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Persistence of Memory

Alexandria National Cemetery hosts annual remembrance to honor the fallen.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

As a boy, Warden Foley remembers going to the cemetery to pick up empty shells after the annual service on Decoration Day. After he graduated high school, Foley found himself in the Navy laying telephone lines in Hawaii during World War II, later stationed on the coast of Saipan when President Harry Truman authorized the use of atomic weapons on Japan. Now, as a member of the American Legion, he helped a troop of Boy Scouts identify the gravesites of former post commanders at the Alexandria National Cemetery during Memorial Day services there earlier this week.

Decoration Day has now become known as Memorial Day and America now finds itself in new wars. But Foley remains just as committed as he was during his child-



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE

Those Who Vounteered

Saturday morning, the National Cemetery at the end of Wilkes Street in Alexandria was buzzing with activity. Scouts from First Baptist Church, Blessed Sacrament Church, St. Louise Church and Polk Elementary met with Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 609 Commander Bill Jones to receive instructions on decorating the graves for Memorial Day weekend. While the scouts were installing flags, members of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Vietnam Veterans of America prepared lunch for the group.

Several troops of boy scouts begin decorating the gravestones for Memorial Day.

hood days hunting for shells among the headstones.

"I've been doing this for many long years," said Foley. "It's a tradition, and it's something you should do if you are patriotic."

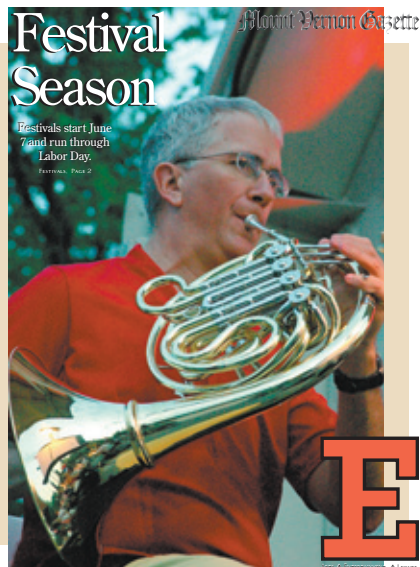
There was no shortage of patriotism at Alexandria's national cemetery Monday, as veterans gathered with family members and

Boy Scouts to commemorate those who gave the last full measure of their devotion. The American Legion's annual service included patriotic speeches, wartime remembrances, the laying of wreaths and, of course, military salutes during a performance of the national anthem. Even as vacationing workers were celebrating the un-

official beginning of summertime, those present for the Memorial Day service at the Alexandria National Cemetery paused to reflect on the price of freedom.

"Memorial Day is not about beaches, picnics or automobile races; it's a day to re-

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Second Teen to Serve Three Years

Victim would likely have survived if medics or police were called.

BY KEN MOORE
GAZETTE

Judge Marcus D. Williams sentenced Elvis Amaya, 19, Thursday, May 22 to 10 years of prison for voluntary manslaughter. He suspended seven years of the 10-year sentence based on a plea agreement between prosecutors and defense attorneys.

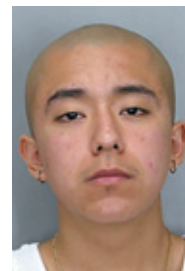
"That day, I was hanging with the wrong

person," said Amaya, of the 3300 block of Pelican Place. "I am very sorry for the person who died. ... I tried to do what I could to stop it."

Amaya was originally charged with the murder of Rodolfo "Christian" Cardenas, 26 of the 7800 block of Stork Road in Alexandria. Amaya pleaded guilty to the reduced



Amaya



Lagunas

charge the morning of his scheduled murder trial in January. He could have faced up to 40 years if he was convicted of second-degree murder.

"This charge was amended from murder to manslaughter," Williams said. "Given the defendant's culpability,"

the judge said a 10-year sentence was warranted. He suspended the rest of the sen-

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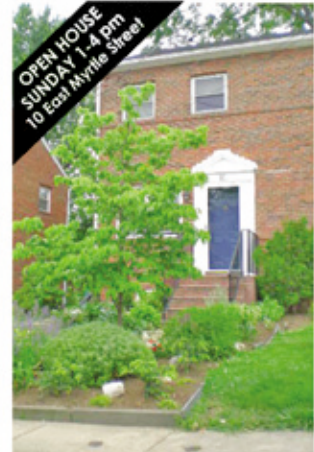
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Community Pool Drowning

Joseph Lansana, 23, drowned Saturday, May 24, while swimming in the pool at the Meadow Wood apartment complex, 7111 Fairchild Drive, Lee District, according to Fairfax County Police. He was transported to Inova Mount Vernon Hospital by the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department Medic Unit where he was pronounced dead.

When the first police officer arrived on the scene the 19 year-old lifeguard was performing CPR. The officer took over administering CPR to Lansana of 7204 Fairchild Drive #202, until the medic unit arrived.

According to police, Lansana jumped into the deep end of the pool. A short time later he went under water and did not surface. The lifeguard and a friend of the victim jumped in, pulled him to the surface, but were unable to revive Lansana, police reported.

Body Discovered

William Alton McVane, 50, of no fixed address, was identified as the person whose body was discovered last Thursday in a patch of shrubbery near 8743 Richmond Highway, by children playing, according to Fairfax County Police.

An autopsy concluded that he apparently died of natural causes. No signs of foul play or trauma were evident, but toxicology tests are pending, according to police.

Three Year Sentence

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tence based on the plea agreement, and imposed two years of active probation after Amaya serves the sentence.

Amaya will likely be deported, according to prosecutors and defense attorneys.

FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE found Cardenas dead on a couch in a trailer park in Mount Vernon around 7:45 a.m. on March 2, 2007.

Cardenas had been stabbed seven times, including once in the abdomen, according to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Kathryn S. Swart and police.

Less than eight hours earlier, Cardenas was in an altercation with Amaya and George Lagunas, 19, in an area in Mount Vernon off Route One known as "The Cut" where homeless people often drink, said Swart.

The fight began because Cardenas wanted Amaya to pay money for alcohol after giving him a first drink for free, according to police.

Amaya and Lagunas exchanged words with Cardenas. They later returned and Cardenas was stabbed.

"They came back for trouble," said Swart, the prosecutor.

"Mr. Amaya did what he could to stop the stabbing," said Daniel Lopez, Amaya's defense attorney. "I would argue to the court that he didn't participate in this stabbing."

Cardenas had a blood alcohol level of .20.

"It wasn't all one-sided," said Lopez.

"Mr. Cardenas, although unfortunately deceased, did play a role in his own demise," he said.

After he had been stabbed, Cardenas went to sleep on the couch in a trailer park near the site of the altercation.

He was found dead at 7:45 a.m. the next morning, with blood on the blanket he slept with, and blood on the ground by the sofa where he slept.

If he or anyone called police when the altercation occurred, he had a good chance of surviving, police said.

Lopez told Judge Williams that Lagunas was prepared to testify that he was the only one who did the stabbing.

Swart said Amaya previously told people a different account of what happened.

"We believe Mr. Lagunas was the primary [aggressor], but this defendant did admit to a witness that he also ... stabbed Mr. Cardenas," Swart said.

Amaya, Lagunas and Cardenas all lived within blocks of each other.

Lagunas, who pleaded guilty last fall, was sentenced to five years and eight months in prison for manslaughter.

Amaya, who had no police record and a consistent employment history, was three credits shy of finishing twelfth grade.

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Caitlin Cooper and Domenico Salerno at the Mount Vernon Estate on President's Day in 2007.

COURTESY OF CAITLIN COOPER

No Welcome Mat at Dulles

An Italian visitor comes to meet his girl friend and winds up detained by ICE. His crime, visiting her too often.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE

It was just another long distance romance between a 23 year old Virginia woman and a 35-year-old son of Italy. They first met in the summer of 2006 while she was backpacking through Italy following a Italian language study trip with some friends from James Madison University.

Caitlin Cooper, who lives on Four Seasons Court in the Wessynton section of Mount Vernon District, had decided to spend an additional six weeks in Italy to see the sights and get to know more about the Italian culture. She was fluent in the language having studied it for three years.

But, she had some rough spots in translating to English, like most people with any second language. "I had come back to the hostel in Rome after a day of backpacking and was hungry so I went across the street to the market," Cooper said.

"I was having trouble reading some of the labels and ingredients. He came over to me and asked if I needed help. Then he realized I was an American and we began to talk — basically in Italian because his English is somewhat limited," she said.

There was an instant attraction between Domenico Salerno, a young Italian lawyer, and the Virginia tourist. And, that comfort level extended to Caitlin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Cooper, when they arrived to join her for an Italian vacation. Salerno became their unofficial tour guide.

Salerno made his first trip to see Caitlin in October 2006. Between then and this April he made five visits and became friendly with many of the Cooper's neighbors, even pitching in when it came to fixing up the local recreation center. "He knows a lot about construction since his father owns a construction firm

in Italy, Cooper said.

All was going well. There were sightseeing trips throughout the area to various tourist attractions such as Mount Vernon Estate and the various Washington, DC, attraction.

