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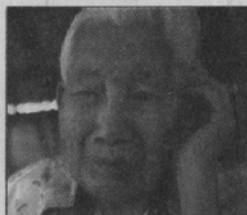
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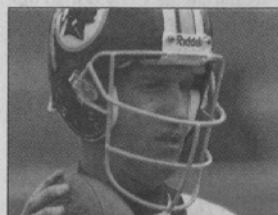
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Volunteers excavate at historic mill

Foundation hopes to reopen site to public

By KEITH WALKER
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Artifact hunters at Beverly Mill had a successful Saturday morning, searching for historical objects from the foundation of the 259-year-old grist mill at the westernmost edge of Prince William County.

Within two hours, volunteers from The Turn the Mill Around Foundation collected an impressive assortment of objects from mounds of rubble piled next to the six-story stone building.

Archaeologist Mark Joyner

helped the volunteers as they tried to discern the uses of some of the hinges, pipes, nails, glass, brackets and chisels that remained at the bottom of their screens after they sifted through shovel loads of soil.

"In about an hour and a half, we've gotten over 1,000 artifacts," said Joyner of The Association for the Study of Archaeological Properties.

The mill, which in its time ground corn, wheat and limestone, drew its power from Bull Run, where the stream runs from Prince William County into Fauquier County.

An arsonist's fire in 1998 left debris at the foundation of the building.

Excavating crews removed the debris from the interior of the 40-by-50-foot building and piled it outside.

Joyner said the mounds seem to be organized.

"I don't know if they did it on purpose, but the first pile seems to be roofing material and the second pile seems to be the floors. We're actually finding some finishing flooring nails," Joyner said.

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Mark Joyner, left, Harry Leach and Eileen Vroom, director of Beverly Mill survey the interior walls of the historic site.

Pentagon struggles to shape military

By SUSANNE M. SCHAFER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's developing national security strategy could mean a smaller military with less emphasis on coping with several crises at once, Pentagon officials say.

Rumsfeld and his top military and civilian advisers have modified...

LOTTERIES

These lotteries were drawn last week
Saturday, July 28

Virginia	
Midday Pick 3.....	7-9-6
Midday Pick 4.....	2-7-0-7
Midday Cash 5.....	20-22-26-31-34
District of Columbia	
Midday Lucky Nos.....	9-5-1
Midday D.C. Four.....	0-1-1-2
Lucky Nos.....	3-7-7
D.C. Four.....	1-3-3-4
Quick Cash.....	19-25-38-28-39-30
Hot Five.....	16-23-9-3-20

Maryland	
Midday Pick 3.....	6-9-9
Midday Pick 4.....	1-2-3-4

Friday, July 27:	
Virginia	
Midday Pick 3.....	2-8-2
Midday Pick 4.....	1-5-7-7
Midday Cash 5.....	2-6-12-18-25
Pick 3.....	6-0-2
Pick 4.....	6-0-9-0
Cash 5.....	11-17-26-28-33
Big Game.....	28-29-43-46-47(3)
District of Columbia	
Midday Lucky Nos.....	7-3-3
Midday D.C. Four.....	6-4-9-6
Lucky Nos.....	7-5-4
D.C. Four.....	5-4-7-0
Quick Cash.....	22-28-2-23-1-30
Hot Five.....	22-32-33-10-17

Maryland	
Midday Pick 3.....	2-6-5
Midday Pick 4.....	8-8-7-8
Pick 3.....	8-4-1
Pick 4.....	7-9-9-1
Cash In Hand.....	4-7-14-16-18-21-25
Let it Ride.....	0-8-2-2

Thursday, July 26:	
Virginia	
Midday Pick 3.....	1-2-4
Midday Pick 4.....	5-7-5-3
Midday Cash 5.....	6-14-20-29-30
Pick 3.....	0-4-9
Pick 4.....	3-4-6-1
Cash 5.....	5-6-16-20-31
District of Columbia	
Midday Lucky Nos.....	0-2-9
Midday D.C. Four.....	2-0-7-3
Lucky Nos.....	8-6-8
D.C. Four.....	2-7-7-6
Quick Cash.....	3-14-17-31-1-7
Hot Five.....	21-31-33-30-10

Maryland	
Midday Pick 3.....	0-2-9
Midday Pick 4.....	2-0-7-3
Pick 3.....	8-6-8
Pick 4.....	2-7-7-6
Quick Cash.....	3-14-17-31-1-7
Hot Five.....	21-31-33-30-10

MILL

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Harry Leach, of Broad Run, volunteered to help dig with a round-nosed shovel and sift the rubble through 2x2-foot screens suspended from tripods made of 10-foot two-by-fours.

Leach, 68, remembers seeing the mill from a train window as he rode to the country from Arlington.

"I used to come by here as a kid on a train on the way to my grandparents' house," Leach said.

"My great-great-great-grandparents used to live on the other side of the mountain and I'm sure they came here to use the mill," Leach said as he filled a 5-gallon bucket with debris.

Leach, who also volunteers with The Friends of Bull Run, said it was just natural for him to get involved with the work at the mill.

"I'm interested in the history of the area given that my ancestors lived here," Leach said.

Gary Thompson brought his son Andrew to help dig and picked up more than just artifacts while volunteering.

"We learned that business was okay, but after the railroad came through business was booming," Thompson, 56, said.

Eileen Vroom, the executive director of the Turn the Mill Around Foundation, said the railroad came through in 1852.

"It really opened things up and a lot of their flour and so on was shipped out of the country," she said.

"We learned that the mill finally closed down in 1952 because it couldn't compete with the bigger mills and it cost them too much to meet the government's sanitation standards," Thompson said.

"We also learned that the mill has been through about four fires and one of them was intentionally set during the Civil War so the North couldn't use it," he said.

Vroom said the foundation has a grant to help restore the mill and with hard work, it should be open again in a few years.

"In reality, it'll be a couple more years until it's open to the public," Vroom said.

The walls are unstable, so the building has been condemned and that concerns Vroom.

"I worry about the public coming to the mill because it's dangerous. If people could just be patient, it's going to be a park-like setting once we're finished," she said.

Vroom brought her daughter Caroline, who had fun searching through the piles of dirt outside the building.

"I think it's neat to touch the artifacts that someone might put in a museum some day," Caroline, 10, said.

Vroom said she plans another work day at the mill in September. People interested in searching for artifacts should call her at (703) 753-3273.

The foundation provides equipment, but volunteers need to bring their own gloves.

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Above: Eileen Vroom, executive director of Beverly Mill, and her daughter, Caroline, sift through rubble excavated near the Beverly Mill.



Left: The Beverly Mill has been condemned because the walls are unstable, but Vroom and others are working to restore the mill.

Photos by Amy Rossetti/Staff Photographer

MILITARY

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believe you can do transformation on the current budget."

Kristol, who made his com-

The administration has sought an \$18.4 billion increase for the 2002 fiscal year Pentagon budget

Rumsfeld said last week he had sent Pentagon planners back to the drafting board to clarify the strate-

of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Henry Shelton, on the same date. Pentagon spokesman Rear