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New Police Facility Approved

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

Once again the after shocks of 9/11 have impacted Alexandria's planning and development process. The new public safety facility approved Tuesday night by the Alexandria Planning Commission will have an 82 foot "security setback" to protect it from terrorist attacks.

By placing this open space on the outer perimeter of the site "total hardening (blast protection) of the facility will not be required," Alexandria Police Chief David P. Baker told the Commission. The setback or "hardening" of possible public building targets has become a strong recommendation of the Federal Government since the 2001 terrorist attacks, according to the new police facility application.

"Are you expecting to be attacked," asked Planning Commissioner H. Stewart Dunn, Jr. "No. But, if we are I want to make sure we have taken every precaution. And, this site is more than adequate for the future," Baker answered.

The first floor is recommended to be of reinforced concrete block construction with the upper floors constructed with steel studing and brick. The windows for the Emergency Communications Center will be bullet resistant, according to the staff report.

To be located on an approximate seven acre site at 3534 Wheeler Avenue, which was annexed by the City in 1952 from

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A New Day

Alexandria welcomes a new superintendent as it bids farewell to its School Board chairwoman.

The summer of 2008 will be etched in history as one of the most transformative periods in the history of Alexandria City Public Schools, with a host of senior-level departures and new leadership entering at the top of the system. The rapid-fire series of departures over the last few weeks include School Board Chairman Claire Eberwein, who will be stepping down later this month to move to Austria; T.C. Williams High School Principal Mel Riddile, who will leave this month to take a position at a Reston-based association; athletic director Kerry Donley, who announced that he will leave school system so he could launch a campaign for the Virginia House of Delegates; and T.C. Williams basketball coach Ivan Thomas, who has announced that he will be stepping down this summer after leading the team to a state championship earlier this year. Meanwhile, School Board members finalized a contract this week with a New Jersey educator who will succeed former Superintendent Rebecca Perry.

"It's an unusual series of coincidences that have left it looking like Alexandria is in a state of turmoil, but in my opinion the opposite is true," said Marianne Hetzer, president of the Alexandria Parent-Teacher Association Council. "I feel like the momentum right now is all positive."

Hours before Eberwein announced her departure, School Board members finalized an employment contract for a new superintendent more than a year after a five-to-four vote to fire Perry. The search was ex-



Morton Sherman will take office as superintendent in the middle of August.

tended in April, when the original consulting firm was fired after board members decided the three finalists it selected were inadequate. A new firm was hired for an expedited search, which culminated Monday in the appointment of Morton Sherman, 58, who is currently superintendent of a suburban school system in New Jersey. Sherman has more than 25 years of experience as an educator, serving as a superintendent in Tenafly, N.J., Cherry Hill, N.J., South Orangetown Central School District in New York and Norwich Free Academy in Connecticut. Those who have worked with Sherman say he is a pioneering leader who



Claire Eberwein will step down as School Board chairwoman at the end of June.

is known for his persistence and drive. "He's highly regarded at the state level in New Jersey because he's always on top of programs and innovative ideas," said Lynne Strickland, executive director of an education advocacy organization known as the Garden State Coalition. "He's willing to take risks, and he is not a status quo thinker."

THE PAST YEAR has been a difficult time for Alexandria City Public Schools, with a deeply divided School Board whose members have frequently been at odds over ev

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Basketball Coach Leaving T.C.

Mere months removed from a state title, Ivan Thomas resigns position.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE
GAZETTE PACKET

Ivan Thomas formally resigned his title as T.C. Williams head varsity boys basketball coach on Thursday, choosing to relocate to the Williamsburg, Va. area because of family commitments.

Thomas, who commuted nearly an hour to his home in Bowie, Md. for the past seven years—three as the Titans head coach—will follow his wife, Dr. Jennifer Miles-Thomas, who recently completed a seven-year urology residency program at Johns Hopkins

Hospital. Thomas currently does not have another coaching job lined up, but is confident he'll find an opening.

"Between my wife's profession and my profession, if I am going to be a good father and good parent, something has to give," Thomas, who has three children under 10-years-old, said via phone on Tuesday. "So we are going to look for a



Ivan Thomas is expected to resign his position as T.C. Williams head basketball coach.

simple life down in Williamsburg so we can spend more time with family."

For the past three seasons, Thomas made the T.C. Williams basketball team his second family, even sometimes joking that junior guard Edward Jenkins is like a surrogate son.

"He helped me improve in many other ways off of the court as in my school-work and how I carry myself," Jenkins said on Tues

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COUNCIL NOTEBOOK

Sharpening the Weapons

The law can be used to protect and defend, but it can also be hurled at enemies. For City Attorney **Ignacio Pessoa**, the law is like a weapon that can be deployed to maximum advantage. For the past several years, Pessoa has used every available inch of municipal law to shut down a coal-fired power plant along Alexandria's waterfront — a fight that continues to this day even though the plan remains operational. Now City Council members are hoping to employ Pessoa's creative use of the law to expel an unwanted ethanol transfer station in the West End.

"Those of you who know me know that I don't hesitate to stretch the scope of local authority," Pessoa told City Council members last week.

Until recently, the city attorney was hoping to use the city's zoning authority to deny the Norfolk Southern Corporation a permit to open an ethanol "transloading station," which transfers highly flammable chemicals from railroad cars to tanker trucks less than 2,000 feet from an elementary school. But a February ruling of a little-known federal regulatory body preempted local control over certain land-use issues involving railroads. Although Mayor **Bill Euille** publicly threatened an injunction, no such measure has been filed yet. Meanwhile, industry representatives and city leaders are preparing for a June 9 meeting at Tucker Elementary School.

"Ignacio has often been willing to be creative in his interpretation of the law," said Councilman **Rob Krupicka** this week. "But the city's ability to get rid of this thing is not clear cut."

Bullish about the Future

Although tax receipts are slowing, city officials say that Alexandria's economy remains sound compared to many other regions in the United States. A recent financial report shows that the city's unemployment rate remains relatively low at 2.7 percent, with an office vacancy rate of 5.2 percent. Real-estate sales have shown a decline of 37.5 percent from the first four months of 2007, with the average sale price decreasing by 5.2 percent.

"Overall, the national economy continues to teeter on the edge of a recession," said Budget Director **Bruce Johnson**. "But for Alexandria, the economy and revenue growth is meeting our somewhat modest expectations."

Looking ahead, budget officials are bullish about the near future. Economic analysts say that Alexandria has positioned itself well to be at the forefront of future growth, with strong fundamentals that will help the city when economic trends improve. A recent Jones Lang LaSalle report concluded that "based on the city's strong demographics, great transportation and rich amenity base, the Alexandria market will likely be one of the first markets to show signs of growth in both activity and pricing over the next several quarters."

