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Belvoir Changes Commanders

Lauritzen bids farewell to the troops, his military career.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE

As of July 2 Ft. Belvoir has a new Installation Commander. Col. Jerry L. Blixt received the flag of command from Col. Brian W. Lauritzen during an hour long ceremony on the Post's parade field that also saw several troops in the Battalion formation

"This is a great day for the Lauritzen and Blixt families."

—Brig. Gen. Dennis E. Rogers

the hot July sun. Then he praised Lauritzen for his leadership in overseeing the dramatic changes brought to Belvoir as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Report (BRAC).

"Col. Lauritzen has overseen a near doubling of Belvoir's population and has set in motion construction of more than \$4 billion in new facilities since his arrival three years ago. Belvoir

operates in many ways like a small city," said Rogers, director, National Capital Region District, U.S. Army Installation Management Command.

"This is a great day for the Lauritzen and Blixt families and your presence is a great gift to them of your time and respect. Col. Blixt will continue the leadership Col. Lauritzen has shown over the past three years," Rogers told the audience filling two sets of bleachers and VIP tents on the edge of the parade field.

"This installation has experienced a dramatic increase in its mission and Col. Lauritzen has been at the forefront of that transition. His tenure has been marked with vision and creativity that will carry us well into the future," Rogers said.

In addition to relinquishing command of Ft. Belvoir, Lauritzen was also retiring from 26 years of military service since his graduation from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY. For that service Lauritzen was awarded several honors during the ceremony including the Meritorious Service Award and special citations from the President of the United States and U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey. The audience also heard a statement praising Lauritzen's guidance given by U.S. Representative James P. Moran (D-8) on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Lauritzen's wife Anne, joining her husband on the parade field, was awarded the Outstanding Service Medal by the Department of the Army, for her leadership and volunteer service in an array of activities benefiting both base families and the sur-

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Outgoing Ft. Belvoir Installation Commander Col. Brian W. Lauritzen passes the command flag to incoming Installation Commander Col. Jerry L. Blixt during the Post's Change of Command ceremonies.



Ft. Belvoir's new Installation Commander Col. Jerry L. Blixt and his wife Debra are welcomed by friends and well wishers.

PHOTO BY CHUCK HAGEE/GAZETTE



Vintage Values

Vintage shops are a rarity in Alexandria, but they hold keys to past fads.

Holy(G)rail of Northern Virginia

Representatives talk about the need for more transit.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
GAZETTE

Rep. Jim Moran (D-8.) holds many of his town halls in accessible, transit-friendly areas like Arlington and Alexandria but the congressman decided to host his latest public meeting on transportation in the belly of the beast, Tysons Cor-

ner, July 3.

Standing at the Freddy Mac headquarters, Moran looked out to a crowd of approximately 200 people and said: "I think you know why we are here."

"Tysons Corner is the worst, most notorious choke point for traffic in Northern Virginia. It is the epicenter of what has gone wrong," said Moran.

Members of Moran's guest panel and some people in the audience, a few of whom wore "Tysons Tunnel" stickers, agreed. Tysons Corner had become a symbol of practically all that was wrong with the United States approach to transit and transporta-

tion, said Rep. Jim Oberstar (D-Mn.), chair of the transportation committee in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Most industrialized countries have made huge strides in mass transit in recent years. China has a train that travels at 220 miles per hour and can carry passengers from Beijing to Shanghai – approximately the same distance as from Boston to Richmond – in four hours, said Oberstar.

He added that high-speed trains have allowed people in France to commute over 200 miles daily to and from Paris in a reasonable amount of time. Thirty percent of

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Army Museum Contract Signed

The first tangible evidence that the National Museum of the U.S. Army may actually come to fruition adjacent to Fort Belvoir occurred recently when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, awarded a design-build contract to Manhattan Construction for a 124,000 square foot Museum Support Center.

The \$24.4 million facility, to be located on Belvoir's South Post at the corner of Thoete Road and Racy Loop, will serve as the Army Center of Excellence "to preserve, study and interpret the material culture and artistic record of the American soldier." It will provide museum-safe housing and multiple storage areas with varying climate controls and laboratories to treat and examine historic artifacts, art and archive pieces.

Although not part of the National Museum itself, the Center will provide collection support and additional services to the museum system such as property accountability, a site for scholarly research, and hands-on museum professional training relating to the collection, treatment, examination and exhibition of historic Army property and art, according to Corps spokesman Christopher Augsburger.

"We expect construction of the Center to be complete by July 2010," Augsburger said. A meeting was held this Wednesday to study the project's schedule, according to Augsburger.

Approximately 22 permanent staff, coming from throughout the Army Museum system, will provide museum support services to Army curators, historians and outside researchers. The Center will also provide antiterrorism and force protection to ensure the long-term preservation and safety of the various artifacts.

Manhattan Construction Company, based in Muskogee, OK, is one of the top 20 largest commercial general contractors in the nation. Some of their other projects include the Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center in Fairfax, the Fort Myers Barracks Phase I, and the Andrews Air force Base Visitors Center.

—CHUCK HAGEE

Huntington Traffic Changes

As of Monday, July 7, motorists using Huntington Avenue Westbound from Fort Hunt Road North in Mount Vernon District will be detoured to Route 1 South. This will continue through July 21, according to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project.

The portion of the road at the intersection of Route 1 and Huntington Avenue will be rebuilt and paved. Huntington Avenue Eastbound will remain open during construction, according to Johanna Jones, spokesperson, WWB Project.

Additionally, the dedicated far-right turn lane from Route 1 North to Huntington Avenue Eastbound will be closed for widening and curb replacement in preparation for final bridge approach configuration. Motorists wishing to turn right onto Huntington Avenue Eastbound can continue to do so from the through Northbound traffic lane or turn right at the next intersection with Fort Hunt Road, according to Jones.

The dedicated far right turn lane will remain closed for the two-week operation. However, the work is weather dependent and could be extended in case of inclement weather, Jones noted.

Man Robbed After Aiding Decoy

A good Samaritan was robbed at gunpoint July 3 shortly after 2 a.m. in the 2200 block of Huntington Avenue after stopping his vehicle to aid a man lying in the roadway.

When the 41 year-old Alexandria area man got out of his car to check the man in road, he was jumped by another man brandishing a handgun, according to Fairfax County Police. That's when the man lying in the roadway got up and the two suspects demanded money.

The victim handed over an undisclosed amount of cash and was kicked in the stomach by one of the suspects, according to the police. He was eventually transported to Inova Alexandria Hospital with non life-threatening injuries, police reported.

The suspects fled in an unidentified vehicle toward Telegraph Road. It was driven by a third suspect, according to the police report. All three suspects were described as black, in their 20's. The man in the roadway was described as heavyset, about six feet two inches tall, wearing blue jeans and a blue shirt. The man with the gun was also described as six feet two inches tall with a skinny build and wearing blue shorts. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477) or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

NEWS



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/GAZETTE

Rep. Jim Moran (D-8.) hosted a meeting on transportation issues in Tysons Corner July 7. Virginia Department of Transportation official Barbara Reese, U.S. House of Representatives transportation committee chair Jim Oberstar (D-Mn.) and Arlington County board member Chris Zimmerman participated.

Transit Problem Unsolved

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trips for any purpose in the Netherlands are made by bike.

"What is wrong with us? Are we a third world country?" said Oberstar.

THE MINNESOTA congressman, who has been a representative for over 30 years, said there has always been pushback in the United States when it comes to transit.

Several years ago, the Washington D.C. appropriations committee held up funding for the original construction of Metro until work was started on a new bridge connecting Virginia to Maryland over the Potomac river.

Minneapolis light rail attracted 10 million passengers nine months ahead of its projections but supporters are having difficulty getting more funding to expand the mass transit system, because the federal government keeps shifting its criteria, said Oberstar.

"Everywhere that light rail has been developed, the usage has been tripled," he said.

But the Dulles rail proponents are hitting a similar wall with rail to Dulles Airport and beyond. Oberstar said negotiations over the project – when it appeared as if the federal government might pull its funding – made it clear that the Bush administration was not supportive of the project.

As with light rail in Minneapolis, the federal administration has not used the appropriate criteria to measure and rate the project. He said they deliberately threw out factors like energy consumption and cost to the commuters when evaluating Dulles rail and other projects.

If those benefits could have been left in the financial analysis of the project, the cost effectiveness of the Dulles rail project – which has been criticized for its "medium low" rating – could be higher, said Oberstar.

Additional factors that should have been part of the Dulles rail project analysis may also have led the federal government to conclude that tunnel option was cost effective. Currently, the federal, state and local governments are pursuing an "above

ground" option because the tunnel option was deemed too expensive and would stall the project significantly.

"You should have a tunnel under 495 and that lets you have real transit-oriented development. ... A tunnel could be built for a cost similar to the above-ground option.," said Oberstar.

The Minnesota congressman said he would be willing to engage in a "conversation" about how to pursue the tunnel but the option would have to be talked about as the above-ground track proposal continued to move forward. He and Moran would not want to jeopardize the aboveground rail proposal in the hopes of getting a tunnel.

"The question of above or below. This is the symbol of doing it right the first time," said Scott Monett, president of Tysons Tunnel, an advocacy group pushing for the tunnel option.

MANY MEMBERS of the audience questioned what funds the federal government could divert from several places – ranging from the Iraq War to the Interstate 66 widening project – for Dulles rail.

Oberstar agreed that money going to Iraq's infrastructure development could be spent in the United States.

"We are building roads, tunnels, sewage systems, and bridges. We are just not building them here in this county," said Oberstar.

