Out on a Limb

Tree butchers prompt call for more regulation among traveling workers.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
The Gazette

Men in trucks frequently roam the streets of Mount Vernon with workers offering tree service. All of them are scam artists, out to make a quick buck by persuading susceptible homeowners that their trees need pruning. Increasingly, people in Mount Vernon are concerned about how to distinguish the professionals from the charlatans.

“Most people are not tree experts,” said David Dale, co-chairman of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens’ Associations. “And there are obviously enough people naive enough to keep these fly-by-night operations going through our streets.”

A resolution now being considered by the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens’ Associations requests that

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GOP Pioneer Dies

Remembering E. David Foreman, former chairman of the Fairfax County Republican Committee.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
The Connection

E. David “Dave” Foreman, a pioneer in Fairfax County politics and an icon to area Republicans, died Thursday, June 18 after a short battle with leukemia. Foreman, 72, was receiving treatment at Duke Medical Care in North Carolina after being diagnosed only 13 days prior with the blood cancer, according to his son, David Foreman.

“He was the most thoughtful, loving, caring individual you could come across, both to friends and family,” David Foreman said. “He was just an amazing person.”

A former Springfield resident, Foreman began his political career in 1971 when he was

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Celebrating the 4th

General Washington stops for a photo as he walks back to the mansion during the Fourth of July celebrations at the Mount Vernon Estate on Saturday.

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The flag of the First Virginia Regiment flies in the Bolling Green at the annual Independence Day celebration.

The Costa family listens as Private Gunner John Holt explains a bit about the cannon. The cannon is a replica of those used in 1776 and was commissioned to be made in 1976 as part of the National Bicentennial Celebration.

Mount Vernon volunteer Richard Kline offers birthday cake to the visitors.

New Area Superintendent Named

Scott Brabrand

former Fairfax High School Principal Scott Brabrand has been named Area IV assistant superintendent, overseeing West Potomac, Mount Vernon and Hayfield high school pyramids which includes 27 schools.

Question: What do you see as your primary responsibility in your new position?
Answer: I want to raise the academic achievement for all students. Also, I believe our school system can close the academic achievement gap for struggling students, and I intend to work toward that goal.

Q: What is your philosophy or approach to your new position? How will you carry it out?
A: I see myself as providing catalytic leadership in developing a comprehensive vision of where we want to go academically. I want to engage our many talented principals, administrative and analytical personnel among the 27 schools and 21,700 students in developing strategies which best suit the academic needs of all our students. I intend to engage everyone in a fierce debate on what we need to do to improve academic achievement for our students. To those who may have issues with the presence of a regional analytical and administrative support function I say this: There has been a distinct paradigm shift in education philosophy; the best principals and the best teachers don’t work alone. Competent administrators and teachers welcome support and innovative approaches to solve difficult problems. To that end I will engage the resources of the entire school system to tailor instruction to suit each student’s individual academic needs. That will take a team approach and my office will serve as a catalyst when appropriate. I will promote a common vision toward a common direction that not only engages our teachers and administrative leadership but the parents and community also.
Scam Artists

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collectors performing tree services within Fairfax County be licensed or certified to perform the work. Originally drafted by the Consumer Affairs Committee, the resolution was amended by the Environment and Recreation Committee to include a clause requiring safety regulations stipulated by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration. On July 22, the general membership of the citizens’ association will consider the measure.

“The problem of scam artists seems worse this year than any other year,” said Queenie Cox, chairwoman of the Consumer Affairs Committee. “These people are mainly preying on elderly people.”

IN SOME CASES, the work that is conducted by the scam artists is unhealthy for the tree, mangling its appearance and potentially threatening its ability to survive. Eventually, butchered trees can die and pose a threat to the homeowners who have already been victimized. But the scams are profitable to the contractors who conduct the work, so the economic incentives remain. That’s why the resolution would require workers to carry a license or certification from industry groups.

“It’s not going to be fool-proof,” said Cox. “But at least it’s a way to create some kind of structure and organization in the system.” Although the council is not advocating a government-issued license, those in support of the resolution say they think requiring certification would be a way to ward off fraudulent woodchucks. The internationalsociety of Arboriculture, for example, offers applicants with three years of experience an opportunity to receive certification. Since its inception in 1992, the organization has issued more than 25,000 international certifications.

