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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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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 offer themselves as experts. But many 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

"The problem of scam artists seems worse this year than any other year."

— Queenie Cox,
chairwoman, Consumer
Affairs Committee

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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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E. David Foreman.

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Next door at **6017 Grove**, the owners have meticulously renovated this stunning home! Upstairs features four bedrooms and two full baths including a master suite with walk-in closet, balcony and limestone bath. The main level has a chef's kitchen with breakfast room, oversized living room, half bath, year-round sunroom, and dining room. Outside there are three lovely levels of stone terrace, complete with pergola. Downstairs is a family room, guest suite and mudroom. Off-street parking for two/three cars.

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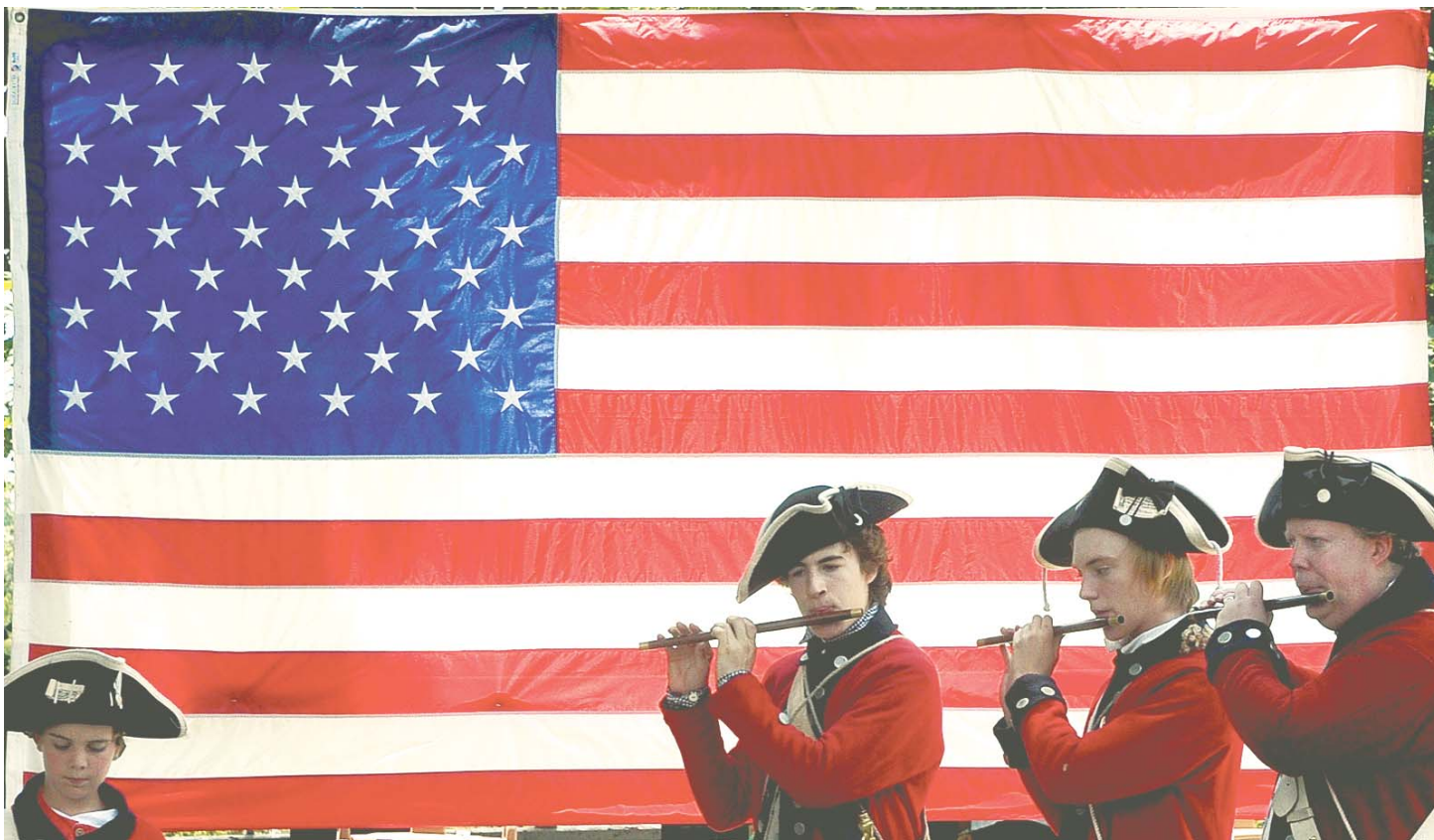


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The Fife and Drum Corps performs on the Green.