He did not agree with a suggestion to take revenue from the Metropolitan Airports Authority, which is supposed to manage the Dulles rail project, for the metro extension. Resident Brenda Balke wanted to know why the local airports, who will make money off the metro, could not contribute more money to the project.

A federal law prohibits money raised at airports to be used for federal purposes other than the airport.

"We have airport and airway funds for that purpose," said Oberstar.

Oberstar said it could also be difficult to transfer highway funds – such as those set aside for widening of Interstate 66 inside the beltway – to a transit project.

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PEOPLE

Getting To Know ...

Susan F. Fremit, 2008 Lady Fairfax for the Mount Vernon District.

BY MICHAEL O'CONNELL
THE CONNECTION

Born in Canada, Susan F. Fremit has proved herself to be a good citizen of the U.S. by volunteering in the Mount Vernon community.

A resident of Lorton, Fremit served two terms as the president of the South County Federation, was a member of Supervisor Gerry Hyland's (D-Mount Vernon) 2005 Annual Plan Review Task Force and is a member of the Base Realignment and Closure Task Force. As a means of acknowledging Fremit's dedication to the South County area, Hyland named her Mount Vernon's 2008 Lady Fairfax.

Here, she shares a little bit about herself.

How long have you lived in the area?

I have lived in Lorton Station since May 2002. I moved to Lorton from Ontario, Canada in November 2001 and married my husband a month later. I became an American citizen in 2006. I have two daughter, (both still live in Canada, and two step-daughters, both living in Virginia.

Education.

I have a four-year bachelor of arts with a French major and Spanish minor and a three-year law degree (bachelor of laws, both from the University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. I have a master of laws from George Washington University School of Law. I am licensed to practice law both in Virginia and Ontario. From 1991 to 2001, I built a successful law practice in Windsor, Ontario, defending clients

charged with a criminal offense. I am currently changing direction and seeking employment as a land-use attorney.

Hobbies, interests.

I used to be an avid squash and racquetball player, but since fracturing bones in both legs (not while playing either sport), I no longer participate in those sports. I do golf and downhill ski. I am an avid gardener and bird watcher, with hummingbirds being my favorite bird. For two years now, I have successfully attracted hummingbirds to the feeders on my deck.

Favorite local restaurant.

My favorite local restaurants are Polo Grill, Fire-side Grill and Pane e Vino.

When you were younger, what did you want to do when you grew up?

When I was younger and until I discovered that sciences were not my forte, in second year university, I wanted to be a doctor.

Community concerns.

The major one for this area is the impact of the advent of BRAC-related personnel to this area, which will affect our schools and transportation systems.

What is the most important issue facing Fairfax County?

I think transportation issues, including funding/lack thereof, are the most important issue facing Fairfax County today.

How did you get involved in community activities?

Since high school, I have been very involved with every community I have lived in. I believe in using positive actions, not complaints, to bring about positive changes to a community or resolving a community problem; there is never just one change or problem to deal with. I am detail-oriented, and a high-energy organizer so community involvement is probably a natural fit for me.



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Posing for a photo after the Lord and Lady Fairfax awards ceremony are, from left, Frank Cohn, 2008 Lord Fairfax for the Mount Vernon District; Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon) and Mount Vernon's Lady Fairfax, Susan F. Fremit.

ACVA Marketing To Budget Conscious Tourists

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE

As "staycations" gain popularity with every penny's increase in gasoline, coupled with escalating costs of just about everything else, the forecast for long distance tourism seems to drop exponentially. So what's a City like Alexandria, with so many of its financial eggs in the tourism basket, to do?

The Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association (ACVA) thinks it has found part of the answer with its newly launched marketing campaign to attract visitors to the city this summer and offset predictions of a weak travel season. Tourism spending in Alexandria contributes an estimated \$18 million in revenue to the local economy, according to ACVA.

"Alexandria's charming streets, unique shops and trendy restaurants offer a great escape for time-crunched travelers. This promotion helps visitors get away for

more fun with less cost. The promotion encourages tourism in Alexandria by helping travelers defray some of the increased transportation costs," said Stephanie Brown, president and CEO, ACVA.

This summer's promotion complements ACVA's spring marketing campaign, which doubled visits to VisitAlexandriaVA.com, and a \$180 million investment by Alexandria's tourism industry which has added new hotels and upgraded existing properties, according to Brown.

ACVA's \$150,000 summer marketing campaign, "Getaway with More Fun!," targets value-con-

"This promotion helps our visitors get away for more fun with less cost."

—Stephanie Brown,
president & CEO, ACVA

scious travelers by featuring a \$25 gift card and more than \$600 in value redeemable coupons honored at attractions, restaurants and shops throughout the city. The gift card and coupons are available with every two-night stay at a participating Alexandria hotel through Labor Day weekend.

It must be booked through VisitAlexandriaVA.com. Advertisements promoting the offer appear online at the New York Times, Travelocity and Google websites and through the NY Times Great Getaway E-Blast.

The Travel Industry Association (TIA) reported a six percent increase in the Travel Price Index this past April compared to the same period a year ago. Airfares and the price of gasoline are the primary fun time grinchs. Those two factors alone have increased 10.1 percent and 21.1 percent respectively over the same period in 2007.

To further enhance Alexandria's appeal, ACVA has entered into a



Gift cards and coupons offered by ACVA to tourists.

collaboration with the online travel company Travelocity. ACVA has added Travelocity's booking engine to

www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com. This will enable potential Alexandria visitors to search for and book flights, car rentals, and hotel rooms all through the internet.

ACVA expects to be constantly adding to this new service.

"ACVA is excited to work with Travelocity in an effort to better serve visitors to the city. We believe this arrangement will add visibility to Alexandria and our many offerings and historic attractions," Brown said.

COMMUNITY



A firetruck is in the forefront of Waynewood's annual Fourth of July parade.

A Sparkling Fourth



Neighbors gather for Waynewood's Fourth of July parade.



Abraham Lincoln, Fairfax County School Board Chairman Dan Storck, poses with visitors Ross Levin and his three-year-old daughter Brooke.



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Seven week old Slye Miller enjoys an early nap.



Over 50 children participated in this year's Independence Day festivities.

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Olivia Heck and David Baughan.



Parker Folghum is welcomed to Admiral Drive by Kirby the golden Lab.



Mark Schuermann talks with Jeb Beach as the children gather at the top of the hill for the opening ceremonies.



Cayetana Hamilton tries on a pair of holiday sunglasses.

COMMUNITY

Scout Completes Project, Helps Wildlife

Boy Scout builds shelters for wildlife at Huntley Meadows Park.

BY SARA RONKEN
THE CONNECTION

Despite the intense heat and overwhelming humidity, 13-year-old Cole Rosenberg and a crew of 45 to 50 volunteers spent Friday and Saturday, June 27 and 28, building brush pile shelters for the wildlife at Huntley Meadows Park in Alexandria.

In the hopes of gaining Eagle Scout status in Boy Scouts of America, Cole began organizing a project that would help out the surrounding community. He spoke with several businesses regarding possible donations and was in almost constant contact with Huntley Meadows Park officials. The plan was to build brush pile shelters in an effort to restore the meadows.

"The forest is overwhelming the meadows," said Cole. "The project will help to reintroduce the meadow habitat and facilitate the restoration of the meadow."

Cole's mother, Cheryl Rosenberg, was sup-



PHOTO BY SARA RONKEN/THE CONNECTION

Boy Scout Cole Rosenberg worked with 45-50 volunteers to build brush pile shelters at Huntley Meadows Park.

portive of the project. "I thought it was a great idea," she said. "Cole got to see how important the park can be to animals and the role it plays in animal habitats."

The team spent both days building shelters made of logs and brush. They used 40 trees and about 43,000 cubic feet of brush for the project. The volunteers included

friends, family, people from Cole's church and members of his youth conference.

Ryan Colpitts, a friend of Cole's from school, was one such volunteer. Ryan, 12, decided to help out with the project and was at the park on both Friday and Saturday. "I was doing really badly in math and he helped me out," said Ryan. "I was just

returning the favor for a good friend."

Cole's mother and father also helped out. "It was neat to see a group of people working for a common goal to improve nature," said Cheryl Rosenberg. "I think it was important to the people who go to Huntley Meadows all the time to see that people were taking time to preserve it and make it a better place."

The shelters will allow for more animals to inhabit the park. Prior to the completion of the project, the forest and surrounding residential areas were making it difficult for the meadows to survive. Now with more brush pile shelters and less trees, the meadows are reappearing and attracting more animals.

"The animals will be able to find shelter when it rains," said Ryan. He was able to witness a snake seek refuge under the newly made shelters mere days after the shelters were completed. Dave Lawlor, the natural resource manager at Huntley Meadows Park, explained to Cole how the park's wildlife was in need of brush pile shelters. "A lot of species require those kinds of habitats to survive," said Lawlor.

Overall, Cole said he had a great time completing his service project. "It was definitely hard but it was rewarding," he said. Cole is now one step closer to gaining Eagle Scout status in Boy Scouts of America.



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OPINION

Make More of Silver Lining

Modest goals for housing downturn should be ramped up.

Fairfax County's proposal to turn some foreclosed properties into opportunities for affordable housing has drawn some criticism.

By making such a modest proposal, the county leaves itself open to such barbs.

