria received a Bachelor of Science degree cum laude in wildlife science from the College of Natural Resources.

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