“Most states have don’t want to get into licensing any more,” said Derek Vannice, director of certification for the International Society of Arboriculture. “So certification is a growing trend, especially among arborists.”

This tree shows damage scam artists can do.

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elected to chair the then-lagging Fairfax County Republican Committee in Virginia. During his time as chairman, Foreman cultivated some of the most recognizable political figures in the county, many of whom still serve in political roles today, such as U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) and former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis.

Through his efforts to promote his party and find candidates that appealed to Republicans of all levels of conservatism, Foreman is credited with pulling the Republican Party even with the Democratic Party, which had dominated Virginia politics.

“He really brought us into two-party parity,” said Davis, who was recruited by Foreman to be a precinct operations chairman on weekends while he was in law school at the University of Virginia in the early 1970s. “He created a broad-based coalition and carried a winning attitude into the county.”

After serving Fairfax County Republicans, Foreman was elected to chair the 8th Congressional District Committee from 1978 to 1982, where he led campaigns for Richard D. Obenshain, chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia from 1972-78, when he won the party’s nomination to run for the U.S. Senate in 1978.

Upon his retirement from politics, Foreman used his knowledge of the political process and became a lobbyist for the shipbuilding industry and later for various committees and organizations in Richmond and Washington, D.C. Among Foreman’s other activities was serving as the executive director of the Washington Redskins cheerleaders, little league coach and as a sponsor for the West Springfield Little League and Washington, D.C. youth baseball teams.

“He was a good man, husband and father and a good citizen,” Wolf said. “He touched a lot of different areas. I’m very thankful I called him every day.”

Through his contributions to his party, county and state, Foreman’s memory will live on and those who knew him will forever be thankful that their lives intersected.

“He was a good man, husband and father and a good citizen,” Wolf said. “He touched a lot of lives and made a very positive difference in the commonwealth. He will be missed.”

Foreman is survived by his wife of 49 years, Rosemary Foreman; children Dave Foreman III and wife Susan and Sheryl Olecheck and husband Arthur; and his five grandchildren. Other surviving family members include his brother Robert Foreman, of Naples, Fla. and sister Gertrude Alexander, of Jacksonville, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, which has worked to address the problems of homelessness and affordable housing in southeastern Fairfax County for 35 years. This nonprofit provides programs for the working poor, disabled and elderly residents of Fairfax County.

Moran To Host Telephone Meeting

U.S. James P. Moran (D-8th) will host an open telephone hall meeting on Monday, July 13 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. to discuss local and national issues. The call will be focused on 8th District residents living in the Providence, Mt. Vernon and Lee Districts of Fairfax County, but anyone in Northern Virginia can join the call. Call toll-free: 1-(877) 269-7289, then enter Conference ID: 12765.

Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services Honored

On Monday, June 22, the Board of Supervisors recognized Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services, which has worked to address the problems of homelessness and affordable housing in southeastern Fairfax County for 35 years. This nonprofit provides programs for the working poor, disabled and elderly residents of Fairfax County.

Superintendent Jack Dale proposed Fairfax County Public Schools add a 0.5 grade-point-average bump to scores earned in many high school honors courses and advanced classes.

He would like to implement the new weighting for the 2009-2010 school year and has proposed the school board also make the weighting retroactive for high school students who have already taken these courses.

The school board will have to approve which courses will earn the extra weight and which will not. It has previously voted to add an 1.0 grade-point-average increase to Advanced Placement [AP] and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses. Dale wants to attach a 0.5 grade-point-average weight to the following courses:

- Pre-AP English 9/Pre-IB English 9
- Pre-AP English 10/Pre-IB English 10
- World History & Geography I Honors/Pre-AP World History & Geography I
- World Civilization I Honors/Pre-AP World Civilization I
- World History & Geography II Honors/Pre-AP World History & Geography II
- World History/Geography I Honors/Pre-AP World History & Geography I
- World History/Geography II Honors/Pre-AP World History & Geography II
- Pre-AP U.S. History
- Pre-IB U.S. History
- Pre-AP Comparative Government
- Pre-IB Comparative Government
- Pre-AP World History
- Pre-IB World History
- Pre-IB Comparative Government
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The following courses at Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology will be given an extra 0.5 grade-point-average weight:

- English 9, 10, 11, 12
- World History/Geography 2
- History of Science
- 20th Century World History
- U.S. Virginia History
- Cultural Studies
- Law and Society
- U.S. Virginia Government

- Science Policy
- Economic Theory
- Neurophysiology
- Inquiry into Ideas
- Religious Studies
- America and the World since 1989
- Art, Technology & Culture
- One Question
- Algebra II/Trigonometry Topics
- Geometry
- Pre-calculus Topics
- Math Techniques
- Parallel Computing 1
- Parallel Computing 2
- Geosystems
- Biology 1
- Chemistry 1
- Physics 1
- Ethical Leadership
- Computer Systems (R)
- Geosystems (R)
- Oceanography (R)
- Astronomy (R)
- Biotechnology (R)
- Neuroscience (R)
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- Micro-Electronics (R)
- Communication (R)
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- Computer Assisted Drawing (R)
- Prototype Development (R)

(R) indicates a research or mentorship course.
MONDAY, JULY 13

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15
BRAC Advisory Group Meeting. 7-9 p.m. At Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. The BRAC Advisory Group serves as a forum for developing ideas and recommendations relating to transportation improvements and other issues associated with the BRAC-133 office building. Contact Pat Escher at 703-746-3812.

THURSDAY/JULY 18
Act on Poverty Conversations. 10 a.m. to noon. Will provide the general public a chance to recommend solutions — especially community-based approaches — for reducing Virginia’s poverty rate. At Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria Campus, 3001 North Beauregard street. Call Carla Harris at 703-784-7217.

THURSDAY/JULY 16
“Overloaded at Work?” Volunteer Management Workshop by certified professional organizer Lauren Howard, which was held by the City of Alexandria in April 2008. At the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson Street. Call William Chesley, Deputy Director, at 703-838-5095, ext. 557. or e-mail: william.chesley@alexandriava.gov.
Opinion

No Texting While Driving

Virginia's new law banning drivers from texting while driving went into effect on July 1, and no one can argue that anyone should be behind the wheel of a moving car while they type or read information on a cell phone. It's clear, given the state of transportation funding in Virginia (there is none) that we can all expect to be spending more time in traffic.

My new commute into Old Town Alexandria includes traversing almost the entire length of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. (Alternatively, I can traverse nearly the entire length of the Beltway between the American Legion and Woodrow Wilson bridges.)

The GW Parkway is a beautiful drive, with views of the Potomac River; the road is still lined with forests, and a variety of birds sail overhead.

Over the course of a week, the trip invariably involves some time at a standstill, usually for one of several road improvement sites, at the “hump-back” bridge, and at Spout Run, to name two.

Most commute via auto in Northern Virginia probably includes periods of standing still each week.

For the sake of productivity, it might make sense to amend Virginia’s new anti-texting-while-driving law slightly for drivers actually stopped in traffic. Drivers over 21 who are in cars that are actually standing still (and in “park”) should be allowed to use their phones for texting or checking email or even looking up traffic cameras to see what the hold up is.

New Law on Drunk Driving

Also beginning on July 1, 2009, drivers who have been convicted of driving under the influence in Virginia twice within a 10-year period are required to use ignition interlock devices for a minimum of six months.

This is an improvement over current Virginia law that mandates the same for drivers twice convicted of driving drunk within five years.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving identifies ignition locks as an effective tool in the battle against drunk driving, with studies showing they reduce repeat drunk driving offenses by 64 percent. The interlock device requires that a driver blow into the equivalent of a breathalyzer before the car will start.

The Washington Regional Alcohol Program cites statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: Drunk drivers killed in traffic crashes are eight times as likely to have a prior conviction than fatally injured sober drivers. People who have been arrested for drunk driving are at greater risk for a future traffic fatality, and the risk increases with the number of drunk driving arrests.


— Mary Kimm

Letters to the Editor

Cooperation Needed

To the Editor:

Scott Surovell’s letter in the June 18 Mount Vernon Gazette about sorely needed improvements to the Richmond Highway was quite effective in giving voice to his partisan zeal, but woefully short of the mark in pointing the way ahead toward bringing the Richmond Highway up to the capacity it needs to serve this community now and in the future.