Fairfax County dedicated a penny of the real estate property tax to affordable housing several years ago, which amounts to a significant \$22 million a year. County businesses and officials recognized that lack of affordable housing for the needed

workforce ranks right up with gridlock as an impediment to economic growth. Advocates for human services know first hand the tremendous need for the

\$22 million each year and it adds up to a lot of money. The county has used it to purchase some apartment buildings that housed affordable rentals that were in danger of being converted to luxury rentals or condos. Now, with the "silver lining" of homes for sale far below assessed value because of a surge of foreclosures, the county should move to make a lasting dent in the need affordable housing on several levels.

First, the program should be expanded to include foreclosed condos and townhouses, which in the current market, could provide more housing value for the

money. With the rental voucher waiting list so long that the waiting list is closed, it makes sense to acquire these properties too, or help nonprofit groups acquire them, so that they can be rented out to qualified families and county workers. Efficiency and one-bedroom condos offer an opportunity for the county to make significant strides with a relatively small investment.

Second, the program should look to increase the long-term stock of affordable housing, by applying price controls (similar to controls on the county's affordable dwelling units) to those properties that would be sold to first time homeowners. This will keep the properties in the stock of affordable housing for some time to come. If the family that buys a property

from the county sells it in the future, any profits should be split with the county, providing more funding for affordable housing.

Third, the county should look at facilitating the purchase of foreclosed properties by nonprofit groups that would also tend to maintain these properties as long-term affordable housing.

All these efforts would be best spread out throughout the county. While many neighborhoods might resist more "affordable housing," some are already hard hit by vacancies and foreclosures. Townhouse and condo associations are suffering non-payment of homeowners fees. Surely this is an opportunity to make the most of the "silver lining."

It's not time to be timid.

EDITORIAL

COMMENTARY

Memories of the 1956 Democratic Convention

BY MIKE SERLIN

When people hear about a National Democratic Convention in Chicago, the tumultuous 1968 convention, with college kids and police battling in the streets comes to mind. My experience of twelve years earlier was of a more peaceful time, when Adlai Stevenson gained his nomination at the 1956 convention to run against President Dwight Eisenhower. I even had a pleasant confrontation with the Chicago police.

A college friend of mine who was president of the Stanford Young Democrats convinced me we should drive from California to Chicago, where he was sure he could get us in to see the convention. We arrived the day before it started and it became clear he was unable to get us tickets. I then volunteered for the Stevenson group working out of a large ballroom 3rd floor bullpen in the Conrad Hilton Hotel and told them I had a car.

A few minutes later Stevenson's Press Secretary called down from their 17th floor suite seeking someone to take several reporters to a meeting. I did so, but after returning to the hotel, realized this wasn't getting me toward my goal.

I went to the Press Secretary's suite and sat down. Shortly someone on his staff noticed me and asked why I was there. I ex-

plained that rather than calling down to the volunteer bullpen, wouldn't they like me to be assigned directly with them to drive reporters. The staffer asked a reporter who I had driven to a meeting earlier in the day if I was O.K. He said, "Yes." That constituted my entire security clearance in those less frightening times, and for the rest of the convention I was driving the press.

Within minutes of that first encounter, they told me that Governor Stevenson was going to a meeting, to bring my car to the hotel entrance, and park it behind his white Lincoln. While I was arguing with the doorman about parking there (I had no credentials), Stevenson came out to his car, four reporters jumped in mine, and advised me to turn on my headlights as we rushed in a police escorted caravan through the streets.

Later in the week, as the balloting was being conducted, Stevenson was in his law offices downtown and I was hanging out with the reporters watching TV and listening to speculation regarding whether he would break precedent by going to speak at the convention after he was nominated (it was not the norm in those days). While everyone was speculating, a Stevenson staffer quietly asked me to get my car, so I learned about fifteen minutes ahead of the reporters that he would be doing so.

We drove in a long caravan with police escort to the convention site. Stevenson's

chauffer told me all the cars would need to be turned around for the caravan to leave after his speech, but if I left my keys in the car, he'd have it turned around for me so I could go in to hear him give his acceptance speech. I still had no credentials, but found myself walking straight down a path with Chicago police on either side directly onto the convention floor.

For an uncredentialed college senior with no tickets who simply drove from California to see the convention, it was quite an experience. With today's concerns for se-

curity, it seems unlikely that it could ever be repeated.

About that pleasant confrontation with the Chicago police: before I had hooked up with the Stevenson campaign, I made a right turn after stopping at a red light. A police man pulled me over and as he did I said, "Officer, I realized why you pulled me over. In California, it is legal to turn right after stopping at a red light, but that is not the case yet in Illinois." He simply waved me on with the admonition, "When in Rome....."

LETTERS

Coupon Not Honored

I purchased paint at the Mount Vernon Paint Company, 6229 Richmond Hwy Alexandria, . on Thursday afternoon, July 3. When I returned home there was a coupon in my local paper, the Mount Vernon Gazette for \$ off per gallon. By the time I got home, the store was closed. I returned to the store on Saturday, July 5th (store closed on July 4th) and they would not honor the coupon. I find that most reputable companies with a quality product would gladly refund the consumer for a coupon within the same day. I feel incredibly duped by your company.

They said the manager would be in on

Monday. I called Monday, July 7th and there was no manager so I spoke to Luis, who sold me the paint. He said there was nothing he could do. When I expressed my disappointment in the company, he said I could tell everyone in Washington DC about it and hung up on me. I called back to say that it was rude to hang up on me and he hung up again. I will never buy your paint again and am sending this to the Washington Post and the Mount Vernon Gazette, where the coupon was listed.

A product as highly regarded (and expensive) as Benjamin Moore Paint should gladly honor coupons they list, especially within the same day as a purchase. In addition, it

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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 8

is extremely disappointing that your employees would be so incredibly rude to any customer.

Jeanne O'Toole
Mount Vernon, VA

Look Before You Leap

With the goal of starting high schools at about 8:45 a.m., the Fairfax County School Board is considering a 2010 change to start times for every school in Fairfax County. By a slim majority (55%/45%), the 2007 Transportation Task Force (TTF) recommended the change, which is endorsed by FCCPTA and SLEEP. To be well-informed, residents should be aware of the following facts from the TTF Minority Report.

1. Later high school start times lead to no statistically significant improvement in academic performance. Who gets higher grades? Students who go to bed earlier, according to Wolfson and Carskadon (1996).

2. Using bright computer screens at night makes it harder for students to fall asleep (Higuchi, 2003). Computer use suppresses melatonin, a brain chemical that helps us sleep.

3. A bell schedule change alone will

not solve the problem of tired teens. High school students need 2.25 more hours of sleep than they get now (Sleep Foundation). The new bell schedule would make up about half of that deficit.

4. A bus schedule change will cost millions of dollars at a time when a tight budget has the School Board increasing class size and eliminating academic programs. Cost estimates are not available yet, but the 2006 study estimated cost increases at 9.4 to 12.2 million dollars. [Current cost estimates will be available by the time this goes out.]

5. Fairfax County is much larger, in urban miles and student enrollment, than other districts that have changed high school start times. Changes have succeeded in some districts (Valparaiso, IN, 6,000 students; Edina, MN, 7,500; Arlington, VA, 18,000; McKinney, TX, 20,000; Minneapolis, MN, 36,000; Milwaukee, WI, 85,000; and DeKalb, GA, 96,000). Many large school districts that studied the issue concluded that costs and logistics are prohibitive (Norfolk, VA, 33,000 students; Seattle, WA, 46,000; Anne Arundel County, MD, 74,000; Albuquerque, NM, 90,000; Montgomery County, MD, 146,000; Detroit, MI, 100,000+).

We've been here before. FCPS studied this issue in 1991, 1998, and 2006. Each group recommended no bell schedule

change.

An independent consultant in 2006 noted the great risks and increased costs: "[A] shift to later secondary school start times can be accomplished for an incremental cost increase of between 10 and 13 percent of current transportation costs.... [N]one of the proposed changes can be implemented individually on a practical level without a concurrent reengineering of the entire transportation system.... [W]e can only recommend proceeding with extreme caution, and with a long-term commitment in mind. To proceed, the school board must be prepared to reconsider the basic transportation guidelines regarding the services to be provided system-wide, and to assume significant risk over a multi-year reengineering effort that will fundamentally change the entire transportation system." (2006 report)

Whatever the final decision, these facts need to be available as Fairfax County considers bell schedule changes. Research from all points of view is available on the TTF website, www.fcps.edu/fts/taskforce07/documents/index.htm. Look before you leap.

Patricia Velkoff
Parent, Member of Transportation Task Force and Chair of TTF Minority Report

Mount Vernon Poem

Does the young lady with her long blonde hair,
And sparkling eyes so brilliantly blue,
With smooth complexion so flawlessly fair,
Possess beauty unquestionably true?

Is the portly woman with legs so stout,
With a face so full and a double chin,
And other dimensions gossiped about,
Rated ugly because she isn't thin?

Is the tall young man with black wavy hair,
With shoulders straight behind his ample chest,
And muscles developed beyond compare,
Considered handsome with the very best?

I saw another young man today,
Face distorted with a look of pain,
Small of stature – thin hair turning gray,
Do these traits make him homely and plain?

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Transportation Fix 'Unlikely'

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Local members of the General Assembly used phrases like "not too optimistic" and "not too good" to describe the possibility of reaching a compromise on transportation funding this year.

State legislators returned to Richmond July 8 to find a solution for Virginia's roads and transit woes. The Virginia Supreme Court threw out a package that passed during the 2008 session that would have raised more than \$300 million a year for transportation in Northern Virginia.

Gov. Tim Kaine (D) scheduled the General Assembly's special session, which started at the end of last month, to specifically address the question of transportation funding.