Mount Vernon Celebrates the 4th



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

Age: 41
Previous Position: Principal, Fairfax High School
Education: Bachelor's Degree, Georgetown University; Master's in Education, George Washington University; Doctorate in Education, Virginia Tech
Marital Status: Married; wife, Debbie; twin boys Bennett and William.



Scott Brabrand

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

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.



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300 Princeton Boulevard
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SPECTACULAR RIVER VIEW

122 Madison Place
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Scam Artists

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contractors 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 In-



MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS

This tree shows damage scam artists can do.

ternational Society 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 anymore," said Derek Vannice, director of certification for the International Society of Arboriculture. "So certification is a growing trend, especially among arborists."

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Alex./Mount Vernon \$529,900
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GOP Pioneer Dies

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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.

"Dave 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 High School dance program.

"He was very active in the community throughout his years in

Northern Virginia," David Foreman said. "He was able to do it all and do it in a successful way. He was successful for his party, successful as a lobbyist and as a husband, father and grandfather."

About two years ago, according to his son, Foreman moved to Sunset Beach, N.C., to spend his later years fishing and playing golf, two activities he loved dearly. Though he was physically removed from Northern Virginia politics, his mind never let him stray too far. In daily phone calls, Foreman and his son would not only discuss sports, but would also debate politics and other issues facing the Republican Party.

"We got into a lot of political disagreements because I was always a little bit more of a moderate conservative than he was, but differences like those were great," said David Foreman, who is chief of staff for Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield). "It was great to have those conversations. 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 Society of America, North Carolina Chapter, 5950 Fairview Road, Suite 250, Charlotte, N.C. 28210.

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.

"He was the most thoughtful, loving, caring individual you could come across, both to friends and family."

— David Foreman, son



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.

FCPS Looks To Weight Courses

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] classes.

Dale wants to attach a 0.5 grade-point-average weight to the following classes:

- ❖ 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 Civilization II Honors/Pre-AP World Civilization II
- ❖ Pre-AP U.S. History
- ❖ American Civilization Honors
- ❖ Pre-IB World History
- ❖ Pre-IB Comparative Government
- ❖ Algebra I Honors
- ❖ Geometry Honors/Pre-IB Geometry
- ❖ Algebra II Honors/Pre-IB Algebra II
- ❖ Algebra II/Trigonometry
- ❖ Pre-calculus and Trigonometry Honors/Pre-IB Calculus with Trigonometry
- ❖ IB Mathematics SL I
- ❖ Honors Biology/Pre-IB Biology
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- ❖ 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)
- ❖ Chemical Analysis (R)
- ❖ Optics (R)
- ❖ Energy Systems (R)
- ❖ Micro-Electronics (R)
- ❖ Communication (R)
- ❖ Automation/Robotics (R)
- ❖ Computer Assisted Drawing (R)
- ❖ Prototype Development (R)

(R) indicates a research or mentorship course.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

MONDAY, JULY 13

Belly talk. Free monthly gathering and info-swap for pregnant women. 6:30-8 p.m. Ten-Minute Topic: Exercise for Pregnancy. At the James M. Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria. Call Jess: 703-946-3027.

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 16

"Overloaded at Work?" Volunteer Management Workshop by certified professional organizer Lauren Halagarda. Breakfast: 9:30-9:50 a.m., Announcements: 9:50 - 10 a.m., NVAVA Program: 10 a.m. - noon. At the South County Government Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. RSVP to Erin Chernisky at 703-324-8332 or erin.chernisky@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Public Hearing. 7 p.m. To review and discuss the conceptual plan for the Contrabands and Freedmen's Cemetery Memorial. The conceptual plan is the result of an international design competition won by C. J.

