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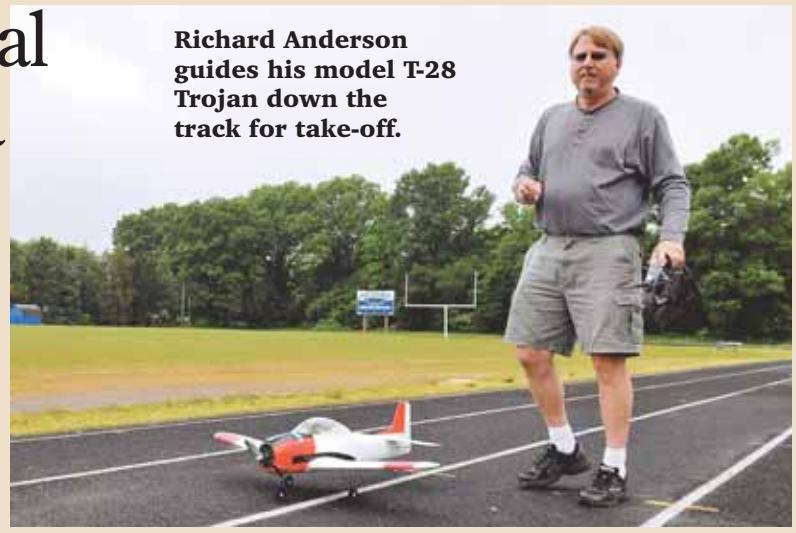
2nd Annual RC Mania At WPHS



Richard Anderson guides his model T-28 Trojan down the track for take-off.

Flying conditions were near perfect on Sunday, May 19, as RC Mania got underway in the back fields at West Potomac High School. Hosted by the West Potomac High School Engineering Club, the Technology Student Association and Technology and Engineering Department, the event drew upon dozens of model airplane, cars and trucks and boat enthusiasts.

The RC planes and helicopters took over the stadium field using the track and the field surface as runways. The planes attempted to keep the flight path around the field to a clockwise rotation. Tamarack Stables in Lorton brought down ponies for the children to ride. Other sponsors included: The Genuario Companies, West Potomac High School and The Hobby Hanger. All proceeds from the event benefit the West Potomac Engineering Department.

Retired Navy pilot Bill Blackr prepares his model F4U Corsair for flight. The Chance Vought F4U Corsair was a carrier-capable fighter aircraft that flew primarily in World War II and the Korean War.

Les Shockley brings his biplane off the field after a successful flight.

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Bridging Students' Digital Divide

WPHS hosts community outreach event.

By Gerald A. Fill
The Gazette

This past Monday evening, May 19, Fairfax County Public Schools conducted the first of 10 community outreach sessions countywide intended to engage interested parents, community leaders and others in helping the school system to develop a vision and plan for the future of digital learning in the Fairfax county public school system.

After an aborted effort to introduce electronic textbooks last year, the school system seeks to develop a fully integrated digital learning plan. Looming large is the likely cost to retrofit the school system that only has by their own admission, "pockets" of successful digital learning programs.

The goal of the West Potomac High School session and the eight more to follow elsewhere in the county through June is to engage the community in helping an instructional technology committee to develop a plan for fully integrating technology for digital learning.

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Ruth Harvey Retires

Hollin Hall gas station owner and co-founder.

By Gerald A. Fill
The Gazette

Fifty-two years ago Leon and Ruth Harvey opened the Hollin Hall Gas Station for business. Now, after more than a half century "Ruth" or "Mrs. Harvey" as many know her, has retired and moved out of the only home in which she ever lived in the Fort Hunt community and into the Paul Spring Retirement Center just a few minutes from the station at the corner of Fort Hunt and Shenandoah Road.

Ruth Ann Harvey

Whether Ruth Harvey was saying hello to Washington political figures who call Mount Vernon

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Working To Help Ex-Offenders

Probation office reintegrates ex-offenders into the community.

By Gerald A. Fill
The Gazette

On average, 2,100 adult offenders are on supervised probation in Fairfax County at any given time. The office that manages these offenders is headed up by Tracy Lavely, a veteran of the Department of Corrections who has worked in the field of adult probation and parole since 1989. She leads a staff of three deputy chiefs, nine senior probation officers, 29 probation officers, four surveillance officers and nine administrative support personnel. Her staff also works closely with a pre-sentence investigative unit, a sex offender unit, and a gang unit.

According to the state Department of Corrections, Virginia is better than most states in successfully reintegrating offenders into the community. The rate of recidivism (re-incarceration) is 23.4 percent, second lowest rate in the nation. Oklahoma has the lowest rate.

Lavely earned a bachelor's degree in forensic studies from Indiana University. Her training includes specialized study of the management of women offenders at the National Institute for Corrections. She also developed and implemented risk needs assessment and treatment plans, and several times led an accreditation audit for the American Correctional Association.

Asked to cite a recent case study of a probation case that highlights the good that can come from the probation program, Lavely shared the following

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Tea Party Ticket

Republican convention selects conservative slate of candidates for November.

By Michael Lee Pope
The Gazette

Perhaps the biggest sign that the Tea Party has taken control of the Republican Party of Virginia was the yellow Gadsden flag emblem that appeared on placards distributed by supporters of Jeannemarie Devolites Davis, who was one of seven candidates vying to be the nominee for lieutenant governor last weekend at a raucous convention in Richmond. Davis, who represented Fairfax County for a decade in the General Assembly, has a reputation as being a moderate. And yet despite her embrace of the "don't tread on me" iconography, she was eliminated on the first of four ballots in the hotly contested race.

Supporters parade through the Coliseum as they wait for the ballots to be counted.

"Frankly, I'm rather appalled by the results, with the ideologically narrow scope of the Republican ticket that emerged in Richmond this weekend," said former Del. Vince Callahan (R-34), who represented Fairfax County for 40 years. "You're turning off the vast majority of Virginians and a significant portion of the Republican base."

The vast majority of the party faithful who packed the halls of the Richmond Coliseum last weekend were looking for the most conservative candidates possible. Republicans were going to select their slate in a statewide primary until last year, when Tea Party supporters of Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli seized control of the executive committee and changed the rules. The primary was spiked in favor of a convention, and moderate Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling dropped out of the race, leaving Cuccinelli to accept the nomination of his party by acclamation without opposition Saturday morning. Cuccinelli used the opportunity to underscore his roots in Northern Virginia

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> — Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli

"I worked with the Democrat Board of Supervisors in Fairfax County to stop the EPA from trying to treat rainwater like a pollutant," said Cuccinelli. "And we won."

BUT NORTHERN VIRGINIA was not popular among many of the delegates here, even though the region had more representatives than any other part of the state. Fairfax County had more delegates than any other jurisdiction because of how the seats were allocated, which was based on a formula using the number of Republican votes in the last gubernatorial and presidential elections. When asked about the influence of the region, many of the delegates who packed the Coliseum last weekend said they were suspicious of Northern Virginia.

"When you get bigger populations, you get more people wanting more stuff," said Craig Gilpin, a delegate from Culpepper. "It's too many, unfortunately, too many liberal Yankees in my opinion. That's where they congregate because of its proximity to D.C."

In speeches and in one-on-one conversations, Republicans who participated in the convention sounded that theme over and over — that Democrats supported people wanting more and more resources from the government. One popular bumper sticker seen in the parking garage outside the Coliseum asked: "Are you a maker or a taker?" Clearly the party faithful who gathered in the capital of Virginia last weekend considered themselves makers — supporters of the capitalism and the free enterprise system. The convention had a strong undercurrent of evangelical influence, at times taking on the feeling of a religious revival.