Several Fairfax County representatives to the House of Delegates supported Kaine's plan, which was killed by a Republican-controlled committee.

The governor's bill included a series of statewide taxes and fees, including a bump in the cost to get

a driver's license and taxes associated with selling homes, that were meant to cover the state's maintenance deficit. Kaine's proposal would also have raised money through special taxes that applied only to Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads.

The special regional taxes would have required approval by local governments, like the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, before they were implemented.

"Of course, the rural guys are saying why should we support a grants tax? That is my problem. Not enough people are willing to step up and do their fair share," said Del. Tom Rust (R-86).

The bill most likely to pass the House of Delegates, according to Rust, is one that includes two regional components for Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia but no statewide component. Both Rust and Del. Dave Albo (R-42) support the bill.

Rust and Albo said that Northern Virginia tends to lose out on funding when Virginia raises revenue statewide because the funding formula used returns only a fraction of what the region raises.

"Northern Virginia pays 40 percent and gets 14 percent...that is where you lose people like me and Tom Rust and Joe May," said Albo, of the statewide revenue formula.

But Democrats said the bill still has several problems, including no plan for maintenance. "They are asking us to raise taxes on Northern Virginians and use the money to fix roads and bridges downstate," said Jesse Ferguson, spokesperson for Del. Brian Moran, who is the Democratic caucus leader in the House of Delegates.

Fairfax County chairman Gerry Connolly said it is also unfair for Northern Virginia's local governments to be asked to raise taxes.

With none of the plans above likely to pass, many Northern Virginians are expecting the worst again. "It means we wait some more and eventually the voters will start asking the hard questions come election time," said Bill Lecos, president of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce.

Lecos said Fairfax is approximately 13 percent of Virginia's population and brings in approximately 25 percent of the commonwealth's revenue.

COUNTY NOTEBOOK

Encouraging Turbines, Solar Panels

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Gerry Connolly (D) wants residents to be able to "cut through the red tape," when it comes to installing wind turbines and solar panels on their property.

Connolly has suggested that staff look into easing zoning restrictions on wind turbines. Currently, residents must go before the Board of Zoning Adjustment if they want to install a turbine, which can be used to partially power a house with wind energy, on their property.

He also wants the county to consider drafting statewide legislation that could lift homeowners associations' restrictions on solar panels.

Several homeowners and citizens associations said they are already looking at ways to assist residents who want to be "green," but that a drastic change, such as a wind turbine, might not be welcome.

"That would take a little getting used to. People get all worked up about satellite dishes and that sort of thing right now," said Michael Fruin of the Timberly South homeowners association in McLean.

The Burke Centre Conservancy, one of the county's largest homeowner associations, has an architectural review board. Currently satellite dishes have been installed on the back of a home, said the conservancy president Kala Quintana, adding the same rules would likely apply to solar panels. But her community has been resistant to tall structures like wind turbines in the past.

"Giving the experience we had even thinking ... about cell phone towers. It would be surprising to me if people would be that interested," said Quintana of wind turbines.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Hyland Proposes Looking at Meal Tax

Mount Vernon supervisor Gerry Hyland (D) has proposed that Fairfax County take another look at raising the meals tax as part of its overall budget review this fall.

In anticipation of a downturn in revenue, Fairfax County supervisors will be spending extra time going through the budget for cost savings, and Hyland said the supervisors should look to tax diversification during that time.

Currently, Fairfax relies on real estate taxes to provide well over half of the county's funding. A meals tax could provide another source to the local government's revenue stream.

In a board item presented June 30, Hyland said he expected "industry opposition," to the proposal but the meals tax, which affects restaurants, has also been a tough sell to the public in the past.

Fairfax County can only acquire the power to enact a meals tax if it is approved in a voter referendum or passed by the Virginia General Assembly. Richmond lawmakers have been unwilling to approve the measure and Fairfax County's last meals tax referendum in 1992 failed by a large margin.

"It was one of the largest referendum failures in the history of the state," said Jim Wordsworth, who owns J.R. Stockyard's Inn in Tysons Corner.

Wordsworth said the restaurant and hospitality industry is already suffering during the tough economic times. "I understand a broad-based tax, like a sales tax, that applies to everyone... but I don't understand singling out an industry like that," said Wordsworth, who established the commonwealth's restaurant association.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

King Guilty of Attempted Murder

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Police Shoot, Kill Man in Oakton

Prosecutor Casey M. Lingan showed a Fairfax County Circuit Court jury the bullet from the gun Rocky L. King pointed at police Officer Eugene Bork's head.

The only reason the jury was looking at an officer in the courtroom and not an autopsy photo, Lingan told the jury, is that King didn't properly load his weapon.

Following a three-day trial last week before Judge Robert J. Smith, a jury convicted King of the attempted capital murder of a police officer on Wednesday, July 2.

The next day the jury recommended that King serve 51 years in prison: 40 years for the attempted capital murder of a police officer, five years for use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, three years for possession of cocaine and three years for possession of a firearm while in possession of cocaine.

Officer Bork and his wife now make sure they say goodbye to each other each and every day they leave their house.

"This was a tough one for the cops," said Marshall E. Thielen, president of the Fairfax Coalition of Police IUPA Local 5000. "People take for granted the work that police do keeping Fairfax County safe."

Officer Bork was sent to investigate a single car accident on Sept. 11, 2007 at Coppermine Road and Sunrise Valley Drive in Herndon around 3:30 a.m., according to police reports.

Bork, who has earned awards from Mothers Against Drunk Driving according to Thielen, called for additional officers when King was evasive answering his questions. When Bork eventually asked King to exit the vehicle, King got out of the car and pointed a handgun at the officer's head.

"Within a fraction of a second, the gun was out," Thielen said.

A struggle ensued over the gun, and backup officers shot King several times. King was treated at Inova Fairfax Hospital for injuries that were not life threatening, according to police.

Defense attorney Michael Davis intended to argue that King was trying to commit "suicide by cop," trying to force police to kill him.

Davis predicted the trial

Last Saturday, July 5, Fairfax Police officers responded to a call from an apparent suicidal man in Oakton 30 minutes before midnight, according to Fairfax County Police reports.

When officers arrived at the 3100 block of Summit Square Drive, they were confronted by David Michael Przewlocki, 54, who was armed with a gun on the sidewalk outside his apartment.

When officers ordered Przewlocki to put his gun down, he refused and pointed the gun at officers who then shot him, according to police reports.

Przewlocki was pronounced dead at Inova Fairfax Hospital.

No officers were injured.

Risking Lives to Save One?

A similar call to police ended differently in October 2005, when an officer was critically wounded after hours of negotiating with a suicidal man, Joseph Oliver, then 56.

Oliver's sister alerted police that her brother was armed and suicidal on Oct. 29, 2005, on Palladium Court in Springfield.

Officer Peter H. Feigleson negotiated with Oliver for more than two hours, while Oliver held a revolver in each of his hands.

Police could have used deadly force as soon as they arrived, as Oliver pulled out two guns from a bag.

"I was trying to save his life," Feigleson testified.

When Oliver later put down one of his guns, Feigleson, shielded by officer Scott A. MacCaskill, advanced closer to Oliver to try to immobilize him momentarily with a Taser gun.

But one of the Taser gun darts failed to hit Oliver, and Oliver shot Feigleson in the leg, clipping his femoral artery, and shot at MacCaskill, hitting the shield MacCaskill carried to protect both officers as they advanced. Oliver shot 11 rounds at the officers, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Casey M. Lingan told the jury. "The moment he fired his weapons at Officer Feigleson and Officer MacCaskill ... is the moment he was not suicidal, he was homicidal," Lingan said.

The officers' emotions were most visible when they talked about each other. "I thought you were dead," Feigleson said to MacCaskill, outside the courtroom at Oliver's trial in November 2006.

A Fairfax jury recommended that Oliver serve 99 years in prison.

His conviction and sentence are currently being appealed.

would last six days, but wasn't permitted to present evidence he had hoped to, and the trial lasted three days before the jury recommended its sentence.

Davis filed a motion Monday, July 7 for Judge Smith to vacate the conviction and declare a mistrial, according to court records.

King is scheduled to be formally sentenced later this year.



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SCHOOLS



NW Federal Credit Union Scholars

The Northwest Federal Credit Union Foundation recently held a luncheon to honor its 2008 scholarship program recipients. A total of 20 deserving students from across the country shared more than \$72,000 in funds, including 15 recipients of the prestigious \$4,000 Ben DeFelice Scholarship — so named for NWFCU's longest-serving Board member — and five recipients of the \$2,500 CIRA Scholarship — sponsored by the Central Intelligence Retirees Association.

With 289 applications, the scholarship selection committee focused on outstanding leadership roles at school, at home and within the community to select the winning students. Applicants impressed the judges with their extracurricular activities, which included completing research at the National Institutes of Health, serving as mentors to disabled students, volunteering at an overseas orphanage, and organizing charitable fashion shows to benefit disadvantaged youth.

The 2008 NWFCU Foundation scholarship winners are:

- ❖ **Susanna Blanch**, 2008 graduate Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, Alexandria, (University of Virginia)
- ❖ **Bronwyn Koehl**, 2008 graduate Thomas Jefferson High School Science and Technology, Alexandria, (University of Pennsylvania)

SCHOOL NOTES

Anna Soyka, 12, and William Tarpeh, 17, both of Alexandria, are two of nearly 2,000 people nationwide honored by Kohl's Department Stores for the good deeds performed in their communities through volunteerism. Through the eighth annual Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program, 51 youth from Virginia will receive \$50 gift cards and recognition certificates from Kohl's. These winners could go on to receive a \$1,000 regional scholarship that Kohl's will award in July.