Hire of the Week

The Virginia Department of Health announced this week that Dr. **Lisa Kaplowitz** has been appointed director of the Alexandria Health District. Kaplowitz will replace Dr. **Charles Konigsberg**, who will retire July 1 after serving the city and the Virginia Department of Health for nine years. Kaplowitz served as the first deputy commissioner for the Virginia Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response Programs, where she helped develop Virginia's response to natural and manmade emergencies.

Prior to joining the Virginia Department of Health, Kaplowitz was on the faculty of the Department of Medicine at Virginia Commonwealth University, where she established the HIV/AIDS Center. As a member of the Virginia General Assembly AIDS Study Committee, Kaplowitz helped develop all HIV-related legislation in the commonwealth. She was inducted into the Virginia Women's Hall of Fame in 1992 and named Woman of the Year by Virginia Commonwealth University in 1995.

"We look forward to working with her and continuing our city-state partnership," said City Manager **Jim Hartmann** in a written statement announcing the appointment.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS

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A Family Affair

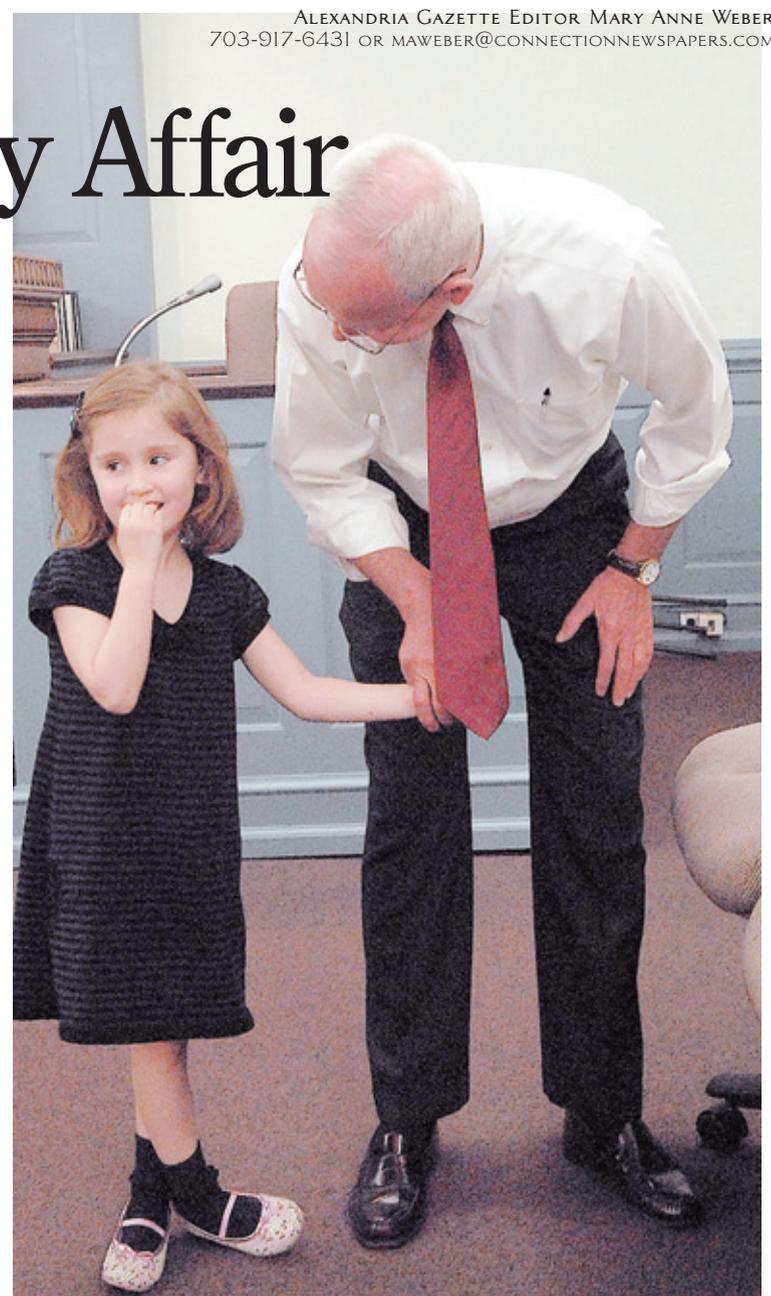
Son of the Circuit Court Chief Judge is sworn in to become a General District Court judge.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Justice is a family affair at the Alexandria courthouse, where the son of the Circuit Court chief judge was sworn in last week as the newest addition to the General District Court last week. He replaced a former city judge who is the son of a former city judge, making Alexandria's justice system resemble a family tree more than a courthouse. Circuit Court Chief Judge Donald Haddock addressed the peculiarity of the moment during a formal ceremony installing Don Haddock to the General District Court last week.

"I've been asked to say a few words about nepotism," said the chief judge, rolling his eyes for comic effect. "I'm in favor of it."

The crowd of dark-suited lawyers ate it up, delivering a prolonged standing ovation to a father and son in whose courtrooms they will appear on a daily basis. The investiture took place a full six months after the vacancy became effective, the result of a pro-



Alexandria Circuit Court Judge Donald Haddock escorts his granddaughter Eva May to her seat in the Circuit Court Courtroom.

longed partisan struggle between House Republicans and Senate Democrats in Richmond over a key regulatory appointment to the State Corporation Commission.

Nobody opposed Don Haddock's appointment, although his election to the bench became hostage

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Judge Don Haddock with his daughter Eva May and wife Cristina.

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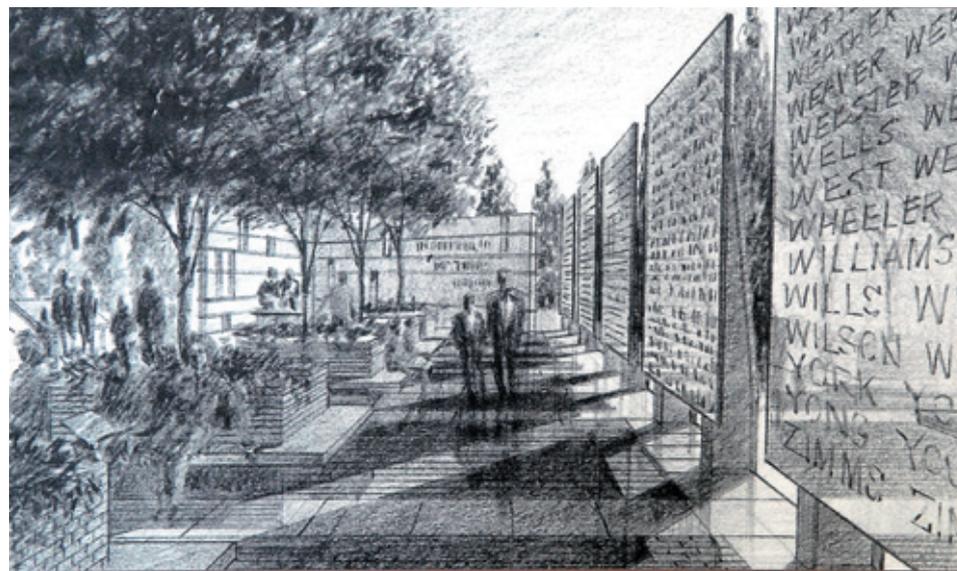
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Design 6

Designs On Display

BY CHUCK HAGEE

GAZETTE PACKET

Some were eliminated at the beginning of the review process because they did not comply with the minimum submission requirements, according to Emily Baker, city engineer, Transportation & Environmental Services Administration.