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.

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 804-726-7107.

"Feline Kidney Disease: A New Look at an Old Problem." 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Seminar is \$30. Half of all senior cats suffer from kidney disease, but this diagnosis doesn't have to be a death sentence. Feline-only veterinarian, Andrea Tasi, will focus on conventional and alternative ways to treat kidney disease in cats, plus prevention. At PetSage, 2391 S. Dove St., Alexandria. Call 703-299-5044 to register.

Volunteer Training. 10 a.m. to noon. "Alexandria Legacies" Oral History Program seeks volunteers to help collect the oral histories of long-time Alexandria residents. At the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union Street, #327, in the Torpedo Factory Art Center. The workshop is free, but space is limited and reservations must be made by Sunday, July 12. Contact Jen Hembree by e-mail at jen_hembree@hotmail.com, or by calling the Archaeology Museum at 703-838-4399.

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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 includes 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 commutes via auto in Northern Virginia probably include 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.

EDITORIALS

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 that 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 whom 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.

In 2007, 378 people died in alcohol-related crashes in Virginia's roadways. Virginia recorded 28,787 convictions for driving under the influence in 2007.

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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, completed or now under way with heavy Federal funding and the requisite State matching funds. These were conceived to forestall gridlock in the National Capital Region. While some of us benefit from these projects, they were not undertaken to ease our traffic problems. Indeed he agreed with Jay McConville's June 11 letter in that none of them have occurred inside Mt. Vernon. This is obvious to the thousands who drive on Richmond Highway every day or see overflow traffic spill into their neighborhoods.

The way to get results in Mt. Vernon is through cooperation, not division. Working together locally with each other, we can find consensus on what priorities need to happen sooner rather than later, like spot improvements, turn lanes, and sidewalks for pedestrians. Then working across the aisle

in Richmond with both parties is a necessity, with a Republican-controlled House of Delegates and a Democratic-controlled State Senate. Any delegate who refuses to extend his hand beyond his own party limits his effectiveness.

Working with representatives of both parties from Northern Virginia, Richmond, and Hampton Roads will be important after the 2010 Census and redistricting allots more seats to these urban areas. This could allow us the opportunity to finally change the funding formula, which is currently responsible for so much of Northern Virginia money being channeled to other parts of the state.

Making improvements along 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 steadily 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 everyone 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 persecution 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 Baha'is will be accused of "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 manifestly 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 impose 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. Two-year-old April Knight lived in Kentucky, and at the beginning of summer is already the 13th child in the U.S. to die in a hot vehicle this year.

How can we be sure this does not happen to the children and families in our own community?

The truth is summer may be a

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LETTERS

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fun time of year, but it can present difficult, sometimes dangerous 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. Fortunately, many of these accidents are preventable. As parents, babysitters, and caregivers, it's our job to ensure that every child remains 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 countless 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. Reading through tips on kids in cars, preventing sunburns, water safety, finding supervision, and other topics 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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OPINION

Technology Targets Seniors

BY GERALD A. FILL

Seniors are regularly criticized for being high tech resistant. Not so. In addition to the numerous adult education offerings by local colleges and universities to bring seniors into the modern internet age, private industry is well aware of seniors 55 and over, and are responding by developing "gadgets" especially useful to them. Seniors tend to be receptive to technological advances for specific reasons: safety, health care, independence, and social networking. They also want technological innovations which help them compensate for diminished hearing and vision. Here is a recent sampling purely for information purposes. There may be similar devices called by different brand names which accomplish the same purpose. The Gazette does not endorse or encourage the use of these technological innovations.

* GenerationOne: This is a wireless medical management system manufactured by GenerationOne Mobile Health Solutions. This device sends a text message to the user as a reminder to take a pill. It also provides nursing support service.

* Weemote Sr.: This is a hand-held simplified remote control device designed for people with poor vision or memory problems. Manufactured by Fobis Technologies, it has only nine buttons, including five numbered buttons in distinctive colors that can be preset to the user's favorite channels.