The Kids Who Care Scholarship Program is part of Kohl's Cares for Kids, a program focused on improving the lives of children. Kohl's Cares for Kids benefits children's health and education opportunities nationwide through its merchandise program, fundraising gift cards and A-Team associate volunteer program.

Kristina Marie Garrison of Alexandria is among the 281 students selected to the Longwood University President's List for superior academic achievement during the spring 2008 semester. In order to be eligible for the President's List, students have to earn a perfect academic average of 4.0.

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sity President's List for superior academic achievement during the spring 2008 semester. In order to be eligible for the President's List, students have to earn a perfect academic average of 4.0.

T.C. Williams' class of 1998 is holding its 10-year high school reunion on Saturday, Aug. 2 at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn at Key Bridge in Arlington. For details, call 1-800-655-7971 or go to www.GreatReunions.com.

Alexandria Archaeology will be hosting an **archaeology camp** for kids this summer, and registrations are being accepted now. Campers will learn professional excavating, recording, and artifact-processing methods as they help uncover Alexandria's buried past while protecting historical resources. The camp is open to children ages 12 through 15. There are two one-week sessions, which run from Monday, July 21 through Friday, July 25, and from Monday, July 28 through Friday, Aug. 1. The camp day starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m., and campers supply their own drinks, snacks and lunch. Camp costs \$350 per session and some scholarships are available. Space is limited to just 15 campers per session and a non-refundable deposit of \$100 is required.

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MOUNT VERNON BULLETIN

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

On Tuesday, July 15, 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 and open to the public. The meeting will feature a presentation entitled "Garden Stones Long Forgotten." by Kay Cogswell. 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

The **Mount Vernon Hospital Auxiliary** is currently accepting applications for adult volunteers. A variety of positions are available and every effort is made to match the volunteer's availability, interests, and abilities. The hospital is located at 2501 Parkers Lane in Alexandria. Call 703-664-7260 or visit www.inova.org for more information.

Seniors 50 years of age and over are eligible to enter the 2008 **Northern Virginia Senior Olympics** to be held Sept. 20-Oct. 2. Registration information is available now at local senior centers, community centers, senior residences or by calling 703-228-3600, ext. 9996. They can also be downloaded online at www.novaseniolorlympics.com. Registration deadline is Sept. 5.

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.

Sign-up for "Master the Art of Reading," the Fairfax County Public Library's 2008 Summer Reading Program. The library invites kids from preschool to high school to enjoy the magic of reading this summer. The program runs through August 30. Preschoolers through sixth graders read 15 books. (Children can have books read to them.) Students in grades 7-12 read eight books. Visit the library's Web

VOLUNTEERS

Send volunteer notices to connectionnewspapers.com or call Rebecca Halik with any questions 703-917-6407.

CrisisLink's 24/7/365 hotline for the Washington Metro Region is currently recruiting volunteers for their October 2008 training. Visit www.crisislink.org, e-mail volunteer@crisislink.org, or call 703-527-6016 to learn more. Come help CrisisLink continue to save lives and prevent tragedies in our community. Volunteer for three hours a week.

Volunteer Emergency Families For Children (VEFC) needs volunteers willing to open their homes and provide short term (1-21 days) emergency shelter to local children who are victims of abuse, neglect, etc. Volunteers can choose the age, gender, and length of

page at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library>.

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. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance 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.

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 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 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

stay for each placement. Local leaders are also needed to serve children in crisis by sharing VEFC's mission within their community. Call 703-200-3700 or email seckhardt@vefc.org for details. Visit www.vefc.org.

Meals on Wheels need drivers to pick up meals at Mt. Vernon Hospital at 11 a.m. and delivering them by 1 p.m. Volunteer drivers can deliver on a weekly, biweekly, monthly, or substitute basis. Other volunteer opportunities for Meals on Wheels in the Mt. Vernon area include back-up Group Coordinator, Group Treasurer, and a volunteer to make monthly delivery of nutritional supplements to a Mt. Vernon resident. For more information, call the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging's Volunteer Intake Line: 703-324-5406, TTY: 703-449-1186 or e-mail DFSAAVolunteer@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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.

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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.



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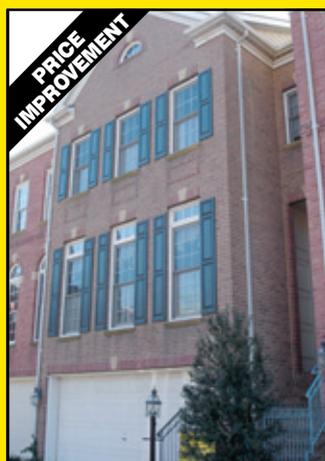
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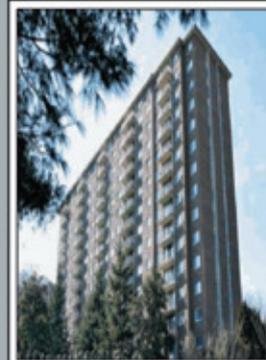
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Keith Werman tags out an American All-Star during the 17th District's American Legion All-Star game on July 4 at Waters Field.

All-American All-Stars

Local Legions Teams Send Five to District 17 All-Star game.

A group of local standouts celebrated the nation's birthday in typical American fashion — by playing in an American Legion All-Star game.

The Alexandria Post 24 and Post 129 teams sent five players to represent the 2008 National All-Stars in American Legion Baseball District 17's All-Star game at Waters Field on July 4. Comprised of high school players from Mount Vernon, Edison, Bishop Ireton and T.C. Williams, the two teams teamed up with Falls Church Post 130, Springfield Post 176 and Fairfax Post 177 to comprise the American All-Stars. They played the best players from Vienna Post 180, Lorton Post 162, Annandale Bicentennial Post 1976 and Centreville Post 1995.

The lone Post 24 representative was pitcher/centerfielder Basil Badley (Mount Vernon), while Post 129 was represented by pitcher/shortstop John Roberston and T.C. Williams' Marc Grosser, Pike Brynildsen and Sam Alexander.

Bob DeLelle, an assistant coach for Post 129, helped Post 177 manager Craig Knoll coach the All-Star team.

As of press time, Post 129 has a 6-12 record, while Post 24 has a 5-13 record. Vienna Post 180 is currently leading with a 14-4 showing. On Tuesday, Post 24 dropped a 9-0 decision to Annandale Bicentennial Post 1976.

—ERIC J. GILMORE

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Five players from Mount Vernon and Alexandria took their turns at the plate at the recent annual American Legion All-Star game.



The National All-Stars salute the American flag on the Fourth of July.

Plenty of Local Ties At Tiger-less Tournament

Reporter chronicles tales from the recent AT&T National.

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN
SPECIAL TO GAZETTE

Among the thousands of volunteers who help make weekly PGA Tour events successful, the most visible are the marshals patrolling each hole. They raise their arms and shush the fans when players prepare to hit, and organize the gallery's flow about the course. One of them, Mount Vernon resident Ron Fitzsimmons, offered a special viewing perspective to kids on the par-3 seventh hole during the tournament.

"I had a little 'kids-friendly' program on our hole that I started last year," he said. "I selected children from the gallery to come up and sit very quietly right on the tee, inside the ropes. They had a worm's eye view, just a few feet from the players."

Fitzsimmons, who is a staff assistant to Fairfax County supervisor Gerry Hyland, said the response has been great. "The parents, needless to say, were thrilled. And the kids were great. Not one problem."

JERRY POTTER has been a golf writer and reporter for most of his adult life, and for once, he was on the other side over the tape recorder.

"This is strange. I'm usually the one asking the questions," USA Today golf writer Jerry Potter said at the start of a recent interview. "I've been reporter for 35 years, but I rarely do the talking."

Over lunch at the media center during the AT&T National at Bethesda's Congressional Country Club, Potter, 60, spun some yarns about his long and satisfying ca-

reer as a sports journalist.

After college and reporting jobs at the "Nashville Banner" and the Jackson, Miss. "Clarion-Ledger", the latter a Gannett newspaper, he began a temporary assignment at the chain's fledgling "USA Today" in 1983. After a year of general sports reporting, including colleges and the NFL, Potter took a permanent position with the nation's first truly national paper.

"My editor had me cover NASCAR because I talked funny, just like the drivers," he said of his southern accent. Simultaneously, he began reporting on professional golf, starting with the 1984 LPGA Dinah Shore Nabisco championship (now the Kraft Nabisco, an LPGA major). "I learned how to cover a pro tournament by reporting on the LPGA Tour," he said, crediting the openness and accessibility of both the tour staff and players.

Potter expanded his reporting to the PGA Tour in 1996, and in recent years, has enjoyed writing about golf equipment and course design. He travels extensively, alternating tournament assignments with the paper's other golf writers.

Potter has lived since 1984 in the Franconia neighborhood of Alexandria. He commuted to Rosslyn when "USA Today" was headquartered there, and now drives to his office in the paper's current building in McLean.

Asked about his own golf game, Potter answered with one word, "Bad." He plays occasionally, and said that many a great player has tried to help. "I'm just not an athlete."

WITH THE RECUPERATING

Tiger Woods absent from his signature golf tournament, fewer fans turned out for the event. Official figures reflected about a 25 percent drop overall, but Sunday's gate was seemed even smaller because the Tour set early tee times to beat the thunderstorms. Fans who arrived at noon found that half the field had finished and the leaders making the turn. On the fifth hole, marshaled by Vienna's Westwood Country Club, Joe McGuire thought the crowd was down by half. "There's a big difference this year," McGuire said on Sunday. "Plus, the buzz is different without Tiger."