The top finalists for the Freedmen's Cemetery Memorial Design Competition were unveiled Wednesday night in the Vola Lawson Lobby of Alexandria City Hall during a community open house from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.. They will be on display through June 18 "to give the public an opportunity to provide comment and feedback on the overall Freedmen's Cemetery project and design competition process."

After those eliminations, the remaining entries were reviewed by senior design staff at EDAW, the City's consultant assisting with the project, and David Hamilton, a design expert working on the project as a Steering Committee resource. Designs were eliminated that failed to meet design criteria developed by the Committee

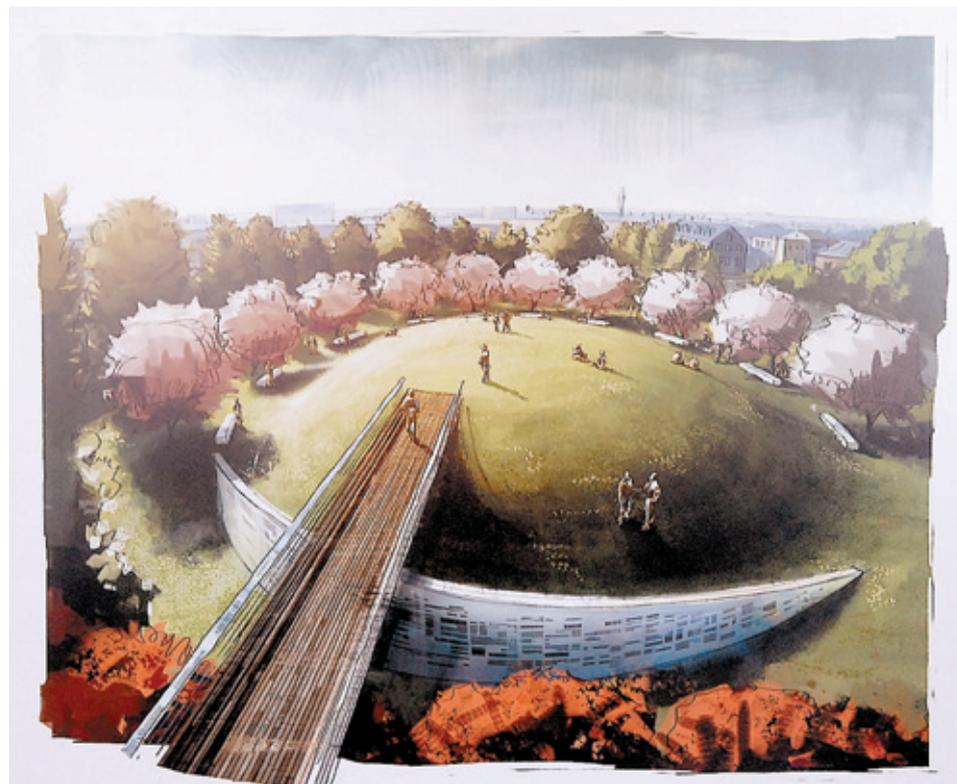
Based on that public feedback, the Freedmen's Cemetery Memorial Design Competition Steering Committee will select a winner and two runners-up, who will be announced later this summer. The winner will receive \$10,000. Second place will receive \$5,000 and third place will be awarded \$2,500.

These included: Implementation of the proposed design would cause significant impact to graves. The design was not in context with the surrounding neighborhood. Implementation of the design would not be possible within the project's budget.

All remaining entries were forwarded to the Steering Committee for evaluation. Their selections are the ones now on display.

A total of 176 design competition entries were received by the April 25 deadline.

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Design 2

BUSINESS

Win Mount Vernon China

By CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE

With gasoline prices approaching, and in many cases surpassing, the \$4 per gallon threshold, many tourist attractions are fervently searching for new ways to entice visitors. Mount Vernon Estate has come up with two — one is a joint venture with the Corcoran Art Gallery, the other provides a lucky tourist with some take home history.

Beginning this past Sunday, June 1, visitors to Mount Vernon will have a daily chance to win a piece of porcelain featuring the Martha Washington “States” pattern. The promotion will continue through August 31, according to Melissa Wood, media relations associate, Mt. Vernon Estate.

A retail value of \$45, this popular reproduction comes boxed with a recipe from the Washington’s and a certificate of authenticity. “No porcelain is more highly prized in American collections than are the surviving pieces of this service,” said author Samuel Woodhouse, Jr., in 1935.

Nearly all of the original service items are damaged, many even badly broken, according to Woodhouse at the time. “Yet they hold their first-rank position,” he said. Several of those original pieces have returned to

Mount Vernon and are on display in the museum.

Considered one of the more distinct sets of china owned by the nation’s first First Family, the “States” pattern features Martha Washington’s initials set upon a starburst, encircled by a chain with the names of the 15 states that existed in 1796. The chain symbolizes strength and union.

The original set was a gift to Martha Washington from an agent of the Dutch India Company. Upon her death it was passed to her grandson, and then to his daughter, who became the wife of General Robert E. Lee.

A reproduction of the service was created in celebration of the exhibition “Setting the President’s Table: American Presidential China.” On display in Mount Vernon’s Reynolds Museum and Education Center, the Robert L. McNeil, Jr., collection showcases over 100 pieces of porcelain from the McNeil American Collection at the Philadelphia Museum of Art featuring White House china from the presidential administrations of George Washington to Ronald Reagan.

Reproduced by Woodmere China located in western Pennsylvania, each piece of the “States” china is hand painted.

“States” china is our most recognizable pattern. It’s the most distinct and the most inspiring,” said David Turner, president,



Martha Washington pattern

Woodmere China.

On August 31 Mount Vernon will pick a grand prize winner who will receive a full entertainment set that includes a teapot, pedestal cake plate, creamer, sugar bowl, four cups and saucers, and four desert plates valued at \$750.

Drawing will occur daily at 3 p.m. in the Shops at Mount Vernon. No purchase is required and winner do not have to present at the drawings.

In the case of the Corcoran Art Gallery/Mount Vernon Estate partnership both ven-

ues have agreed to promote the other by recognizing the admission tickets of each other to offer a half price admission to the second site. Regular members of each site enjoy complimentary entrance to the other year-round.

The summer promotion, which began May 1 and runs until July 27, connects George Washington’s home with the Corcoran’s exhibition entitled “The American Evolution: A History Through Art.” It features portraits of Washington and a painting of Mount Vernon Estate.