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"The very moral fiber of the county is dependent on the strength of the family," said Judy Cook, a delegate from Chantilly. "Those are the issues that are decided on by politicians."

The Jeannemarie Devolites Davis campaign tried to adopt the symbol of the Tea Party, but she was eliminated in the first round of voting.

PERHAPS THE BIGGEST surprise of the convention was the victory of conservative preacher E.W. Jackson in the race for attorney general. Few of the delegates considered the pastor from Chesapeake to be a frontrunner until he delivered a barnburner of a speech Saturday afternoon. His supporters held electric candles during the speech, which was delivered with a hellfire-and-brimstone style that had delegates roaring with approval when it was over. Jackson led the other candidates on the first ballot, and kept his lead as other candidates were eliminated in three more rounds of voting. Although many of the Northern Virginia delegates were supporting high-tech businessman Pete Snyder, Jackson was able to win after 10 hours of voting.

"We will not only win an election in November, we will win the hearts and minds of our people and we will save this commonwealth and save this country," said Jackson. "God will show us the way, but Virginia must lead the way, and let liberty light the way."

The other competitive race was for attorney general, which is considered a traditional stepping stone to running for governor of Virginia. The race featured Del. Rob Bell (R-58) of Piedmont and state Sen. Mark Obenshain (R-26) of Harrisonburg, whose father was the party's candidate for the U.S. Senate in 1978 until he was killed in a plane crash that year. Now the son is following in his footsteps, running for statewide office in a party that has become much more conservative in recent years.

"Are you ready to fight and defeat the EPA and its war on coal? Are you ready to fight to stop Obamacare in its tracks?" Obenshain asked delegates. "Are you ready to fight to preserve our right to work laws here in Virginia? And are you ready to fight to secure our Second Amendment rights?"

THE SELECTION of Jackson as the candidate for lieutenant governor throws a wild card into the campaign, one that may change the dynamics of how the campaign will unfold. Democrats responded by criticizing the pastor's previous public statements comparing Planned Parenthood to the Ku Klux Klan and referring to gays in the military as "sexually twisted." Democrats now feel they have a new tool to paint Cuccinelli and the Republican ticket as too conservative for Virginia.

"The vitriol put forth by E.W. Jackson is offensive and utterly unbecoming of anyone hoping to hold elected office," said Fred Sainz, vice president of communications for the Human Rights Campaign. "These candidates couldn't be more out of step with the values that a vast majority of Virginia voters hold."

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Later in the year the FCPS staff will submit a report, proposed plan for the School Board to consider. It will be based on the input of the community, the committee's research of the literature, the digital learning experiences within the FCPS system, and what other public school systems are doing to integrate digital learning fully into their plans, curricula, and budgets.

Among those in attendance at West Potomac High School were Mount Vernon School Board member Daniel Storck, state Del. Scott Surovell, community education leaders and parents. Surovell introduced state legislation (HB 1915) designed to prevent a so-called "digital divide" in school districts. He defines digital divide as when an economic inequality exists and prevents a new technological innovation from being available to all public school students. He referred As an example, he referred to last year when

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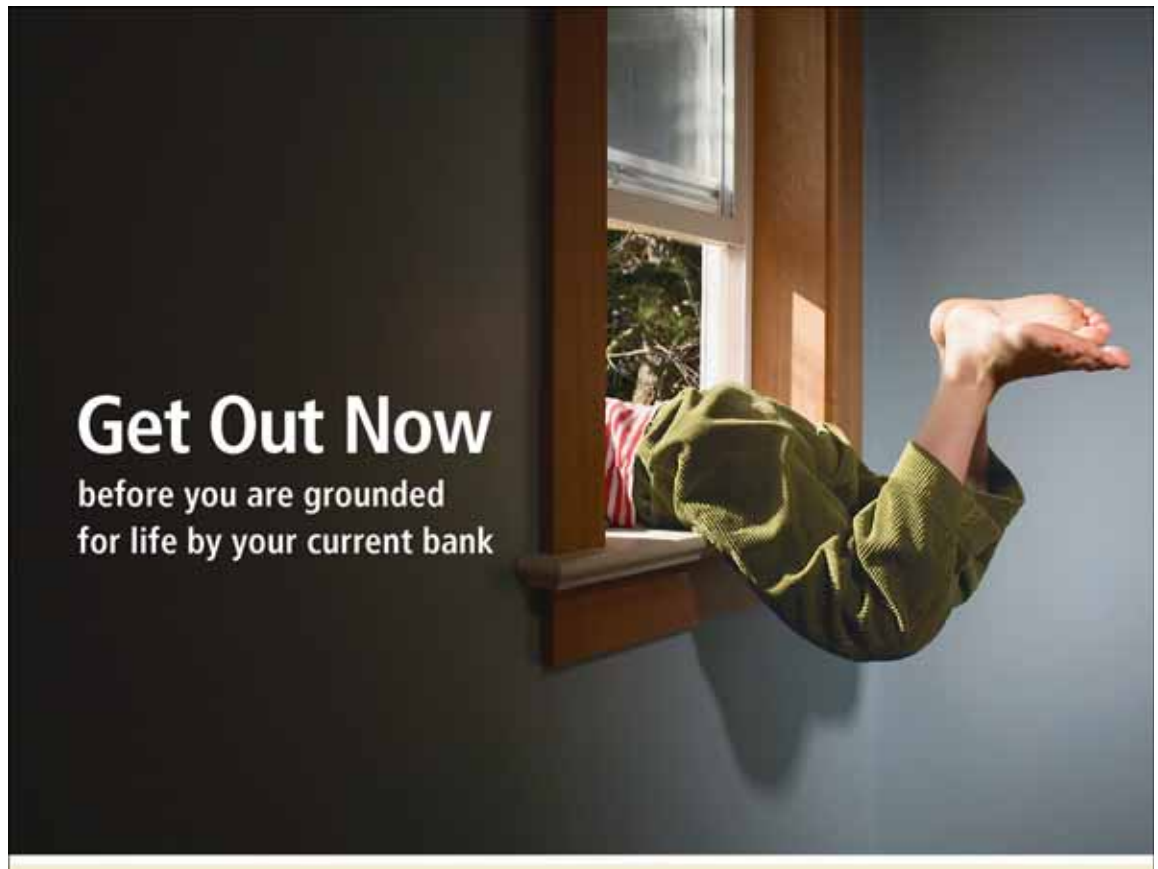

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their home such as the late White House Press Secretary Tony Snow or the many other Fort Hunt area residents, she treated everyone with a warmth that made her and her family a fixture in the close knit Fort Hunt community.

Two years ago at the station's 50th anniversary, hundreds of well wishers paid tribute to Ruth Harvey, her children Tom, Mike, Steve, Bob, Jimmy, and the rest of the Harvey family. "It just won't be the same pulling into the station for gas without Mrs. Harvey's smiling face looking out from the station office window," said one customer.

Ruth Ann Harvey and son, Tom Harvey, at the Paul Spring Retirement Center.

Never one to complain or let personal issues interfere with the gas station business, Ruth Harvey's years of service have not always been trouble-free. Soon after opening the gas station her husband, Leon, suddenly died after suffering a massive heart attack. He was 51. She was 41, the mother of seven children, and didn't even own a driver's license. "My mother gave me $35 to pay for a driver education class. She didn't want me to take from my cash reserve for my weekly groceries. My son Tom was the only one in the family with a driver's license at the time."

After her husband's death she was faced with caring for her large family while also struggling to maintain the business. She gives credit to the community for making it possible: "I couldn't have survived without the loyalty and love of the community. They came to the station and were so nice and supportive of me and my family and helped out in many ways. I will never forget their kindness and support."