Mount Vernon resident Ron Fitzsimmons.

COURTESY OF MICHAEL K. BOHN



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Third baseman Martin Parra of the Clark Griffith All-Stars makes a play during his team's game against the Maryland All-Stars in Vienna last Saturday night.

Late Fireworks Boost Locals

Clark Griffith League All-Stars, comprised of teams from Fairfax, Vienna, Arlington and McLean, beats Maryland stars, 4-3.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Local metropolitan area fans were treated to some of the best collegiate level baseball anywhere over the Fourth of July holiday weekend at the 2008 Joe Branzell All-Star Game in Vienna.

The showcase contest, in which the Clark Griffith League All-Stars, made up of players from Virginia, Wash., D.C. and Maryland teams, took on the Maryland Collegiate Baseball League All-Stars. The game took place on Saturday night, July 5 in the heart of Vienna at Waters Field.

The Clark Griffith League, made up of seven teams, hosted the game. The classic wooden bat All-Star game is named after Branzell, a longtime coach and supporter of the 63-year old Clark Griffith League. Branzell, who died in 1997, served as a scout for over 30 years with the old Washington Senators and Texas Rangers.

For baseball faithful who appreciate a hard-playing, fundamentally sound brand of ball, Waters Field was the place to be on Saturday night. Most of the contest was a pitching dominated affair as both teams used a handful of talented pitchers to keep the opposing offenses at bay. But it was a late-game home run by the Clark Griffith League team that changed the game's momentum and led the home team to a dramatic 4-3 come-from-behind win.

With his team trailing 3-2 with two outs and nobody on in the bottom of the eighth inning, A.J. Kirby-Jones, a first baseman for the Fairfax Nationals of the Clark Griffith

League, gave his team a huge lift when he belted a high, towering, opposite field solo home run over the right field fence that tied the game at 3-3.

Two batters later, Mike Bokman of the D.C. Grays gave the Clark Griffith team the lead for good with a soft line-drive single into left field that plated teammate Nick Kuroczko (Vienna Senators), who had coaxed a walk following Kirby-Jones' homer.

Tall right-handed pitcher Jimmy Dugan (Vienna Senators) of George Washington University retired the Maryland team's side in order in the ninth, including two strikeouts, to earn the save and clinch the win for the Clark Griffith stars.

Gaining the mound decision for the winning team was JD Polcari (Fairfax Nationals), a right-hander from Burke who pitched just 2/3's of an inning in the eighth in a short relief outing.

Kirby-Jones, a collegiate player at Tennessee Tech University, was not certain his home run was going to clear the fence when he hit the ball.

"It was one of those hits where you're not sure," said Kirby-Jones, who started the contest as a Clark Griffith substitute. "I saw the outfielder backing up and saw the ball clear. It feels good to come through against a team like [the Maryland stars]."

Kirby-Jones, who competed in a pre-game Home Run Derby, said he enjoyed meeting and playing with stars from around the Clark Griffith League.

"It's always fun and you are always trying to do the best you can for your teammates."

NVSL Swimming Report

On July 13, the Northern Virginia Swim League (NVSL) will hold its annual Wally Martin 3-meter Diving Championship at Lee-Graham Pool in Falls Church. The event, which annually attracts more than 100 divers, ranging in age from 8 to 18, is the league's high dive championship.

The 10-and-under girls will start at 8 p.m., with 55 minutes intervals occurring for the junior girls and boys (ages 11-12), the intermediate division (ages 13-14) and senior division (ages 15-18).

The results will be posted on the NVSL-Dive Web site at www.nvsl-dive.nvblu.com

In Division 5, undefeated **Dunn Loring** downed **Mansion House** by a 213-189 decision. Double winners for Dunn Loring were John McClorey, Lauren Kaup, Andrew Nyce, and George Hirka. Single winners for Dunn Loring were Alexander Tosi, Sophia Whelpley, Zachary Swanekamp, Logan Hirka, David Baueinfend, Emily Waldron, Jacob Potter, Nabil Milani, Chelsea Taylor, and Jack Marlowe.

The **Hollin Hills Bluefish** are off to a strong start this summer with two big wins. The Bluefish recently tallied wins over Pinewood Lake, 258-86, and Bren Mar-Edsall Park, 223-168. The Bluefish are coached by Alex Collins and Chris Keany.

In freestyle, Keeler Fina, Beata Corcoran, Sergei Sciacca, Kylie Bostick, Barbara Peisch, Anna Leonard, Tommy Clark, Henry Luster, Matt Kuhbach and Meredith Ryan all earned first-place wins.

The backstroke winners included Genevieve Adams, Samuel Runner, Michael Valceanu, Sophia Labas, Caroline Schuermann and Sam Hirt, while Sergei Sciacca, Paul Crowley, Hannah Runner, Kylie Bostick, Henry Luster, Sophia Labas, Bradley Speakman, Jack Peisch and Ellie Kenimer took top honors in the breast-

stroke.

Immanuel Cromley, Rachel Robison, Caroline Hirt, Samuel Runner, Michael Valceanu, Barbara Peisch, Matt Kuhbach, Anna Leonard, Tommy Clark and Meredith Ryan won the butterfly events.

The **Riverside Gardens Tsunami** swim team came on strong during the first week of the 2008 NVSL summer season. The Mount Vernon-area team won its first meet at home against **Sleepy Hollow Recreation Association**, 272-130. Patrick Sullivan and Sean Heffernan set new team records in the boys 15-18 age group. Sullivan broke the team's 24 year-old 50-meter freestyle record with a time of 24.90. Heffernan broke his own 50-meter backstroke record with a time 29.57.

During the meet against Sleepy Hollow, Riverside had 28 first place finishes in 38 individual events and won nine of the 12 relay races. Placing first for Riverside were Alec Dubois, Anna Selbrede, Paul Dubois, Elizabeth Dexter, Carolyn Murphy, Karley Zdebski, Patrick Sullivan, Jonathan Letai, Christopher Letai, Bayley Garland, Madison Zdebski, Sean Heffernan, Megan McCormick, Taylor Scott, Ryan Scott, Patrick Murphy, and Sean Sullivan.

The **Arlington Forest Tigers** debuted in Division 11 with a 205-197 home loss to the **Rolling Forest Tidal Waves**. Double event winners for the Tigers were Carl Buegler, Bryn Edwards, Jake Huston and Christopher Palacios. Single event winners were Matthew Allen, Georgia Allin, Zoe Edwards, Aaron Michalak, Adam Michalak, Clayton Miller, Neil Murray, David Palmer, Rebecca Palacios and Rebecca Wroblewski.

The Boys 13-14 100 meter medley relay team of Zachary Allin, Aaron Michalak, Carl Buegler and David Palmer shattered the team record for the event, clocking a time of 1:00.09.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Wagner Changes Figure Skating Coach

Ashley Wagner, a rising senior at West Potomac high school and the 2008 U.S. figure skating bronze medalist has recently changed coaches. According to reports, Wagner will now skate under Priscilla Hill, a Wilmington, Del.-based coach who is a former two-time medalist at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

Hill coached Johnny Weir to the gold medal at the 2001 World Junior Figure Skating Championships and three consecutive U.S. National Championships, before the two parted ways last summer. Hill, who also coaches four-time U.S. silver medalist ice dancers Melissa Gregory and Denis Petukhov, was named the 2004 U.S. Figure Skating Association Coach of the Year.

Wagner, a 2010 Olympic hopeful, announced on June 23 that she ended her six-year relationship with coach Shirley Hughes. After starting skating at 5-years-old, Wagner started training competitively with Hughes in 2002. She was successful at both the juvenile and intermediate levels, eventually rising to the junior level for the 2005-2006 season.

At the junior level, she skated in international competitions in Slovenia, France, The Netherlands and Bulgaria. She earned a bronze medal at the 2007 World Junior Figure Skating Championships in Oberstdorf, Germany, and thus turned her focus on the senior circuit. She came in fifth at the 2007 Skate Canada and earned the bronze medal at Trophee Eric Bompard in Paris.

Wagner won the bronze at the 2008 U.S. Championships, which earned her a berth to the Four Continents Figure Skating Championships and 2008 World Figure Skating Championships, where she placed eighth and 16th, respectively.

Wagner was born on the U.S. Army Base in Heidelberg, Germany, and has lived in four states before settling in Alexandria. Her younger brother Austin is also a skater and currently competes nationally at the intermediate level.

Iroquois Nationals In Semifinals at U-19 World Games

The Iroquois Nationals lacrosse team, consisting of members of the Six Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy advanced to the semifinals of U-19 World Games with a 28-2 win over Scotland. The Iroquois will now face host Canada, who won a 15-12 contest on July 5, in the semifinal on July 10. The Nationals are hoping to top a fourth-place finish, where they've placed the last three World Games dating back to 1998.

Established in 1983, the Iroquois Nationals represent the Haudenosaunee, meaning the "People of the Longhouse" in international lacrosse competition.

The Iroquois, which signed a partnership with Nike, Inc. two years ago, have long been recognized as originators of the modern game of lacrosse. The players, 95 percent of whom play in college, travel with Haudenosaunee passports. The Iroquois are comprised of the Six Nations Confederacy, including the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca and Tuscarora tribes.

Most of the roster is derived from Ontario, Canada as well as Upstate New York. Yet the head coach, Tony Gray, was the head coach at Oakton where he won three consecutive Virginia AAA state championships from 2003-2005. He led the Cougars to a state title berth again this year, and retired from coaching after the season.