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Another Special Election

Last year, voters went to the polls in a special election to replace former Vice Mayor **Andrew Macdonald**, who unexpectedly resigned from the City Council for personal reasons he declined to share. Now voters may be heading to the polls again for another special election in August to replace School Board Chairwoman **Claire Eberwein**, who announced this week that she will be stepping down later this month to move with her family to Vienna, a move related to her husband's career. The announcement came within hours of the School Board's appointment of **Morton Sherman** as the city's next superintendent.

"I am so thrilled with the appointment of our new superintendent and sincerely regret that I will be unable to work with him during his initial years in Alexandria," said Eberwein in a written statement. "Dr. Sherman is in that upper pantheon of superintendents nationally who can make our system into one of the country's best."

According to Alexandria Registrar **Tom Parkins**, the School Board must pass a resolution certifying the vacancy then forward it to the Circuit Court, which would then issue a writ of election. An Election Day would then be called somewhere between 40 to 60 days. But no election can be scheduled within 60 days of a general election, making the timing of the special election a question of when the School Board will take action on the vacancy.

"Under no circumstance will a special election be called after Sept. 2," said Parkins. "At this point, I would anticipate the special election happening sometime in August."

Still Waiting

The bumper stickers say "**Brian Moran** for governor," but the candidate has yet to announce. During a fundraiser this week at the home of Alexandria City Councilman **Paul Smedberg**, Moran said he is still preoccupied with his daytime job as chairman of the Democratic Caucus of the Virginia House of Delegates. With a special session scheduled for later this month to consider the transportation crisis, Moran said he doesn't want his campaign to overshadow the ongoing work of the General Assembly.

"We still have to overcome the naysayers in the Republican caucus," Moran told a roomful of Alexandria supporters. "Whether it's this year or next year, we are going to find a way to invest in Virginia's transportation infrastructure."

When Democrats vote in their primary next year, Moran will face Sen. **Creigh Deeds** (D-25), who formally announced his candidacy for governor last year. Whoever prevails in that race will face Attorney General **Bob McDonnell**, the likely Republican candidate for governor. Moran said his campaign would focus on improving education in Virginia and increasing the level of research conducted in the commonwealth.

"Duke University does more research than all of our colleges and universities combined," said Moran. "But there's no reason that Virginia should not be a leader in research."

A Narrow Victory

In politics, winning is winning — even if its by the closest possible margin of victory. Such is the case with former Gov. **Jim Gilmore**, who narrowly defeated Del. **Bob Marshall** (R-13) at the Republican convention last weekend to become the G.O.P. candidate for the United States Senate seat that will be vacated by retiring Republican Sen. **John Warner**. Gilmore won with 65 votes, constituting less than a percentage point of the delegates.

"I think we surprised a lot of people with how close we came," said **J. Kenneth Klinge**, an Alexandria resident who was Marshall's floor manager during the campaign. "Bob's message resonated with the party, and people were really enthusiastic about his candidacy."

Klinge said that Marshall finished strong in Northern Virginia even though he ended up losing the eighth congressional district. In the final tally, Marshall was able to beat Gilmore in the 10th congressional district and the 11th congressional district. When asked about whether he would be supporting Gilmore now that he snagged the nomination, Klinge was noncommittal.

"I have no comment about that," he said.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

PRIMARY 2008

Lopsided Race in 8th

Falls Church attorney Matt Famiglietti hopes to unseat incumbent U.S.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Challenging any incumbent member of Congress in a primary is difficult, but challenging a senior member of the Appropriations Committee who is popular in his district is even more of a task. Despite an overwhelming disadvantage in fundraising and a lack of party endorsements, Falls Church attorney Matt Famiglietti is optimistic about his chances at the polls on June 10. Famiglietti never let cerebral palsy slow him down, and he seems equally impervious at the prospect of facing a nine-term congressional incumbent.

"I'm flying under the radar," said Famiglietti. "I think a lot of people are going to be surprised on Election Day."

Moran has the support of the Democratic Party establishment, and the endorsement of the chairwoman of the Eighth Congressional District Demo-



Matt Famiglietti



Jim Moran

cratic Committee. His campaign has the backing of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, the Sierra Club, NARAL and Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund, to name just a few. As one of the most outspoken opponents of the war in Iraq, Moran has carved a national identity for himself as a harsh critic of President George W. Bush's administration.

"I had never even met Mr. Famiglietti until a few months before he filed to run in the primary," said Margo Horner, chairwoman of the Eighth Congressional District Democratic Committee. "The rules of

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Battling for the Future

Traditional conservative to face libertarian alternative on the June 10 Republican primary ballot.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Virginia's eighth congressional district, long held by incumbent Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), is not typically considered Republican territory.

Yet the G.O.P. primary has taken a heightened importance this spring in advance of the June 10 balloting, with voters facing a choice between traditional conservative Mark Ellmore and libertarian alternative Amit Singh. The campaign that has pitted establishment figures against grassroots activists in a race that could determine the future of the Republican Party in Northern Virginia and even beyond. Next week's primary comes at a time when party leaders have been stunned by losing special elections in solidly Republican districts in Illinois, Louisiana and Mississippi.

"Should Singh win the nomination, he will offer voters in November a brand of Republicanism very different from the one they are used to," wrote Daniel McCarthy in the June 2 issue of American Conservative magazine. "If that brand can win converts in this heavily Democratic district, it may point the way toward Republican revival in places like Illinois, Louisiana and Mississippi."

Ellmore supporters describe their candidate as a traditional Republican candidate who shares the worldview of President George W. Bush, a compas-



Mark Ellmore



Amit Singh

sionate conservative who sees an active role for government in supporting Christian values. Since losing the Republican primary for the eighth congressional district in 2006, Ellmore has been steadily building support from establishment figures and party leaders. His list of endorsements includes Alexandria City Republican Committee Chairman Chris Marston, Sen. Jay O'Brien (R-39) and former Alexandria Vice Mayor Bill Cleveland.

"The Amit Singh supporters are a bunch of Ron Paul wingnuts," said Mike Lane, former chairman of the Eighth District Republican Committee. "They're very active, very enthused and very crazy. Our challenge will be keeping them from hijacking a low-turnout election."

THE LOOMING PRESENCE of U.S. Rep. Ron Paul (R-Texas) has hovered over the primary campaign, with supporters and detractors of the longshot Republican presidential candidate acting as a sort of Rorschach test for gauging support. Like Paul, Singh has

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BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

ACE is definitely the place for Alexandria residents who have long awaited the return of the community hardware store. Different from the mega chains, the newly opened Old Town Hardware at 809 S. Washington St. is a breath of fresh, customer oriented air that entices buyers rather than confounding them.

It is also a dream come true for its owner Richard J. Heilman. "One day I was having a particularly bad day in corporate life when I read about a couple that had five ACE hardware stores and the community really loved them. That's when I decided that's what I want to do," Heilman said standing next to his store's popcorn machine, an iconic symbol in ACE stores nationwide.