She also credits winning dozens of oil company sales awards with helping to give her station the kind of publicity and credibility that helped jump start the business.

She had to withstand other family losses in the early years. In 1970 her son Butch was killed in the Vietnam war, and another son Lee died in 2001 of an infection. Undeterred, she continued to juggle being a mom and a businesswoman, and reflect the quiet determination and positive outlook which is, according to her son Tom, a hallmark of her character.

"Mom has a way of bringing out the best in our family and all who come in contact with her," he said. "Her positive outlook on life, her way of finding the good in everyone, and her focus on family and the friends she has made in the community has been an inspiration to all of us and we are continually reminded of how lucky we are to be a part of her life."

In a interview at the Paul Spring Retirement Center, Ruth Harvey gives credit to her family and the community for whatever success and happiness she realized through the years: "What I have always liked most about the Fort Hunt community is the people. I felt this way soon after I came up from Florida with my husband and the children and it hasn't changed. Other than the passing of Leon, and my two sons, I wouldn't change a thing in my life. Also, I have been blessed with good health which helped me to keep on the job. Several years ago I had a minor stroke and the nurse at the hospital asked me what doctor I would like her to contact about my condition. I told her I didn't have a doctor. Until the stroke I have really not had a health problem and except for giving birth to my children in hospitals I really have not been to a doctor. Right now I visit a cardiologist every six months and take a few pills to prevent another stroke. My mom lived to be 103 so I probably inherited my mom's good health."

Leon Harvey at the station around 1961.

She turned 90 years old on March 11 of this year. She looks forward to the visits from her extended family of five children, 10 grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Her son Tom took over running the business in 1971 and now owns it outright.

She tells the story of a recent incident about her retirement and continuing ties to the station. In March of this year shortly after she retired, Tom called her and said he was shorthanded at the station and could she come in to help out. Of course she agreed. He sent over someone to pick her up and drive her to the station where she happily and proudly put in three hours. Ruth Ann Harvey, the matriarch of the Harvey family and an icon of the Fort Hunt community, retired-almost, after 52 years.

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the FCPS introduced electronic textbooks, but it was brought to a halt when it was discovered that the technology was not available to those students who either didn't have a computer at home or did not have Broadband access. If his legislation passes it would prohibit the use of electronic textbooks in any Virginia public school system that couldn't show that the technology was available to all students. It also would authorize digital learning pilot studies in Title One eligible schools. His legislation has been referred for study to the Joint Commission on Technology and Science, and the Virginia Broad Band Advisory Council.

Surovell said that the equity issue is crucially important; every public school student should have equal access to computer technology and the Internet. Surovell said, "I am pleased that the FCPS is revisiting the deployment of electronic learning systems (in this case electronic textbooks). It is wrong for any public school system to make any learning tool available that cannot be equally accessed by lower income families. Hopefully, these community outreach meetings will help to highlight challenges for FCPS and we will begin the process of making computers available to every child in FCPS and ensuring affordable home broadband access for everyone in Fairfax County."

Storck voiced his enthusiastic support for the community outreach effort: "Our school system has to prepare for effectively teaching all types of learners; we have to ensure that all students have access to technology devices and access to the internet. This will not be easy and , because of budget limitations, we have to use our resources wisely as we move to fully integrate a digital learning program into our county-wide school system."

Attendees were asked to break up into discussion groups to address the facilitator's challenge to ask and answer questions about the development of instructional technology learning. Questions that the participants were asked to address included: What are your beliefs about digital learning? What components should be included in the plan for digital learning in Fairfax County?

Discussion group answers were than posted on large bulletin boards for everyone to review. FCPS staff said that these answers/comments would be solicited of parents and others throughout the county, collected by the staff, and analyzed and incorporated into the digital learning strategic plan for consideration by the School Board. Attendance was sparse. Some attendees said that they were not made aware

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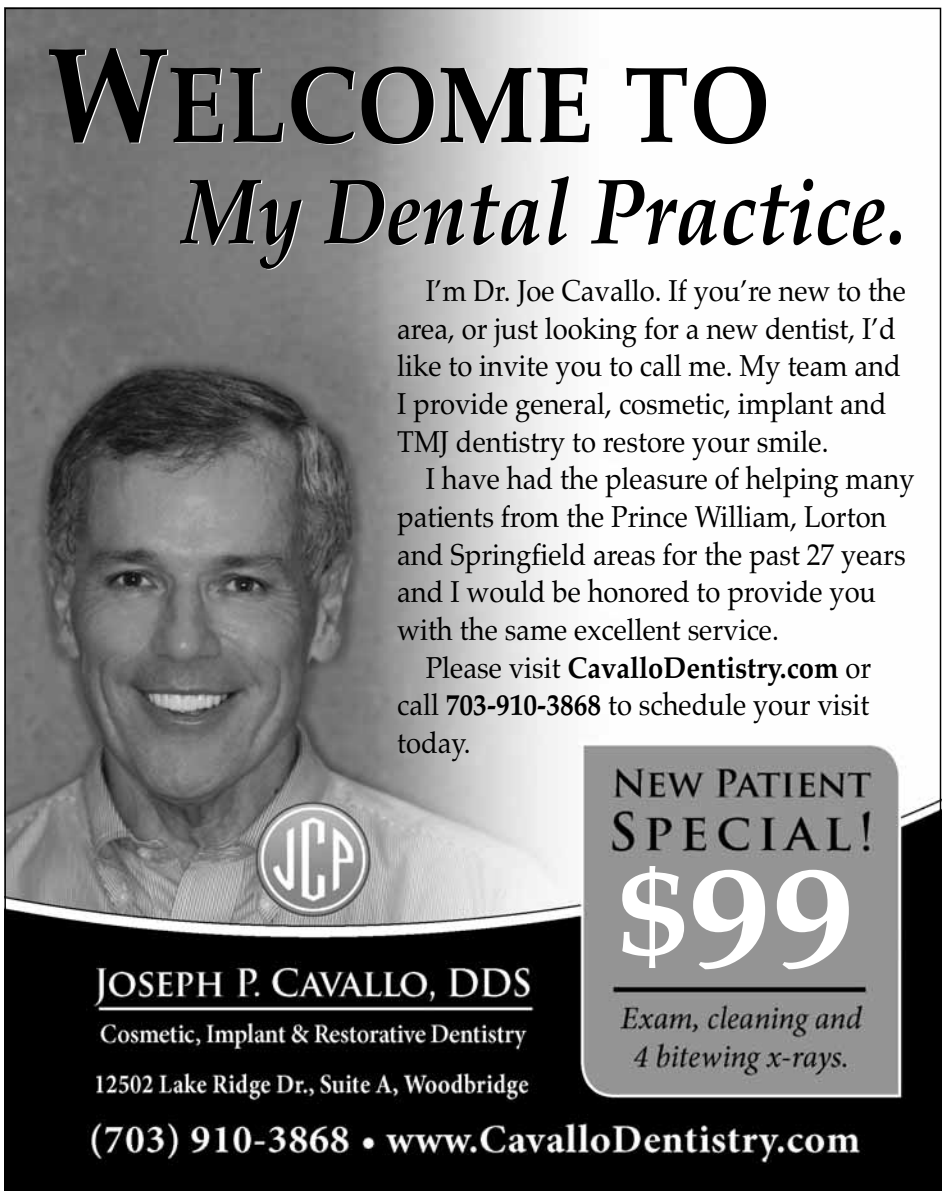