The other Iroquois representatives include defenseman Forest Cox, a Potawatomi descendent and attackman Andrew Cordia, a Choctaw descendent, who scored two goals in the quarterfinal game. Cox is a rising senior at West Potomac, while Cordia attends St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, where he was an All-Interstate Athletic Conference selection last season.

The Nationals have lost to the United States, as well as Canada by a combined eight goals. However, the Iroquois have blasted past Japan, England, Australia and Scotland by a combined 52 goals en route to a 20-goal per game average.

The U-19 World Games, which started on July 3 will finish on July 12. Games are being played at Percy Perry Stadium in Coquitlam, British Columbia.

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The **Alexandria Mental Health Family Support Group** of NAMI/FOCUS is open to all dealing with mentally ill family members suffering from depression, bipolar or schizophrenia. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Alexandria Mental Health Office, Community Service Board Clubhouse, 4480 King St. Contact J. Gulka, Facilitator, 571-451-0773.

Yoga in Daily Life, 2402 Mount Vernon Ave., offers classes for people of all ages and physical ability. Meditation classes also offered. Free trial class the first week of each session for newcomers - next session begins Aug. 4. Drop-ins welcome anytime. Lunchtime Yoga classes held on Wednesdays 12:15-12:50 p.m. Visit <http://www.yogaindailylifeus.org/> for complete class schedule or call 703-299-8946.

The **Alexandria Health Department** announces new hours for its HIV Testing Clinic, effective immediately. The HIV Testing Clinic is available every Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The clinic, located at the main Health Department Building, 4480 King St., offers free, anonymous and confidential testing. For more information about the HIV Testing Clinic or other HIV/AIDS services, contact Nechelle Terrell, HIV/AIDS

Coordinator, at 703-838-4400, ext. 305.

Dr. John Albrigo, orthopedic surgeon, will discuss hip and knee replacements that are minimally invasive, Monday, July 28 at 7 p.m., Inova Alexandria Hospital, 4320 Seminary Road. To attend, visit www.inova.org and click on "Health Info & Classes" or call Inova HealthSource 703-750-8800.

Dr. Stefano Agolini, board-certified surgeon, will discuss new options for hernia repair, Wednesday, July 30 at 7 p.m., Inova Alexandria Hospital, 4320 Seminary Road. To attend, visit www.inova.org and click on "Health Info & Classes" or call Inova HealthSource 703-750-8800.

Dr. Corey Wallach, orthopedic surgeon, will present "Treatment for Neck Pain", Thursday, July 31 at 7 p.m., Inova Alexandria Hospital, 4320 Seminary Road. To attend this free lecture, contact Inova HealthSource at 703-750-8800 or visit www.inova.org and click on "Health Info & Classes."

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.

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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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Yoga at Fitness on the Run, 109 S. Alfred St., offers daily classes at 12:15 p.m. and evenings starting at 6 p.m., 6:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and on Saturdays at 10:15 a.m. and Sundays at 5 p.m. Visit www.fitnessontherun.net and view the online calendar for a complete list of classes and times.

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Joyful Heart Yoga for body, mind and spirit. Mondays, 10 a.m., at St. Marks, 6744 South Kings Highway and 5:30 p.m., at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St.; Tuesdays, 7 p.m., at Mount Vernon Unitarian, 1909 Windmill Lane. Call Sandy at 703-971-2214 or go to joyfulheartyyoga.com.

Burn Survivors Group. A group for people with serious burn injuries and their family and friends meet from 7:30-9 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month except December in the American Red Cross Building, 123 N. Alfred St. 703-698-1626.

A Gentle Yoga series for cancer patients and survivors will be offered at Inova Alexandria Hospital Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department, 4320 Seminary Road. The courses, held Wednesdays 6-7 p.m., will explore the physical and mental health benefits derived from Yoga. Wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat. To register, call 703-776-2841 or visit www.lifewithcancer.org

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 for more information.

On the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., there is a **support group** for families of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Located at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Light refreshments will be served. Call Amber at 703-338-8890. E-mail alexandriafamilies@hotmail.com for more.

Yoga & Health Studies Center offers classes at 7918 Bolling Drive, Alexandria. Four classes per week beginners to teachers. 703-765-7707 or e-mail nandg@patriot.net.

Young women with breast cancer are invited to attend a monthly support group for pre-menopausal women diagnosed with breast cancer. The group will hold meetings from 6-7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Inova Alexandria Hospital Cancer Center, 4320 Seminary Road. 703-504-7921.

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Come have a blast at **Power Lab** the week of July 21 - 25. This free week-long Vacation Bible School is open to first through sixth graders. It will be held at Harvest Church each night from 6:30 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. Kids will experience incredible music, hyperspeed games, wacky snacks, mind-blowing Bible adventures, amazing crafts and much more! Pre-registration is suggested by calling 703-971-7070, however walk-ins will be accepted. Harvest Church is located at 7401 Beulah Street in the Kingstowne area of Alexandria.

Bethany Lutheran Church, located at 2501 Beacon Hill Road, is sponsoring a series of classes on different aspects of U.S. immigration law. The free classes are scheduled for Saturday afternoons in July and August, and will begin at 12:30 p.m. Each class will start with a presentation followed by a question and answer session. Anyone who has questions about the classes should contact Bethany's office at 703-765-8255.

Saint James' Episcopal Church of Mount Vernon will highlight the 50th anniversary this year. In addition to Homecoming Sunday on June 22, Saint James' calendar for the 2008 celebration includes the following events:

July 14-18 - Vacation Bible School: Last year was the first time in 20 years that Saint James' conducted Vacation Bible School. The week was highly successful with 30 children participating. This year we are planning for at least 50 children. Adult parishioners are also blessed through their "hands-on" involvement with the children. Public invited.

July 26-27 - Feast of Saint James': We will celebrate with a gala that includes a play, St. James'-A-Lot, a musical based on Camelot, written and produced by members of Saint James', and featuring Saint James' actors and musicians. The play recounts the history of Saint James'. The evening will include a dinner and "surprise" visitors. Public invited.

September 7 - Rally Day: Family Fun Day and kick-off for fall, with children's registration, a picnic, Moon bounce, face painting, cake walk and old-fashioned games for the whole family.

Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, has special summer hours: services are at 6:30 p.m. on Fridays and at 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays. Kolot Shabbat (musical service) the first Friday of every month at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 703-370-9400 or visit www.bethelhebrew.org.

Calvary Presbyterian Church, 6120 N. Kings Highway, is a welcoming congregation building a positive ongoing relationship with the community, providing opportunities for spiritual nurture, growth and service in Christ's ministry. Sunday Church Service: 10 a.m.; Sunday School 11:30 a.m.; Ladies Bible Study; Sunday Afternoon Young Adult Women's Bible Study. Pastor is Erin Sharp. Visit www.calvarypres.org or 703-768-8510.

Kid's Club will be from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on July 9 and Aug. 13 at Washington Street United Methodist Church, 115 S. Washington St. The church playground/courtyard and Children's Library will be open all morning for kids and parents to come and go

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Children ages 3-through those who have just completed 2nd grade will learn what it means to know, speak, and live with God's love. The adventure will be Tuesday, July 15-Friday, July 18 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Washington Street UMC, 115 S. Washington St. To register, visit www.wsumc.com For more information contact the church at 703-836-4324 or office@wsumc.com.

It's time for children from ages 3 through grade six to blaze a trail to **Vacation Bible School**. Gather at the Bible Study Campfire to hear Bible stories and learn life applications, play games at the Recreation Barn, create neat crafts at the Crafts Corral and enjoy some grub at the Chuck Wagon. The adventure begins every evening from 6:30-8:30 p.m., June 23-27, Good News Baptist Church, 5940 Telegraph Road. Pre-register by calling 703-329-2990 or send an email to Pastorcal@goodnewsbaptistchurch.org. Free. Visit www.goodnewsbaptistchurch.org/ for directions.

Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane, has a special learning session from 9:45-10:45 a.m. every Sunday starting June 1 through Aug. 24. Children and adults will have the opportunity to learn about traditional Bible-times family life by playing authentic games, being apprentices in the Carpentry Shop, chatting with shopkeepers and tax collectors, participating in Synagogue School, and sampling food. For more information or to pre-register, call 703-765-6118 or e-mail mvpca@aol.com. Visit www.mvpconline.org.

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. 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. 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 the first Friday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Located at 3830 Seminary Road. 703-370-9400 or visit www.bethelhebrew.org.