Then came his April 29 trip. That's when everything changed and Domenico Salerno encountered post 9/11 United States at Dulles Airport in the form of Customs and Border Protection agents.

His frequent trips raised their suspicions. They detained him for questioning and prevented him from leaving the arrival area. All the while Cooper, who had driven to Dulles to pick him up, was waiting in the terminal not knowing what had happened.

"They decided he was here to work even though he told them he had come to see me. We had planned a trip to the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas," Cooper said.

Salerno told the agents he had no intention of seeking work here since he worked in his brother's Rome law firm. When they refused

to believe him he demanded to call the Italian Embassy, according to Cooper.

At first the agents refused to let him make the call — then relented. "The embassy urged him to return to Italy on the next flight telling him that there was no use in arguing with the agents because they (Immigration agents) had just gotten crazy," Cooper explained.

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"This is like a whole different world."

—Caitlin Cooper

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Music, Food, Fun At Garden Party



Tommy Dyson gets stared with a game of bean bags with his dad, Craig at the garden party. Later the bean bag game went up in the live auction.



Senator John Warner and his wife Jeanne admire the gardens surrounding the Lankford's pool and terrace.



Joe Viar talks with Donnan Wintermute at the party.

Last Wednesday evening, Tom and Harriet Lankford opened up their garden and pool house for the annual Alexandria Symphony Orchestra Garden Party. The evening proved chilly with the change in weather though the skies cleared and the rain was postponed. One of the highlights of the evening fundraiser was the live auction with Grady Frank.

A seat at an upcoming rehearsal with guest artist Branford Marsalis captured the attention of many of the guests. Symphony president of the board Jim Singerling offered a golf package in Scotland that included a day in the Old Club and on the links at St. Andrews.



Musicians from the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra performed throughout the evening.

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Frank and Betty Quirk with Jim and Molly Singerling.



The skies cleared in time to watch the sun set on top of Seminary Hill at the Lankford home.



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New citizens take the oath of citizenship.

Mount Vernon Welcomes New Citizens

Fifty three individuals from 24 countries became new American citizens on Monday morning, May 19, during the eighth annual Immigration & Naturalization Services Ceremony to be held at Mount Vernon Estate and sponsored by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association.

Gathered under a tent on the east lawn of Washington's home overlooking the Potomac River the new citizens were administered the Oath of Allegiance by Jonathan Scharfen, acting director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Joie A. Gregor, assistant to the President for Presidential Personnel at the White House, delivered the keynote address.

Mount Vernon Ladies Association Regent Shephard Ansley welcomed the new citizens as Susan Dubbins, director, USCIS Washington Field Office, introduced and presented each candidate for their U.S. Citizenship Certificate. The candidates hailed from countries as far away as Vietnam and Russia and as close as Canada and Mexico.

—CHUCK HAGEE



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Persistence of Memory

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member” said Richard Evans, a past commander of American Legion Post 24. “Americans must remember that freedom isn’t free.”

THE ALEXANDRIA National Cemetery is the final resting place of hundreds of Union soldiers who died fighting the Confederate States of America. The graveyard includes more than 100 unknown soldiers, most of whom perished in 1862 on the battlefields near Manassas. Since that time, other veterans have been added from every major conflict and a select few gravesites are being reserved for the current wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Those modern-day conflicts were in the thoughts of many participants during Monday’s service at the graveyard.

“There’s a great debt to be paid for the courage of those who are buried here,” said Ben Kirby, an Eagle Scout with Troop 1509 who plans to join the Marines after graduating from Virginia Military Institute. “Coming here today to remember them just seems like the right thing to do.”

For many veterans, Memorial Day is an opportunity to remember old friends and reconnect with their own past. Bill Jones, commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 609 and caretaker of the cemetery, said he always enjoyed spending time with veterans, especially on Memorial Day. A graduate of Wakefield High School in Arlington, Jones earned four Purple Hearts in Vietnam and helps coordinate services at the cemetery. He said that parts of the historic grave-

yard are now being renovated, with new sod replacing weed-infested areas as each headstone is being carefully leveled to a uniform height.

“The renovation really brings this place to the dignity it deserves,” said Jones, an expert in the history of the Alexandria National Cemetery. “The men and women who are buried here deserve every bit of dignity we can give them.”

“Americans must remember that freedom isn’t free.”

— Richard Evans, a past commander of American Legion Post 24



Robin and Elizabeth Ryan also received the Patriotic Citizen Award from VFW Post 609 Commander Bill Jones.



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EMS Week

Kennedy Lee stands next to a fire truck while Christopher and Aidan Koelbl enjoy the view from the cab during Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department's EMS Week open house at the Mount Vernon Station #9 Sunday afternoon. Sponsored by the American College of Emergency Physicians, EMS Week, May 18 to 24, encourages local communities and medical personnel to highlight safety and honor those day-to-day EMS providers who respond around-the-clock striving to save lives. FCF&R Department adopted the theme "Kids in Motion" this year to emphasize the importance of child safety. They entertained children and adults at 13 stations Sunday, May 18, throughout the county with fun activities and provided vital information. "We've been busy since we started this morning at 10 a.m.," said Firefighter Hyacinth Chia helping curious children explore the large red fire truck in the station bay.



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OPINION

Silver Lining, Aptly Named

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The one-penny fund has in fact accomplished a great deal, protecting more than a thousand units of affordable housing. Some people have been disappointed that the fund has not so far added much new affordable housing, with very few eligible families moved off of the long waiting list.

Some supervisors have responded that the fund was intended to preserve the affordable housing stock we currently have, not add to it. But with sizeable resources — more than \$20 million a year — we should expect a steady increase in the supply of long-term affordable housing.

Now comes the “silver lining.” It’s an opportunity to use the housing downturn and the increase in foreclosures to purchase more housing units at bargain prices and to assist those on a waiting list to become

first time homebuyers.

The county should not make the mistake of defining this effort too narrowly.

With more than \$20 million a year, and a likelihood of two more years of increasing foreclosures, the “silver lining” could help many qualified families waiting to become first-time homebuyers and greatly increase the permanent stock of affordable housing. The one-penny fund can underwrite the purchase of scores — perhaps hundreds — of foreclosed condos and townhouses, turning them over to housing authorities and nonprofits to maintain as affordable housing permanently.

The language of the current proposals suggests that the county would purchase “up to 10” such homes. We’d rather see the county limit the amount that the one-penny fund spends on salaries and overhead, while it maximizes the number of families and individuals it can move into affordable housing.

This requires housing for families with children and efficiency apartments for individuals who are not homeless. It means buying housing that is in foreclosure and building some housing.

EDITORIALS

POEM

While Listening To Segovia

BY NANCY FORD-KOHNE

I
Outside rain and wind
I hear them distantly

I am in Spain
in a golden warm place
and,
the only water I know
shoots up sparkling
from a fountain.

II
A box, six strings, and your fingers
from the blending of these
There comes Such sounds
I ran and ran to see
You are quiet brown
I heard red, flashing yellow and purple.

yesterday

time and memory
are funny things
you can remember
a concert
with John Jackson
like it was yesterday
on Market Square
in 1993
1993 really
seems like yesterday
and yesterday
disappears into a fog
of forgotten moments
so quickly gone
yesterday

PETER LATTU
2006

It requires courage and action, which Connolly and the Board of Supervisors have demonstrated. But they must be bold, and make their efforts really count.

As to those who say the county should not be in the business of buying private property, that’s a ridiculous argument. Were we to follow that theory, we would have no parks, no protected open space. And almost no affordable housing.

— MARY KIMM,

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Every year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grand children.

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Memorial Day

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As workers complete the planned Pentagon Memorial, which will be dedicated on Sept. 11, a more modest five-sided monument stands in the midst of Arlington Cemetery. The names of all those who died in the Pentagon or on flight 77 are engraved on its sides. Some of those who died that day are also buried nearby.

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No Welcome Mat at Dulles

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fear of being killed if he returned to Italy. This was in direct contradiction of his willingness to return after speaking with the Italian Embassy. "Who seeks asylum from Italy?" said Caitlin's father Jim Cooper.

"Domenico's English is not the best, either in speaking or understanding. That's why he and I usually converse in Italian," Cooper said. "When he asked them to call me to act as an interpreter for him they told him they had called me and I supposedly told them I didn't speak Italian. That's when he knew he was in real trouble because he knew they were lying."

The agents were aware Cooper was in the airport waiting and would tell her nothing. When U.S. Customs and Border Protection decided Salerno had to be detained they turned him over to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (ICE). They took him to a County jail in Hanover, VA, where he remained for 10 days.

THE NEXT DAY he was finally permitted to call Cooper. He told her what had happened and that the whole story about asylum was "a total lie."

The jail he was in contained all types of prisoners including some actually seeking asylum as well as criminals, according to Cooper. "He was pretty scared," she said.

The Coopers called the offices of U.S. Senator John Warner and U.S. Rep. James Moran. Both expressed great concern, but were not able to resolve the situation even after contacting ICE.

"We intend to write a letter to the State Department and the Department of Homeland Security to find out what they intend to do about this situation and others," said Frank Shafroth, chief of staff, Moran's Office.