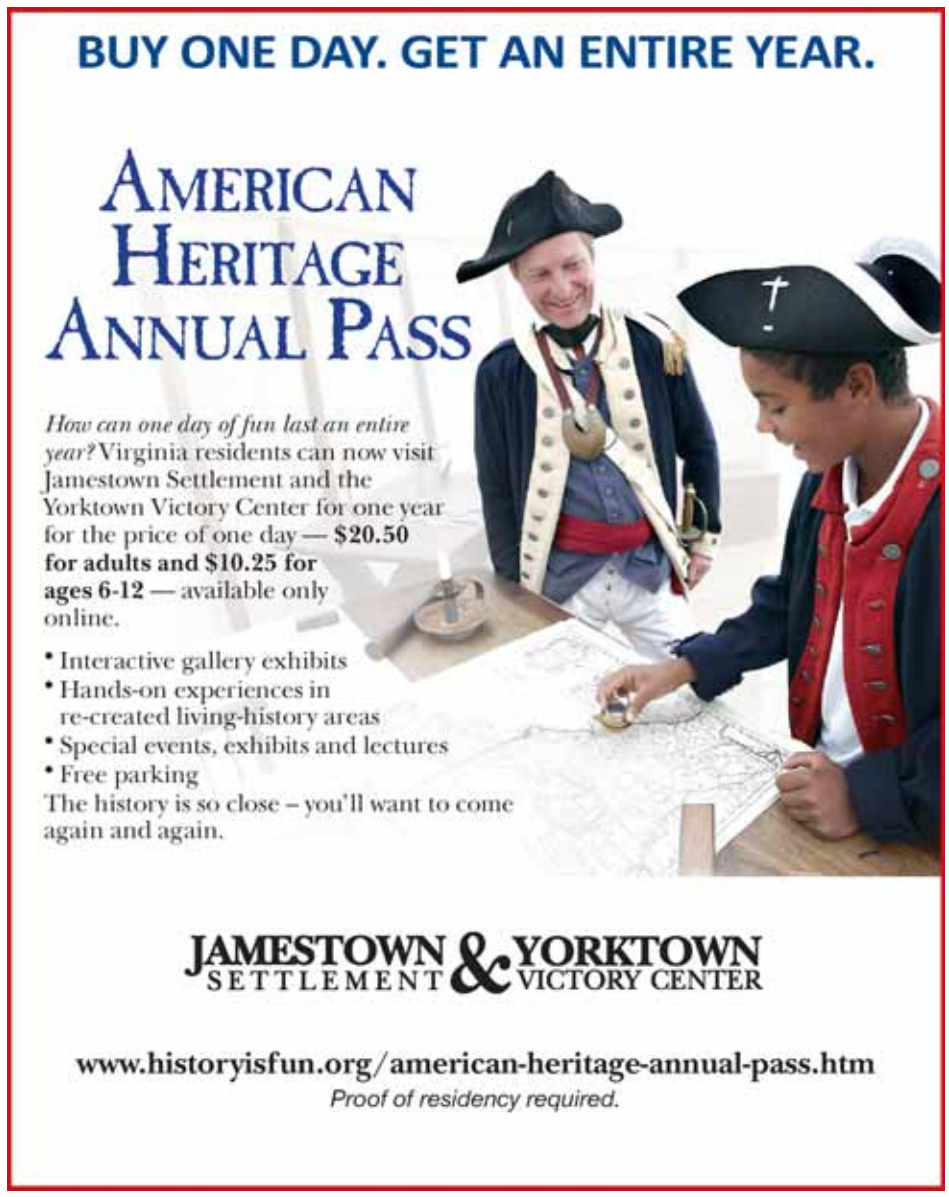

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message from a former supervised offender to his former probation officer thanking him for his efforts and describing his feelings: "Good morning, I don't know if you remember me but you were my probation officer several years ago. I just wanted to say a few things. I now enjoy going to work every day instead of dreading it like before. I have learned more about the world and myself, how to be a man than I ever thought I would. I spend my money on buying presents for my family or anything I want really instead of wasting it on getting high for two hours and wondering how I am going to pay for my next hit. I want you to know that this would never have been possible if you didn't make me feel like you really believed I could get my act together. Throughout the court process back then, you were the only person I genuinely felt you really believed in me. I want you to know how much that meant to me and how all I needed was one person to encourage me. It made all the difference in my recovery. Thanks for being real with me, encouraging me to do the right thing, and believing in me to do it".

Lavely also described a recent successful supervised government sponsored program entitled, Virginia Serious and Violent Reentry (VASAVOR) program. As she describes it: "The program identifies and addresses critical services that an offender needs to enhance their chances to be successful once released from jail or prison." She said the program is very successful and cites one offender who was in prison for three counts of robbery. After serving time he was placed on probation in 2010, and placed on the VASAVOR program. He was channeled into a successful technical/business specialty, helped to receive his certifications and licensure and is doing well in the business specialty. His probation will be completed in November of this year.

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Tracy Lavely, Chief, Adult Probation and Parole, Fairfax County District #29, Virginia Department of Corrections

Lavely sees more and more offenders that are released from jail or prison that have serious mental health issues and require medication and counseling. "These are difficult cases and require more intensive casework from the probation officers, and require more involvement with health care providers," she said.

When asked about why she chose the career of probation and parole, she replied: "All in all I not only love this job but I love probation work; it is important work. The people who work here in the Fairfax office are wonderful people who work hard every single day because they like the work and they know they make a difference. The work we do benefits the community where we live. We help people lead productive lives and that is what this is all about."

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of the meeting until too late to notify others of the meeting and that advance publicity would have generated better attendance.

As part of the session, video presentations were shown of two school districts that were already integrating digital learning into the core of their school system's operating plans, curricula, and budgets: Katy, Texas Independent school district, and Morrisville, N.C. school district. Testimonials from these school districts were positive about the results of their digital learning programs and the impact on student academic performance and enthusiasm for learning. The staff commented that the FCPS has pockets of digital learning programs that are proving successful as learning tools, but that there lacks a digital learning countywide plan, and that is why the community outreach and formation of the Instructional Technology Committee to formulate a plan in the coming months for the School Board to consider.

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Boater Education Course. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 8592 Richmond Highway. Take a course that meets the boating education requirements of all states. To register e-mail eaglesailor75@cox.net or 703-780-3765.

MONDAY/JUNE 3

Application Deadline. Mount Vernon Estate is looking for D.C-area teachers who bring creativity and passion to their teaching, generate a love of learning and deepen their students' understanding and appreciation of history. To apply for Mount Vernon History Teacher of the Year, e-mail educatio@mountvernon.org or 703-799-5082.

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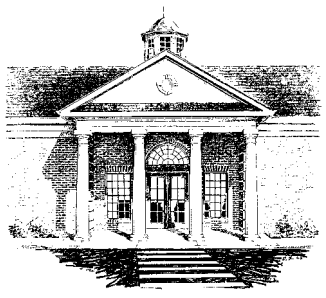

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Opinion

Remembering on Memorial Day

The sacrifices of those who died in war.

1st Lt. Robert J. Hess, 26, of the Kings Park West neighborhood of Fairfax, was killed by enemy fire on April 23, 2013 in Pul-E-Alam, Afghanistan. Hess was known as "RJ" and graduated from Robinson Secondary School in 2005, where he played football, lacrosse and was the captain of the swim team. He was a U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter pilot who deployed to Afghanistan on April 11, 2013. His family remembers his sense of humor and his natural leadership ability.

Lance Cpl. Niall W. Coti-Sears, 23, of Arlington, died June 23, 2012, while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Coti-Sears loved music, played the guitar, composed songs and entertained family and friends at holiday gatherings. Niall was very close to his grandfather, William Coti, who was a Marine. "He was always my protege," William Coti told the Arlington Connection. "He always wanted to be a Marine and he followed my example. It weighs heavily on me that this had to happen."