Mr. Surovell listed a number of major projects in Northern Virginia, Richmond, and Hampton Roads: and considered the importance of the I-95 corridor in this area.

The Richmond Highway is a goal that all residents can get behind. It doesn’t hurt to take a look, however sobering, at our recent history and to realize that there have been no improvements matching the steady increasing traffic burden this highway supports. I applaud Jay McConville for seizing on this as major theme of his campaign and realizing that cooperation is the key to movement forward.

What his new opponent, Scott Surovell, came up with in his letter was blame, blame for everything from Dick Cheney to Republicans in Richmond.

We need a community leader who can speak in a strong voice for all of Mt. Vernon and bring people together to work for our common needs. Other Northern Virginia officials have done that and have received funding for projects in their district, and that’s what we need here. What we do not need is more partisan rhetoric.

— John Kohout

Mount Vernon

Local Baha’i Seek Public Awareness

To the Editor:

I am writing to follow up with you regarding the ongoing prosecution of the members of the Baha’i Faith in Iran and the continued imprisonment of seven of the religion’s leaders in Iran. It may be timely to do a follow up article because we now have reliable information from family members that the seven Baha’i leaders are to be tried on July 11. According to the Baha’i International News Service, the seven were arrested in the spring of 2008 and have been held more than a year without formal charges or access to their attorneys. Official Iranian news reports have said the charges are “espionage for Israel, insulting religious sanctities and propaganda against the Islamic Republic.” The trial is apparently scheduled to be held at Branch 28 of the Revolutionary Court. This is where American-Iranian journalist Roxana Saberi was recently convicted of espionage and sentenced to eight years imprisonment. She was eventually released, but only after an international outcry at the clear politicization of the case and falsely unjust legal procedures.

The Baha’is remain deeply concerned that the outcome of the July 11 trial will be a swift conviction and the rapid imposition of capital punishment without right of appeal. We hope to raise the visibility locally so that a general public awareness and outcry may cause the Iranian authorities to hesitate to impress their harshest punishment on these innocent people.

— William Collins

Baha’i Public Information Mount Vernon Baha’i Community

Prepare for Safe Summer

To the Editor:

On Saturday, June 20, yet another child died of hyperthermia when left alone in a parked car. A two-year-old April Knight lived in Alexandria and was left in her car on June 20.

How can we be sure this does not happen to the children and families in our own community? The truth may be a matter of public awareness and outcry.

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fun time of year, but it can present difficult, sometimes dan-
gerous challenges for parents. From inconveniences like bug
bites to tragedies like drowning and death, children themselves are
often unaware of these issues or too young to understand. Fortu-
nately, many of these accidents are preventable. As parents,
babysitters, and caregivers, it’s our job to ensure that every child re-
mains safe and healthy in the coming months. Taking a few moments
to be aware of these situations is a small sacrifice to make for our
children’s wellbeing.

Parents might leave their children alone in a vehicle if they want
to avoid waking a sleeping baby or getting the child out of and back
into a car seat. But a child can get overheated quickly — it only takes
10 minutes for a car’s temperature to increase 19°F. Long lines or a
broken register can make a quick trip in the store unexpectedly
longer; meanwhile, the vehicle is growing warmer. This and count-
less other safety issues for children in parked or running vehicles are
very real and very dangerous. A child should never be left alone in
a car.

Parenting can be tough at times, and summer safety issues pose a
special challenge. Luckily, there are resources dedicated to helping
parents make the season both fun and safe. Visit the Parent Resource
Center on SCAN of Northern Virginia’s Web site at
www.scanva.org – and look for the feature on summer safety. Read-
ing through tips on kids in cars, preventing sunburns, water safety,
finding supervision, and other top-
ics in our summer safety section
is an easy way to increase your
knowledge and prepare for this
season. Take time to learn more
now, and keep summer the fun-
filled time it should be for you and
your children.

Diane Charles
Executive Director
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Wright Night, Wright Place

The lights were turned on at the Pope-Leighey House for the annual little black dress party in May. The fundraiser hosted by the Advisory Board of the Woodlawn/Pope-Leighey House/National Trust for Historic Preservation raises funds for the preservation of the Frank Lloyd Wright House. The party featured a live auction, music by the Not So Modern Jazz Band and modeling by Hysteria. The party also celebrated the 142 birthday on June 8 of architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

Cocktails are served on the decks surrounding the Pope-Leighey House at Woodlawn.

