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The stage filled to capacity for 'The Electric Slide.'

## Festive Gathering

The Sacramento Neighborhood Center held its annual Community Day on Saturday, June 13, in the parking lot of the Sacramento Shopping Center. The Fairfax County Fire Department brought out a new ladder truck; volunteers set up crafts and booths for youth activities which included music, dancing and theatre and a mentor contest.



Mount Vernon High School madrigal singers Shalaun Franklin and Robert Spann.

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Michelle Chapman-Campbell goes over the votes so far in the mentor contest with Fire Department Captain David Hall, and firefighters Adam Heming and Matt Helmuth.



Iktimal Elbarmil completes a henna tattoo on Ayanna Sangiovanni.

## Police Arrest Murder Suspect

18-year-old homeless man is accused of killing 54-year-old homeless man.

By MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE CONNECTION

The United States Marshals Service has arrested an 18-year-old homeless man in

Prince George's County over the weekend in connection with the murder of a 54-year-old homeless man in Mount Vernon last week, according to the Fairfax County Police Department. The arrest followed an investigation prompted by a carjacking and shooting on June 10 near the Eleanor Kennedy Shelter, a 50-bed walk-in homeless shelter on Richmond Highway.

Emergency response officials from Fort Belvoir were responding to an unrelated medical call when they were alerted to the lifeless body of William Bowie, a 54-year-old man with no fixed address who had recently stayed at the shelter.

The Fort Belvoir officials contacted the Fairfax County Police Department to investigate the case. County homicide detectives identified Tyree Harvey, an 18-year-old Maryland native as a suspect in the murder. On Saturday afternoon, they asked the Capital Area Regional Task force of the Marshals Service to help track Harvey down.

"We thought this guy was a loose cannon, and we wanted to get him off the street as soon as possible," said Barry Boright, Virginia supervisor for the task force. "This was not his first run in with the law, so we're not talking about a Boy Scout here."

After identifying several Virginia associates of the suspect, the task force was able to locate Harvey at a residence near Fort Washington. The suspect was arrested at 1 a.m. on June 14 and detained in Prince George's County with a fugitive-from-justice warrant. At press time, Fairfax County officials were still waiting to extradite Harvey from Maryland to Virginia.

"We expect to get him in a week or two," said Tawney Wright, spokeswoman for the Fairfax County Police Department.

Fairfax County police officials said they plan to charge him with murder and attempted robbery.

## Burglar Kicks in Front Door

Mount Vernon Police are investigating a burglary of an occupied dwelling that occurred on Thursday, June 11 in the 7800 block of Audubon Avenue. Shortly before 2 p.m. a 32-year-old woman was in her home when a man kicked in the front door, displayed a handgun and told her not to move. The suspect then went to a rear door to let another man inside.

An acquaintance of the victim entered the home and the two sus-

pects fled out a rear door. No items were stolen and there were no injuries.

Both suspects were wearing black clothing and black masks.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

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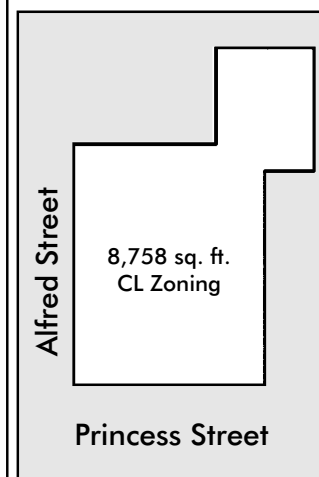


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# This Business Celebrates Flag Day Every Day

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN  
GAZETTE PACKET

*Ev'ry heart beats true  
'neath the Red, White and Blue,  
Where there's never a boast or brag.*

George M. Cohan's lyrics reflected his view of Americans' modesty about their flag in his song "You're a Grand Old Flag." But the employees at Alexandria's National Capital Flag Company are mighty proud of the flags they make and repair. And there seems to be plenty of opportunity to brag as they see their handiwork in movies, TV shows, and in news media reporting. After all, these folks are making, as Cohan wrote, "the emblem of the land I love."

"Our business has three parts," said owner Al Ulmer. "We make flags and banners for a variety of customers, sell flags and flag accessories made by large manufacturers, and sell, install, and repair flagpoles."

Examples of the flags that Ulmer and his 46 employees make at their South Quaker Lane facility include the national flags on display at the Kennedy Center, banners for associations and conventions, and specialty flags for military units. "We are bidding on a job to replace all the flags in the foyer of the State Department," Ulmer said. "But of course, we made the current flags years ago." Another example is a huge

"Bennington," a reproduction of a Revolution-era flag with 13 stars and the number "76" in the canton (blue field) that the White House ordered for the Eisenhower Executive officer Building.

Ulmer began working as a part-time flagpole repairman at the company in 1980 during his off time as a Fairfax County firefighter. By the late 1980s, he had left the fire department, be-

**"Flags are so emotional. You're touching history when you make one."**

— Joanne Ulmer

came a full-time employee, and set about to learn everything he could from the company's founder, Claude Haynes.

"Claude helped me a lot," Ulmer recalled. "By 1999, he agreed to gradually sell me the business and I took control after a few years. Claude stayed on as the CEO until he passed away in 2002."

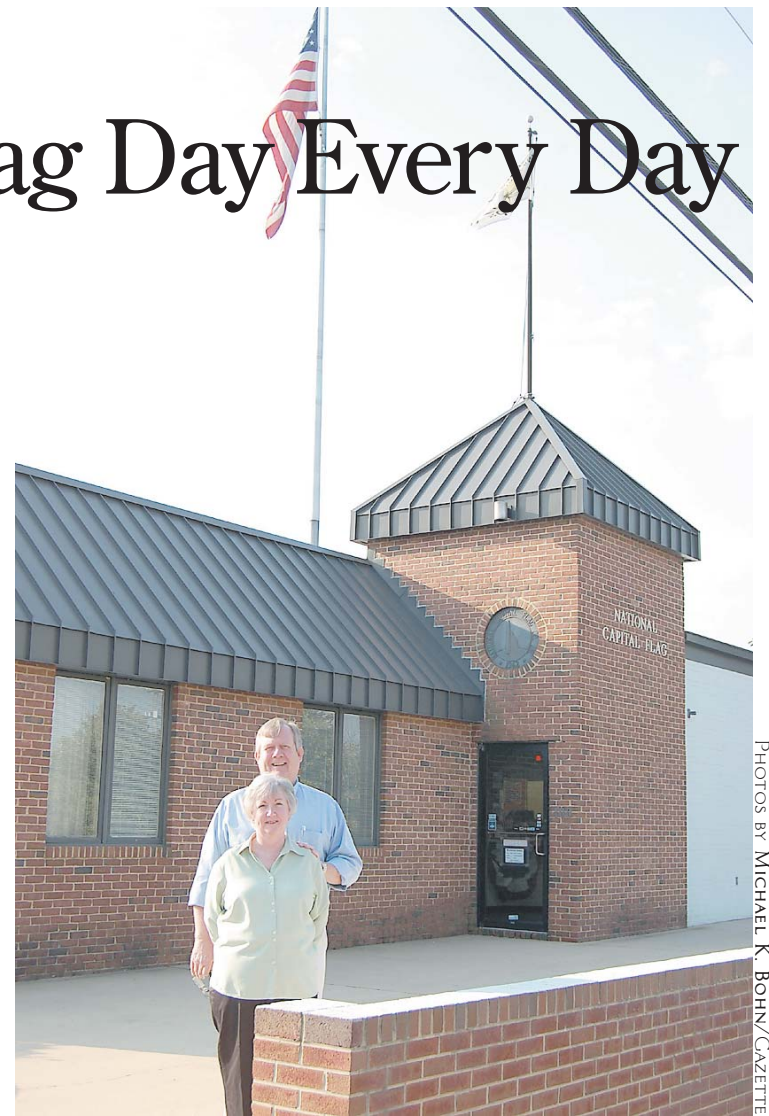
**ULMER'S WIFE** Joanne started working at the company in 2004, but explained that she struggled to convince Al that it was a good idea. "It took us a while to find the right professional relationship,"

she said. "At first I worked down the hall and assisted in several areas — sales, admin, payroll, and human resources. When Claude's daughter Claudia left the company, I moved into her office, which was next to Al's." Joanne Ulmer is now the secretary/treasurer of the company, but has turned over her office the company's controller.

She claims her job is the most fun she has ever had. "Flags are so emotional. You're touching history when you make one. Al chuckles at me when I get excited about a flag."

The Ulmers are also flag-makers for the stars. Their products have appeared in movies such as "Night of the Museum" (I and II) and "Flags of Our Fathers," and TV shows, including "The West Wing" and "Commander in Chief."

The company appears to have found a recession-resistant business model. "Two thousand eight was our best year ever, over \$4 million in sales," Al Ulmer said. "And our figures have been steady this year." He explained, however, that patriotism generally drives sales figures, with Reagan's 1980 election, the 1991 Gulf War, and 9-11 providing sales boosts. Selling to the military helps revenue also. The Ulmers beam when talking about letters and photos they receive from military personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan for whom the company has made guidons —



National Capital Flag Company owner Al Ulmer and his wife Joanne in front of their company's Alexandria facility.

unit identifying flags. The swallow-tailed flags are throwbacks to the time when soldiers marched or rode into battle following their company guidon mounted on a pike.

In her 35th year at National

Capital Flag, Cora Wilson supervises the sewing department. She started there as a seamstress in 1974, and now oversees a number of women who make and re-

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## Band Forms Movie 'Fellowship'

**Fans of gaming, Tolkien set out to make fan film.**

BY MIKE DICICCO  
GAZETTE PACKET

What do two former Alexandria City police officers and a onetime Norfolk journalist have in common?