Shafroth also revealed that other countries are not happy with the way their tourists are being treated by U.S. Customs and ICE officials. Congressman Moran, now on a trip to the Middle East and traveling aboard U.S. Military aircraft, was required by France to get a visa to make a lay over in France during that Congressional trip.

"I think other nations are sending us a message on this type of treatment. This is not the only time something like this has happened," Shafroth said.

Coopers also retained the Luis Paoli Law Firm to secure Salerno's release. "We were retained to get Domenico released not to question the motives of the Customs officials," said attorney Claudia Flower, a former prosecutor with Homeland Security, and member of the law firm.

"I see this incident as an example of the dysfunction that is taking place since all these agencies were combined under Home-

land Security. It shows the limits between the agencies," she said.

IF U.S. CUSTOMS agents become suspicious they are authorized to detain any traveler under the title of "administrative detention." They can be jailed without being charged, according to Flower. And, that detention can be incommunicado if the person is traveling on what is known as a "visa waiver."

"You have to read the small print on that type of visa. It basically says you give up your rights," Flower explained. There are more than two dozen nations whose citizens qualify for visa waiver. France and Italy are two of them.

Finally, after intervention by Warner, Moran, neighbors, the Coopers, their lawyers, and a call from a New York Times reporter after being contacted by Caitlin, the government admitted their mistake in detaining Salerno. He was transported back to Dulles and boarded a plane to Italy. Caitlin Cooper sat by his side on the return flight.

"I had no idea we had Federal detention centers in this country until now. This is like a whole different world right here in our own backyard than what we are used to," Caitlin Cooper said.

"The embassy urged him to return to Italy on the next flight telling him that there was no use in arguing with the agents because they (Immigration agents) had just gotten crazy."

—Caitlin Cooper

"Even after this experience Domenico has no bad feelings toward the American people. But, he has no love for either Immigration or Border Patrol. No one from either group offered him any legal advice or tried to help him in any way until our lawyers stepped in," she said.

"He thinks this is very bad for the United States' image throughout the world. His story was in every major Italian newspaper and it has discouraged a lot of tourists from coming here," Cooper said.

"Domenico wants a letter of apology from the Department of Homeland Security. And, we (Coopers) are looking into the possibility of suing them for false arrest," she said.

"The agents are very arrogant and ignorant. When my uncle first called to find out just what was going on the Immigration agent told him "We have a lot of animals running around Dulles Airport everyday," Cooper said. "That's how they seem to think about all foreigners."

Domenico didn't get to see the Grand Canyon or Las Vegas. Whether he ever will remains questionable. What he did experience was a very different type of chasm and game of chance. One where his rights were lost in the void of post 9/11 paranoia and his future was, for a while at least, at the bottom of the bureaucratic deck.

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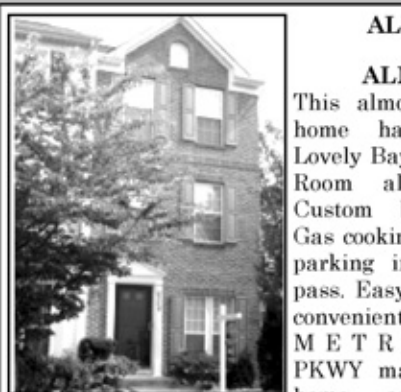


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Alexandria/Old Town
\$384,000
COMTEMPORARY FLAIR
Rarely available, 1 BR end-unit patio home in St. Asaph Square— SE Quadrant of Old Town. Open floor plan incl. European—style kitchen with maple cabinets, black galaxy granite countertops with breakfast bar, SS appliances, granite tile flooring in kit, hardwood floors, FPL with built-ins, LR with double French doors opening to private patio & community pool. 1 block to Mt. Vernon bike path, GW Pkwy, & Balducci's. Dir: King & Washington Sts, East on King St, R St, Asaph St, to 800 #206 on left.


800 South Saint Asaph St. #206
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Alexandria
\$275,000
VICTORIA CROSSINGS
Courtyard view from this 927 SF, 2 BR, 2 BA condo. Second floor location with covered balcony. Light and bright living room with fireplace—separate dining room—full size stack washer/dryer—bedrooms are separated by hallway and full bath—Many amenities including 2 huge pools, exercise room, sport courts and picnic area and lake. Close to Kingstowne Center—Near 2 Metro rails.

6927E Mary Caroline Circle #E
LOUISE DEVERS 703.795.9944




Alexandria/Kingstowne
\$549,900
THE KING'S CROWN JEWEL
Fabulous 3 bedroom, 2 full bath, 2 half bath, Dunwich Square townhome SHOWS BETTER than when it was the model home. Updated kitchen granite counter tops, custom floor tile, hardwood floors, brand new carpet throughout, 2 wood burning fireplaces, grand 2-story foyer with circular staircase, garage with storage ARE A MUST SEE!

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\$469,900
JUST CHARMING
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• Sunroom opening onto a deep yard
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Alexandria/Belle View
\$264,500
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Alexandria/Mt. Vernon
\$499,000
STATELY COLONIAL
You'll feel right at home in this updated & roomy 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath center hall Colonial with fireplace & garage. If you want a great lot, nearly 1/2 acre & space between neighbors, this is it. Dir: GW Pkwy South, past estate, R old Mt. Vernon Rd, L Woodley, R Mt. Zephyr Dr to 8516.

8516 Mt. Zephyr Drive
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Alexandria
\$344,775
OLD TOWN HIDDEN JEWEL
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102 Roberts Lane #201
MARTHA DEAL 703.622.6797


Alexandria
\$599,000
SHAD ROW
Absolute perfection in Shad Row, 4 level all brick exterior patio unit has been renovated to the hilt, & will not disappoint. It has hardwood floors throughout, ceramic in the master bath & lower level. Gourmet kitchen, with granite & stainless steal appliances, 2 drawer dishwasher. Short distance to the Potomac & all of Old Town at your doorstep.

602 Pendleton Street
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Alexandria
\$449,500
GREAT WINDY HILL TOWNHOUSE
Spacious 4 level Town house, open floor plan, stainless steel Chef's range with vented hood, hardwood floors main level, deck off kitchen. Brick patio off walk-out basement, recreation room with fireplace. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Garage and driveway for parking.

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Alexandria
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Old Town North
\$489,900
NORFOLK LANE GEM
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700A Norfolk Lane
PHILIP G. MATYAS 703.518.8727


Alexandria
\$430,000
WHAT A GEM!
Wonderfully updated home with huge footprint basement, great potential for Au Pair, In-Law or teenager suite. Unique architectural arches separate formal dining room and living room with huge picture window. Upgrades include: new roof, HVAC, windows, hardwoods, kitchen, bath, custom fireplace with mantel, doors, fans, paint, trim etc. Home sits on +1/4 acre, backs to woods and creek, and is located on quiet cul-de-sac in mature neighborhood.

7033 Swain Street
KIM LILLYWHITE 703.966.2286

Alexandria South
\$519,000
LOVE THAT POOL!
4 bedroom, 2 bath single family brick home with sparkling pool, hardwoods, sunroom addition, deck off kitchen, 2 fireplaces, Home Warranty. Great location near schools, parks, trails and shopping! Easy commute to Pentagon, DC, Crystal City and Fort Belvoir! Dir: From Old Town, take GW Pkwy South to R on Collingwood Rd, R onto Candlewood, L on Bayberry to 7934 on Left.

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911 South Lee Street
Diann Hicks
703-628-2440



Alex./Rosemont **\$1,295,000**
 Custom-built Craftsman home w/4,500 s.f. on 4 full flrs & studio located above the garage. 5 bedrms, 5.5 baths & fully finished LL. An inviting open flr plan boasts all the extras you would expect in a home of this quality.
35 East Linden Street
Bobi Bomar 703-927-2213



Alexandria
 Fantastic trees, trees, trees! 1st floor unit w/above-ground views. White kitchen w/large eat-in space, private balcony off kitchen & dining rm. Corner unit w/loads of lte. Master suite w/walk-in closet & luxury bath w/decadent soaking tub. Community pool & center. Walk to Metro or take bus out front.
5932 Founders Hill Drive
Julie Hall 703-786-3634



Alexandria **\$575,000**
 Charming 2 bedrm, 2 bath home w/rare 2-car detached garage. Gorgeous yard w/inviting front porch. New kitchen & bath, newer windows & fresh paint inside & out. Large corner lot & back sun rm.
101 Mason Avenue East
Shannon Lombardi 703-965-7112



Aurora Hills **\$739,000**
 Charming 3-level, 3 bedrm, 2 bath colonial on large lot! Living rm w/fireplace, dining rm w/built-ins, sunroom, hardwood floors & CAC. Blocks to Metro, Crystal City & Pentagon.
716 24th Street, South
Christine Garner 703-587-4855



Alexandria **\$1,499,000**
 Beautifully renovated 3 level, 4 bedrm, 4 bath brick WATERFRONT home w/dock! Open living & entertaining spaces w/panoramic water & marina views. Convenient to Old Town & D.C.
4705 Dolfin Lane
Christine Garner 703-587-4855