Dresses from Hysteria in Old Town collection were modeled during the party.

Not So Modern Jazz Quartet clarinet player Mike Ritter.

Amy and Alden Philbrick join Martha Whitley and Phyllis Patterson at the annual party.

Co-chairs of the event and members of the Advisory Board of Woodlawn/Pope-Leighey House/National Trust for Historic Preservation: Cindy Connor, Susan Shaw and Beverley Stanley.

William and Linda Moncure dance to the music of the Not So Modern Jazz Quartet.

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The City of Alexandria will be hosting a celebration of its 260th anniversary and America’s 233rd birthday with music, children’s activities, food and fireworks.

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 11 from 4 to 10 p.m.

**WHERE:** Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison Street, at the Potomac River between Fairfax, Pendleton and Madison Streets.

**ADMISSION:** free.

The main event features the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra with Maestro Kim Allen Kluge presenting an explosive night of fun and fanfare, featuring “Big Band Sound.” A list of scheduled activities follows:

- **4-7:30 p.m.:** Community exhibitors, children’s activities, and food and beverage sales.
- **6 p.m.:** Performance by the Alexandria Singers, pop, rock and showtunes favorites.
- **7:30 p.m.:** The Town Crier announces Mayor William D. Euille, who will present the Park and Recreation Commission’s CIVIC Awards. Following the awards presentation, there will be a poetry reading by Mary McElveen, Alexandria’s Poet Laureate.
- **8 p.m.:** Distribution of birthday cake by the Mayor and members of City Council.
- **8:30 p.m.:** “Big Band Sound,” with the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, Kim Allen Kluge, music director, with soprano Millicent Scarlett.
- **9:30 p.m.:** Grand finale fireworks display, featuring Tchaikovsky’s “1812 Overture” with cannon support by the U.S. Marine Corps, Basic Training School, Quantico.

Oronoco Bay Park has lawn seating. Participants are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Food and beverages are available for purchase, but everyone is welcome to pack a picnic supper. No grilling is allowed during the event. Pets are allowed, but they must be on a leash. In the event of inclement weather, fireworks only will be rescheduled for Sunday, July 12 at 9:30 p.m.

Visitors to the historic district are encouraged to take the Metrorail Yellow or Blue lines to the King Street Station in Old Town and take the free King Street Trolley, DASH or Metro Buses to the park. The free King Street Trolley will operate from 11:30 a.m. to midnight on Saturday, July 11, for this event. The last trolley will depart from the King Street Metro and the Waterfront at 11:50 p.m.

For DASH schedule information, call 703-370-DASH or visit www.dashbus.com. For Metrobus schedule information, call 202-637-7000 or visit www.wmata.com.

Free parking is available at Simpson Properties Garage, (700 N. Fairfax Street) and at Trammell Crow Company (601 N. Fairfax Company). Parking is also available at Tishman Speyer (44 Canal Center Plaza) for $5.

For additional information, call the Special Events Hotline at 703-883-4686, or visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

— Kristen McCarthy
Actors do a run-through of ‘Peter Pan.’
AUG. 13, 14, 15
“Peter Pan.” 7:30 p.m. with Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. Presented by Morningstar Productions. At Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, 8600 Plymouth Road, Alexandria. Ticket price: $20. Children aged 4-10 will receive a $10 discount. Call 703-339-4610 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 9
Art-Based Mentoring.

SUNDAY/JULY 12
Used Book Sale.
At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit www.torpedofactory.org. 703-838-5656.

THURSDAY/JULY 9
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Family Tour Day. Gadsby’s Tavern Museum. Experience the historic tavern through the new Junior Docent tours. Junior Docents, volunteers from grades 2 through 5, will be stationed at each stop on the tour, including the tap room, bedchambers, balcony, assembly room and dining room. From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. $5 adults/$3 kids (11-17). At 154 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Call 703-838-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 16
Preschool Palettes.
At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. www.hooverbooks.com

FRIDAY, JULY 17
Alexandria Citizens Band. 7:30 p.m. concert. Jack Dusek, interim conductor. At Market Square, Old Towne Alexandria. Call 703-339-6643 or go to www.band.alexandria.va.us.