One answer would be a penchant for jumping careers: former newspaperman Scott Mathias, now living in Reston, works in health care market-

ing. Shane McClung, still an Alexandria resident, has worked as a systems engineer for NASA, started a couple of his own companies and still works in information technology. And Ron Newcomb followed a four-year stint as a minister at McLean Bible Church with his own career in information technology. He now lives in Woodbridge.

But other commonalities include online gaming proficiency, a love of the "Lord of the Rings" series and one dream to bind them.

"Our goal has always been to make a feature-length film," Mathias said.

That film, called "The Fellowship," will tell the story of four teenagers on a quest to attend a "Lord of the Rings" gaming convention in Orlando, Fla., even as their own journey parallels the eponymous trilogy. Shooting will begin Aug. 10 and end in early September.

"You write about things you enjoy and that you know about," Mathias said.

He and Newcomb met in 2004 in a different sort of fellowship — the Fellowship of Christian Filmmakers, which Newcomb

### More

To learn more about "The Fellowship" or to find casting calls, visit [www.thefellowshipmovie.com](http://www.thefellowshipmovie.com).

founded through McLean Bible Church and which Mathias joined as one of the first members of the steering committee.

Last May, the two struck out on their own to create Opening Act Productions, with "The Fellowship" already in mind. They co-wrote the script, and a friend living in northern California, Christopher Bunn, helped them with a rewrite.

They brought on McClung to handle the business end of the operation. McClung said he needed no convincing. "I know these guys, so I know the attitude of these guys and the way they do things. They're the kind of people who will not let anything fail," he said, add-



Shane McClung, Scott Mathias and Ron Newcomb are on a cinematic quest.

**"They're the kind of people who will not let anything fail."**

— Shane McClung

ing that he too was a gamer and Tolkien  
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# ME & MY DAD

The Mount Vernon Gazette invited readers to submit photos for this Father's Day gallery.

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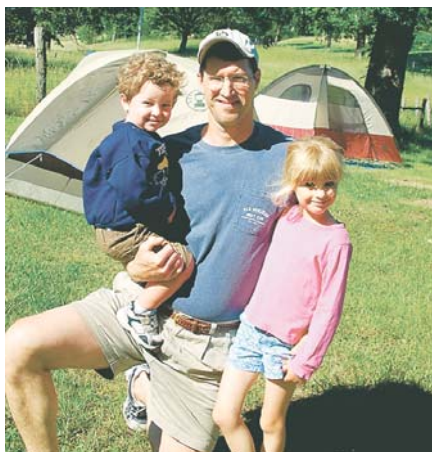


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Daryl Mull of Alexandria enjoys a June camping trip in West Virginia with son, Brady (2) and daughter, Mary Kate (5).



The Fulgates of Mount Vernon welcome their fourth child on April 9 at Fort Belvoir. The photo includes Kyle and Stephanie Fugate (parents) and, left to right, Eli, Emma, Maggie (baby) and Libby Fugate.

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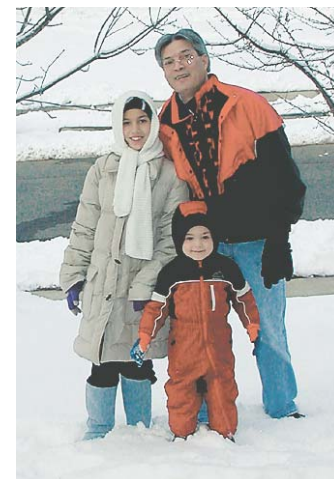
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Chris Krese, along with daughter, Elle, and son, Chip, enjoy a windy walk out to North Breakwater Lighthouse in Ludington, Mich.



Jay Jupiter of Woodlawn with his daughter Karen and grandsons Aaron and Eli.



Marcelino Galvan with his children, Evie and Frankie, playing in the snow in February 2009.

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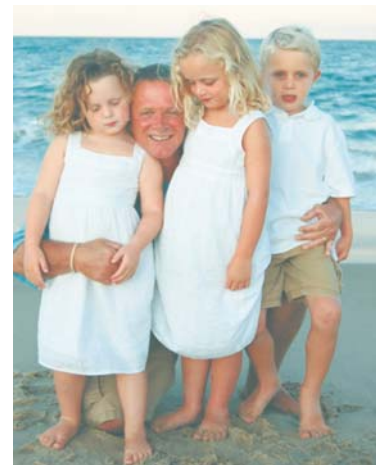
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John Kuhn of Hollin Hall and his 9-month old daughter Isabella Gasque-Kuhn take a break during the VCU graduation of her Aunt Kelly Gasque. They will be celebrating their first Father's Day together this year.



Robby White of Waynewood with his children, twins, Cecilia and Jack (age 5) and Ella (age 4) at Bethany Beach, Del. In the summer of 2008.



Father and daughter, Adam and Isabella Roca, age 1, of Stratford Landing on their first beach trip in Miami, which coincided with daddy's birthday.



Carter Stimson with his father, Tom Stimson, in front of France's Eiffel Tower.

# PEOPLE



Alexandria Country Day School  
Class of 2009

## Alexandria Country Day School: Class of 2009

Alexandria Country Day School graduated its 24th class of 8th grade students on June 4. Above are: Back row, Dylan Scott, Amir Carter, Marcus Rasmussen, Terry Hunter, Kieran Hampl, Malachi Edmond, Henry Rodgers, Jack Benson, Ilkka Kovanen, Emarii Lopes. Middle Row: Jeremy Simmons, Anders Hedman, Caroline Olsson, Shaina Mack, Trey Sutherland, Carly Reed, Seydi Diaz, Allynai Turdukulov, Laura Krieger, Chase Whitley, Li Chien. Front row: Ginna Semmes, Lane Blackwood, Katya Roman, Natascha Zelloe, Claire Malkie and Lizzy Spooner. This class boasts a Virginia State Senate page—Rodgers—and a state finalist in the National Geographic Society's Geography Bee—Kovanen.

## McNamara, Kaufman Wed

Elizabeth Dorothy Kaufman and Robert Stanley McNamara were married Saturday, May 30, 2009, at 2 o'clock at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Roanoke, Va. The Monsignor Thomas Miller officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her father. A bagpiper greeted the guests, and an organist accompanied by a trumpeter played during the wedding. An outdoor reception overlooking the mountains of the Blue Ridge at Roanoke Country Club followed.

The bride's parents are Ms. Linda Sargent Kaufman and Dr. John Pearse Kaufman of Roanoke. She is the granddaughter of the late Colonel and Mrs. Francis Sargent, Sr. of Newport News and Alexandria, Va., and the late Dr. and Mrs. William Henry Kaufman of Roanoke, and Sparks, Md.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Michael McNamara of Elmira, N.Y.

Included in the wedding party were William Sargent Kaufman, brother of the bride, and Anna Lee Johnson, goddaughter and cousin of the bride. LaDonna Sargent, aunt of the bride, performed a solo of Ave Maria.

The bride received a bachelor of arts in English from the University of Virginia and is a graduate of the University of Virginia School of



Medicine in Charlottesville, Va. She is a resident in dermatology at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem, N.C. The groom is a graduate of Ithaca College, Ithaca, N.Y., and received his master's and doctorate degrees from Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo. He is a clinical psychologist for Wake Forest University.

The rehearsal dinner was given by the parents of the groom at Valhalla Vineyards on Friday evening, preceding the wedding. After a honeymoon to Half Moon Bay, Jamaica, the couple will reside in Winston-Salem.

## PEOPLE NOTES

Army Spec. **Tamekia A. Powell** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, S.C. The daughter of Annie Powell of Alexandria, she received a bachelor's degree in 2008 from Georgia Southern University, Statesboro.

**John Raney**, Alexandria resident and 30-year Marine Corps veteran, won

with D.C. Lottery's Deal or No Deal Second Chance Drawing. He received a trip to Hollywood and a chance to win money on "Deal or No Deal."

**Cadet Margaret Strain**, a junior at Randolph-Macon Academy and the daughter of David and Charlotte Strain of Alexandria, made the president's list.

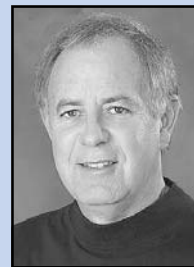


**Alexa Silverman of Belle Haven received a National Merit Scholarship from the University of Chicago. She is a student at Thomas Jefferson High School, where she is also in the National Honor Society. She plans to study linguistics at the University of Chicago; she is also a singer who formed an a capella Madrigal group at TJ, and sings with the Washington Revels.**

## SCHOOL NOTES

**Brendan McKeague** of Alexandria was among 990 students from Providence College who received undergraduate degrees during the 91st commencement exercises held on Sunday, May 17. Brendan received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

**Ashton Walker of Alexandria** received a Master of Science in Administration from Lynn University in the commencement ceremony Friday, May 8.



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# Pirates Return to Pohick Bay

For second year, privateers arrive for opening of Pirate's Cove Waterpark.

A shipload of pirates descended on Pohick Bay Regional Park Saturday, June 13, for the opening of Pirate's Cove Waterpark in Lorton. This is the second year in a row that actors in costume "raided" the beach at the park on opening day.

After watching the landing, visitors toured a living history village on pirate culture and some took a dip in the pirate-themed waterpark.

Pohick Bay Regional Park is located at 6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton. Pirate's Cove Waterpark is open daily June 18-Aug. 16, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. On July 4, the waterpark is open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Fees are children under 2, free; children 3-11, \$6; individuals 12-54, \$7; seniors 55 and older, \$6; and discounted admission, weekdays after 4 p.m., \$4. Group rates and multi-visit passes are also available. For more information, visit [www.nvrpa.org](http://www.nvrpa.org).



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**JoJo of the Crew of the Archangel fires on an invading pirate ship Saturday morning June 13 at Pohick Bay Regional Park.**

# New Access to Eisenhower Valley

New ramps opening Monday after 9:30 a.m. will give motorists direct access between the Thru Lanes of the Capital Beltway (Interstate 95/495) and Alexandria's Eisenhower Valley.