"I had been in the corporate banking world for many years and then went into consulting but I wasn't very happy. My wife said you know you really have to decide

what you want to be when you grow up. That's when I said I have. I want to own and operate a hardware store," Heilman said.

At first his wife, Maribeth McCarthy, didn't believe it. She is also in the corporate world, employed by Dunn & Bradstreet, and going from corporate America to owning and operating a community hardware store is a substantial career leap.

"Now, she asks me when she can come to work in the store. Our oldest son Jack, who is nine, also wants to come in and work. He does help out some," Heilman said. So far, six year old Luke has kept his options open.

"ACE has a great program for new investors."

—Richard J. Heilman, owner, Old Town Hardware

Entering off South Washington Street, the customer is immediately greeted by pleasant, interested and knowledgeable employees — a somewhat unusual experience in the metro area if one is used to normally shopping the big box stores. This attitudinal surprise is highlighted by a bright, inviting environment that is well laid out with items easily accessible.

One's initial reaction is that of stepping



Richard J. Heilman, owner, Old Town ACE Hardware store, stands by his store's popcorn machine which is a icon in ACE Hardware stores nationwide.

through a time warp. The theme song of the Roosevelt Administration immediately comes to mind — "Happy Days are Here Again."

Spread over two levels, the 9,000 square

feet store contains just about every conceivable item that any customer could desire the hardware/general store type category from the smallest nuts and bolts to attractive outdoor furnishing by Smith and Hawkins. There are also plants, gardening tools, pet supplies, paints and painting accessories, automotive items, tools (both electric and hand), storage containers, and a host of other homeowner necessities.

And, one of the best things about this store is that it is in walking distance for most Old Town residents. For those further away there is ample, unmetered parking on Washington Street or in a free underground garage in the new apartment building immediately behind the store which has 150 retail/business spaces. Large item pick up is not a problem with drive up access at the rear of the store.

"There is very little storage in the store. Nearly all the space is designed as revenue producing sales space," Heilman said.

But, keeping the shelves well stock is not a challenge. That's where one of the advantages of being part of the worldwide, 5,000 store ACE cooperative corporation based in Oakbrook, Ill, comes in.

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OPINION

Why I Race for the Cure

Cancer survivor makes a difference by leading top fund-raising team in Race for the Cure.

BY SUSAN SONLEY

This weekend my team, Champions for the Cure, will again participate in the Susan G. Komen National Race for the Cure, held annually on the first Saturday in June on the National Mall. My goal is to always be the team that raises the most money, and I've accomplished it for the past nine years. As I add names to my massive mailing list, I reflect on why I became involved. It's not a simple answer, but it carries a strong message of hope and solidarity.

I was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 40, in 1994, and had multiple surgeries,



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radiation and chemotherapy. When it was all over and my life started to regain some semblance of normalcy, I learned it wasn't really over. Did the treatment work well enough to give me another year or two? This is a question for which there is no answer. So when the treatments are over, it's really not over.

I was always aware of breast cancer because my mother, 29 at the time, was diagnosed in 1959. She had four small children under the age of 6 and underwent a treatment program that would be considered barbaric today. A radical mastectomy and immediate hysterectomy followed by massive doses of radiation were very hard on her, but saved her life. My fa-

ther was her steadfast supporter, but it was a very difficult time, and all of our lives changed because of her illness. Within two years my mother lost her own mother to metastatic breast cancer.

Today we have so many more resources available, thanks to Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Komen has raised awareness to unprecedented levels and put breast cancer funding on our lawmakers' agenda. We now have many surgical and treatment choices; counseling and support groups are standard procedure. My family would have been so lucky had my mother had half these resources.

At my first race in 1995, I was thoroughly unprepared for the emotions that overwhelmed me that beautiful June morning as I walked onto the National Mall. The uncertainty and fear that were constant companions during my illness were mitigated by the fellowship, love and support from the tens of thousands whose lives had also been touched by breast cancer. I was not alone with this disease. What a powerful message!

Get Involved

It's not too late to participate in the 2008 Susan G. Komen National Race for the Cure. The annual 5K event will be held in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, June 7, rain or shine, with more than 50,000 participants, including 3,500 breast cancer survivors. The race supports breast cancer research and has invested more than \$1 billion over the past 25 years. See www.nationalracefortheCure.org or call 703-416-RACE for late registration.°

For more stories and information, see www.ConnectionNewspapers.com.

I started Champions for the Cure in 1998 to celebrate my 5th anniversary cancer free. Since then, we've been able to raise an astounding \$500,000 for Komen's breast cancer research, treatment, education and screening programs.

I'm constantly grateful to Komen for pulling breast cancer out of the closet and making it a public issue, so different than it was for my mother and grandmother. So every year, I dust off my mailing lists and begin fund-raising again, hoping the cure is in sight. And every year, I find people really do care, and donate generously. I am blessed to be a 14-year survivor who can continue to contribute to this worthy cause.

Susan Sonley is an 18-year Reston resident and breast cancer survivor who, for the past nine years running, has led the highest-grossing National Race team.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Ethanol Fiasco

No surprise that Norfolk Southern thumbed its nose at the Alexandria Mayor, City Council and Staff again, this time with the help of the Feds, and with total disregard for the safety of thousands. °They have done it before.

What is more egregious—but not a surprise—is the way the City handled this. °It was known months ago that Norfolk Southern would move forward with the ethanol facility. °Why did it take so long for the residents to know? °What's with all the secrecy and confusion and CYA between the Mayor and Council and City Manager and City Staff and Fire Chief and who knows who else?

The tank farms should provide rail facilities on-site so the trains can deliver directly to where the ethanol needs to go. °There is no reason for a potentially dangerous transfer operation in a populated,

residential area. °Hazardous tanker trains do not belong parked for days in our City. °Trucks full of this dangerous chemical should not be on our streets, roads and highways, especially when adequate fire fighting resources do not exist in the area.

The problem is, the Feds trump us all. °The City is helpless. °That leaves us taxpaying residents to do something. °Ironic isn't it—the people whose salary we pay leave it up to us to find a solution. °Or we can just shut up and put up with it.

Joe Schramm
Alexandria,

State Threatens Children's Rights

To the Editor:
I am writing to alert you to a major threat to the education rights of children with disabilities in Virginia and their parents. Many of the drastic changes proposed by

the Virginia State Board of Education to the regulations governing special education programs for children with disabilities fundamentally changes Virginia's special education system from start to finish, and compromises the Commonwealth's commitment to all children with disabilities. These revisions attack the parent's role in their child's learning process, pushing parents out of the whole process from start to finish. It is very disappointing considering Virginia has been a leader in encouraging parental involvement since 1968 – several years before the federal government passed special education laws.

These proposed regulations remove many of the Virginia-specific parental rights that protect children with disabilities. They also dismantle the parent-school partnership at the heart of the success of the Commonwealth's special education programs:

- making statewide procedures in the screening process more

complex and difficult for parents to refer children with disabilities for services.