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Saturday -Steak and Chop Night
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Crockodile Dock. July 20-24 from 6:30-8:45 p.m. Experience the excitement of a bayou adventure in this week-long Vacation Bible School open to first through sixth graders. Children will enjoy crawfish cajun, snack shack, gator games, Bible bayou adventures, incredible music, plus much, much more. Pre-registration suggested by calling 703-971-7070 or visiting www.harvestchurch.org. Walk-ins will be accepted. Harvest Church is located at 7401 Beurlah Street in Kingstowne.

The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection will host a Jazz Jam session on Sunday, July 19 at 7 p.m. featuring the Rat Whitehead Trio. This will be a listening and playing opportunity for musicians. A reception will be held afterwards. Fee: $10. At 2280 N. Beauregard Street, Alexandria. Call 703-766-5821.

On the first Monday of each month, the 6:30 p.m. service is a Requiem Eucharist. Names of loved ones who died during the month in any year and of our service men and women who died in the previous month are read aloud during the service. To have a loved one added to the list, call the parish office at 703-549-1800 and providing the full name and date of death. Episcopal Church of Alexandria, 3601 Russell Road, Alexandria. Visit www.gracealex.org.

Summer Camp coming to Messiah. Camp will run from now through Aug. 28, 7:30-6 p.m. Full and part time available. Messiah Lutheran Church, 6510 Fr. Hunt Road. Contact Andrda, 703-765-5003.

Del Ray United Methodist Church, 100 E. Windsor Ave., holds “The Prayground: A Worship Service for Kids and their Grown-Ups” at 9 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Enjoy music, ballons, surprises and more. Free. Visit www.delrayumc.org or 703-549-2088.

Monthly Music and Spirit Service takes place on the second Sunday of each month at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St. This contemplative worship service is a time apart from the busyness of life, bringing together music from the Taizé and Iona communities, scripture, intercessory and healing prayer, and silence. For more information, contact Mary Kay Brown at MaryKay@stpaulsepis.com. To volunteer to assist with the music leadership, contact Douglas A. Beck at Douglas@stpaulsepis.com.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Mt. Vernon, located at 1509 Collingwood Road, invites all to attend Sunday services at 10 a.m. Wednesday testimony meetings are held at 7 p.m. There is child care at all services. The Christian Science Reading Room is open to the public Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All are welcome.

St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road has 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. 703-360-4220.

Convergence: A Creative Community of Faith at 1801 N. Quaker Lane, starts at 10 a.m. for a worship gathering. All are welcome. Visit www.convergenceexc.net, or call 703-766-6260.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 1509 Collingwood Road, Mount Vernon, is now holding Wednesday evening meetings at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 703-766-2494.

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 Union of America will sponsor the first Friday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Beth Ef is located at 3830 Seminary Road in Alexandria. For more information call, 703-370-9400 or visit www.bethelbrow.org.

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

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, located at 8710 Mount Vernon Highway in Alexandria is offering a “Coming Home” process at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month to ask questions, get an update on the church, and to help decide if it’s time to reconnect with parish life. Contact Rob Doerscher at 703-822-0523.

The Urban Passage Inc., a faith-based non-profit organization, seeks adult volunteers, 50 years and older, to mentor youth at the Northern Virginia Juvenile detention Home in Alexandria. Volunteers will be asked to serve as youth advisory council leaders and community service project leaders. For more information, call 703-765-6118 or visit www.urbanpassage.org.

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

Area residents, servicemen and women honored at last week’s AT&T National.

By Michael K. Bohn

Special to the Gazette

During last week’s AT&T National at Congressional Country Club, Tiger Woods repeatedly honored area military men and women. The opening ceremonies on Wednesday, July 1, served as the most dramatic example. But for 50 servicemen, the “Guest Caddie” program that day was more exciting. Mount Vernon resident Ron Fitzsimmons, who managed the operation, also enjoys watching the festivities.