Chief Warrant Officer Five John C. Pratt, 51, of Springfield, died May 28, 2012 in Kabul, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when his helicopter crashed. Staff Sgt. Jessica M. Wing, 42, of Alexandria, died Aug. 27, 2012 in Kuwait City, Kuwait.

In February, 2012, Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner, 49, of Fairfax, was the highest ranking military officer to die in the war on terror. Hildner died Feb. 3, 2012 in Kabul province, Afghanistan.

ON MEMORIAL DAY, we remember all of those who have died in military service, more than 400,000 in World War II, more than 30,000 in Korea, more than 50,000 in Vietnam.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 6,400 U.S. military service men and women have died in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Nearly 50,000 U.S. Military service members have been wounded, although that number is likely to be revised upward. Last year, the military confirmed traumatic brain injury in more than 220,000 of the more than 2.3 million troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. The long-term consequences of many of these injuries are unknown, but they will require a national commitment to excellence in health care and services for both active duty military personnel and veterans.

Virginia's U.S. Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine recently signed a letter along with other senators detailing the delays veterans face: "After a decade of war, and despite the VA's efforts to modernize, more than 600,000 veterans are still stuck in the VA's disability claims backlog. While the average wait time for first time disability claims currently ranges between 316 and 327 days, veterans in certain parts of the country are waiting even longer. Solving this problem is critical for veterans of all generations."

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OTHER VIRGINIA DEATHS in Afghanistan since last Memorial Day: Sgt. Aaron X. Wittman, 28, of Chester, died Jan. 10, 2013 from small arms fire. Sgt. David J. Chambers, 25, of Hampton, died Jan. 16, 2013 from a roadside bomb. Sgt. Robert J. Billings, 30, of Clarksville, died Oct. 13, 2012 when enemy forces attacked with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sgt. Jonathan P. Schmidt, 28, of Petersburg, died Sept. 1, 2012 from enemy small arms fire. 1st Lt. Stephen C. Prasnicki, 24, of Lexington, died June 27, 2012, from a roadside bomb.

Aaron Carson Vaughn, 30, was one of 30 American service members and 22 Navy SEALs killed Aug. 6, 2011 when their Chinook helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan. Vaughn's family has ties to McLean and Burke. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly, and their two children.

Spc. Douglas Jay Green, 23 of Sterling, died Aug. 28, 2011. when insurgents attacked his unit using a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. Green enlisted in 2007, after attending Potomac Falls High School.

Capt. Jesse A. Ozbat, 28 of Prince George, died on May 20, 2012 in Afghanistan from a roadside bomb. Constructionman Trevor J. Stanley, 22, of Virginia Beach, died April 7, 2012 while deployed to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. Pfc. Michael W. Pyron, 30, of Hopewell, died Jan. 10, 2012 in Afghanistan. Maj. Samuel M. Griffith, 36, of Virginia Beach, died Dec. 14, 2011 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. James Ronald Leep Jr., 44 of Richmond, died Oct. 17, 2011 at Forward Operating Base Kalsu in Iraq. Spc. Levi Efrain Nuncio, 24 of Harrisonburg, died June 22, 2011 in Afghanistan. Capt. Michael Wray Newton, 30 of Newport News, died June 11, 2011 in Afghanistan. Capt. Charles A. Ransom, 31, of Midlothian was one of eight airmen who died April 27, 2011, at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from gunfire. Sgt. Sean T. Callahan, 23, of Warrenton died April 23, 2011 in combat in Afghanistan.

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, after being been seriously wounded months before.

Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford, died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan. Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk died Nov. 22, 2010 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach died July 5, 2010, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, died June 18, 2010 at Zhari district, Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan.

Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After 9/11, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. His application to become a Marine was denied because of his age, but he lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him," said his mother.

2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett II, 27 of Oakton, died Jan, 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son. But the senior Sharrett has battled to learn the truth about his son's death, that he was killed by his lieutenant in the confusion of a firefight. In, April, 2012, Sharrett Sr. obtained documents confirming some of the details of his son's death and a subsequent cover-up, according to Tom Jackman of the Washington Post.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq. He was 22. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), an organization which provides emotional support and other services for families of the fallen. This Memorial Day weekend, TAPS will bring together survivors in Arlington for the 18th National Military Survivor seminar, along with a "good grief" camp for children who have lost a parent.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, when an IED exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

U.S. Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq on Oct. 29, 2005.

Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Iraq, Oct. 17, 2005.

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Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May

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Jeff Bruce, arborist with the All America Lawn and Tree Service in Mount Vernon, spreads mulch on top of the rootbase of the shrubbery along the median border at Riverside Estates.

Riverside Estates Median Clean-up

Residents of Riverside Estates volunteered on May 4 to do a little clean-up on the median strips bordering the residential community off Old Mount Vernon Road. Throughout the morning volunteers cleared weeds and trash in the flower beds and added mulch to the shrubs and bushes along the roadside.

The north entrance of Riverside Estates after the clean-up.

Past president of the Riverside Estates Civic Association Mark Miller breaks up and spreads mulch over a recently planted border shrub.

Remembering on Memorial Day

From Page 8

26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq.

Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamouski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria, and Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

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Politics

Conservative Consolidation

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Although the election for lieutenant governor is normally a sleeper, the race this year has taken increased prominence. Because the state Senate is deadlocked between 20 Democrats and 20 Republicans, the next lieutenant governor will determine which party controls half of the General Assembly. That puts Jackson at the center of a fight for control of the state Senate.

"This is the most conservative Republican ticket that I can think of over the past 30 years," said Steven Farnsworth, professor at the University of Mary Washington. "It also comes to the fore at a time that Virginia has moved very clearly into a purple state status."

THE COMING election may be a test case for how conservative candidates can be and still win. Farnsworth says that the slate of candidates on the ballot are the most conservative in at least 30 years, indicating that the state party has drifted to the right — especially with the dynamic of a convention selecting the most ideologically pure candidates possible. That leaves moderate Republicans frustrated by an inability to gain traction.

"Virginia Republicans have raised the stakes for anyone who believes that government should be about results for Virginia families, and not a platform for an extreme and divisive social agenda," said Catherine Waddell, a former Republican who represented Richmond in the House of Delegates. "None of us can afford to sit on the sidelines and let this ticket turn Virginia into a playground for their extreme agenda."

Part of that shift to the right was accelerated by the move from a statewide primary to a caucus of party faithful. When Jackson ran in the primary for the U.S. Senate in 2012, he was able to muster only about five percent of the vote — coming in last place in a four-way race. But the dynamics of a convention are very different, and Jackson led the voting from the start, even coming close to achieving the 50 percent threshold to win on the first ballot.

"Jackson might be a drag on the ticket for Cuccinelli, or at least a serious distraction," said Geoff Skelly, political analyst for the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "If Jackson does prove to be a true liability for the Republican ticket, then they will probably look back on the decision to shift to a convention with some remorse."

Military Notes

Army National Guard **Pvt. Werner Van Der Heyde** has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. Van Der Heyde is the son of Leroy and Maria Van Der Heyde of Reading Ave., Alexandri.

Navy Seaman Samir N**. Harris**, son of Nathaniel H. Harris of Alexandria, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Harris is a 2002 graduate of Woodrow Wilson Senior igh School of Washington, D.C.