One ramp will accommodate travel from the Beltway's Inner Loop Thru Lanes to Mill Road/Eisenhower Avenue. A second ramp will carry vehicles in the opposite direction, from Mill Road/Eisenhower Avenue to the Beltway's Outer Loop Thru Lanes. Both ramps connect to Thru Lanes east of Mill Road, serving travel to and from Maryland.

The elevated Thru Lane ramps are located about halfway between the U.S. Route 1 and Telegraph Road, giving motorists an alternative to using these interchanges to travel between Eisenhower Valley and the Beltway.

As a result, the new ramps are anticipated to ease access and reduce travel time for drivers entering or leaving the Eisenhower Valley, a former rail yard that has experienced a renaissance in the past decade with the arrival of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, a new U.S. District Court complex and additional residential, commercial and retail development.

The addition of the Mill Road Thru Lane ramps marks the second completely new access provided the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project. In 2008, new access was provided south of Interstate 295 into the National Harbor development in Prince George's County, Md.

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9305 MOUNT VERNON CIR	5	5	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$935,000	Detached	0.45		MT VERNON ON THE POTOMAC
8819 SURREY CT	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$925,000	Detached	0.42		SURREY AT THE POTOMAC
6405 16TH ST	5	4	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$800,000	Detached	0.24		NEW ALEXANDRIA
1126 ARCTURUS LN	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$795,000	Detached	0.38		WELLINGTON MANOR
9405 FERRY LANDING CT	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$737,000	Detached	0.48		FERRY POINT ESTATES
3601 RIVERWOOD RD	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$730,000	Detached	0.35		RIVERWOOD
5134 JAMES FRANKLIN COURT	4	4	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$690,000	Detached	0.44		CECIL ESTATES
1013 POTOMAC LN	5	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$680,000	Detached	0.26		WAYNEWOOD
1214 WESTGROVE BLVD	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$675,000	Detached	0.27		WESTGROVE
823 EMPRESS CT	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$660,000	Detached	0.27		WAYNEWOOD
911 DRESDEN CT	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$625,000	Detached	0.44		WAYNEWOOD
7308 REBECCA DR	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$620,000	Detached	0.47		HOLLIN HILLS
8406 CULVER PL	5	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$620,000	Detached	0.33		WAYNEWOOD
8403 CROSSLEY PL	5	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$615,000	Detached	0.24		WAYNEWOOD
8404 CAMDEN ST	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$610,000	Detached	0.29		STRATFORD ON THE POTOMAC
6217 KENDALE RD	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$588,000	Detached	0.25		BELLE HAVEN
8400 BREWSTER DR	4	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$582,000	Detached	0.25		STRATFORD ON THE POTOMAC
2606 CHILDS LN	5	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$575,000	Detached	0.38		STRATFORD ON THE POTOMAC
8018 WELLINGTON RD	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$560,000	Detached	0.33		HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE
8407 BLAKISTON LN	4	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$549,900	Detached	0.26		STRATFORD ON THE POTOMAC
8420 MASTERS CT	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$545,000	Detached	0.25		RIVERSIDE GARDENS
4021 LAUREL RD	6	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$530,000	Detached	0.53		WOODLEY HILLS
1603 ROLLINS DR	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$520,000	Detached	0.30		BUCKNELL MANOR
3427 MEMORIAL ST	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$500,000	Detached	0.44		GROVETON HEIGHTS
7315 REBECCA DR	3	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$485,000	Detached	0.54		HOLLIN HILLS
9333 BRAMBLEY LN	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$485,000	Detached	0.34		MT VERNON GROVES
8163 CHANCERY CT E	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$479,900	Detached	0.32		WILLIAMSBURG MANOR NORTH
2414 CAVENDISH DR	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$473,000	Detached	0.29		STRATFORD LANDING
4714 TARPON LN	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$450,000	Detached	0.59		YACHT HAVEN EST
2114 YALE DR	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$449,000	Detached	0.21		BELLE HAVEN TERRACE
8426 CHERRY VALLEY LN	5	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$445,000	Detached	0.24		RIVERSIDE ESTATES
4321 NEPTUNE DR	5	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$435,000	Detached	0.52		YACHT HAVEN EST
8301 RIVERSIDE RD	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$428,000	Detached	0.50		HERBERT SPRING
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7124 VANTAGE DR	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$417,000	Detached	0.20		STONEBROOKE
2955 HUNTINGTON GROVE SQ	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$415,000	Townhouse	0.06		HUNTINGTON GROVE
4300 NEPTUNE DR	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$415,000	Detached	0.71		YACHT HAVEN ESTATES
4802 EUBANK ST	5	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$400,000	Detached	0.25		WOODLAWN TERRACE
2700 JAMES DR	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$399,950	Detached	0.23		FORT LYON HEIGHTS
8112 ORVILLE ST	4	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$385,000	Detached	0.29		TIMOTHY PARK
6908 DUKE DR	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$381,000	Detached	0.17		BUCKNELL MANOR
8214 COOPER ST	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$380,000	Detached	0.30		TIMOTHY PARK
4544 LANTERN PL	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$364,900	Detached	0.22		SOUTH KINGS FOREST
3387 BEECHCLIFF DR	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$355,000	Townhouse	0.04		HOLLY ACRES
5728 EVERGREEN KNOLL CT	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$350,000	Townhouse	0.03		LOFTRIDGE
5903 MOUNT EAGLE DR #510	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$350,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			MONTEBELLO
6726 LENCLAIR ST	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$350,000	Detached	0.29		GROVETON HEIGHTS
6928 VANDERBILT DR	3	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$349,000	Detached	0.17		BUCKNELL MANOR
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7522 MILWAY DR	5	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$305,000	Detached	0.28		MILWAY MEADOWS
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7126 MASON GROVE CT #36	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$295,000	Back-to-Back	0.00		GROVETON WOODS
6523 CAVALIER DR	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$290,000	Detached	0.17		BUCKNELL MANOR
3306 GROVETON ST	4	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$289,000	Detached	0.15		GROVETON HEIGHTS
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5923 EDGEHILL CT	2	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$279,900	Duplex	0.08		JEFFERSON MANOR
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7907 FRYE RD	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$270,000	Detached	0.20		MT VERNON VALLEY
2800 FAIRHAVEN AVE	2	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$269,900	Duplex	0.14		JEFFERSON MANOR
2451 MIDTOWN AVE #1213	1	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$269,900	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			HUNTINGTON
6622 POTOMAC AVE #B2	2	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$268,500	Garden 1-4 Floors			BELLE VIEW
2515 OBERLIN DR	3	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$259,840	Duplex	0.08		BUCKNELL HEIGHTS
8014 KIDD ST	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$258,000	Detached	0.26		MT VERNON VALLEY
7512B SNOWPEA CT #134	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$255,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			SOUTH MEADOWS
3309 CLAYBORNE AVE	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$255,000	Detached	0.23		GROVETON HEIGHTS
8117 NORWOOD DR	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$255,000	Detached	0.26		FAIRFIELD
7130 MASON GROVE CT #38	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$254,900	Townhouse			GROVETON WOODS
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3581 STEPHIES CT	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$250,000	Detached	0.33		MOUNT VEE MANOR
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2451 MIDTOWN AVE #725	1	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$238,800	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			MIDTOWN ALEXANDRIA STA
2639 EAST SIDE DR	4	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$235,000	Detached	0.07		MEMORIAL HEIGHTS
3504 GROVETON ST	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$235,000	Detached	0.45		KINGS HIGHWAY
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7300 FAIRCHILD DR	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$227,000	Detached	0.29		HYBLA VALLEY
2463 WINDBREAK DR	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$225,000	Townhouse	0.04		MT VERNON SQUARE TOWNHOU
6510 POTOMAC AVE #B1	2	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$225,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			BELLE VIEW
6641 WAKEFIELD DR #413	2	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$225,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors			RIVER TOWERS
1400 BELLE VIEW BLVD #B2	2	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$218,900	Garden 1-4 Floors			BELLE VIEW
2902 SIDE DR	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$210,000	Townhouse	0.06		BEVERLY PLAZA
1106 BELLE VIEW BLVD #B-2	2	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$210,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			BELLE VIEW
5901 MOUNT EAGLE DR #202	1	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$205,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			MONTEBELLO
8133 KIDD ST	3	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$205,000	Detached	0.32		MT VERNON VALLEY
5523 HALWIS ST	3	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$200,000	Detached	0.31		BURGUNDY MANOR
2813 LEE AVE E	3	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$196,000	Detached	0.07		MEMORIAL HEIGHTS
8105 NORWOOD DR	3	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$195,000	Detached	0.29		FAIRFIELD
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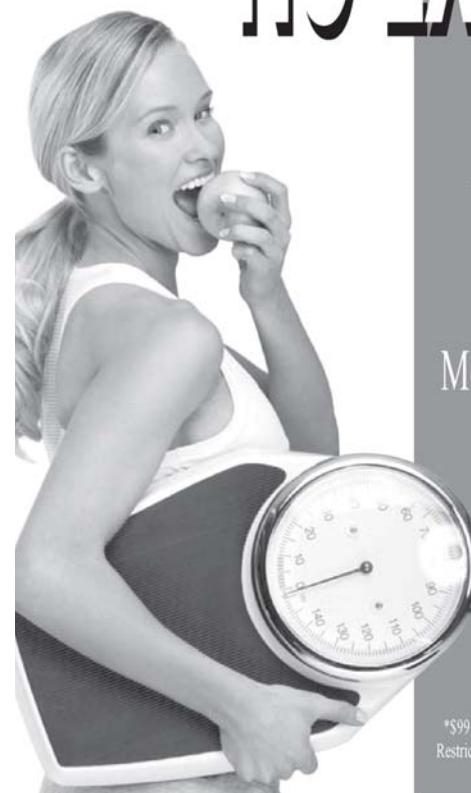
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# OPINION

## Republican Obstruction

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Republican Delegate Candidate Jay McConville's June 11 letter to the editor in the Mt. Vernon Gazette regarding transportation priorities.