* ClarityLife C900 This is a mobile phone manufactured by Clarity that comes equipped with an amplified earpiece as well as a panic button on the back that automatically dials five pre-programmed numbers when triggered by the user.

* MyCelery For non-computer users. This program can receive news feeds, Facebook updates, and Tweets. It can convert handwritten letters into email, and uses any fax machine as an email device without a computer or internet connection.

THE NEW MIDDLE AGE

A virtual revolution is under way in the technology sector creating senior-friendly devices such as the above innovations. Marketing studies show that seniors are very receptive to technology. Importantly, if they are senior-friendly they are universally consumer friendly; manufacturers are very well aware of the demographics of the large and growing senior population and we can expect more and better technological devices to help seniors live more comfortably and safely. Change for the better is coming for seniors.

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PEOPLE

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.



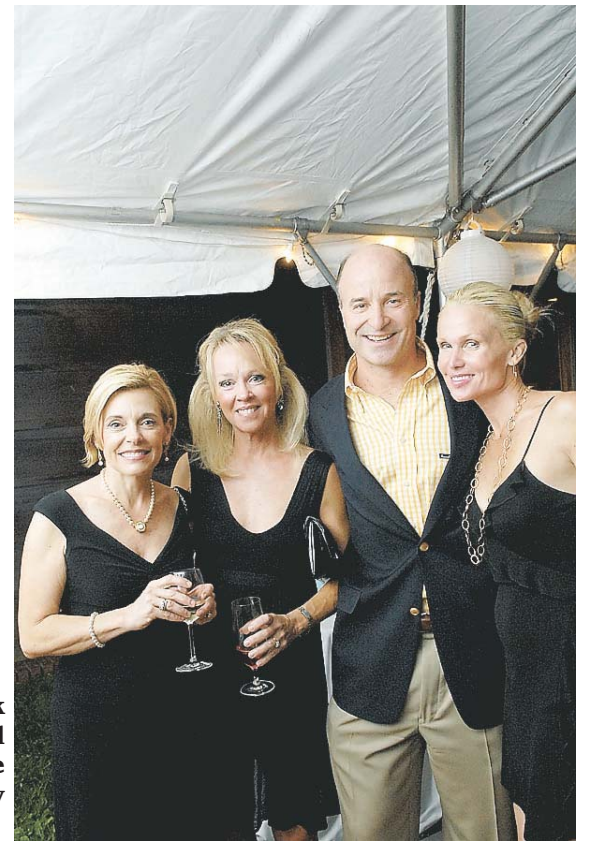
Lisa Chapman and Paul Anderson.



Susan Shaw and Denise Austin



Not So Modern Jazz Quartet clarinet player Mike Ritter.



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



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

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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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Alexandria Symphony Orchestra performs at a previous Alexandria Birthday Celebration with fireworks in the background.

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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



CALENDAR

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ONGOING

The Third Annual Alexandria Film Festival is soliciting entries from U.S. and international filmmakers. The festival will be held Sept. 24-27 at the George Washington Memorial Masonic Temple. This year, the Film Festival is partnering with Withoutabox, the film industry's premier online service platform. To submit your film online, visit www.withoutabox.com/login/7816. All entries submitted through Withoutabox will receive an additional discount. For more information or to obtain entry forms and submission guidelines, visit www.alexandriafilm.org. Call 703-838-6348.

THURSDAY/JULY 9

Alive With History. 6-9 p.m. Free. History comes to life at the Torpedo Factory as visitors are invited to explore the beginnings of the factory turned art center. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit www.torpedofactory.org; 703-838-4565.

Art-Based Mentoring. 5:30-8 p.m. The SOHO (Space of Her Own) program has scheduled an orientation for prospective adult female volunteers who are interested in providing mentoring to preteen girls on Thursday evenings throughout the school year. At Francis C. Hammond Middle School, 4646 Seminary Road, Alexandria.

The Great Zucchini. 11 a.m. A magic show with laughs. Recommended for ages 2 & up. At Barrett Library, 717 Queen St., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4555, ext. 3.