- allowing schools to deny a parent's request for an IEP team meeting if the school deems it "unreasonable;"

- No longer requiring schools to make a good faith effort to assist a child in achieving their IEP goals.

- and allowing schools to partially or completely terminate special education services without parental consent, a long-held right of parents in Virginia.

Virginia has been in the forefront of ensuring the rights of children with disabilities and the parents who advocate for them. Any revision which demolishes or diminishes the parent-school partnership that Virginia has championed must be strongly rejected.

If the Board of Education wanted to make reforms, they could focus on many other issues instead:

- * helping children with disabili-

ties make effective transitions from preschool to school and from school to work;

- * decreasing the numbers of children with disabilities who drop out of school;

- * increasing the use of effective strategies for addressing behavioral problems of children with disabilities; and

- * improving coordination of the services with other pupil services and with health and social services, including working with other state agencies to develop the needed infrastructure for those struggling with Autism.

The proposed changes smash the parent-school relationship like a wrecking ball! It's as if someone forgot that parents who are active in their child's school and in their child's education help makes the difference for their child's success. Parents are a school's biggest cheerleader and best resource for volunteers. Instead of trying to

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work together with school systems, parents now are going to have to rely more and more on the courts to force accountability.

Michael J. Carrasco (michaelcarrasco@gmail.com), a member of the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities, is the former Chairman of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the Alexandria City Public Schools and is a parent of a child with Autism.

Write

The Connection welcomes views on any public issue.

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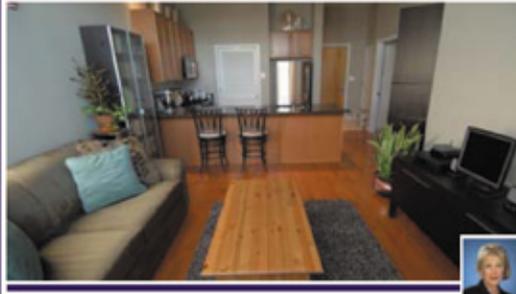
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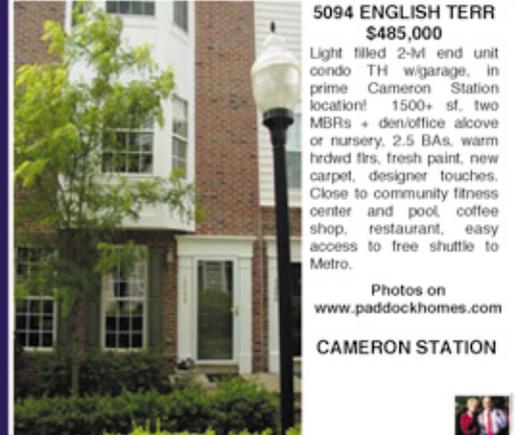
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A Family Affair

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to an all-or-nothing philosophy that emerged this year during the General Assembly session.

“He possesses the ability to render justice on his fellow citizens,” said Del. Brian Moran (D-46), who led the fight in Richmond to seat Alexandria’s judges. “And he will do it in a fair and equitable manner.”

A NATIVE OF Alexandria, Don Haddock’s parents are lifelong city residents and high-school sweethearts in the class of 1959, although they went to different schools. His father went to Episcopal High School, and his mother went to George Washington High School. After graduating from Episcopal in 1989, Don Haddock studied finance, Spanish and law at the University of Virginia before joining a general practice firm in Fredericksburg.

“He’s the only person I know who reads the Economist cover to cover,” said George Snead, a law partner from Don Haddock’s days in Fredericksburg. “He’s never been one to oversell his position, and he has an

understated personality that’s really quite disarming.”

After practicing a few years in Fredericksburg, Don Haddock returned to Alexandria to join the firm of Redmon, Peyton & Braswel before launching his own firm in 2004. His solo office shared space on the corner of Columbus and Prince streets, a landmark location that is currently the home of Lay, Moore & Poretz. During a reception after the ceremony, Jim Lay praised Alexandria’s newest judge as a man who was comfortable navigating the heady world of legal opinion.

“When he does his heavy thinking, he takes off his shoes and puts on a pair of bedroom slippers,” said Lay. “They are very conservative slippers, taupe in color, new but not too new, reflective of an open-minded jurist.”

FOR A 36-YEAR-OLD lawyer to move from the world of representing clients to rendering judgments can be a challenging transition. During his first week on the bench, Don Haddock created somewhat of a stir in the clerk’s office when he had



Don Haddock listens as George Snead and Judge Kent speak.

trouble filling out the standardized forms that required specific kinds of writing in specialized boxes. In an attempt to expedite the paperwork, the new judge wrote the information on Post-it notes and applied them to the official documents. But a line quickly formed outside the office as bewil-

dered clerks tried to decipher the impromptu system.

“I’ve made some mistakes, and I’ve had some egg on my face,” he admitted. “But my clerks and deputies kept telling me that I’m the judge, so I continued to put on my Greatest American Hero costume and fly.”

Designs On Display

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play. They will also be on the City’s web site www.alexandriava.gov/freedmens. Comments can be made via the website during the same time — June 4 through June 18.

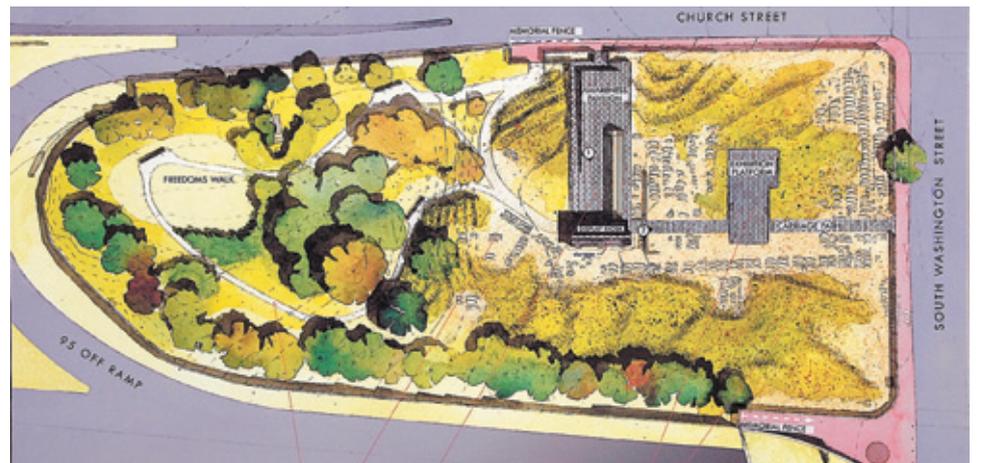
Names of the design entrants will not be released until after the winner has been announced, according to Baker. “We want people to make their evaluations based on the design not the name of the designer,” she said. Entrants in the lobby are identified only by entrant number.

The Steering Committee will meet in late

June to review public comments and make their final recommendations for the winners

After the winning design has been announced, the City will begin the design process for the memorial.