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— Marine gunnery sergeant Michael Barrett

Fitzsimmons has served as the chief volunteer marshal for the past three years on the par-3 seventh hole of Congressional’s Blue course. Each year, at the request of the Tiger Woods Foundation, he has matched military personnel with PGA Tour pros during the annual pro-am. The pro’s regular caddie turns over the bag to a service-member, each of whom wore a camouflage combat caddie bib, for the duration of the hole. “It’s a wonderful event,” said Fitzsimmons. “The soldiers, sailors, and airmen love it, the pros are fully supportive, and the gallery enjoys the change. “I love it too,” said Mike “Fluff” Cowan, Jim Furyk’s caddie. The 61-year-old gratefully gave up Furyk’s heavy staff bag for the hole.

Alexandria resident Austin Mosher, a Navy petty officer stationed at Andrews Air Force Base, drew two-time tour winner Aaron Baddeley. As the pro arrived at the seventh tee, Fitzsimmons introduced Mosher to the crowd, and then had Baddeley and his guest caddie pose for photographers. After Baddeley and his amateur partners hit their tee shots, Mosher shouldered the bag. He and Baddeley then chatted as they walked up the hill to the green.

“We talked about our kids,” said Mosher, who has two with a third on the way. “Aaron was really nice and fully supportive of the military.” The Australian Baddeley was born in New Hampshire, but moved to Australia at age two. Asked for his reaction after hitting his par putt, Baddeley said, “[The caddie program] is a great idea. Absolutely great.”

Mosher is an aircraft mechanic serving in a squadron that flies Navy VIPs on official trips throughout the country and abroad. Marine gunnery sergeant Michael Barrett hit the caddying jackpot, though. He carried for Tiger Woods and Anthony Kim. Kim was so appreciative that he gave Barrett a sand wedge, one complete with the initials “A.K.” next to the Nike swoosh.

As expected, Woods cheerfully posed with Barrett on the tee, and then, turning back to business, stiffed his shot to within six feet of the cup. One of his amateur partners, Dallas Cowboy quarterback Tony Romo, put his ball inside Tiger’s. That changed the gallery’s polite boost to cheers. With caddie Steve Williams observing, Woods walked with Barrett to the green.

“I was a little nervous, but Tiger was really down to earth,” Barrett said afterward. “We talked about our families.” On the green, Barrett was dumbfounded when Tiger gave his putter to him and said, “Here, you make it.”

Although Tiger gave him the line, the novice golfer putted the ball through the break on the super fast green, running it five feet past. Tiger then picked up, and backed away for Romo’s attempt. The Cowboy also gave his putter to Barrett, but the Marine missed that one, too. Nevertheless, reporters and cameramen mobbed Barrett.

Before moving on to the eighth tee, Woods pulled on his golf glove and wrote a personal note to Barrett on the palm. He gave it and a hug to Barrett.

Barrett was severely wounded in Iraq and spent almost two years in rehabilitation. He has recovered and regained full duty status. He is stationed at the Pentagon.

Fitzsimmons, who works on the staff of Mount Vernon’s county supervisor Gerry Hyland, calls upon other Mount Vernon Country Club members to marshal the seventh hole. He also presides over a more informal program during regular tournament rounds. Fitzsimmons invites small children to sit on the tee inside the ropes to watch the pros tee off.

“They get a real charge out of being so close,” he said.

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Creating Own Fireworks
Annual 4th of July American Legion all-star game brings local baseball scene into focus.

By Mark Giannotto
The Gazette

As Frank Werman, Vienna Post 180’s manager, strode to the plate to discuss ground rules with umpires before Saturday’s July 4th American Legion 17th District All Star Game, it occurred to him just how long he had been a part of area youth baseball. He had just looked up from the scorecard containing his lineup, when Werman saw a familiar face in 27-year-old field ump Hunter Lohan. Werman — whose youngest son, Keith, currently plays baseball at Virginia, while older son Kyle is an assistant coach at George Mason — had coached Lohan in an all-star game 14 years earlier. “He’d better give us some calls,” joked Werman, who coached the National All-Stars, before the game began.

But the unlikely reunion just highlighted what has become a yearly tradition, some of the best and brightest baseball players from around the area coming together in an all star game at Water’s Field with fireworks on the docket later in the evening.

This Year, the American All-Stars emerged victorious over the National All-Stars, 9-8, the winning run coming when Lonnie Millard of Post 130 (Falls Church) hit a fielder’s choice that scored Andrew Sable of Post 24.

In prior seasons the game had been a blowout, but reflecting the current 17th District standings, seven teams are within six games of first place — Saturday’s affair was tight throughout.