Alex./Old Town **\$435,000**
 Beautiful light-fill corner unit w/2 bedrms & 2 baths in S.E. quadrant St. Asaph Sq. Open flr plan, gorgeous hardwoods, 2 garage spaces, built-ins & wood burning fireplace.
800 St. Asaph #218
Sue Reinthel 703-819-1964



Alex./Old Town **\$774,500**
 Spacious light-filled end unit on unique O.T. block. Charming living rm w/fireplace, separate dining rm, 3 bedrms, 2.5 baths, LL office, gorgeous flrs & brand new kit w/granite & SS appliances. Lovely walled rear garden & private Parking easement.
911 South St. Asaph Street
Jean Varney 703-371-8854



Alexandria **\$570,000**
 Well-maintained 3 bedrm, 2.5 bath colonial w/spacious floor plan. Family rm off eat-in kitchen, fabulous deck, fully finished LL, cathedral ceilings & beautifully landscaped.
6715 Woodstone Place
Anna Diefendorf 703-725-5116



Arlington **\$1,399,000**
 Simply beautiful & just 3 years new w/all the features you would expect. Stunning gourmet kitchen w/Viking & Kitchenaid appliances. Huge screened porch, 4 bedrms & 4.5 baths. Spectacular! Virtual Tour: www.circlepix.com/NX89DC
4726 25th Street, North
Bob Bazzle 703-599-8964



Old Town
\$775,000
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Mary Smith
703-626-9207

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HEALTH & FITNESS

E-mail announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos and artwork encouraged. Call Rebecca Halik at 703-917-6407 with questions.

Fusion flow for Parents and Babies. Body in Balance, 1423 Powhatan St., Unit 7, has designed a class specifically for parents with babies who are crawling and beginning to walk. Classes are offered Thursday 11 a.m. and Saturday 11:30 a.m. Other Family offerings are Creative Movement for Kids 2-4 years old and Infant Massage classes for parents. Cost: \$15 for parent and child. For more information www.bodyinbalancecenter.com

Yoga classes for all levels on the tented terrace at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St., Old Town. Thursdays at 4:45 p.m. for one hour. Beautiful outdoor setting. Only \$10 per session, pay as you go, come when you can. For more, 703-549-299.

Learn about Medicare on Friday, June 13 at 2 p.m. at NOVA's Alexandria Campus, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Free. 703-845-6222.

Mount Vernon United Methodist Church offers "Moms In Motion" dance fitness classes on Friday mornings from 9:15-10 a.m., and on Tuesday evenings from 7-7:45 p.m. "Moms In Motion" is designed to boost your fitness routine and release your inner dancer. Mount Vernon United Methodist Church is located at 2006 Belle View Blvd. To register, contact Dawn Meadows at 703-799-0543, or studiogolddance@starpower.net.

Capital Hospice is starting a Grief Support Group at the Hollin Hall Senior Center on Mondays, from 2-3 p.m. to talk with others who have also had losses. Carol Mansfield of Capital Hospice will facilitate. Call Senior Center at 703-4573 or sign up on their Bulletin Board.

The **Alexandria Mental Health Family Support Group** of NAMI/FOCUS is open to all families dealing with mentally ill family members suffering from depression, bipolar or schizophrenia. Alison Malmon will be the guest speaker at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Call 571-451-0773 for date.

Yoga in Daily Life, 2402 Mount Vernon Ave., offers classes for people of all ages and physical ability, seven days a week. Meditation classes also offered. Free trial class the first week of each session for newcomers - next session begins June 23. Drop-ins welcome. Lunchtime Yoga classes held on Wednesdays 12:15- 12:50 p.m. Visit <http://www.yogaindailylifeus.org/> or call 703-299-8946.

Body in Balance Center, 1423 N. Powhatan St., offers fusion flow for parents and babies, a class specifically designed for parents with babies who are crawling and beginning to walk as well as pre-crawlers. Classes are offered Thursdays at 11 a.m. and Saturdays 11:30 a.m. \$20.00 drop in fee or 6 class pass for \$90.00. Visit www.bodyinbalancecenter.com or 703-518-4434.

The Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) has scheduled a

series of free Confident City Cycling Classes for 2008. The classes are free and open to all. To register visit waba.org/events/education.php.

*Saturday, May 31 from 1-4 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St., Arlington

*Saturday, June 28 from 1-4 p.m. at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 Stafford St., Arlington.

CrisisLink has been helping people deal with anxiety, stress and crisis throughout the entire metropolitan area for 35 years. Call 703-527-4077 or 1-800-784-2433, or visit www.crisislink.org.

Yoga Classes are offered by YogaKala at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., on Saturdays, 10 a.m. for intermediate and 11:25 a.m. for beginners, and at the Carlyle Towers, 2151 Jamieson Ave., on Thursday 6 p.m. for intermediate and 7:15 p.m. for beginners, as well as Fridays, 10 a.m. gentle yoga. Cost: \$15 per class or \$96 for eight classes. For more information, call 703-549-0484 or e-mail YogaKala@aol.com.

His Kingdom Ministries, 2707 Dewitt Ave., Alexandria, will be teaching "Your Best Life Now," on Sunday mornings from 10-11 a.m. Free. 202-409-4761 or 703-329-1594.

Haven of Northern Virginia is offering the following Bereavement Support Groups at 4606 Ravensworth Road, Annandale:

* General Bereavement Group: First and third Wednesday evening of each month, 7:30-9 p.m.

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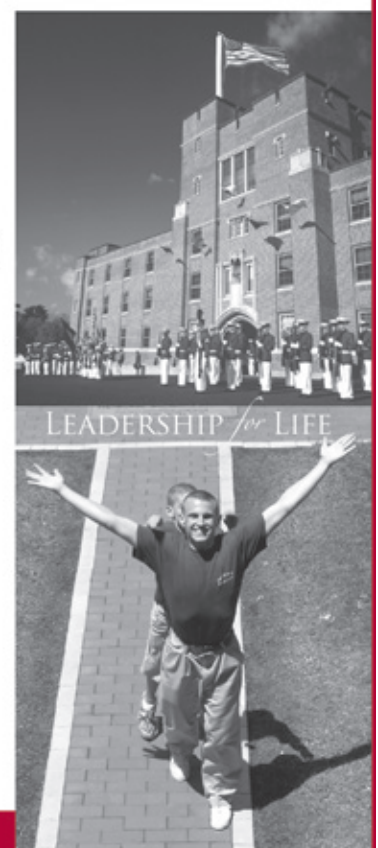
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MOUNT VERNON BULLETIN

To have a notice listed in the Bulletin, e-mail gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Call Rebecca Halik at 703-917-6407 with questions.

The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is seeking persons who are diplomatic, assertive, and good communicators to serve as volunteer ombudsmen. Volunteers are assigned to a specific local nursing home or assisted-living facility in the City of Alexandria and make weekly visits, meeting one-on-one with residents. For further information and to obtain an application, call 703-324-5422, or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/LTCOmbudsman.

Make **pillowcases** for soldiers serving in war zones in the Middle East and **anti-ouch pillows** for patients who have had breast cancer and other types of surgery during a Community Service Day event hosted by the Northern Virginia Chapter of the American Sewing Guild. Saturday, May 31, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Cameron United Methodist Church, 3130 Franconia Road. Free. RSVP to novaasgrsvp@yahoo.com. For information about the event, contact Kathie Kneff at carl-kathie@verizon.net or 703-522-6952.

The **Fairfax County Sheriff's Office** will photograph and fingerprint your children for free at several events around Fairfax in May and June. If your child is ever missing, the ID card will give authorities vital information to help them locate him or her. This community service is available for county and Fairfax City residents, ages 0-17. For more information or to schedule a public safety event, contact Captain Sean Whitmore at 703-246-7521 or e-mail sheriff@fairfaxcounty.gov.

❖ May 31, (11 a.m. - 3 p.m.) (Open House (South County Government Center (8350 Richmond Highway

❖ June 21, noon - 4 p.m. (Community Event (Meadow Woods Apartments (3308 Lockheed Blvd.

Mount Vernon Nights. Listen to a variety of

music at 7:30 p.m. on Friday nights at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway starting June 6. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances for more.

The **Northern Virginia Habitat ReStore**, located at 7770-G Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA (behind Gold's Gym), sells new and used building and home improvement materials to the general public. All proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia. The ReStore is run by volunteers that dedicate their time and energy to the work of Habitat and we are in need of more volunteers. Call the store today at 703-360-6700 or stop by. For more information visit: www.restorenova.org.

Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is hosting an information session on Saturday, June 14, 11 a.m. - noon at the John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. To learn more about advocating for abused or neglected children, call 703-273-3526, ext. 22 or e-mail ekosarin@casafairfax.org for more information.

On Tuesday, June 17, 2008, the **Mount Vernon Genealogical Society (MVGS)** will meet in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. The meeting will start at 1 p.m. and is free. The meeting will feature a presentation entitled "Digital Reference, Digital Resources and Digital Maps at the Library of Congress." The program will be presented by Ed Redmond. Additional information about the meeting and MVGS can be found at <http://www.MVGenealogy.org/>. Any questions about the program should be directed to Harold McClendon at 703-360-0920 or haroldm@erols.com.