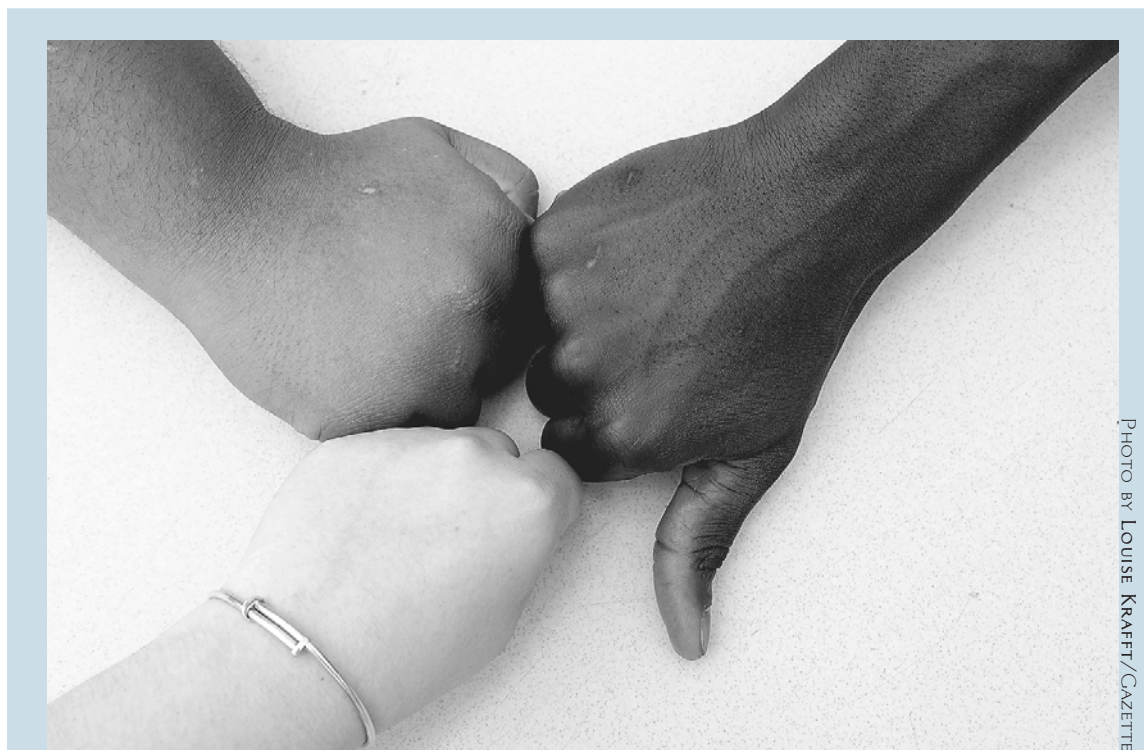
The concept that Mt. Vernon has not received a fair share of transportation improvements is nonsense. I've lived in Mt. Vernon for nearly 37 years and practiced law in the City of Fairfax since 1996. Since I started practicing law, the Mixing Bowl was rebuilt and the US 1/Telegraph Road/Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project is nearly complete. Taxpayers invested \$676 million in The Mixing Bowl and \$2.5 billion in the Wilson Bridge — the U.S. 1 Interchange alone cost \$770 million. The final stage of the Fairfax County Parkway is under construction and preliminary work is set to start on the Mulligan Road Extension through Ft. Belvoir in 2010. Once all of these projects are completed my commute will be reduced by over an hour each day and give me alternate routes to work. While all of these projects are not in Mt. Vernon, the benefits they provide to Mt. Vernon's residents every day are real.

Spot improvements on U.S. 1 are currently funded and either taking place or coming soon. While major rebuilds of several U.S. 1 interchanges (King's Highway, Buckman Road and Ft. Hunt Road) are planned, there is no question that there is not adequate funding at this time. Mr. McConville's Republican Party is the obstacle to funding, not the solution.

McConville seems to suggest Mt. Vernon can get more transportation money by simply yelling louder, "streamlining government," or selling the right to make money off Virginia's drivers to foreign investors.

Most voters are not so naïve and recognize that the Republican strategy of governmental starvation has already cut services to the bone — they can go harvest some of the hay in Fairfax County's medians that VDOT is growing instead of mowing to prove it. The Bush-Cheney Administration's priority was to spend a trillion dollars in Iraq instead of at home — that's equal to 1,479 Mixing Bowls, 400 Wilson Bridges, 192 Dulles Metro Extensions. That poor decision coupled with an economic crisis brought on by years of borrowing from Asia has made

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**Snapshot** Community Day at Sacramento Neighborhood Center on Saturday.

## Time for Self-Discovery

BY A. L. WILLIAMS  
THE GAZETTE

**W**e are born. We die. These things are not of our choosing — they just happen to us. All the years in between are ours to manage. Some will be good, some will not. Some situations we will be able to control, others will be out of our control. We will have fulfilled dreams and dreams that will never come true. We are in our teen years, starting a whole new level of experiences, adventures, feelings and emotions. One of the most personal experiences is getting to know ourselves.

The summer, without the responsibilities and stress of school, is an opportune time for self-reflection. Aside from just catching up with your friends and relaxing, check in with yourself.

Look back on the year that just ended — what were your successes? Do you fully understand your failures? What can you do differently to change anything that you wish had gone differently? Success in life isn't about never having failures, it's about what you do with your failures; defining things have come out of disappointments. As they always say, you can learn from your mistakes. So, by fully addressing all aspects of your life you will inevitably learn something.

**REDISCOVER** who you really are. We all know what we look like on the outside, but who are you on the inside. Learn what you really like, not what you've been socialized to like.

When you were in elementary school, did you ever make a time capsule, or write a paper about what you wanted to be "when you grow up"? How are you doing? Even if your goals have changed, keep your motivation steadfast. A good model to follow is the S.M.A.R.T. method, an acronym popularized by Richard and Becky Dufour.

Once you pick your goals, see if you can answer yes to these questions to make sure that your goal is

in your reach:

**Specific** — have I described details rather than general ideas of the goal?

**Measurable** — can someone else measure and see that I reached my goal?

**Attainable** — is this goal actually reachable?

**Realistic** — even if it is reachable, is it realistic that I am willing to do what it takes to reach it.

**Timeline** — do I have a deadline for reaching this goal?

Before applying this handy, step-by-step method, it is imperative that you know yourself. This can help not only to reach your goals, but also to boost your confidence, something necessary for any high school student, especially at school and when applying to college. Take time to thoroughly think about yourself (and maybe even write some of it out if you think that would help). Know what sort of person you are. Think about what strengths and weaknesses you possess. Know your hopes and dreams.

**ONE OF THE BEST** ways you can keep up with yourself, and also look back from the future, is journaling. The great thing is there's no way to mess it up; there is no need for proper grammar, or spelling, essentially there is no "right way" to journal. It will give you a better understanding of yourself and changes you are undergoing. Be your own life coach, it's a job that is too important to give to other people.

What our goals and future dreams are, are not always obvious. Sometimes it seems like some people have it all figured out; adults are always asking about our future and what our life plans are, when all we want to do is get through high school and into college, or maybe even just through the next week. But here's a secret — no one has everything figured out; you're not alone. The future is not set in stone, and there are always unforeseeable elements that can change any person's life. Don't spend your time trying to figure out what's going to happen. Make the

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# OPINION

## Tax Relief for Senior Volunteers?

BY GERALD A. FILL THE NEW MIDDLE AGE

Seniors everywhere are struggling to pay property taxes. Local and state governments are also struggling to pay for services because of declining tax revenues. Why not come up with a new service program that helps both seniors and government? Here is an idea.

These are not normal times for anyone living on a fixed income. This is especially true for seniors hit hard by the tough economic times and who are not eligible for low income tax relief. Why not recruit skilled seniors to volunteer for local public service work? In exchange local government could help these same volunteers by reducing their property taxes.

This is the dawn of a new era for healthy highly skilled seniors 55 & over who want to contribute to public service needs in their school system, community health center, library, etc. Untapped senior talent skilled in math, science, marketing, recreation, writing, counseling, and administrative support, among other important areas, are in abundance in our community but often go overlooked.

What do those seniors want in return? Well, for one they don't want to jeopardize their retirement

pension or social security by receiving a salary. And they don't want to "bump" a worthy and well qualified younger person from a career position. However, for some in the right circumstances they might jump at the chance to use their skills in a meaningful volunteer capacity in exchange for property tax relief.

Senior volunteers working for property tax relief is not new in other parts of the nation.

Here is a list of local governments using senior volunteers in exchange for tax relief:

- ❖ Larimer County, Colo.
- ❖ Clark County, Wash.
- ❖ Andover, Mass. Andover gives people over age 60 a \$600 exemption on their real estate tax bill in return for 100 hours of community service
- ❖ Greenburgh, N.Y. Greenburgh is piloting a seniors volunteer program to work off up to \$800 in taxes by doing jobs for the city.

There has been a lot written lately about the senior revolution. Here is hoping that our elected and appointed representatives take advantage of this revolution by creating a program to reduce property taxes for those seniors willing and able to volunteer in the interest of the community.

### LETTERS

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people realize that we cannot have everything we want without paying for it. Virginia has done nothing to permanently address transportation revenues since I was a freshman at a newly opened high school called West Potomac in 1986. In the meantime, inflation has gutted the purchasing power of gas tax revenues levied in pennies per gallon instead of a percentage and cars pay less taxes per mile driven — I pay half as much gas taxes per mile than the average driver in my Honda Civic Hybrid.