The Nationals took a 6-2 lead in the fourth inning after David Fathalikhani, a 2008 Madison graduate that walked on at Ohio State this past season, scored off a double from Pike Brynildsen of TC. Williams and Post 129. Fathalikhani also had an RBI single to score the Nationals second run of the game.

But the American All-Stars responded in a big way in the bottom of the fifth inning, putting five runs on the board, highlighted by a two-RBI single from Washington-Lee’s Danny Peterson from West Potomac. Badley then came to the mound in relief for the ninth inning to earn the save. Not that it mattered much to Werman, technically the losing manager. Like everyone else in attendance, he was just happy to once again be showing baseball to another generation, with the sun shining on the Fourth of July. “I love coaching this age group, the 18 and 19 year olds, I think you still have a lot of influence,” said Werman. “And just the game of baseball, it’s so tough there’s so much to it, I like doing that, I like teaching the game.”

Bishop Ireton grad Kevin O’Keefe fires a strike during last Saturday’s American Legion 17th District All-Star Game, held at Water’s Field in Vienna. The Alexandria/Mount Vernon area had 10 players represented in the game.

Fathalikhani and the eight others on the American team that had already been at college for a year. “They’ve been talking to me a lot about staying grounded and just sticking with it once I get to school,” said Mayberry, who had watched his older brother play in the 17th District All-Star Game the past two summers. Mayberry finished with two RBIs in this year’s game. “It was definitely good to see all those older guys.”

Representing the area were Robby Barnard, Geoff Goff, and Mayberry of St. Stephen’s/St. Agnes, Lee Tackett and Pike Brynildsen of TC. Williams, Kevin O’Keefe of Bishop Ireton, Michael Murdock, Basil Badley, and Sable of Mount Vernon, and Danny Peterson from West Potomac.

Murdock of Post 24 picked up the win despite giving up the tying run in the top of the seventh. His teammate, Badley, a 2008 Mount Vernon High School graduate from Post 24, bailed him out with an RBI single that drove in Marshall’s Greg Goldsmith in the bottom half of the inning.

Badley then came to the mound in relief for the ninth inning to earn the save. Not that it mattered much to Werman, technically the losing manager. Like everyone else in attendance, he was just happy to once again be showing baseball to another generation, with the sun shining on the Fourth of July. “I love coaching this age group, the 18 and 19 year olds, I think you still have a lot of influence,” said Werman. “And just the game of baseball, it’s so tough there’s so much to it, I like doing that, I like teaching the game.”

New Assistant Commander
At Mount Vernon Station

By Gerald A. Fill
The Gazette

Lt. Michael L. Wall has been appointed assistant station commander for the Mount Vernon District of the Fairfax County Police Department.

Lt. Michael L. Wall

Age: 37
Marital Status: Married. Wife, Wendy, and one child due later this year.
Education: Bachelor’s degree in sociology, James Madison University; Police Academy graduate; Master’s degree in public administration, George Mason University.

Previous Positions, Fairfax County Police Department: Patrol Officer, West Springfield Station; Sergeant, Mason District Station; Second Lieutenant, Mt. Vernon District Station; Sully District Station; Lieutenant, Chief’s Office of Research & Support.

Question: What plans does the Mt. Vernon District Station have for community outreach?

Answer: Under the direction of Captain Moyer, commander of the Mt. Vernon District Station, I plan to continue to reach out and maintain communications with the various communities that make up our geographic jurisdiction. We attend as many community events as possible and interact with the community through our monthly citizen’s advisory council meetings. In addition, I plan to become involved in the District’s pedestrian safety initiatives with the intent to continue to reduce the number of automobile crashes involving pedestrians. I also look forward to working with the Mt. Vernon Chamber of Commerce. The expansion of businesses in the Route 1 corridor has had a positive influence and I intend to do my part to maintain good relationships with the business community.

Question: What is the overall situation with respect to crime in the Mt. Vernon District?

Answer: While most types of crime have declined in the District recently, burglaries and larcenies continue to be a problem. This includes theft of GPS units stolen from vehicles. I will be working under Captain Conover’s leadership to address these types of crimes as well as others that may occur. Some of our other priorities include: DWI reduction, and domestic violence prevention and enforcement.
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