Alexandria Masters Swimming begins the summer season of swim workouts starting Monday, June 2. The group is one of over 300 local clubs belonging to US Masters Swimming, an organization promoting adult swimming and fitness. Swimmers interested in summer fitness and triathletes interested in maintaining or improving

their swimming skills are invited to come swim with us, and can try a workout with no obligation. There are six early morning workouts and four evening workouts a week during the summer. Swim workouts will be held at Waynewood, Little Hunting Park, Virginia Hills, and Hollin Hills pools. Interested swimmers can obtain more information on the club's Web site: www.AlexandriaMasters.com.

One on One Basketball presents its first overnight camps this summer. Located at the 130 acre Episcopal High School campus. The Northern Virginia Basketball Camp caters to boys ages 7 - 16 and provides a day camp option. The Northern Virginia overnight Camp runs July 6-10 for \$475. The day camp option (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) is \$350. The Intensive overnight Camp runs July 11-13 for \$350. Team and group discounts available. One on One Basketball runs other day camps throughout the region. Call 202-244-BALL or visit <http://www.1on1basketball.com/dc/>

This year, from March through September, **Mount Vernon Archaeology** will be excavating in the Upper Garden, one of two walled gardens that flank the western approach to George Washington's home. Washington created the garden during his 1775 redesign of the Mount Vernon grounds, transforming a circa 1760 rectangular garden into an elliptical space bounded by a brick wall as well as a greenhouse and slave quarter to the north.

Opportunities to volunteer are available Monday through Friday; in addition, we will be working on Saturdays during the months of June, July and August. Work hours are between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. A typical week includes lab work on Monday and field work Tuesday through Friday; lab work is also carried out on rain days. Contact Curt Breckenridge at cbreckenridge@mountvernon.org or 703-799-6303 if you would be interested in volunteering.

Band musicians [young or old] bring instruments and play along with the **Mount Vernon Community Band** during their Tuesday evening

band practices from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Mt Vernon High School Band Room, 8515 Old Mt Vernon Road. No auditions. Just sit in and play along even if you are "rusty." Music and music stands will be provided. Call Ed Smith 703-768-8278 or Eric Leighty 703-768-4172.

Adoption Support Groups are forming in the Mount Vernon area. All members of the adoption triad, (adoptees, birth parents, and adoptive parents) are encouraged to call for more information about the groups as well as individual, couples, and/or family counseling. The groups will be held in the evenings. Contact Diana Tracey, licensed clinical social worker, at 571-245-0054.

The **Inova Mount Vernon Hospital Auxiliary** is currently accepting applications for adult volunteers. Volunteering at Mount Vernon Hospital is fun, exciting, and rewarding. A variety of positions are available and every effort is made to match your availability, interests, and abilities with the volunteer opportunities within the program. The hospital is located at 2501 Parker's Lane in Alexandria. For further information, call 703-664-7260, stop by the Director of Volunteer Services office Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., or visit www.inova.org.

MOMS Club of Alexandria meet every second Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church, 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children are welcome to all activities. Activities include: Monthly Meetings, playgroups, Park Days, Sunshine Committee, Community Service Projects, MOMS Night Out, etc. Visit www.geocities.com/southalexmomclub/index.html for contact information.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly, a weight loss support group, meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m., Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. Private weigh-ins. Annual fee \$24. 703-299-5788.

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SCHOOLS

College Access Scholars

The fourth-annual College Access Fairfax Scholars' awards reception was held last Wednesday, May 21 at Annandale High School. Two Alexandria seniors won \$1,000 scholarships to help defray college costs. Bryant Alternative High School senior Mohammed Islam will be attending NOVA and Annandale High senior Wafa Khadraoui will be attending Johns Hopkins.

Founded in 2004 by former Virginia Education Secretary James Dyke, School Board member Tessie Wilson and former School Board member Chris Braunlich, College Access Fairfax provides one-on-one financial aid advice and counseling to high school juniors and seniors in targeted high schools with high percentages of low-income and Limited English Proficient students.

Jan McKee, principal of Bryant Alternative High School, has one word to describe **Mohammed Islam** — tenacity. Starting as an A-2 ESOL student (knowing little English), it took Mohammed five years to complete his high school degree. And while he was learning English, getting his high school diploma — he was also working to help pay his expenses and those of his family, recent immigrants from Bangladesh. And somehow Mohammed also finds time to be active at Bryant — he was president of the National Honor Society, vice president of the Future Business Leaders of America and a member of the Students' Leadership Committee. Mohammed will attend NVCC this fall, majoring in computer science.

Wafa Khadraoui is this year's winner of the Sharifa Alkateeb Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is given in memory of a remarkable individual whose commitment to education and understanding diversity are legendary. A line from Wafa's essay says it all "In order to break the chains imposed by society, education is necessary, not only as a means to prove your educational worth ... but as a way to be qualified to aid in changing the currents of opinions and embracing a new society." That was Sharifa and it is Wafa. She speaks French, Arabic and English and has a 3.87 GPA. She's in the Just World/Interact Club to promote understanding of global issues and volunteers at INOVA Hospital. Wafa will attend Johns Hopkins University this fall.



Bryant Alternative High School senior Mohammed Islam of Alexandria accepts a \$1,000 scholarship to NVCC. He is surrounded by his family members with Tessie Wilson.



Annandale High senior Wafa Khadraoui of Alexandria accepts a \$1,000 scholarship to Johns Hopkins. She is surrounded by family members and Tessie Wilson.



Bishop Ireton Has Cappies Noms

Congratulations to Bishop Ireton's drama department for being nominated for Cappies awards. The "Sewing Factory Girls" from Bishop Ireton's "The Pajama Game" were nominated for Best Ensemble in a Musical. (Front row, from left): Meghan Palmer, Gabrielle Kuhn, Carly Maalouf, Andrea Borrelli. (Back row): Nicole Weinard, Carolyn Darville, Celine Daubresse, Joanna Faletti, and Rosie Grant. The Cappie Awards will be held Sunday, June 8 at The Kennedy Center. Andrea Borrelli (front far right in green) and Celine Daubresse (back middle in brown plaid) also received a Cappies nomination for Choreography.

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South Lakes senior Alexandra Stransky shows off her dance steps while attending the Day Prom in Fairfax on May 20. Students from Herndon High School, Centreville High School, Westfield High School, Oakton High School, Fairfax High School, South Lakes High School and the Kilmer Center attended the annual event.



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Students and teachers from several Fairfax County schools enjoy the annual Day Prom at the Waterford at Fair Oaks in Fairfax on May 20. The day Prom is held for special education students, in hopes that they will learn several skills and attend their proms at their school. Participating schools were Herndon High School, Centreville High School, Westfield High School, Oakton High School, Fairfax High School, South Lakes High School and the Kilmer Center.



Galvin Morris, a teacher at South Lakes High School, dances with student Tracy Bixby during the annual Day Prom.



Dancing to "Soldier Boy," Jamel Williams of Fairfax High School shows off his dance moves during the annual Day Prom.



Brisilda Kolbra, a student at Fairfax High School, shows off her dance steps while attending the Day Prom in Fairfax on May 20. Students from Herndon High School, Centreville High School, Westfield High School, Oakton High School, Fairfax High School, South Lakes High School and the Kilmer Center attended the annual event.



Enjoying herself on the dance floor during the annual Day Prom is Amal Saleh, a student at Fairfax High School.



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St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road has activities. 703-360-4220:

There is also a group of moms and pre-school kids that meets every Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. for coffee, muffins, and fellowship and moves into the church at 9:30 a.m. to take part in the Day School's chapel service, which is a short child-friendly service full of singing and silliness.

Convergence: A Creative Community of Faith at 1801 N. Quaker Lane, gathers each Sunday at 5 p.m. for a worship gathering. All are welcome. Visit www.convergenceccf.net, or call 703-998-6260.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 1509 Collingwood Road, Mount Vernon, is now holding Wednesday

evening meetings at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 703-768-2494.

The Vajrayogini Buddhist Center offers classes in Buddhist Meditation at the Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 North Alfred St. in Alexandria. Classes are held on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. Buddhist Nun Kelsang Varahi will be teaching. \$10/class. For more information visit www.meditation-dc.org or call 202-331-2122.

Beth El Hebrew Congregation holds services at 8:15 p.m. on Fridays and 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays. Religious school is on Wednesdays evening and Sunday mornings. Adult learning opportunities take place throughout the year. Tot Shabbat on first and third Saturdays. Kolot Shabbat (musical service) the first Friday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Beth El is located at 3830 Seminary Road in Alexandria. For more information, call 703-370-9400 or visit www.bethelhebrew.org.

Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church has worship at informal service on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, or, come to a traditional worship service at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. Sunday school classes for all ages, start at 9:45 a.m. On Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Church Library, located in the Fellowship Hall, a group gathers together for a time of fellowship and prayer and a light meal is provided. Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church is located at 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane. 703-765-6118 or visit www.mvpconline.org for more.