That process will be treated as a regular Development Special Use Permit, going through the normal review process, including public outreach and approval by the City Planning Commission and City Council, according to Baker. Construction is expected to commence in 2010 at the site, located at the intersection of South Washington and Church streets, adjacent to the new Urban Deck over the Capital Beltway.



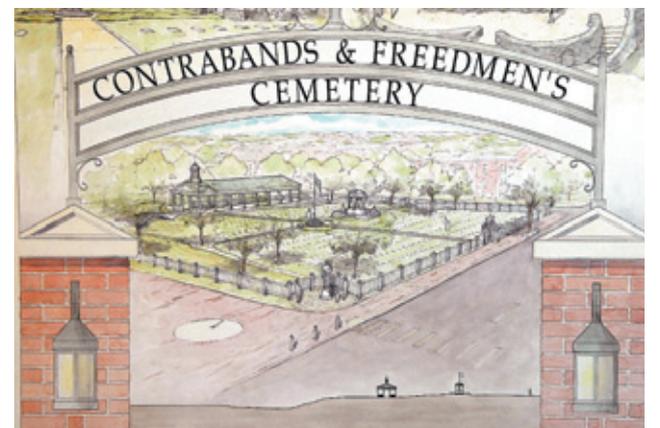
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Design 4



Design 5



Design 3

NEWS BRIEF

Beltway Changes

Motorists traveling near the Woodrow Wilson Bridge in Virginia this weekend should prepare for changes in Virginia and consider alternate routes.

Starting at 9 p.m. Friday night, the **Inner Loop (I-**

95 South) will be reduced to two lanes from just east of Telegraph Road Interchange to just west of the Eisenhower Connector Interchange until Saturday evening.

The work on the Beltway will conclude Saturday evening, barring weather delays.

On Sunday, beginning at 6 a.m. through the afternoon,

southbound Route 1 will be closed between Franklin Street and Fort Hunt Road in Alexandria and traffic will be detoured to Telegraph Road. In addition, **the Inner Loop** ramp to southbound Route 1 will be closed until Sunday evening. As with the work on Saturday, this work would be rescheduled in the event of inclement weather.

LIFE

Presenting Puccini

John Adams Elementary School, in partnership with the Washington Performing Arts Society and the Washington National Opera, presented "Turandot," an opera composed by Giacomo Puccini, on Wednesday, May 28.

Prince Calaf, tenor Peter Joshua Burroughs, strikes the gong three times in order to engage the Princess in the answering of the riddles.



Principal Mary Gibson acknowledges all of the volunteers and third and fifth graders participating in this year's production with special thanks to the Washington Performing Arts Society and the Washington National Opera. Additional funding was provided by The Janice Baker Cook Fund for Music.



Princess Turandot, Karin Paludan, appeals to the Emperor, Harry Chen, not to force her to go with the stranger Prince Calaf.



The Tiger, Miranda Barona Berni, growls.

The story opens in Peking, a Mandarin reads an edict. The Emperor declares that suitors for the hand of the Princess Turandot must answer three riddles correctly or be put to death.



Orchestra members Jami Bolton, French horn and Douglas Wilson, trumpet review changes in the score. Also in the orchestra but not pictured: Tristan Viira, timpani.

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Are Fairfax County Public Schools selecting



which children
to leave behind?

Open Letter to Fairfax County School Board

Fairfax teachers are writing to encourage the Fairfax County School Board to reconsider the decision to dramatically reduce summer school in Fairfax County.

The School Board's proposal dramatically alters the availability and length of offerings available to the children of Fairfax County. Further, it appears the targets of these proposed cuts are thousands of children most in need of summer school services including:

- Students with special needs
- Students whose primary language is not English
- Students who are having difficulties in the classroom
- Students from lower socio-economic groups.

The reason?

There is no justification for "leaving the neediest and most challenged Fairfax children behind."

Don't balance your \$2.2 billion budget by failing the children and parents who most need the support of Fairfax County Public Schools.

No Fairfax child should be left behind.

Contact your School Board Members and tell them to return traditional Summer School.

For information on how to contact your school board member, visit www.fcps.edu/schlbd



There is a pet calendar contest to benefit the **Animal Welfare League of Alexandria**. All pets are eligible and all entries will appear in the calendar. \$25/pet, which includes one calendar. Entry deadline is Aug. 22. Visit www.alexandriaanimals.org or 703-838-4774.

Workshop: Diversity from a Spiritual Perspective. Saturday June 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Institute for the Advancement of Service, 111 S. Columbus St. \$120. Speakers will discuss their Iranian, African American, Transgender and Lesbian experiences and participants will have the opportunity to examine their beliefs and knowledge about these groups. Call 703-706-9333 for information or reservations.

The annual **Fostering the Future Cruise:** a Parrothead Paradise takes place on Wednesday, June 25, aboard the Cherry Blossom paddleboat at the City Marina in Old Town Alexandria. Cocktail reception at the dock at 6:30 p.m., before setting sail at 7:30 p.m. Ticket price includes buffet and bar, with margaritas from Mango Mike's and the laid-back island music of the Nautical Wheelers Band. On-board raffle for Sony Bravia 32" flat-screen TV and other great prizes. Attire is Key West casual, flip-flops optional. All proceeds benefit The Fund for Alexandria's Child. For tickets and further information, call 703-519-3318 x 206 or visit: www.ourkids-ourbusiness.org/thefundforalexchild

The **Alexandria Animal Welfare League** has created a new TV show, "Alexandria Animal Matters" under the aegis of Comcast's community outreach program. The new show starts on June 9 at 6:30 p.m. on Comcast Cable 69. Each 30-minute show will feature an animal segment, as well as two interview sessions with interesting guests talking about varying topics that will inform and entertain the entire family. Visit www.alexandriaanimals.org.

in Alexandria looking for funding sources now have access to a valuable new collection of resources through Alexandria Library. **The Foundation Center's** core collection includes *The Foundation Directory Online* and *Foundation Grants to Individuals Online*. All four Alexandria Library branches have access to the two databases through their catalog computers. The complete Cooperating Collection of print and electronic resources is held at the Barrett Library, located at 717 Queen St. For more information visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

The City of Alexandria has partnered with Alexandria City Public Schools to obtain a grant for \$70,000 to **retrofit approximately 40 school buses** with clean air technology that reduces pollutants emitted by diesel engine school buses. For more information about the Retrofit Grant Program, please contact Erica Bannerman, Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, at 703-838-4334 or David Rose, Alexandria City Public Schools, at 703-461-4169.

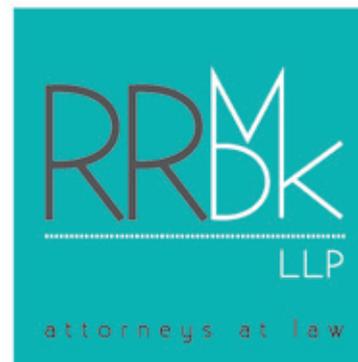
"Understanding Your Personality with the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator" on **June 10** from 7-9 p.m. at the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce offices, 801 N. Fairfax St., Suite 402. The MBTI seminar is \$89 and includes the cost of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and an introductory Type workbook. Registration is required; visit <http://www.alexjaycees.org/seminars>. Class size limit is 45.