The Republican Majority in the House of Delegates — including Bob McDonnell — has obstructed every attempt to address these problems while "prioritizing" laws on gay marriage, restricting a woman's right to choose, and rejecting \$150,000,000 of federal unemployment funds.

We do not need another delegate in Richmond who is going to pretend we can solve our problems without paying for them, wants to sell our roads to the foreign investors, or who supports gimmicks like speeding ticket taxes. There is one obstacle to further prioritizing Northern Virginia's transportation improvements — The Republican majority in the House of Delegates.

Voters should say thanks but no thanks to Mr. McConville and his old ideas.

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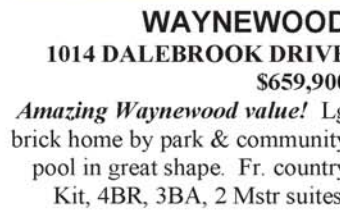
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### START EARLY

Public schools take in new children all year round. But not independent schools. Most schools'

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Learn the deadlines — for both admission and financial aid — by checking websites. Call individual schools if you have questions. The entire process will be easier on your family if you know the deadlines, keep track of them carefully,

and give yourself plenty of time to meet them.

### DO YOUR HOMEWORK

Start by working with your family to determine your ideal educational community. Ask yourself whether the school would be: small or large; day school or boarding school; coeducational or single-sex; traditional or progressive; source of special programs; representing a diverse community; and/or sensitive to your child's special needs.

### CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITIES

Call potential schools to request admissions literature, and examine their Web sites. Then compare what you read there with what you're looking for in your ideal school. Among the questions you should ask yourself about each school:

**Basic Facts:** How many students does the school have? Where is it, and how does the location affect your transportation needs? For high schools, what are the graduation requirements? What percentage of students enter college, and what kinds of colleges do they attend? Is the school accredited, and if so, by whom?

**Educational Quality:** What is the school's mission, and does its philosophy appeal to you? Does it have a particular educational focus? Is the atmosphere competitive? Nurturing? Or what?

**Beyond the Basics:** What types of learning experiences are available—in class, on the playing field, in extracurricular activities, and in community service? Do the school materials discuss parental involvement?

**Costs:** What is the tuition? Are there extra charges, such as for books, lab fees, transportation, and so on? What are the school's financing options? What is the financial aid application process? When are the deadlines?

### SIX CONSIDERATIONS

**Location.** Size, both (a) average class size and (b) overall number of students in the school. **Educational philosophy;** ask questions such as, how are classes actually taught? How are expectations conveyed? **Curriculum:** core courses as math, the humanities, and science are taught, and is there a strong interdisciplinary emphasis? **Faculty:** see where the teachers went to college, whether their degrees match with what they teach, and whether they have advanced degrees in the subjects they teach. **Facilities.**



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# The Fairfax Family

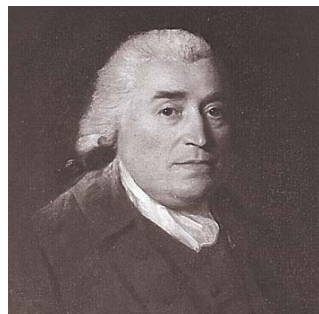
BY MICHAEL K. BOHN  
THE GAZETTE

**F**airfax is certainly an important name in Northern Virginia. Fairfax County and Fairfax City top the list. The name appears everywhere in our daily lives — on car dealerships, restaurants, and schools; Fairfax This and Fairfax That. Why is everything named Fairfax around here?

It's because an English peer, Thomas Lord Fairfax, once owned five million acres of Virginia and West Virginia. His holdings included all of the land between the Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers, stretching from the Chesapeake Bay to the Alleghany Mountains. Savvy lawyers and politicians making backroom deals factored in the Fairfax family's acquisition and control of the vast parcel, business as usual in some real estate activity today. The story starts with a bit of English history—the Cavaliers, Roundheads, and Oliver Cromwell — and an odd twist of irony.

## THE ORIGINS

A 17th century rift between England's King Charles and Parliament forced the king to sell peerages to raise the money that Parliament refused him. One of those transactions involved Sir Thomas Fairfax, who in 1627 bought a title. The king got the cash,



**Thomas Lord Fairfax, Earl of Cameron.**

and Fairfax became Baron of Cameron, an area in Fife, Scotland, and all the "regalities," or perks associated with nobility.

Parliament's disenchantment with Charles ultimately resulted in the English Civil War (1642-51). Royalist cavaliers fought against Parliament and Oliver Cromwell, whose supporters cut their hair short, hence the name Roundhead. Sir Thomas Fairfax, grandson of the first Lord Fairfax, commanded the Parliamentary Army when Charles was beheaded in 1649. The late king's son, Charles II, attempted to ascend to the throne, but fled to France when Parliament refused to recognize him.

While in exile, Charles II rewarded many of his father's supporters. He gave John Lord Culpeper and six other cavaliers a huge tract of land in the Virginia colony. The grant became known as the Northern Neck Proprietary because that was the name of the peninsula that formed the southern boundary of the land between the Potomac and Rappahannock. Proprietors acted as middlemen between those on the land and the Crown, and similar enterprises existed then in other colonies. Proprietors either sold or

rented parcels of land, with owners and tenants paying annual rents to the proprietor, who in turn, sent a percentage to the King.

Lord Culpeper's son, Thomas, eventually gained control of all of the shares of the Northern Neck, but their value was minimal until Charles II was crowned in 1661. Culpeper's daughter Catherine married Thomas, Fifth Lord Fairfax in 1690. Following tradition of day, Fairfax gained control of the Culpeper proprietary through his wife's dowry. Thomas and Catherine's first son, also named Thomas — yet another reason to number these people — inherited both the proprietary and the title upon his father's 1710 death. So the vast expanse of land that King Charles II gave to Culpeper for supporting the crown ended up in the Fairfax family, one that had helped defeat Charles II's father.

## THE LAND

Thomas, Sixth Lord Fairfax, was born in 1693 at Leeds Castle, England, the Culpeper family seat. After private tutoring, he had just started Oriel College, Oxford, when his father, the fifth Lord Fairfax, died. Two family members acted as guardians for the 16-year-old youth. The fact that Dad had squandered most of the family fortune made the guardians' job difficult.

An aristocratic dandy, young Thomas passed the time playing cards and hunting. After a brief stint as an army officer and an appointment in the King's household, Thomas began active participation in proprietary activities. The first order of business was establishing the upper boundary of the tract. At issue was the exact location of the headsprings of the Potomac and Rappahannock.

Thomas appointed his cousin William Fairfax, as his agent in the colony. Thomas then traveled to Virginia in 1735 in an attempt to survey the proprietary and settle the boundary issue. In the colonial capital of Williamsburg, Thomas negotiated the commission of a joint survey with Gov. William Gooch. But the resulting expedition didn't solve much because of continuing arguments about the rivers' sources. Sensing that he would do better dealing with the King's Privy Council in London than Gooch, Thomas left for England in 1737.

A patient Lord Fairfax waited until allies had gained seats on the Council, and then brought them the matter of the proprietary's limits for a decision. Eventually, the Council granted Fairfax rights to the expanded area. The new total land area amounted to 5,282,000 acres.

In Fairfax's absence, the Virginia Assembly carved off the northern section of Prince William County in 1742 and created a new county. The Assembly named the jurisdiction Fairfax in honor of the Northern Neck proprietor.

In 1747, Thomas returned to Virginia to administer his enterprise. Throughout his lordship's absence, William managed the proprietary from his home, Belvoir, a grand, riverfront home near Mount Vernon. Lord



**Bryan, Eighth Lord Fairfax, built a home named Mount Eagle on a bluff above Alexandria. Later a club, the house fell to developers in 1968.**

Fairfax initially lived there, but soon moved to the Shenandoah Valley to be closer to the remaining unpatented land.

With the exception of disruptions wrought by the French and Indian War, Fairfax lived a simple life. He supped well, drank fine Madeira and other spirits, and broke up the rustic routine by visiting Williamsburg and Belvoir. In 1768, for example, he joined George and John Washington, Daniel McCarty, and other gentlemen in a two-week fox hunt and dined at Mount Vernon. He was a good conversationalist and a pleasant companion during a hunt.

William Fairfax had groomed his eldest son, George William, to follow him as the proprietary agent. When Lord Fairfax moved to the Shenandoah, George William was reluctant to leave the relative sumptuousness of Belvoir for the land of the unwashed. He and his attractive wife, Sally — long the subject of George Washington's infatuation — were more comfortable visiting England or enjoying plantation life on the Potomac. Lord Fairfax asked Denny Martin, the husband of his sister, to send his son Thomas Bryan Martin to Virginia to assist in the enterprise. The young man joined his uncle and presided over the land office. The town of Martinsburg, W. Va., was later named for him.

Lord Fairfax found himself in a pinch as the colonies moved toward war with England. He considered himself a Virginian and did not intend to return to England; he was 82 in 1775. Were he too vocal in support of independence, the Crown would seize the Northern Neck, as well as his properties in England. Simultaneously, he felt threatened by the Virginia Assembly's demand that all males over 16 swear an oath renouncing allegiance to King George III. As a result, he said nothing.

## THE END

The Revolution's success pleased Lord Fairfax. Parson Weems, Washington's 19th century biographer, quoted Lord Fairfax's response to Cornwallis's 1781 defeat. "Come, Joe!" Fairfax shouted to one of his slaves. "Carry me to my bed! For I am sure 'tis high time for me to die!" Sadly true to his word, Thomas, Sixth Lord Fairfax, Baron of Cameron, died two months later at age 88. A life-long bachelor, he had no known children.