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on Mount Vernon Highway in Alexandria is offering a **"Coming Home"** process at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third **Mondays** of each month to ask questions, get an update on the church, and to help decide if it's time to reconnect with parish life. Contact Rob Doerschner at 703-822-0523.

The Urban Passage Inc., a faith-based non-profit organization, seeks adult volunteers, 50 years and older, to mentor high-risk youth at the Northern Virginia Juvenile detention Home in Alexandria. Volunteers are also needed to serve as youth advisory council leaders and community service project leaders for a program that serves terminally and seriously ill children at Inova Fairfax Hospital.

The Christian Women In The Marketplace meets to study God's word at the Royal Restaurant in Old Town Alexandria. The CBWC meets **every Wednesday at 7 a.m.** for breakfast. Additional information contact Pamela Nilsen at 703-660-6759.

AWANA is an international, non-denominational, Bible centered youth organization providing weekly clubs and programs for ages three-year-old through high school. Engleside Baptist Church's, 8428 Highland Lane, AWANA club consists of three parts, Handbook Time, Council Time, and Game Time. Club meetings are held every Wednesday night during the school year from 7-8:30 p.m. Call 703-780-5410.

Up Where We Belong Family Ministry will hold its Northern Virginia's Super Church event, the **third Sunday of every month** starting at 10:40 a.m., at Mount Vernon High School's main auditorium. Bring the family and participate in their worship celebration and eligible families will receive free groceries. Pre-registration is necessary. Contact Bishop Robert Lewis Taylor at 703-878-2247.

Christ the Saviour Anglican Church will worship at a new location starting Aug. 5. The services will be held at Washington Mill Elementary School, 9100 Cherry Tree Drive, Mount Vernon. A Christian Education Hour for adults and youth starts at 9:15 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10 a.m. For more details, visit www.christthesaviouranglican.org/.

Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church, 8220 Russell Road, Alexandria, holds a weekly Sunday celebration service starting at 11 a.m. For more information on Rising Hope's programs call, 703-360-1976. All programs are free.

"Kingdom of Living" Bible Study held each Monday evening from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The study is led by three members of Rising Hope and focused on understanding specific Bible chapters. Child care is available during each session.

"Building a People of Power" Empowerment Series held each Tuesday from 6:45-8:30 p.m. A study led by Rev. Keary on Robert Linticum's book on the Biblical foundation for advocacy and empowerment of people who may feel unable to affect change in systems.

Celebrate Recovery— a Christ-centered recovery program with groups for men and women follows the model developed by Saddleback Church, California. This is held each Friday with worship at 6:45 p.m., recovery groups at 7:30 p.m. and fellowship from 8:30-9 p.m. Child care is available, if requested in advance.

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Families Remember

TAPS Survivor Seminar brings families from across the country.

BY MIKE DICICCO
GAZETTE

This year, Memorial Day was a four-day affair for Sterling resident Ami Neiberger-Miller, who spent the long weekend and the preceding Friday arranging interviews and herding families around Arlington, Washington, D.C. and National Harbor, Md. She was helping to coordinate the 14th annual National Survivor Seminar sponsored by TAPS, the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors. Hundreds of families who had lost a loved one to military service came from across the country to the Double Tree Hotel in Crystal City for the event.

Neiberger-Miller, who runs a public relations company with her husband, specializing in nonprofits, first contacted TAPS last October after she had gotten up to give a business presentation and “fell completely apart,” she said. It was about a month after

her younger brother had been killed by an improvised explosive device (IED) while serving in Iraq, and she decided she needed some help. Her company is now contracted by TAPS, although some of her work, such as helping to manage last weekend’s seminar, is done on a volunteer basis.

For a good part of the weekend, children and parents were separated, and the approximately 300 children and teens were broken into age groups and paired with mentors who are on active duty with the military. “By spending time with their mentors, they’re rebuilding their sense of connection with the military community,” said Neiberger-Miller. Also, she said, it was especially good for children who had lost their father or older brother to “have someone they can horse around with and ride on their shoulders.”

The children’s Good Grief camp is an attempt to help children and teens work through the pain of their loss through a variety of activities, from serious discussions to a Saturday-night party. Among the weekend’s events were a wreath-laying ceremony, a National Symphony Orchestra concert, a Marine Corps Band parade and a “balloon release,” during which all of the children released balloons into the sky carrying messages to the loved ones they had lost.



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Each child participating in the weekend program was escorted by a mentor. The mentors this year are all active duty military. The notes written by the children to their departed family members are tied carefully to the strings of the balloons.

“It’s nice to be with other people who’ve had that same experience, so you don’t feel left out,” said Brice Landstreet of Rock Hill, S.C., as he toured the monuments and military memorials on the National Mall with other 11- and 12-year-olds and their mentors Saturday afternoon. Brice said the sense of belonging was the biggest reason he had come back for his third seminar. “The men-

tors are really nice and you just meet some new friends,” he added.

“They’re not holding in their anger. They’re getting it out and talking about it and relaxing and having fun at the same time,” said Brice’s mentor, Duaine Martin of Fort Carson, Colo. Martin said he had come to his first Good Grief camp this year

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SPORTS

Staying On Track

West Potomac builds, maintains dominance in distant events.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE
GAZETTE

Off the track, longtime West Potomac head coach Don Beeby is an unimposing figure, with thinning blonde hair and an ever-present tan. Physically, he's not that tall, standing around 5-foot-6.

On the track, it's a different story, even if the chess master of distant runners lets his stable of standouts do the intimidating. Not that Beeby is seeking any sort of track-side confrontation, but if they were ever a coaching competition based on who squeezes the most stamina out of his athletes, bets would likely be on Beeby.

"He's very focused and intense," said West Potomac director of student activities Aaron Helmick. "He's very demanding and sets high expectations. He knows how to put able to take kids with athletic ability, mold them and teach them skills. He's one of those special people."

Take fleet-footed Kelsey Rosenberg as a prime pattern for how the longest standing coach in the Northern Region hones his home-grown talent.

Rosenberg, only a sophomore, was a better-than-average runner as a freshman. She posted a 20-minute, 25-second time in her first-ever 5,000-meter race, taking second in the little-publicized freshmen girls race. Three months later, she ran a 5:35.75 in the 1,600-meters at the FIT Invitational, taking 14th and second among freshmen.

Working with Beeby for less than two years, the soft-spoken Rosenberg has blossomed, shaving 25.91 seconds off her first-ever 1,600-meter run to post a personal record 5:09.84 at the Northern Region meet held at Lake Braddock over the weekend. The sophomore finished a team-best third in the event, spearheading the Wolverines to a sixth place finish. The boys placed a

solid fifth place in the region meet, behind South Lakes, Edison, and two district teams (T.C. Williams and Lake Braddock) they defeated last week.

WEST POTOMAC WON the coveted Patriot District title in boys and two weeks ago earned the boys outdoor track district title for the sixth time in the past seven seasons. The girls, who finished as runners-up in cross country and indoor track, were once again second behind annual state contender and district nemesis Lake Braddock.

And most of that has to do with Beeby, a distance specialist who has taught standouts like John Oliver, Kelly Jemison and most recently Elizabeth Heath since he began during the 1987-1988 school year.

A Fort Hunt graduate, Beeby has become synonymous with winning, having won a cross country region titles in 1990 (girls) and 1994 (girls), along with second-place finishes in 1997 (boys) — despite not having the same enrollment as the overflowing Fairfax County schools.

Even with its hurdles, the 23-year-old school has a wealth of track tradition, winning five boys region titles and placing almost 60 runners in various levels of college. That's an average of three runners per year. In early March, Heath announced she will join Laura Regensburg at the University of South Carolina. Kat Lee will head to the University of Akron on a three-quarters scholarship, and others are considering running collegiately.

THOUGH BEEBY HAS BEEN the coaching constant, the credit can't go solely to Beeby. Former coaches Inez Bryant and Corey Bowerman, both of whom are now in administrative positions, have aided the veteran track assistant.

Now it's third-year coach Dan Lundin, who will resign after the season, has continued the tradition, especially within the boys program. The son renowned track coach Phil Lundin, who left the University of Minnesota after 13 years as head coach earlier this month, Dan Lundin holds four Big Ten Championships, three in outdoor track and one in indoor track. After a stint

heckuva curtain call.

On April 11, Dietze became the 37th National Athletic Director of the Year by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE). Representing the Southern District, the faithful 37-year employee of Fairfax County Schools received the award given to the athletic director who "exemplifies the highest standards of their profession, and who, through their influence on the lives of young people under their direction, have made significant con-



West Potomac senior Kat Lee finished in the top five in five individual events at the Northern Region Outdoor Track and Field meet.

as an assistant track coach in Minnesota, Dan Lundin came to the area in search of his own path, and out from his father's shadow.

So far, he's done just that.

"He's got the weight training background," said director of student activities Aaron Helmick. "Being young, he meshes well with the younger kids. And he's been able to get some of the other kids from other sports come out. In return, that has helped the whole athletic program."

West Potomac's boys 400-meter relay took first place in the recent region meet, with senior Robert Byrd and juniors Joe Bradley, Brandon Comfort and Jon McCants. Senior Chris Newkirk was also a standout, pairing a third-place finish in the 110-meter hurdles (15.27), with a fourth in the long jump (21-11.5). He also finished 12th in the 100-meter dash (11.45) and triple jump (41-4.5).