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Reenactors from several Union living history groups will set up camps, and demonstrate aspects of army life in the defense system such as drilling, firing demonstrations, camp cooking, medical care, leisure-time activities, and the role of civilians in Washington's camps and forts. The event will feature units such as the 3rd U.S. Regular Infantry, Co. H; Brady's Sharpshooters; the 1st U.S. Artillery (Fort Washington Guard); the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry; and the 23rdU.S. Colored Troops, a regiment that was raised at Camp Casey, a major recruiting and training base that was located in Arlington during the Civil War. A telegraph operator will interpret the importance of communication in the defense system, and a regimental clerk will be stationed in the fort's reconstructed Officers' Hut. Artillerymen will be on duty in the fort's fully restored bastion, and an ordnance sergeant will show examples of projectiles and equipment used by artillerymen of the period. Special soldier-led tours of the camps and fort will be offered at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Children can make their own corps badges to wear for the day.

Fort Ward is the best preserved of the extensive system of Union forts known as the Civil War Defenses of Washington. The Museum features exhibits and programs throughout the year. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

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Art Exhibit. Through Tuesday, June 25, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at River Farm Gardens, East Blvd. Come see "Elegance of Spring."

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SATURDAY/MAY 25

Tour. 1 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 109 S. Alfred St. Learn about three major fires, the techniques used to fight them and the five volunteer companies of the early city. $6/adult; $4/youth ages 10-17. Reservations required, 703-746-4994.

Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Stop by the Del Ray Artisans yard sale. Profits support Del Ray Artisans. Free. For information on volunteering, contact Lesley at Volunteers@TheDelRayArtisans.org. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/YardSale.

Sunset Viewing at Mount Vernon. 6-8:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. Families can enjoy evening tors of the mansion, dancing, games, wagon rides and more. Food, wine and beer will be available for purchase. $18/adult; $12/child; free for children under 5. This is a separate ticket from daytime estate admission. Visit mountvernon.org for tickets and information.

Bill Jenkins' World of Music.11 a.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Hear music and then try out the instruments. All ages. Free. 703-746-1704.

Saturday Stories. 11 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages can enjoy stories and songs. Free. 703-746-1702.

Free Meditation Workshop. 1 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Learn breathing technique and more. Free. 703-746-1702.

Story Walk. 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 6-12 can take a walk and then draw what you see. Free. 703-746-1702.

Music. 3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Washington Korean Chromanharp Choir will perform. Free. All ages. 703-746-1702.

Performance. 7 p.m. or 10 p.m.at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Kier performs. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/home.html or 703-544-5313.

Wag A Tale. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Children ages 5-12 can register to read aloud to Chester, a reading therapy dog. Registration required, 703-339-4610.

Ebook Workshop. 1 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Bring your eBook reader and library card and get all questions answered. Free. 703-971-0010.

Virginia Grand Military Band. 7:30 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, NVCC Campus, 3001 N. Beauregard St. "Salute to Memorial Day Concert," with works by Sousa, Shostakovich and Fillmore. Adults $15. - band directors, students and children free. Visit www.vgmb.com, email manager@vgmb.com or call 703-426-4777.

Book Signing. 3-5 p.m. at Re*Reads Books, 8742 Cooper Road. Dmitry Potoskiy will sign copies of his his memoir "Journal of a Russian Businessman." Visit www.rereads-usedbooks.com for more.

SATURDAYS THROUGH JUNE 29

Walking Tour Devoted to Dogs. 10 a.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. All dogs on a leash can enjoy a 1.25 mile walk around the estate, and learn about canine life at Mount Vernon. $5/for the tour plus the general admission for owners. Dogs are free. Visit www.mountvernon.org or 703-780-2000.

SUNDAY/MAY 26

Sunset Viewing at Mount Vernon. 6-8:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. Families can enjoy evening tors of the mansion, dancing, games, wagon rides and more. Food, wine and beer will be available for purchase. $18/adult; $12/child; free for children under 5. This is a separate ticket from daytime estate admission. Visit mountvernon.org.

MONDAY/MAY 27

Annual Jazz Festival. 1-6 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1 Prince St. Hear music by the United States Navy Band, Al Williams, Daniel Ori, Emy Tseng and more. Free. 703-746-5592.

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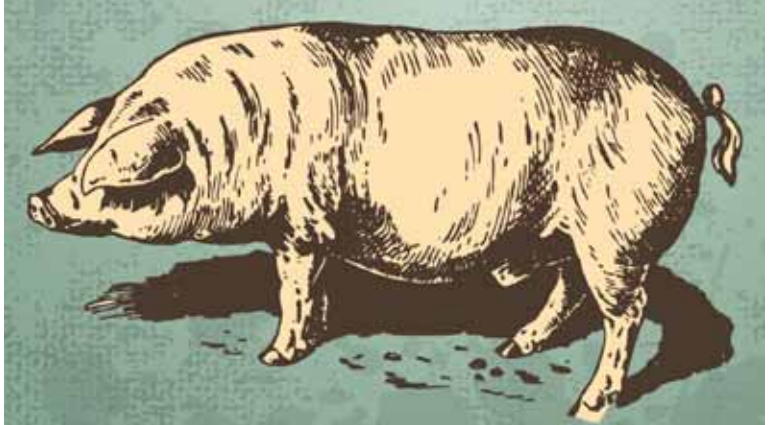

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Remembrance. 11 a.m. at Mt. Vernon Rec Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. Join citizens of Alexandria and the "Friends of Rocky Versace" as they remember Alexandria's fallen military heroes at the Capt. Rocky Versace Plaza and Vietnam Veterans' Memorial. The ceremony will include reading the names of the 67 men on the Memorial, a wreath-laying, sounding of "Taps" and singing "God Bless America."

TUESDAY/MAY 28

Stories and Songs. 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 1-4 can enjoy stories and more. Sign up half-hour before. Free. 703-746-1705.

Mother Goose Time. 10:15 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen ST. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy games, rhymes and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Time For 2s. 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children age 24-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Stories to Grow On. 11 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children age 2 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Tuesday Tots. 11 a.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 2-3 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1704.

Baby Rhyme Time. 11:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Paws to Read. 5:30 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children in grades 1-6 can read to friendly dogs. Registration required, 703-746-1705.

Game Night. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 8-12 can play with their friends. Free. 703-746-1702.

Martha's Family Movie. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. All ages can watch a film based on a children's classic book. Free. Registration required. 703-768-6700.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 29

Adoption Information Session. 6:30-7:30 p.m. at UMFS, 5400 Shawnee Rd, Suite 101. Agency representatives will be on hand to answer questions and explain the requirements to foster or adopt. Free. Visit www.umfs.org or call 703-941-9008.

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Lego Family Night. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Families can enjoy building together and more. Free. 703-746-1702.

PBS Documentary Screening. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Join for screenings of POV documentaries. Free. 703-746-1702.

Documentary. 5 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Watch "Girl Rising." Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/home.html or 703-544-5313.

THURSDAY/MAY 30

Psychic Show. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Come see Sylvia Browne present her one woman show about her work in the field of parapsychology, give readings and hold a Q&A on her field and work. $55. Visit www.birchmere.com.

Tour. 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Leaves from Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Travel to Richmond to an herb farm for lunch and a class on lavender followed by an afternoon tour of the gilded age of Maymont Estate and gardens. $119 per person.Register on-line at www.greenspring.org or call Green Spring Gardens 703-642-5173.

Mother Goose Time. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

Story Time. 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Story Time. 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

Story Time. 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 3 and up can enjoy stories and more.