Thomas left five-sixths of the proprietary to his younger brother Robert, as well as the barony. He willed the remaining one-

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sixth to Denny Martin, the eldest living male heir to Lady Catherine Culpeper Fairfax. The land belonging to the proprietary at this point, that not yet been patented or claimed for family use, totaled about two million acres.

Upon the death of Robert, Seventh Lord Fairfax, his five-sixths share of the proprietary passed to Denny Martin. The new proprietor immediately faced the consequences of being on the wrong side of the Revolution.

After the war, the Commonwealth of Virginia attempted to confiscate the proprietary's land. Martin, who lived in England, engaged Virginian John Marshall to fight the proposed seizure. Marshall negotiated a compromise in 1796. The deal recognized the Fairfax heirs' claim to the "manor" lands, those claimed for family use, but permitted the transfer of all unassigned land to the Commonwealth.

Bryan Fairfax inherited the barony from Robert and became the Eighth Lord Fairfax in 1800. A younger son of William Fairfax of Belvoir, he later became rector of the Fairfax Parish.

Bryan's son Thomas Fairfax was the ninth baron and lived at Ash Grove, a house built about 1790. It partially burned in 1960, but its owners, the Sherman family, rebuilt a replica. Now owned by Fairfax County, Ash Grove sits modestly amidst a flock of McMansions tucked behind the Sheraton Hotel near the intersection of Route 7 and the Dulles Toll Road.

The 10th baron, Charles Snowden Fairfax, inherited the title in 1846. Born in Prince Georges County, Md., Charles later moved to California, where he became speaker of the state assembly. Fairfax, a town in Marin County, Calif., is named in his honor.

Charles's brother, John Contee Fairfax became the 11th Lord Fairfax, although the Maryland physician never claimed the title. Upon John's 1900 death, his son Albert moved to England and ultimately gained the title and British citizenship. His grandson, Lord Nicholas John Albert Fairfax of Cameron is the current and 14th baron.

Nicholas, a London maritime lawyer, has visited the Washington area several times since the 1970s. On one visit, in 1987, he helped dedicate a new development in Prince Georges County — Lake Arbor — on what had been family land until 1959. Fairfax Savings Bank in Baltimore, one of the many entities that has borne the family name, helped finance the Lake Arbor project.

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## Waterfront Festival Is Back

**Annual Alexandria Red Cross Waterfront Festival will attract crowds to Oronoco Bay Park.**

The Alexandria Red Cross Waterfront Festival, a tradition in Alexandria for the last 28 years, returns this weekend to Oronoco Bay Park. Citizens and tourists have come to enjoy food, crafts, tours, and entertainment, all while supporting the American Red Cross.

The festival will begin with the Eisenhower Avenue 5K/10K Road Race on Saturday morning, June 20. The festival gates will open at 10 a.m. and the musical acts will begin soon at 11:30 a.m. with children's hip-hop from Agent 23 Skidoo. Youngsters can also visit the Children's Harbor Tent in the center of the festival to play free games and do crafts, including making Father's Day cards.

For the fathers and the rest of the adult crowd, there will be a selection of wines as well as beer in the Wine Garden. The festival also includes several activities for the entire family, such as carnival rides, games, shopping, and a tour of the Gazela Primeiro, a Portuguese tall ship, and musical entertainment. Interactive exhibits, such as a baseball exhibit sponsored by Allstate, will also be open.

For the first time, the festival will have a free section by Robinson Terminal. The free activities will include the Fannie Mae Dog Zone, with pet safety demonstrations and a dog show. In addition, the free section will have performances on the new community stage, so even people who do not have the extra cash will still be able to enjoy some of the festivities.



The stage will offer such musical performers as Luke Brindley, Pat McGee Band and Rocknoceros.

On Saturday the festival will be open from 10 a.m. until 11 p.m., culminating with the fireworks show. On Sunday, Father's Day, the festival will be open from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Tickets at the gate are \$15 for adults, with up to two children under 12 getting in for free with each paying adult. Additional child's tickets are \$5. The proceeds benefit the Alexandria Red Cross' community relief services and safety educa-

### Waterfront Festival Music Schedule

#### SATURDAY

- ♦ 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Agent 23 Skidoo (hip-hop for children)
- ♦ 12:50-1:50 p.m.: Chelsea Lee (17-year-old acoustic pop and folk singer)
- ♦ 2:05-3:05 p.m.: Luke Brindley (acoustic folk/rock singer)
- ♦ 3:20-4:20 p.m.: Crash Boom Bang (punk rock band)
- ♦ 4:35-5:50 p.m.: Shane Hines and the Trance (acoustic indie rock)
- ♦ 6:10-7:25 p.m.: Virginia Coalition (Native Alexandrian rock band)
- ♦ 7:40-8:55 p.m.: Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers (rock band)
- ♦ 9:10-10:40 p.m.: Pat McGee Band (acoustic indie rock)
- ♦ Fireworks

#### SUNDAY

- ♦ 12-12:50 p.m.: Rocknoceros (music for children)
- ♦ 1:10-2:10 p.m.: The Grandsons (blues rock band)
- ♦ 2:25-3:25 p.m.: Bill Kirchen and Too Much Fun (country rock band)
- ♦ 3:45-5 p.m.: Ivan Neville's Dumpstaphunk (multi-genre)

tion programs. This year's fund-raising goal is \$100,000.

— ERICA KICAK-VANDERHOEVEN



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Festival-goers may tour the Gazela Primeiro, a Portuguese tall ship.

## Playing to the Beat

**'60s music influenced Sock Monkeys Band.**

BY KRISTEN MCCARTHY  
GAZETTE

The Sock Monkeys, a local band, are playing at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway, on Friday, June 19. The group is a classic rock band that formed in 1999 with an eclectic influence from various artists.

The band consists of seven members; six grew up in the Alexandria area. The band's lineup includes: Art Meushaw, keyboards; Tim Hamer, vocalist; Ron Schneider, drums; Tom Powers, vocalist; Roger Bullock, bass; Ron Rodgers, lead guitarist; and Mike Robanos, who is the sound engineer. Hamer and Meushaw at-

tended Bishop Ireton together. Bullock, Robanos, Schneider and Rodgers were students at Edison High School, but graduated in different years. Powers is originally from the Tidewater area of Virginia and attended high school there too.

**MEUSHAW**, a professional bluegrass player, recently joined the band in 2007. He played bass for the band Rainbow Special for 10 years. "The joy of seeing people have a good time and that you're playing songs we grew up with and love is the best part," Meushaw said.

Bullock and Rodgers started The Sock Monkeys in 1999. They had decided to form a band when they ran into each other after a number of years had passed. When it came to deciding on a name, "The name Sock Monkey came to mind. One thought connects to another. I visualized a sock monkey that I once had as a child. It struck me as comical. I

thought it would be a good name for a band," said Rodgers.

Their sound and music tries to replicate the musicians that they grew up loving during a period characterized by many political events and social protests. "The inspiration of music came from Vietnam. It was a period of awakened social conscience," said Bullock. The Beatles, Stones, Motown, Dick Dale, The Safaris, Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, Muddy Waters, Hark Williams are the musicians who have deeply influenced them. The style is an integration of '60s music, British Invasion, soul, Motown, Stax, Memphis and Detroit.

Each band member had their interest in music influenced by various sources. Ron Schneider found that his high school symphonic band teacher played a major influence with keeping his interest in music. "He was a good influence on us and he inspired us. The symphonic band



The Sock Monkeys (from left to right) include Ron Rodgers, Roger Bullock, Art Meushaw, Tim Hamer and Ron Schneider.

was excellent and we competed within the area. We went to Winchester for the Apple Festival and Williamsburg for other events. It was a good organization. Because of it, I stayed interested in music. My favorite musician is Leslie West."

Playing in a band requires a major time commitment. All of the

members juggle work, family and other obligations. It is a balancing act. "We're all very good time managers and we have family support. Without this, it wouldn't work," said Bullock.

The Sock Monkeys will be playing on Friday, June 19 at Grist Mill Park at 7:30 p.m.

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# CALENDAR

E-mail announcements to the Gazette, [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-917-6407 with questions.

## THURSDAY/JUNE 18

**Silent Auction.** 6-9 p.m. To benefit the Walk to Fight Breast Cancer, at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 625 First Street, Alexandria.

**"The Fine Art of Jazz."** exhibition opens highlighting the names and faces synonymous with the Kansas City tradition of American jazz. At the Alexandria Black History Museum at 902 Wythe Street. The Alexandria Black History Museum will host a free opening reception on June 18 from 6-8 p.m. The reception is open to the public, but reservations are requested. Those wishing to attend should call 703-838-4356. The Alexandria Black History Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and suggested admission is \$2. Go to [www.alexblackhistory.org](http://www.alexblackhistory.org).

**Peruvian Concert.** 7-9 p.m. Free. By the acclaimed ensemble Alma Folclorica del Peru. Lead guitarist Juan Huarcaya and singers Nancy Carbajal and Estrellita de Amazonas will join Adrian Leyva, Gregorio Segura, and Jaime Milla on guitar, keyboard, and violin. At Fort Ward Park Amphitheater, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Call 703-883-4686 or visit [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation).

## FRIDAY/JUNE 19

**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](http://www.band.alexandria.va.us).

**The Secret History of Juneteenth.** 7-8:30 p.m. The Alexandria Black History Museum presents an illustrated lecture by historian C.R. Gibbs on the African Peoples in Texas. At 902 Wythe Street in the historic Parker-Gray community. Visit [www.alexblackhistory.org](http://www.alexblackhistory.org). Call 703-838-4356.

**Free Friday Fun!** - First Artists' Trading Cards Event. 7-9 p.m. At the Del Ray Artisans Gallery, Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Del Ray Artisans will host the Artists' Trading Cards (ATC) event. Bring your ATCs to trade or just stop by the gallery and see why ATCs are being shared all over the globe. Contact <http://www.thedelrayartisans.org>.