FRIDAY/JULY 10

Don't Step on a Bee Day. To raise awareness of the bee crisis in the U.S., Buzz Bakery Executive Chef Josh Short will offer his Bumble Bee cupcakes, a signature creation of vanilla cupcake filled with a chocolate center, iced with vanilla buttercream and topped with a bumblebee, for \$2.75 each. At 901 Slaters Lane in Alexandria. Visit at www.buzzonslaters.com or call 703-600-2899 (703-600-BUZZ).

Russian Carnival Ensemble. 7:30 p.m. Presented by the Washington Balalaika Society. New York City musical masters will perform popular Russian, Jewish and Ukrainian tunes as well as classical music. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria. Tickets: \$20 advance, \$25 at door.

See: www.balalaika.org. Artist reception to follow. Call 703-549-0760.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Wee Ones Storytime (Recurring). Ages 0-2. 10:30 am. Sing some silly songs and read some fun stories with us as we explore the exciting world around us! Free. 703-548-4092. Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St., Alexandria. www.hooray4books.com.

Something Fishy Storytime. Ages 3 and up. 11:30 am. Bring your best fishy face and swim over to our storytime corner to get hooked on some of our favorite stories about our finny friends! Free. 703-548-4092. Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St., Alexandria. www.hooray4books.com.

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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. \$8/adult, \$5/student/child. Gina Smithers at Smithersgm@gmail.com or 703-577-3966.

at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St., located at the Potomac River between Fairfax, Pendleton, and Madison Streets. In the event of inclement weather, fireworks will be rescheduled for Sunday, July 12 at 9:30 p.m. Admission is free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

Used Book Sale. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

Street, Alexandria. Call 703-838-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Summer Chamber Music Series. 3 p.m. Free. Violinist Albert Yan and pianist. Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria.

TUESDAY/JULY 14

Paper, Printing and Books. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Children ages 4-10 will create beautiful hand-made paper from recycled paper and natural materials. Visit www.artatthecenter.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 16

Printmaking. 7-8:30 p.m. Adults can enjoy an evening out to explore monoprints, monotypes, collographs and found object prints. Visit www.artatthecenter.org.

Preschool Palettes. All ages. 9:30-11:30 am. Celebrate your child's flair for the artistic by transforming their unique creations into beautiful keepsake books! Call to register. 703-548-4092. Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St., Alexandria. www.hooray4books.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.

'Name That Ball' Contest

The Symphony Orchestra League of Alexandria is asking its members as well as the public to submit names for next year's ball, scheduled for March 6, 2010. Submit your ideas in the "Name That Ball" contest, starting July 15. The lucky winner will receive two tickets (valued at \$200 per ticket) to the 23rd annual fund-raising gala at the Ritz Carlton Pentagon city in Arlington. All proceeds from the ball are donated to the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra (ASO), a fully professional orchestra that attracts world-renown artists and is directed by award-winning conductor Kim Allen Kluge.

The name of the ball sets the theme. For example, last year's ball named Shangri-La included the auctioning of two rare and valuable Tibetan sacred scrolls, and a guest of the 2007 Emerald Ball was Richard J. Egan, former U.S. Ambassador to Ireland. Last year's honorary patrons were Sen. and Mrs. John Warner who are also ASO supporters.

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Crocodile 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 crafts, snack shack, gator games, Bible bayou adventures, incredible music, plus much, much more. Pre-registration suggested by calling 703-971-7070 or visiting www.harvestchurchag.org. Walk-ins will be accepted. Harvest Church is located at 7401 Beulah 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 Rick 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 703-768-5821.

On the first Monday of each month, the 6:30 p.m. service is a **Requiem Eucharist**. Names of loved ones who died during that 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 703-549-1980 and providing the full name and date of death. Grace Episcopal Church, 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 Ft. Hunt Road. Contact Anndra, 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, balloons, 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, gathers each Sunday at 5 p.m. for a worship gathering. All are welcome. Visit www.convergenceccf.net, or call 703-998-6260.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 1509 Collingwood Road, Mount Vernon, is now holding Wednesday evening meetings at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 703-768-2494.

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

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

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

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 Doerschner at 703-822-0523.