University of Connecticut-bound football

player Jimmy Bennett was fourth in the shot put (50-7.5), while classmate Kerem Ertekin was sixth (49-7.5). Bennett also sprinkled in a 12th in the discus throw (119-9.5).

But the meet standout was pint-sized senior captain Kat Lee, a senior who seems to always finish in the top-five without winning an individual event. She still scored a team-best in points, finishing third in the pole vault (9-9), 100-meter dash (12.74), 300-meter hurdles (45.88), and fourth in the long jump (18-2.5) and seventh in the triple jump (36-6). She also ran the second leg of the 100-meter relay, which placed sixth and was the final team to post a regional qualifying time.

Of Lee's quartet of individual events, the 100-meter dash was a personal-best, while the pole vault and 300-meter hurdles were season-best.

The Group AAA State Track Meet will be conducted May 30-31 at Todd Stadium Newport News, Va.

representatives to be inducted into the Virginia High School League Athletic Hall of Fame, as announced in a press release.

The Class of 2008 includes three athletes (Thomas Jones, Megan McCarthy and Calvin Talford), four coaches (Roger Bergey, Shelley Blumenthal, Patricia Mitchell and Jim Rike) and four contributors (Martha Akers, Dietze, Ralph Law and Charlene Tiller).

According to the release, athletes are eligible for consideration 10 years after completion of their high school careers and are judged primarily for their achievements in interscholastic sports. Coaches are eligible after 15 years of experience or upon retirement. Contributors are considered to

tributions to their schools and communities."

"He is known throughout the state of Virginia," said current West Potomac principal Rima Vesilind, who is the 17th principal that Dietze has worked for. "Anytime you go anywhere there's a sports event, they know who Jeff Dietze is because he's taught hundreds of coaches."

ON TUESDAY, Dietze somehow topped even the NASPE honor, becoming one of 11

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Dietze Chosen For VHSL Hall of Fame

Longtime West Potomac DSA will be among 11 inductees.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE
GAZETTE

Less than five months ago, Jeff Dietze had a 'going away party' in the West Potomac cafeteria. Former students, current students, fellow administrators, colleagues and coaches all came to sing the longtime Wolverine director of student activities' praises, giving him heartfelt presents while swapping stories.

Since retiring, Dietze is having one

A Shot in the Dark — Golf Pro Gets Chance

Bowers narrowly misses cut during Nationwide Tour event.

By MICHAEL K. BOHN
SPECIAL TO GAZETTE

In a story line drawn from “Tin Cup,” a local club professional tested his game against the regulars on the Nationwide Tour last week at The Country Club at Woodmore in Mitchellville, Md. While his story lacked a Hollywood finish, he enjoyed the break from his day job.

Phil Bowers, a PGA golf professional at Alexandria’s Mount Vernon Country Club, shot 71-76-147 and missed the cut by three strokes at the Melwood Prince George’s County Open. A double and a triple bogey on the back nine on Friday offset his four birdies on the round.

He made it into the starting field through a special qualifier for club pros in the Middle Atlantic section of The PGA. The Nationwide Tour sets aside two or three slots in each week’s tournament for local pros.

“It’s a way of thanking The PGA for their valuable contribution to golf,” said Nationwide Tour official Tom Hearn. “The PGA is part of our team.”

Bowers, however, was content just to have the opportunity.

“Once I made it into the tournament, my goal was to come down the stretch with the chance to make the cut,” Bowers said afterward in the clubhouse. “That’s what I did, and I’m certainly not going to hang my head. I played solid golf for two days except for one or two holes.”

Asked about the high point of his two rounds, Bowers said he was pleased with his putting. “I really rolled the ball well and



Local Northern Virginia club pro Phil Bowers studies his line during the 2008 Melwood Prince George’s County Open, a Nationwide Tour event at The Country of Woodmore, May 22-35.

made a ton of putts.” Disappointments? “None, really. Well, maybe that triple on 17. I could have been playing for money on the weekend.”

A reporting crew from WRC-TV, the local NBC affiliate, followed Bowers during his two rounds and aired segments on him both evenings.

“It was fun to get a little attention,” he said as he changed his shoes after the second round. “But it was more fun to step into the Tour golf world for a couple days.”

With that, he headed for the parking lot, and then to Mount Vernon to finish the afternoon shift in the pro shop.

FOR THE UNINITIATED, the Nationwide Tour is to the PGA Tour as triple-A baseball is to the big dance. It began in 1990 as a developmental circuit for aspiring players, and has had several names as sponsors came and went—buy.com, Nike, and now Nationwide Insurance. Players today are a mix young flat-bellies aiming

for the PGA Tour and leathery veterans, many playing a downhill lie.

Bowers is not new to serious competition. He was the runner-up in the 2003 Middle Atlantic section assistant pro championship. In 2006, he qualified for the PGA Professional National Championship, an event that started in 1968, as the PGA Tour began its eventual split from The PGA. He missed the cut in 2006, but gained valuable experience, which he will need next month. Bowers qualified for this year’s national championship, scheduled for June 19-22 at Georgia’s Reynolds Plantation, by virtue of his eighth-place tie in the 2007 Middle Atlantic PGA section championship.

AFTER FOUR YEARS on the golf team at Radford University, Bowers graduated in 2000. He started in The PGA apprentice program at Bull Run Golf Club in Haymarket, and then moved to become an assistant pro at Gypsy Hill Golf Club in Staunton. He joined the staff at Mount Vernon in 2005.

“As a kid, I wanted to be a golf pro,” Bowers said. “But I learned quickly in college that there are a lot of really good players out there. I decided to work as a club pro, but try to improve my game to the point that I could compete occasionally with the big boys.”

So far, so good.

Bowers’s wife, Danielle, walked the course during his second round, leaving their one-year-old daughter, Samantha, with Danielle’s mother. She seemed more nervous than her husband.

“He was pretty calm at home after qualifying,” she said. “Last night after his first round, he didn’t do anything except take a shower and go to bed. We had to leave the house at 5 a.m. to make his morning tee time.”

Two Locals Caddie in Nationwide Event

George Malenich and David Fagan, both from Alexandria, worked as novice caddies in the Nationwide event. Malenich, who runs the plumbing shop at George Mason University, had caddied only once at the pro level. As for Fagan, who owns a software consulting business, “I never caddied before in my life,” he said.

Malenich knows a bit about the game. He won that honor coaching Centerville, and is now at Thomas Jefferson. He also hosts a weekly sports program on Mason’s radio station, WGMU.

“After I interviewed a couple of the Nationwide players for the show Wednesday afternoon, I asked if any players needed caddies,” he explained.

An Aussie named Scott Gardiner was without a caddie. Gardiner is fully exempt on the Tour, having finished 30th on the Nationwide money list last year. Plagued by back problems, Gardiner missed the cut by two strokes, but complemented Malenich afterward.

“He did well, Gardiner said. “He was always in the right place. George obviously knows the game, and I enjoyed having him on the bag.”

Malenich and his wife of 24 years had plans to travel to Boston for their anniversary on Saturday morning. What if Gardiner had made the cut? “If Scott had finished the second round in the top 10, she would have said, ‘Go have your fun.’”

—Michael K. Bohn

Dietze Given Another Honor After Retirement

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be pivotal in administration, academic activities, officiating, media or sports medicine.

Members of the Class of 2008, the 19th to be inducted and the largest since 1994, will bring total membership to 198. The induction dinner will be held Oct. 27 in Charlottesville.

Rike was the other Northern Region representative, having coached for 26 years at Robinson, where he won four four VHSL Group AAA state titles, including the first-ever girls soccer state championship in 1984. Rike, who finished with a 420-19-40 career record also won nine regional championships and 10 district titles.

DIETZE WAS AT West Potomac for 27 years, where he was pivotal in consolidating Fort Hunt and Groveton, a controversial undertaking at the time. He had to integrate their teams with students from both schools and was instrumental in convincing parents and

the community to support newly founded West Potomac.

Athletically, Dietze’s teams weren’t always successful, though the football and girls cross country teams won win back-to-back Group AAA state titles in 1989 and 1990. The cross country and track and field program were perennially successful, but the girls basketball team and lacrosse teams have struggled to compete.

Instead, Dietze’s administrative achievements are what was considered, and the catalyst for his nomination. According to the release, Dietze was “instrumental in the development of the national certification program for athletic administrators during his service to the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.” He also co-authored the National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education state certification of state coaching education program, and developed a nation-wide high school coaching education certification program.

He also served as president of the VIAAA, and has served in multiple positions within the VHSL, including a 12-year tenure as co-chair of the VHSL State Coaching Education Steering Committee.

And he touts a laundry list of national awards, having won the NIAAA Distinguished Service Award, NIAAA State Award of Merit, VIAAA Athletic Director of the Year, VIAAA John C. Youngblood Lifetime Achievement Award and VHSL Regional Award of Merit.

According to Dietze in February, having the football stadium renamed in his honor trumped the various awards.