## SATURDAY/JUNE 20

**Juneteenth Alexandria.** 3-8 p.m. Free event. To celebrate black music, dance and fatherhood in commemoration of the day in 1865 that slaves in Galveston, Texas, learned that the war had ended and they were free. At Tenants and Workers United, 3801 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria.

**Skatefest 2009.** 2-7 p.m. At Wakefield Skate Park. For ages 5-50. The preliminary rounds of the skateboard competitions will be held on Friday, June 19 at Wakefield Skate Park from 4-7 p.m. Sponsored participants will ride along a check pointed route through the Wakefield Skate Park. A festival and 4 event Skateboard Competition will follow. Fund-raiser for Children's Hospital National Medical Center. At 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale. To sign up for SK8 For A Cause and the Skateboard Competition, visit [www.skatefestfairfax.com](http://www.skatefestfairfax.com), visit Fairfax Surf Shop (3936 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax) or call 703-425-5400.

**Gum Springs Community Day.** 1-6

p.m. Fun, food, live entertainment, health screenings, face painting and more. At Gum Springs Community Center, 8100 Fordson Road, Alexandria.

**Living Well in the 18th Century Workshop.** 9:30-3:30 p.m. at Gunston Hall. Join living historians, reenactors, and history lovers for a day focused on dining in the 18th century. Go to the [www.gunstonhall.org](http://www.gunstonhall.org) for registration details. Gunston Hall Plantation, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck, Va. 703-550-9220.

**First Annual Father's Day Program.** 1:30 p.m.

The 1st Annual Alexandria Father's Day Program will be held at Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. The entire community is invited to join the Capital Youth Empowerment Program and Mayor William Euille, Councilman Ludwig Gaines and Tony Pierce, Founder of Fathers In Touch and a host of other guests in celebrating this free event. Call Erick King at 202-321-8704.

**The President's Own.** 7:30 p.m. Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, NVCC, 3001 north Beauregard St., Alexandria. Call 703-845-6156 or [www.schlesingercenter.com](http://www.schlesingercenter.com).

**Soldier-Led Walking Tours.** 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Free. At Fort Ward Park Museum & Historic Site, 4301 West Braddock Road. Will introduce visitors to the history of the Defenses of Washington, the building and role of Fort Ward and the troops who were stationed there during the Civil War. Call 703-838-4848. Go to [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org).

## SUNDAY/JUNE 21

**Architecture in the Afternoon Tours.** 2 p.m. Discover the architecture of George Mason's home. This 90-minute tour explores the



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mansion's exterior and interior. At Gunston Hall Plantation, 10709 Gunston Rd., Mason Neck. Call 703-550-9220 or <http://www.gunstonhall.org>.

**Meet George Washington.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Spend Father's Day with the Father of Our Country! "General Washington" greets visitors and poses for photographs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Listen to General Washington as he discusses his role as husband, stepfather, and Father of Our Country at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. in the program "Father to the First Family". \$15/adults, \$7/children. At Mount Vernon.

**1759 Conversations: Establishing Gunston Hall.** 3:30-4:30 p.m. Learn about the early days of the historic plantation. Talk with a costumed interpreter about George Mason's new house and how it was built. Gunston Hall Plantation, 10709 Gunston Rd.,

## Kiln Club

The Kiln Club will be showing its colors with a dazzling array of pottery this July at the Torpedo Factory's Scope Gallery. Flashy colors and explosions of light have sparked inspiration as 16 clay artists shine, displaying an exhibition and sale of stoneware, raku and pitfired pieces. The Kiln Club show runs June 29 to July 26 - Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with Thursdays open until 9 p.m. The gallery is located at 101 North Union Street, Studio 19, Alexandria. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope](http://www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope).

Mason Neck. 703-550-9220 or <http://www.gunstonhall.org>. Included in site admission: \$9, \$8 seniors, \$5 ages 6 to 18, younger free.

**Father's Day Tours.** 1-5 p.m. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Dad can tour the historic tavern and City Hotel for free. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Enjoy tours by junior Docents. Visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) or 703-838-4242 for admission prices.

**Apothecary Museum Tours.** 1-5 p.m. Fathers can tour the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum for free. The Apothecary Museum is located at 105-107 South Fairfax Street. Call 703-838-3852.

**Friendship Firehouse Museum Tours.** 1-4 p.m. The Friendship Firehouse Museum is offering free tours for fathers on Father's Day. Friendship Firehouse is located at 107 South Alfred Street. Open Fridays through Sundays; call 703-838-3891.

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## COMMENTARY



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Barbara McClelland does some final touches on her buffet table at an Alexandria Chamber reception.



Lamar Brown of Carafe Winemakers serves up several different varieties of wine for the Alexandria Chamber.

# Things Are Blooming at Collingwood

BY GALE CURCIO  
SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Poppies are popping and rhododendrons are bursting with color. It is springtime at Collingwood, so grab a blanket and picnic lunch and enjoy a couple of hours by the Potomac River. A free concert with the Mount Vernon Community Band is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 16; other concerts and art exhibits are being planned as well.

Stop in and visit the Library and Museum and get a taste of vintage Americana browsing through their collection of historical books and viewing the collection of American memorabilia.

While there, ask for a tour of the new conference center; it holds 240 classroom style and 200 at banquet tables and comes equipped with wireless internet. The new center is handicapped accessible and has a lower level for break-out sessions or dual meetings.

More than 26 weddings have already been booked for 2009, with more on hold for the remainder of the year and into 2010.

The Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber has plans for "The Taste of Mount Vernon" for Thursday, Sept. 17, from 5-8 p.m. Details are still being finalized, but the event will be comparable to "The Taste of River Farm" that used to be held at River Farm. Local restaurants and caterers will provide samples of their cuisine while local wine stores will provide tastings of their wine. Check for updated information on the

Collingwood Web site.

In the meantime, other organizations have made use of the facility. In April, the West Potomac Crew Team held a Casino Night in the new conference center. That same weekend, the Kentucky Society hosted their annual Kentucky Pre-Derby Party<sup>o</sup>—more than a thousand people came to celebrate at a gala affair held on the front lawn.

Mica Evans Hider, National Association of REALTORS, said, "For years, Kentuckians from the Washington, D.C. area have gathered to celebrate the Kentucky Derby. Collingwood's stately grounds on the banks of the Potomac have provided us the perfect venue to celebrate one of Kentucky's

**"It's a great outdoor setting for our event and the facilities have gotten better and better over the five years we have been there."**

— Tom Burke

finest traditions."

Another annual event at Collingwood, Britain on the Green, was held the next day and Tom Burke, 2009 BOG co-coordinator, said, "It's a great outdoor setting for our event and the facilities have gotten better

### Where & When

Collingwood Library & Museum on Americanism is located at 8301 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria. Hours for the museum and library are: Sunday 1 p.m.-4 p.m.; Monday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tuesday Closed; and Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit [www.collingwoodlibrary.com](http://www.collingwoodlibrary.com) for a virtual tour of the grounds and meeting rooms.



COURTESY PHOTO

Red roses are the signature centerpiece at the Kentucky Pre-Derby Party.

and better over the five years we have been there."

In addition to the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, Collingwood has hosted other local business organizations. The Springfield Chamber of Commerce held a reception in March for their members. Catered by Payne's Catering, guests had the additional treat of listening to music pro-

vide by Sam Franklin from Party Mix DJ's.

Franklin was back again to play music for the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce's reception in April. Providing the food was Barbara McClelland of Complements Catering and Kevin Bates from Rita's Ice. Lamar Brown from Carafe Winemakers served up some of their wine bottled on the premises in Old Town, Alexandria.



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The annual Britain on the Green draws a large crowd.

## Set Goals: Be Specific, Ensure That They're Measurable

FROM PAGE 8

most of what is happening, living your life to the fullest, and figuring out what

you really want from life (but also learning to live with the letdowns that accompany the successes).

Focus and determination are necessary

and no one's saying self-discovery is easy; but, it is not impossible and well worth the effort. Don't waste time feeling bad about things that you have no control over and

realize that your best is always good enough ... your best is the best. Remember to think about what you want, not what others want for you.

# SPORTS

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## Post 24 Focuses on Focus

Despite enjoying several winnable games, local American Legion team has a record of 1-4.

BY JASON MACKEY  
THE GAZETTE

**R**allies in baseball most often occur when players take it upon themselves to sharpen their focus for the sake of a collective goal. And usually after a mix of hard-hit liners, bloop singles and luck, one team can find itself with a game-deciding run before anyone has realized what happened.

But what if those forces align themselves in the opposite direction?

Well, you get a rather comical term and mounting frustration. Just ask Alexandria Post 24 and its coach, Jim Glassman.

"We're always in games, but we've always got that one inning that kills us," Glassman said. "I just can't figure it out."

That inning, unfortunately, happened twice during the course of Tuesday's game against Centreville Post 1995 at Chantilly High School, a contest that Post 24 eventually dropped, 2-1. Despite holding a one-run lead for more than half the game, Post 24 had a breakdown of sorts, allowing single runs in the sixth and seventh innings.

The mental lapses, although mostly brief, have been an overriding theme this season for Glassman's team. It's almost become maddening. Though Post 24,

which features players from Mount Vernon, West Potomac and Hayfield high schools, is 1-4 thus far, the majority of those losses have been winnable games, minus a bad inning here and there.

**A WALK**, an error and a single. That was the first recipe for disaster. Leading Post 1995, 1-0, with two outs in the bottom of the sixth inning, Post 24 was cruising along

**"We're always in games, but we've always got that one inning that kills us."**

— Jim Glassman, coach,  
Alexandria Post 24

thanks to a solid outing from starting pitcher Brett Shaeffer. But after getting two quick outs, Shaeffer plunked the next hitter and shortstop Kenny Booth's error a play later gave Post 1995 runners on first and second.