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Department of the Army
Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for Implementation of 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Recommendation 133 Fort Belvoir, Virginia

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department of the Army has published a Final EA and Draft FNSI that evaluate the potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts associated with realignment of BRAC Commission Recommendation 133 (BRAC 133) to Fort Belvoir, Virginia. BRAC 133 primarily involves the relocation of 6,409 personnel in Department of Defense agencies currently located in leased space in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, including activities associated with the Washington Headquarters Services (WHS), to Fort Belvoir. Fort Belvoir has been defined for these purposes to include areas under consideration for purchase including the GSA warehouse in Springfield, Virginia, the Victory Center in Alexandria, VA and the Mark Center in Alexandria, VA. The EA is available for 30 days beginning July 14, 2008 and ending on August 13, 2008. An electronic version of the EA can be downloaded from the following URLs: <http://www.belvoirbrac-eis.net> or http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsim/brac/env_ea_review.htm. Copies of the EA are available at the following public libraries (addresses available online): Fairfax County Public Library (John Marshall, Kingstowne, Lorton, Sherwood Regional, Fairfax City, and Richard Byrd branches), Alexandria Public Library (Charles Bentley Central and Ellen Coolidge Burke branches), Prince William County Public Library (Chinn Park Regional and Lake Ridge branches), Fort Belvoir Van Noy Library, Fairfax County Government Center, South County Government Center, Mount Vernon Government Center, Franconia Government Center, Springfield Government Center, Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation, and the City of Alexandria Deputy City Manager's Office. For additional information concerning the EA, please contact Mr. Don Carr, Fort Belvoir Director of Public Affairs, at (703) 805-2583 (E-mail address: donald.carr@conus.army.mil) during normal business hours Monday through Friday. Written comments on the EA should be sent by mail to Fort Belvoir BRAC, ATTN: BRAC 133 EA Comments, 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 340, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030; by email to brac133eacommments@tetratech.com; or submitted online at <http://www.belvoirbrac-eis.net>. Comments are to be submitted by August 13, 2008.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S
SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT
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SALE TO BE HELD AT 4110 CHAIN BRIDGE ROAD, FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA 22030
JULY 11, 2008
AT 10:00 A.M.

In execution of the Deed of Trust dated August 9, 2004, and recorded in Deed Book 16387, Page 2016, among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia (collectively, the "Deed of Trust"), securing The Washington Savings Bank, F.S.B. (the "Noteholder"), default having occurred in the payment of the debt secured thereby, and being instructed to do so by the Noteholder, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale the property described below at public auction on the front steps of the Fairfax County Courthouse located at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030 on July 11, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The real property encumbered by the Deed of Trust that will be offered for sale by the Substitute Trustees is generally known as 6234 Quander Road, Alexandria, Fairfax County, Virginia 22307 and is described in more detail in the Deed of Trust and as follows:

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LESS AND EXCEPT all of that lot or parcel of land containing 8,750 square feet more particularly described as follows:

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TERMS OF SALE

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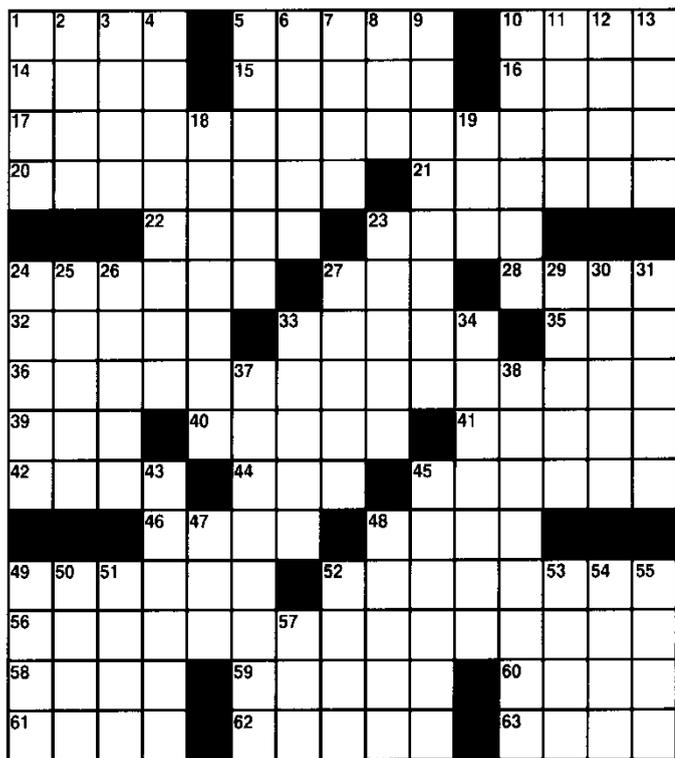
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- 5 Kind of pad
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- 14 United Steelworkers leader I. W. _____
- 15 McGwire blast
- 16 Fad item of 1961
- 17 Basketball's Archibald injured the Dalai Lama, palindromically
- 20 Ingratiated
- 21 Where many changes take place
- 22 Sci. course
- 23 Exceedingly
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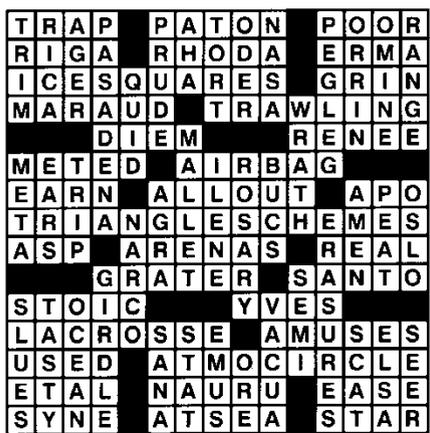
- 39 Sphere
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- 42 Discounted by
- 44 Darn site
- 45 "Well, _____!" ("Ain't you hot stuff!")
- 46 Control spot
- 48 Shiny on top?
- 49 Flattened at the poles
- 52 Petty cash in London
- 56 "What a shame your footwear is missing," palindromically
- 58 Vampire's hideout
- 59 Measurer
- 60 Track event
- 61 Mind
- 62 Finished
- 63 "For heaven's _____!"

- 5 English counties
- 6 Certain carving
- 7 "Diary of _____ Housewife"
- 8 Caught up with
- 9 Bargain hunter's delight
- 10 "So long"
- 11 Jot
- 12 Clancy hero Jack
- 13 Spanish woman
- 18 Popular vacation locale
- 19 Axle, e.g.
- 23 Annuls
- 24 Computer language

- 25 Love to death
- 26 They branch out
- 27 Word with hot or home
- 29 Dear deer
- 30 The Brady kids, e.g.
- 31 Tel Aviv native
- 33 Expression
- 34 Tree with white flowers
- 37 Lincoln's supposed fiancée Ann
- 38 Write-offs, perhaps
- 43 Threadbare
- 45 "The Eagle has _____"

- 47 Sched. letters
- 48 Ecu
- 49 Palindromic comics dog
- 50 Palindromic ninny
- 51 Togo's capital
- 52 Dropping sound
- 53 Asta's mistress
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Change of Command

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rounding communities.

COMING TO THE MICROPHONE, Lauritzen warned the audience that they might "see a grown man cry." Noting that the ceremony was a particularly emotionally charged event, Lauritzen thanked his wife, two children, and parents, for supporting his career. "My wife and two children are the lights of my life," he said struggling to keep his emotions in check.

"The legacy of our military families dates back to the Revolutionary War. Our nation has always benefitted from our military families. And, today I publicly thank my wife and family for the support they have given me throughout my chosen career. I have been truly blessed by that support," he said.

"Fort Belvoir is undergoing a major transformation and I'm convinced there is no better leader to turn over command of transformation to that Col. Jerry Blixt. We have done this before six years ago," Lauritzen said. Blixt followed Lauritzen as the Commander of Fort Myers in 2002.

Then, in a lighter side moment, Lauritzen turned to Blixt and, handing him his Blackberry, said, "As proof to my family that I really am committed to retiring I am presenting you with my Blackberry."

Throughout his tenure as Ft. Belvoir Installation Commander, Lauritzen has guided not only the base's monumental growth triggered by BRAC but also has forged a mutual leadership cadre with surrounding communities as well as Fairfax County and state officials that has worked to the benefit of both the military and civilian populations. Central to that intercooperative arrangement is the Board of Advisors that is composed of representatives from all jurisdictional levels that have met throughout the BRAC process.

Referencing his and his family's planned move to Carlisle, PA, Lauritzen closed his remarks by offering his gratitude to both the civilians and soldiers at Ft. Belvoir, as

well as the many contractors and political leaders of the area. "No matter where we go in life, my family and I will forever hold your hearts in the palm of our hands," he said.

"This has been the greatest place in the world for us and we'll always keep Ft. Belvoir and everyone here in our thoughts and prayers. We love you all and I pray that our paths will cross again," Lauritzen said ending his speech with the military code reference to his identity, "For now, this is Eagle Six - Out."

Holding his newly acquired Blackberry, noting it was "the gift that keeps on giving," Blixt told the assembled military and civilian audience, "We are privileged today to join this command. I've had great reverence for the soldiers and everyone here at Fort Belvoir."

Blixt acknowledged "It's not easy following in the footsteps of such a great leader. But, I'm grateful for the opportunity and excited to be part of such a vibrant community. Col. Lauritzen has laid the groundwork for the future and I want to build on that success."

A native of Galesburg, Illinois, Blixt is a graduate of the University of Iowa with a Bachelor of Science Degree and has served in a number of assignments throughout his military career including Operations Officer of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G2. During that time he was selected as the G2's "Action Officer of the Year" and runner up as the Army's "Staff Action Officer of the Year." He also served with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, one of the largest BRAC components relocating to Ft. Belvoir's Engineering Proving Grounds, as the Military Executive for the Director.

In addition to his graduation from the University of Iowa and the National War College, Blixt's education includes a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University and a Masters Degree in National Defense Strategy from the National Defense University. He and his wife Debra have three children.



Ft. Belvoir Installation Commander Col. Brian W. Lauritzen and his wife Anne say goodbye to friends and associates following the Change of Command ceremonies.

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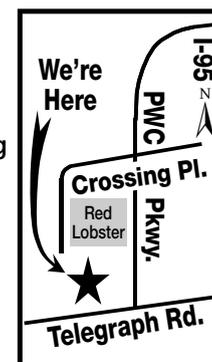
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Enjoy 1 br+den 1.5 ba's, remodeled refreshed-updated den has bkcase closet and doors cd bne 2nd br, Prego fls in lvg areas ceramic kit & balcony, amenities galore, metro come see.

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