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

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

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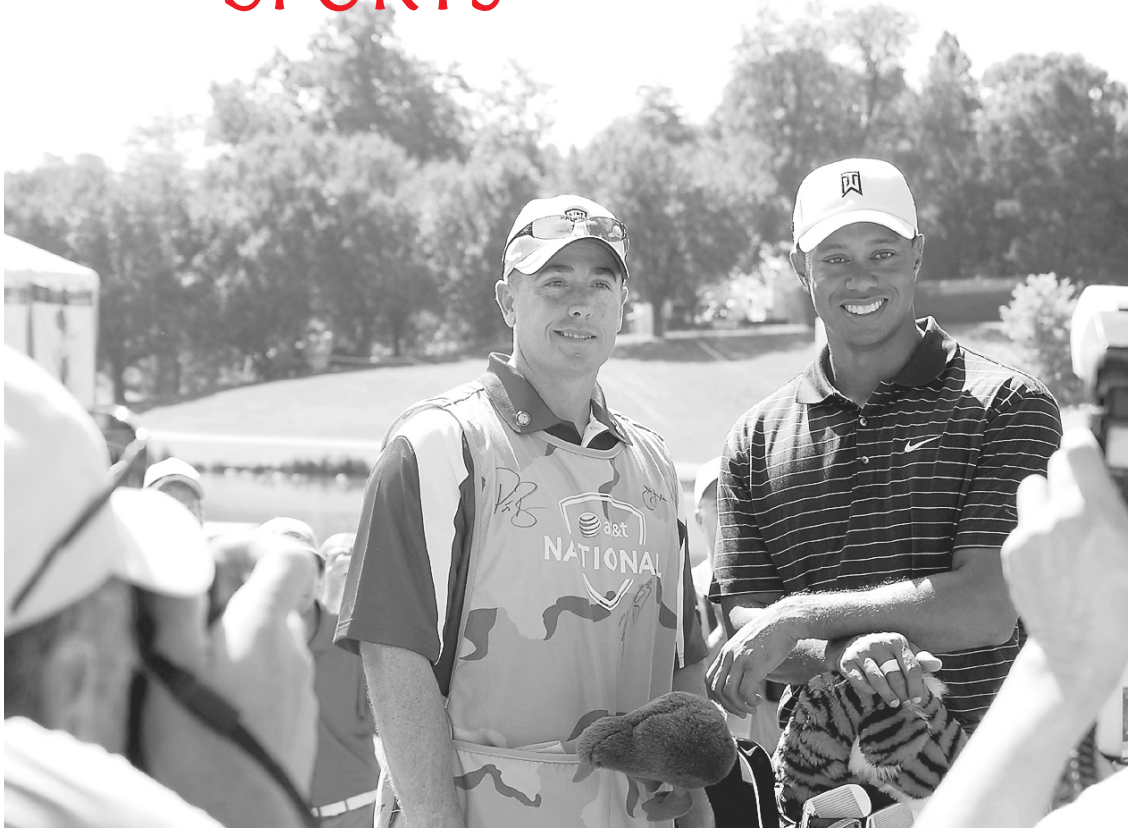
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Tiger Woods flashed his 1,000-watt smile while posing for photographers with his guest caddie, Gunnery Sergeant Michael Barrett, USMC.



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Petty Officer Second Class Austin Mosher served as Aaron Baddeley's guest caddie during the AT&T National's pro-am.

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.

"I was a little nervous, but Tiger was really down to earth."

— 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 serviceman, each of whom wore a camou-

flage 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 holding 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



Mount Vernon resident Ron Fitzsimmons is one of several members of the Mount Vernon Country Club that has volunteered over the years at the AT&T National. Fitzsimmons served as a marshal on the 7th hole last week.

PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE GAZETTE

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 pro tee off.

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

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 boos to cheers. With caddie Steve Williams observing,

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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 T.C. 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 Jeremy Seipp that drove in Alex Prewitt of Post 130 and Hector Campos, Seipp's teammate on both the high school and American Legion circuits. When all was said and done, the American team had taken a 7-6 lead that they would never relinquish.