Then Shaeffer left a pitch up in the zone and allowed a single, tying the score at one. It was an inning that Glassman affectionately referred to as a "brain fart," and it was one that — with two outs at the time — could've been just as easily avoided.

"We're in games, but we've had one of those innings in every

game," Glassman said. "It's always in the middle of the game, and it's just a lack of concentration for a minute."

The next inning, Post 1995 went ahead for good because of a lead-off triple and a run-scoring single, prompting a conversation between Glassman and Shaeffer.

Glassman told Shaeffer he was leaving his pitches too high in the strike zone, and they were too enticing. Shaeffer agreed. From there, Shaeffer regained his control and finished the inning.

"We get along so well that we don't focus," said Shaeffer, a 2008 Hayfield graduate who threw seven innings and scattered nine hits. "We just come out here and go through the motions."

### ANOTHER MOMENT

Glassman wishes he could correct happened three separate times Tuesday night. In the fourth, seventh and eighth innings, Post 24 left a runner stranded on third base. It also left 11 runners on base throughout the entire nine-inning game.

According to Glassman, players have been taking too big of swings, a result of trying to do too much. Twice Post 24 players took all-out cuts at the ball, only to end up with an inning-ending popout that didn't leave the infield.

"That was crucial," Shaeffer said. "If we score two of those



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**In addition to tossing seven innings of two-run ball Tuesday night during a loss to Centreville Post 1995, Alexandria Post 24's Brett Shaeffer went 2-for-4 with a double.**

three runs, it's a different game."

Still, Post 24 has been able to hit the ball and that's been encouraging for the longtime skipper. First baseman Manny Aponte collected two hits against Post 1995. Ditto for third baseman Andrew Sable, catcher Ben Adducci and Shaeffer. And playing against a team like Post 1995, which features several players from Northern Region stalwarts Westfield and

Chantilly, Post 24's efforts did not go unnoticed. A lot of encouraging signs came out of Tuesday's loss, although the team wasn't able to avoid those few costly mistakes.

"Giving up only two runs against that team ... that's really good," said second baseman Kyle Quigley, who went 1-for-4 on Tuesday. "You have to keep them close and you can't let them get in scoring position because they will hit them in."

### MOUNT VERNON SPORTS BRIEFS

#### West Potomac Spring Awards

West Potomac High School recently held its 2009 spring sports special awards ceremony to honor the best and brightest student-athletes the school has to offer. The male scholar athlete award was given to senior Brandon Comfort of the track and field team for his performance on the track and in the classroom. Julie Ruamthong of the girls' tennis team was named the female scholar athlete of the spring.

There were four winners of the Ft. Hunt Sportsmen John C. Frey Athlete of the Year award. Arthur Genuario won the boys' team sports category for strong showings in golf in the fall and baseball in the spring. Catherine Bradley of the field hockey and girls' lacrosse teams took home the girls' team sport award.

Jon McCants of the track and field team was honored with the boys' individual sports award, while Ruamthong took home the female equivalent as a

member of cheerleading, gymnastics, and girls tennis teams. Here is a complete list of spring sport MVPs from this past season:

Arthur Genuario (baseball), Kieran Merek (boys' crew), Kimberly Crawford (girls' crew), Colin McConville (boys' lacrosse), Catherine Bradley (girls' lacrosse), Orlando Nares (boys' soccer), Alexandra Butler (girls' soccer), Samantha Bauer (softball), Alexander Cheng (boys' tennis), Julie Ruamthong (girls' tennis), Jon McCants (boys' track and field), and Sarah Jane Underwood (girls' track and field).

#### Swim Results

The NVSL summer swim season is right around the corner and the Gazette doesn't want any child's achievements in the pool to go unnoticed. To have swim team results posted in the Gazette each week, contact sports editor Mark Giannotto at mgiannotto@connectionnewspapers.com.



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# This Business Celebrates Flag Day Every Day

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pair flags. Using paper patterns produced by the art department, some lay out the flag designs on swaths of colored fabric on large tables. Others create appliqués by hand or on complex embroidery machines, while another team assembles the finished banners and flags.

"I just love it here," Wilson said. "It's exciting to see a flag that I made on television. The White House ordered a big American flag to display when President Reagan returned from the hospital after he was shot in 1981. It was a thrill."

All of the sewing department employees are women, many from Southeast Asia — especially Cambodia and Vietnam. "Men just don't apply for these jobs," Al Ulmer said. "They are certainly welcome."

The company has long welcomed immigrants, and both Haynes and Ulmer have provided support for those seeking U.S. citizenship. The Ulmers are most proud of two Cambodian-American women — Touch Ell and Sotha Lam. Both joined the company as young women over 20 years ago, found husbands and had children, and became American citizens. Ell runs the embroidery section, while Lam supervises the appliqué team. "I love my job," said Ell.

Jermaine Dunk is one of the few men in the company outside the flagpole department. He is the shipping manager and handles much of the purchasing of fabric and supplies. "It is a very interesting job," he said, looking up from his desk. "Al is an excellent boss and he pays attention to the details that are important to employees."

The flagpole technicians have — lofty — positions within the company. Just a few days before the national Flag Day on June 14, James Stanton and Dustin Long repaired the cables on two flagpoles at an office building in Merrifield. Stanton, who has been on the job for over seven years, rode his truck's hoist to the top of one of the flagpoles. Asked if he was afraid of heights, he said, "Nope, but I used to be. When I started, I wouldn't even get on a ladder. You get used to it." Stanton works for his father, Steve, the flagpole sales and services supervisor.

All of the company's employees seems to enjoy their jobs. They take pride in their work, and, if asked, likely would join in to sing part of Cohan's chorus.

*You're a grand old flag,  
You're a high flying flag  
And forever in peace may you wave.*



**James Stanton adjusts the cable pulley device atop a 30-foot flagpole.**

**Dustin Long, left, and James Stanton lower a flag to repair the flagpole cable.**

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# Fans of Gaming, Tolkien Set Out To Make Fan Film

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fan. The group began by soliciting investments from friends, family and other acquaintances, Mathias said. As people became attached to the project, they brought others on board. Now, he and his colleagues were seeking out prospective investors, armed with business plans and financial projections. Mathias said they were nearing their target budget of almost

**"There are a lot of little nods the true fans will find kind of funny."**

— Scott Mathias

\$100,000.

He said the movie had a broad niche to tap into, noting that the online game "World of Warcraft" has 11 million subscribers, while legions of "Lord of the Rings" fans are eager for anything connected to the series.

By carefully targeting a specific fan

base, a movie can appeal to a larger audience, Newcomb said, invoking the movie's tagline, "There's a little bit of geek and hero in all of us."

In the film, the leader of the band of teenagers has been framed and has the evidence of his innocence on a flash drive, which, like the One Ring, must be protected at all costs, Mathias said. On their journey, the teens arrive at a truck stop that reflects the crossroads town of Bree, a stopping place for travelers of Middle Earth. Later, they encounter a hippie commune loosely resembling the Elven kingdom of Rivendell. A shadowy, motorcycle-riding pursuer evokes the evil Nazgul of Tolkein's saga. And no reworking of the "Lord of the Rings" would be complete without a creepy, Gollum-like character.

"There are a lot of little nods the true fans will find kind of funny," Mathias said, noting that the character of Tom Bombadil, left out of the movies to the chagrin of some fans, enjoys a reincarnation in "The Fellowship."

He stressed that the film, while a comedy, was more homage than parody.

Mathias said the group hoped to release the movie in 2010 or 2011, noting that two

"Hobbit" films are to be released in 2011 and 2012. "We would love to come out hopefully right before the first film comes out," he said, wanting the movie to serve as an appetizer for eager fans.

He said the group would talk to distributors about showing the film and would take it to film festivals. Should that not work, he said, they would sell copies themselves at conventions. "That'll be a bit of work if it goes down that way, but we want to get our money back and our investors' money."

**THE FIRST CASTING** call was on Saturday in Arlington, to be followed by two more on June 18 and 30. The cast will consist of local actors. Mathias said the crew is currently scouting for shooting locations, all of which will be in Northern Virginia and southern Maryland.

Newcomb pointed out that the lagging economy had brought down the costs of production. "I can pull off a bigger-budget film on a lower budget," he said. It is not the first time Newcomb has seized an opportunity in unlikely circumstances. He made use of his position at McLean Bible Church to offer filmmaking workshops in an attempt to revitalize the local film com-

munity. And, as a "pastor during the day and gamer at night," he said, "I had some of the most open theological discussions online." The anonymous format, he said, helped some people to talk about things they might not discuss face-to-face.

Asked whether, as a former pastor, he was comfortable with the violence of some online gaming, Newcomb said he viewed the fighting as battles of good versus evil, to which he could relate. "As a Christian, I know there's another battle going on," he said. More importantly, he said, the gaming community gave its members, many of them youths, a sense of having a place in something larger, just as he hoped the movie he had co-written would do for its audience. "Become who you were born to be," he said, quoting the Elven Lord Elrond as he presented Aragorn with the ancestral sword of his fathers.

For Newcomb, Mathias and McClung, "The Fellowship," as well as the two other films they have in the works, is part of a larger quest.

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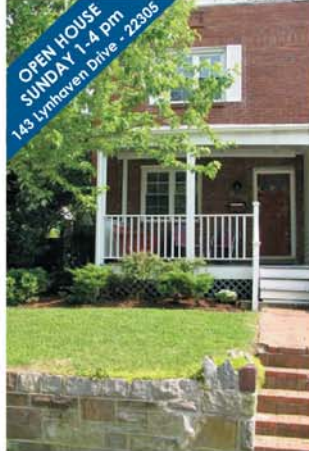
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