“I’ve won a lot of awards and I’m proud of them, but they’re hardware,” Dietze said. “They’re plaques. But when people do that, boy that makes you think, ‘man, they respect you.’ That’s pretty neat.”

Dietze earned his undergraduate degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a master’s degree from George Mason University.

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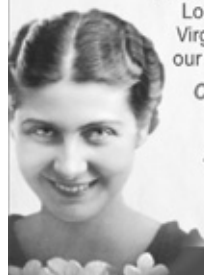
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Survivor Seminar

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looking for a chance to give something back to the community, and he said he had enjoyed getting to know the children, "seeing them smile and trying to make them laugh."

Alicia Siebert of Jacksonville, N.C. had previously attended a TAPS camp that traveled to D.C. and Las Vegas, and she said she enjoyed seeing new sights and touring museums and monuments. "Sometimes we have to sit in circles, but we also do fun things," she said. "Circles are boring."



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At 10:45a.m. on Sunday morning over 200 red, white and blue balloons carrying notes to family and friends who have died in the Iraq War, were set free in the sky in Crystal City

HER MENTOR, JAMES HAMILTON, who is stationed with the Army Honor Guard at Fort McNair in D.C., said he first mentored last year after his son's stepfather was killed in Iraq. "I wanted to do whatever I could," he said. "And I had to come back. I love it." When he helps to bury soldiers in Arlington Cemetery, he is not allowed to thank the families for their sacrifice, he said, noting that TAPS gives him a chance to show his appreciation.

"I get as much out of these camps as the kids do," said Hamilton. "I lost a couple of friends in the war myself." He said he would continue to mentor at the seminars "every year that I'm able to walk or get here." Last year, he was one of two members of his company who came. This year, he convinced the company to let him bring 16 men in spite of the busy Memorial Day schedule.

One of those was Ryan Stahl, who happened to be mentoring Hamilton's son, Austin. "These kids, a lot of the younger ones, they lost their positive male role model early in life," said Stahl. "I want to - not fill that but show them they can look up to other people too."

"It's just kind of fun and energetic," said Austin, who came from Fort Hood, Texas. Although Stahl said he had been fairly quiet over the weekend, Austin said he liked "when we all talk about our feelings and stuff like that." However, he said the monument tour was his favorite activity so far.

Sandra Drew of Herndon said her daughter had been too old to attend Good Grief camp and her son had preferred his own network of friends for support when their father died in Bosnia in 1995. She, however, took solace in the company of "other people who were dealing with the same things I was dealing with," she said at a banquet at the Gaylord National Resort and Conference Center Saturday evening.

Her husband, Nelson Drew, an Air Force colonel and military and political affairs officer on the National Security Council, had been traveling over Mount Igman to Sarajevo when the road gave way under his armored car. He and two others were killed. He had been working to negotiate a ceasefire to end the Bosnian War and is credited with helping to lay the foundation for the Dayton Peace Accords that followed. "I believe he knew that this was what he was to be doing," said Drew.

In addition to her husband's military and

diplomatic prowess, Drew said he had been "a great father." An image that she'd had in her head over the weekend, she said, was a memory of him "sitting on the couch with our then-18-month-old daughter, and he's got a book in his hand, reading to her, and she's got a book in her hand, upside-down, reading along."

Drew said she now attended TAPS seminars to reunite with old friends and to help newcomers. "It's a nice way to spend a weekend, coming here and remembering why we have Memorial Day," she said.

Annandale resident Yolanda Acevedo said she and her two sons, now both teenagers, had been attending the annual event for the last four years. "It's very healthy for them to be here, and they enjoy it, especially the relationships with the mentors," she said, noting that spending time with active-duty members of the military was "a way to be close to their father, in a way."

Neiberger-Miller said that after she contacted TAPS she had immediately been paired with a woman who had lost her younger brother about three years before Neiberger-Miller's brother was killed, and she found they had many of the same concerns, such as worrying about their parents. She pointed out that the suddenness of an active-duty death is devastating not only to the parents and children of the deceased. "I certainly never thought my brother would die before I would," she said. "I never thought I would have to stand there with my parents and watch them bury their son."

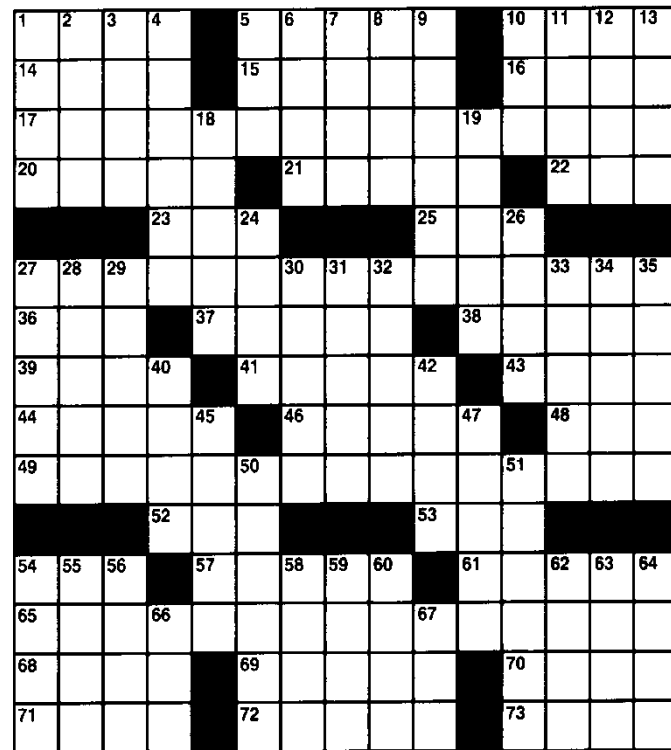
She said her brother, Chris, had always wanted to be a soldier and had built huge battlefields in the family's playroom with his two brothers when they were growing up in Gainesville, Fla. "Part of me thinks he would have joined the French Legion if he hadn't joined the Army," she said. His competency test results had been such that recruiters had told him he could take virtually any job he wished, and they were surprised when he said he wanted to join the infantry, said Neiberger-Miller. "But that's what he wanted. He wanted to be a soldier."

He was 22 when he died.

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ACROSS

- 1 Center of an old-fashioned roast
- 5 Old Jewish scholars
- 10 Kid
- 14 Fully fit
- 15 Coin being replaced by the euro
- 16 Got down
- 17 What boxer #1 did
- 20 Got up
- 21 More wily
- 22 Political grp. since 1854
- 23 Umbrella part
- 25 Launch of 1986
- 27 What boxer #2 was
- 36 Slice of history
- 37 "— so right!"
- 38 "Li!" guy
- 39 Othello's betrayer
- 41 Dishonest sort
- 43 Actor Morales
- 44 Bloodhound's guide
- 46 "A Garden of Earthly Delights" author
- 48 Pipe joint

- 49 What boxer #2 then had to do
- 52 Late Cabinet Secretary Brown
- 53 White House souvenir
- 54 Draft org.
- 57 Schiller's "— Joy"
- 61 Swindler's name, possibly
- 65 What the boxers and fans now do
- 68 "What a shame!"
- 69 Certain fur
- 70 Say — (deny)
- 71 "— No Angels" (Bogart flick)
- 72 Studio stock
- 73 "Go ahead!"

DOWN

- 1 Scroogeisms
- 2 Life preserver?
- 3 Kind of flute
- 4 Like some Christians
- 5 Union in a 1955 merger
- 6 Ringling —
- 7 Wail
- 8 Hostile to
- 9 Machination

- 10 Boxer's move
- 11 Designer Cassini
- 12 Forage holder
- 13 Start of a Web site address
- 18 Uplift
- 19 Writer Jong
- 24 Ringside responses
- 26 Boxer's wear
- 27 Franklin, religiously
- 28 Spinachlike plant
- 29 It's made at fights
- 30 Like some sentences
- 31 Trick's alternative
- 32 Moor
- 33 Remove stitches from
- 34 Football Hall-of-Famer Greasy —
- 35 Bird's sound
- 40 — about (near)
- 42 Hoard
- 45 — a kind (pair)
- 47 Recipe direction
- 50 Protected from the elements
- 51 Back from flying
- 54 "Pygmalion" dramatist
- 55 Only
- 56 Practice in the ring
- 58 Art Deco name
- 59 London's — Gallery
- 60 Hurler Hershiser
- 62 Classic Langston Hughes poem
- 63 Play opener
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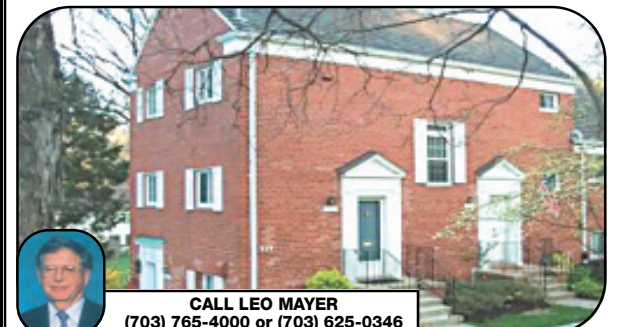
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