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Pride Party at Studio 4, Old Town

The artists of Studio 4, Old Town, in Alexandria, are creating a topical show of 2D and 3D artworks reflecting on the themes of pride and equality. The artists believe that art is a vehicle for social change and are devoted to making the community a better place. They have committed to donating a portion of all proceeds raised via art sales to Fairfax Pride. An evening that includes live entertainment is in the works for the exhibit's mid-month "Pride Party" reception, taking place Saturday, June 15, 6-9 p.m. at Studio 4, Old Town. It is free and open to the public. The exhibition will be on display through June 30 at Studio 4, Old Town, 218 N. Lee Street, Suite 101. Gallery Hours: Wednesday-Satutday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday noon-5 p.m. Visit www.facebook.com/events/150301198479526.

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Free. 703-746-1703.

Pajama Party. 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 3-6 can come dressed in their favorite outfit/pajamas and listen to stories. Free. 703-746-1704.

Sharing Your Story. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Learn how to tell a story through blogs and other social networking tools, such as twitter, Pinterest and more. Free. 703-746-1702.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Hear The Mike Tony Echols Project. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/home.html or 703-544-5313.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 31-JUNE 1

Fundraiser. 7 p.m. Silent Auction at West Potomac High School Spring Choral Show to support the All Night Graduation Celebration. Tickets are $10 in advance, $12 at the door. Visit www.fcps.edu/WestPotomacHS/index.html.

MAY 30 THROUGH JULY 14

Art Exhibit. See "Hair Apparent" in the Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. It is a multimedia exhibit featuring sculpture, photography, performance and assemblage. Free.

FRIDAY/MAY 31

Comedy. 7 p.m. or 10 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Jody Kerns performs. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/home.html or 703-544-5313.

SATURDAY/JUNE 1

21st Annual Alexandria Armenian Festival. 1:30-6 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Enjoy vendors, entertainment, food and more. Free admission. Visit www.alexandriaarmenianfestival.com/ for more.

Alexandria Art Market. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Colasanto Park, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Meet local artists and hear live music. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org/artmarket for more.

Closing Benefit. 7-10 p.m. see "Artworks for Good" at Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Proceeds benefit American Cancer Society Call 703-838-4827 or visit www.thedelrayartisans.org.

T.C. Williams Alumni Baseball Game. 2 p.m. at Eugene Simpson Field, 420 East Monroe Ave. All former players from T.C. Williams. Hammond, G.W. and Parker Gray High Schools are invited to play in the game and reconnect with old friends.$20. Buffet dinner, courtesy of the T.C. Williams Baseball Boosters, will be served at the field immediately following the game. $20. For more information contact Jeff Beck at jbeck55@msn.com.

Music Performance. Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra perform at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Wine on the Water. 6-8 p.m. at Alexandria Seaport Foundation Workshop, 2 Duke St. Sponsored by Grape + Bean, with proceeds benefiting the Alexandria Seaport Foundation. Taste wine while watching boats sail by and bidding on silent auction items. $60/person and at the door. Visit www.brownpapertickets.com/event/373238 for tickets.

Kitten Shower and Adoption Event. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at King Street Cats, 25 Dove St. Suggested gifts: KMR powder or canned, Pro-plan dry or wet food, Wellness wet food, Gerber baby food (chicken only), puppy pads, paper towels, and Fresh Step clay or pine litter. Refreshments will be served. Visit www.kingstreetcats.org.

JUNE 1-29

Art Exhibit. Eight painters, including Alexandria artist Christine Gray, have been selected as finalists for the Bethesda Painting Awards. Their works will be on display at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda. Free. Gallery hours are from noon-6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

JUNE 1 THROUGH JUNE 30

Art Exhibit. The artists of Studio 4, Old Town, 218 N. Lee St., Suite 101, have created 2D and 3D artworks on the themes of pride and equality. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Visit www.facebook.com/WorkhouseStudio4 for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 2

Opening Reception. 4-6 p.m. see

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"Hair Apparent" in the Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. It is a multimedia exhibit featuring sculpture, photography, performance and assemblage. Free.

Hymn Festival. 5 p.m. at Historic Christ Church, 118 N. Washington St. The choirs of Christ Church, St. Mary's Arlington, Grace Church Alexandria, St. George's Arlington, St. Luke's Alexandria, St. Paul's Alexandria, and Church of the Redeemer Bethesda, will combine for a memorable hymn festival. The service will feature a variety of hymns sung by both the congregation and the combined choirs. A reception will follow in the churchyard. Visit www.historicchristchurch.org.

The Whole Hog. 11 a.m. at Union Street Public House, 121 S. Union St. Enjoy an all-you-can eat Southern-style barbeque menu. $20. Reservations at 703-548-1785.

Book Discussion. 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Deborah Parker will discuss her book and work "Hardcore Leadership: 11 Master Lessons from My Airborne Ranger Uncle's 'Final Jump.'" Free. 703-746-1751.

JUNE 3 THROUGH 13

Art Class. At Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Ln. Artists ages 4-6 explore clay, paint, collage, building, drawing and printing in a playful studio setting. Call 703-201-1250 or visit www.artatthecenter.org.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 5

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Celia Wexler will discuss "Out of the News: Former Journalist Discusses a Profession in Crisis." Free. 703-746-1751.

THURSDAY/JUNE 6

Garden Stroll and Tea. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Tour some of the gardens with a master gardener docent who will tell stories of Green Spring past and present. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea served in our 1784 historic house. $28. Call 703-914-7987 to register.

SATURDAY/JUNE 8

Program. Mount Calvary Baptist Church, located at 2221 Emmett Drive. Come to a community/health day program. Rain date June 29. www.mountcalvarybaptist.com.

Mrs. Madison's Ball. 8-11 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Enjoy live music, special dessert collation and a cash bar. $45/advance; $50/door if available. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org or 703-746-4242.

Civil War Fort Day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Watch re-enactors set up camp, lead drills and more. Tours will be at 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. $2/person or $5/family. Visit www.fortward.org or 703-746-4848.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 8-30

Art Exhibit. See the exhibit "Food: Friend or Foe," which examines the complex relationship we have with food. Showcases 19 works by artists from all over the country. Free. Located at Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target.

SUNDAY/JUNE 9

Sunday Film Fest. 2 p.m. at Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Free. Watch "Calendar Girls." Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or 703-746-1702.

MONDAY/JUNE 10

Meet the Artists. 10 a.m.-noon at River Farm. Meet the artists of "The Elegance of Spring." For more information, call 703-768-5700 or visit www.ahs.org.

THURSDAY/JUNE 13

Lecture. 7:30-9 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. The Potowmack chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society will discuss "Celebrating the Natural Communities of VA," including plant roots and their fungal partners. Free. 703-642-5173.

Reception. 6-8 p.m. enjoy a juror talk with April Wood and see the exhibit "Food: Friend or Foe," which examines the complex relationship we have with food. Showcases 19 works by artists from all over the country. Free. Located at Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Visit www.torpedo factory.org/target for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 14

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Come see HEM perform. $25. Visit www.hemmusic.com.

Opening Reception. 6-9 p.m. eight painters, including Alexandria Christine Gray, have been selected as finalists for the Bethesda Painting Awards. Their works will be on display at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda. Free.

SATURDAY/JUNE 15

Workshop. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Adults and children work together to choose a "legend" in their family, write their story, and make it into a handmade storybook to take home.

Pride Party Reception. 6-9 p.m. the artists of Studio 4, Old Town, 218 N. Lee St., Suite 101, have created 2D and 3D artworks on the themes of pride and equality. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Visit www.facebook.com/WorkhouseStudio4 for more.

Book Signing and Discussion. 4 p.m. at The Gallery at Convergence. Mike Stavlund will sign and discuss his book "The Reshaping of Faith in a Year of Grief." Free.