"It's a different experience," said Seipp of playing in his first-ever all-star game. "I just met some of these people today, but they're great players. It's fun to get some new blood and get to know new people."

SEVERAL PLAYERS used the Independence Day affair to pick the brains of their counterparts. Whit Mayberry, who starred on the diamond for St. Stephen's/St. Agnes the past few seasons and will attend Virginia on a baseball scholarship this fall, tried to get some advice from players like

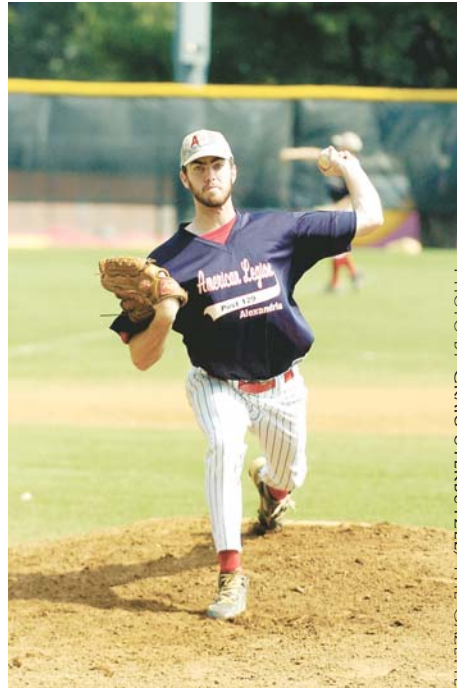


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Bishop Ireton grad Kevin O'Keefe fires a strike during last Saturday's American Legion 17th District All-Star Game, held at Waters Field in Vienna. The Alexandria/Mount Vernon area had 10 players represented in the game.

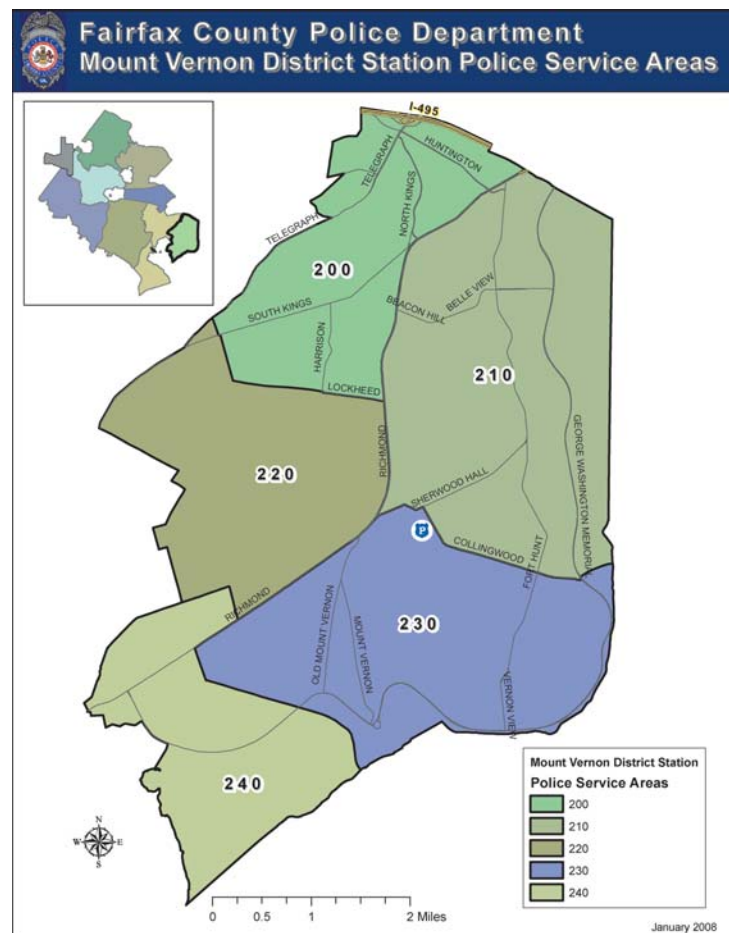
Fathalikhani and the eight others on the American team that had already been at college for a year.

"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 T.C. 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."



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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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