SUNDAY/JUNE 16

Carlyle House Tours. Noon-4 p.m. Free tours on Father's Day for all fathers and grandfathers at the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. $5/adults; $3/children ages 5-12. Contact carlyle@nvrpa.org or call 703-549-2997.

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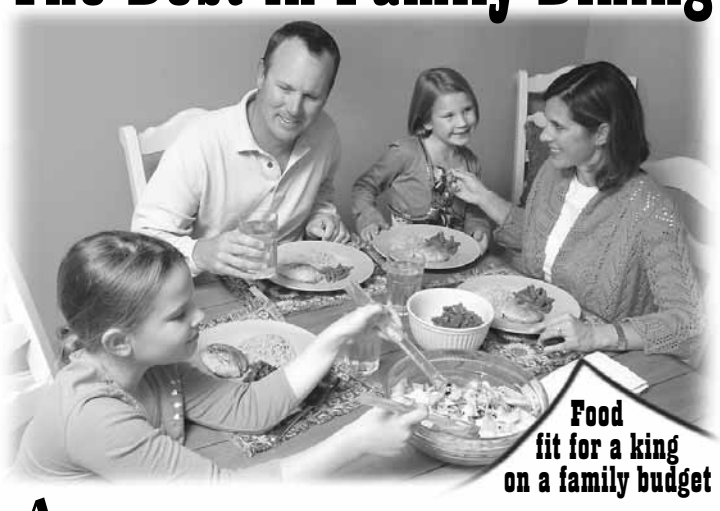

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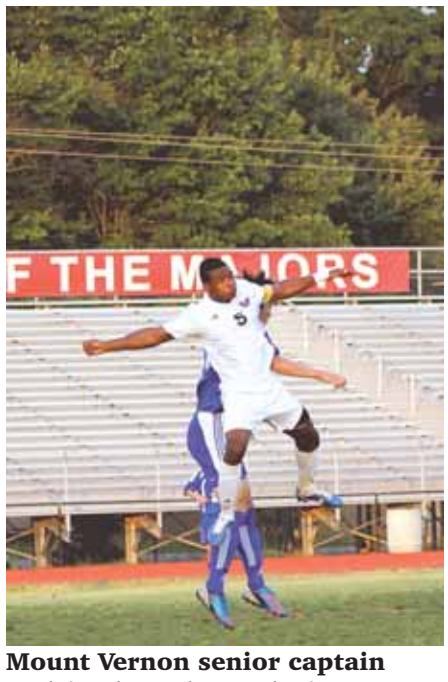
Mount Vernon senior Simond Kargbo scored two goals against Fairfax on Tuesday at Mount Vernon High School.

Mount Vernon senior Rahim Costa-Dorsey, right, scored three goals in the first half of the Majors' 6-2 victory over Fairfax on Tuesday in the first round of the Northern Region tournament.



Mount Vernon senior captain Cedric Ekoue leaps during Tuesday's contest against Fairfax.

Photos by Caroline Donnelly

Resurgent Majors Advance to Regional Quarterfinals

Mount Vernon repeats as National District champion.

By Jon Roetman
The Gazette

As members of the Mount Vernon boys' soccer team walked off their home field following a postgame meeting Tuesday night, head coach Tony Garza critiqued the Majors' performance during the opening round of the Northern Region tournament.

"They're finally jelling. They're finally clicking together," Garza said. "It took a whole season to do that, but they're playing better now."

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> **— Mount Vernon boys' soccer coach Tony Garza**

Four days after repeating as National District champions, the Majors defeated Fairfax 6-2 in the first round of the regional tournament at Mount Vernon High School. The Majors built a 3-0 halftime lead, thanks to a hat trick by senior Rahim Costa-Dorsey, and cruised to victory.

Mount Vernon extended its winning streak six games and returns to the regional quarterfinals for the fourth consecutive season. The Majors will host T.C. Williams, the Patriot District's No. 3 seed, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 23.

While Mount Vernon is playing well at the right time as it attempts to make a deep postseason run, the Majors' 2013 campaign didn't start on such a successful note. Mount Vernon went winless in its first four games under first-year head coach Garza, dropping to 0-3-1 after a 1-0 loss to South Lakes on April 8. The Majors finished 14-2-2 the year before and brought home a district championship under then-head coach Robert Garza, Tony Garza's twin brother. After the 2012 season, Robert Garza left Mount Vernon to become the head coach of the Robinson boys' soccer program. Tony Garza took over as head coach of the Majors after five seasons coaching the Mount Vernon girls' team, but the program's success from 2012 didn't carry over at first.

Tony Garza earned his first win with the boys' team on April 15, when the Majors beat Falls Church 4-0. But the Majors failed to sustain success, losing four of five at one point, culminated by a 2-1 loss to then-undefeated Hayfield on May 2.

While the loss to Hayfield was Mount Vernon's third consecutive defeat, it proved to be a turning point for the better. Costa-Dorsey, a senior forward, and Lucas Belanger, a standout senior goalkeeper, had returned to the Majors after playing for academy teams. And even though Mount Vernon lost to Hayfield, Garza said the Majors played well.

"That game was probably the best we've played all season long," Garza said. "They beat us 2-1; no excuses, no nothing. When they beat us 2-1, the boys after the game, they were emotional. They were just completely spent. They all made a promise they wanted to see Hayfield again. I was like, you want to see Hayfield again, we've got to start a brand new season. … After that game, we just set our sights for a brand-new season and from there we just went straight on through."

Mount Vernon hasn't lost since, including a 6-1 victory against Hayfield on May 17 in the National District championship game.

On Tuesday, the Majors took control early against Fairfax as Dorsey-Costa found the net in the fourth minute.

"Rahim, I'll tell you, he's a Godsend to us, I'll be honest," Garza said. "The hardest thing [about defending him] is a lot of teams will double-team him because they know his capability — which leaves our players open — but he still has the ability and the skill to just break through them …"

Dorsey-Costa finished with three goals against Fairfax — all in the first 33 minutes.

"I try to keep the morale up of the team," Dorsey-Costa said. "Soccer, you've got to have a passion for it. When you play out there, you've got to have fun. I try to get the guys to just have fun as if we were playing [in a] regular practice. I just want to have fun out on the field and score goals."

Mount Vernon senior captain Simond Kargbo scored two goals against Fairfax and senior Foday Sillah added one.

The Majors have talked about the breaking the "curse" of the quarterfinals. Mount Vernon hasn't reached the third round of regionals since 2005, according to Garza, who is also the assistant director of student activities at Mount Vernon High School. The Majors will have another opportunity to end the "curse" Thursday night, when Mount Vernon hosts T.C. Williams. The Titans won the teams' regular season matchup, 3-0, on March 21.

"The way I feel," Kargbo said, "the only the team that can beat us is ourselves."

Sports Briefs

WPHS Baseball To Face Centreville

The West Potomac baseball team will travel to face Centreville at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 23 in the opening round of the Northern Region tournament.

West Potomac received the Patriot District's No. 3 seed. Centreville is the No. 2 seed from the Concorde District and finished atop the district's regular-season standings. The two teams met during the regular season, with Centreville winning 9-5 on April 2. The winner of West Potomac-Centreville will face the winner of Washington-Lee and Marshall in the quarterfinals at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 27 at Madison High School.

WPHS Softball To Face Herndon

The West Potomac softball team, which finished the Patriot District's No. 3 seed, will travel to face Herndon at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 24 in the opening round of the Northern Region tournament. Herndon is the No. 2 seed from the Concorde District.

MVHS Softball To Face McLean

The Mount Vernon softball team will travel to face McLean at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 24 in the first round of the Northern Region tournament. Mount Vernon is the No. 3 seed from the National District. McLean is the No. 2 seed from the Liberty District.

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