The Northern Virginia Review is accepting entries for the next issue, slated for publication in March 2009. People may submit two essays, two works of fiction, three pieces of artwork and four poems, with a limit of five items per person. The deadline for entries is Sept. 18. Additional guidelines can be found at <http://www.nvcc.edu/depts/nvreview/nvr-submit.htm>. The Review is funded

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A scene from last year's Kelley Cares Annual 5K Run/Walk

Kelley Cares Brings Project Lifesaver to Area

Project Lifesaver is coming to Alexandria through the generosity of the Kelley Cares Foundation.

The Alexandria Sheriff's Office and Police Department are cooperating in this program created for the electronic tracking of missing persons suffering from dementia or children with autism and those mentally handicapped.

The Kelley Cares Foundation was formed to carry on Kelley Swanson's civic-minded spirit and desire to make people aware of the need of inclusion regardless of ability. Kelley graduated from T. C. Williams High School. The Kelley Cares Annual 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for Saturday in Alexandria.

Entry fees for the run/walk are \$25 for the 13 and over age groups, \$10 for those runners six to 12 years and free for the five years and under. Each receives a T-shirt. There are eight age groups and the race is certified by the Road Running Technical Council USA Track and Field.

The race begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 7, with the run/walk course beginning at George Washington Middle School, continuing through the neighboring Rosemont and Del Ray communities before finishing back at the George Washington Middle School located at 1005 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria.

The Kelley Cares Foundation provided funds to implement the program and to train Alexandria Sheriff's Deputies and Alexandria police officers.

Eight deputies, six police officers and a member of the Therapeutic Recreation Center are certified as electronic search specialists. The Kelley Cares Foundation provided the initial funding for the implementation of the program in Alexandria. Ten transmitters were donated by the foundation to Alexandria's Therapeutic Recreation Center, 112 Jefferson St.

Sheriff's deputies and police officers will be able to locate missing persons by using a tracking system designed to receive signals emitted by the electronic bracelets.

Lt. Brian Grenadier of the Sheriff's Office is the program coordinator. Questions concerning Project Lifesaver may be referred to Lt. Grenadier at 703.838.4111, ext.4226.

Both Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and Police Chief David P. Baker are enthusiastic about the community-wide effort.

"Project Lifesaver is an exciting new program for our community," Sheriff Dana Lawhorne said. "This high-tech effort will make a difference for those citizens and their families who need that support in caring for our special friends, relatives and citizens."

Chief Baker said, "I am pleased that the police department has again partnered with the Office of the Sheriff to implement a program designed to help local law enforcement locate citizens and children with special needs without undue delay. I appreciate and applaud the generous contributions made by the Kelley Cares Foundation, whose love and support for the needs of others helped make this initiative possible in the City of Alexandria."

FILE PHOTOS



Runners enjoy the race last year.



Notice of Public Hearing on the City of Alexandria Electoral Process

The City Council of Alexandria seeks public input regarding possible changes to the city charter to determine if the community prefers that the present process or a different process be used to elect the City Council and School Board.

Therefore, the Council will hold a public hearing on Saturday, June 14, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. (or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard) in the Council Chamber, Alexandria City Hall, 2nd Floor, 301 King Street. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment on (1) which one of the following sets of questions should be submitted for advisory referendum to the voters of the City (comments on the wording of the questions are also welcome); and (2) whether the preferred set of questions should be included on the ballot at a May general election, or at a November general election.

Option One is a set of four questions that would read as follows:

The City Council is seeking public input regarding possible changes to the city charter to determine if the community prefers the present process or a different process to elect the City Council and School Board. The following questions represent four approaches to conducting local elections. These approaches are designed to avoid overlap with federal elections. Please vote "yes" or "no" on each question.

1. Do you support continuing the existing 3-year terms of service for the City Council and School Board, with May elections for all members?

Yes ___ No ___

2. Do you support a change to 4-year terms of service for the City Council and School Board, with November elections every 4 years for all members held at the same time as state delegate and state senate elections (that is, in odd-numbered years)?

Yes ___ No ___

3. Do you support a change to 4-year, staggered terms of service for the City Council and School Board, with November elections every 2 years for a portion of the Council and School Board held at the same time as state delegate and state senate elections?

Yes ___ No ___

4. Do you support a change to 4-year, staggered terms of service for the City Council and School Board, with May elections every 2 years for a portion of the Council and School Board?

Yes ___ No ___

Option Two is a set of two questions that would read as follows:

The City Council is seeking public input regarding possible changes to the city charter to determine if the community prefers the present process or a different process to elect the City Council and School Board.

1. Should the City change from spring (May) elections every 3 years for the City Council and School Board to fall (November) elections every 4 years that occur at the same time as elections for state delegates and state senators (that is, in odd-numbered years)?

Yes ___ No ___

2. Should the City change from electing City Council and School Board members all at the same time to staggering terms of service so that a portion of the City Council and School Board is elected in alternating elections?

Yes ___ No ___

For further information, please contact: Bernard Caton, Legislative Director, at 703.838.3828 or Ignacio Pessoa, City Attorney, at 703.838.4433.

Individuals with disabilities requiring assistance or special arrangements, and individuals who require translation services to participate in the City Council meeting may call the City Clerk's Office at 703.838.4550 (TTY/TDD 703.838.5056). We ask that you provide a 48-hour notice so that proper arrangements may be made.

Persons wishing to speak on this item may sign up prior to the public hearing meeting by calling the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council at 703.838.4550.



Parrothead Paradise

- June 25, 2008 -

Abord the Cherry Blossom, Old Town Alexandria
6:30 — 7:30 p.m. Reception at the Dock
7:30 — 9:30 p.m. Fostering the Future Cruise

Tickets: \$65/person

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Proceeds benefit The Fund for Alexandria's Child.

The Cherry Blossom is docked at the foot of Cameron Street in Old Town Alexandria, behind the Torpedo Factory Art Center.

The Fund for Alexandria's Child was established as a vehicle for concerned members of our own community to help provide special services for children who are in foster care or who are at risk of abuse and neglect. It is a program of the Alexandria Department of Human Services. When there is no other funding source, The Fund allows children to take part in such enriching experiences as Scouting, class field trips, sports, music or art lessons, summer camp and more. The volunteer Advisory Council is the fundraising arm of The Fund for Alexandria's Child, sponsoring benefit events and fostering awareness of the needs of Alexandria's most vulnerable children.



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Parents and children gather as raffle winners are announced.

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Worldwide Celebration

More than 300 parents and children attended The Child and Family Network Centers' (CFNC) 5th annual Multicultural Celebration. According to Barbara Mason, Executive Director, it was one of the largest crowds ever gathered for the celebration.

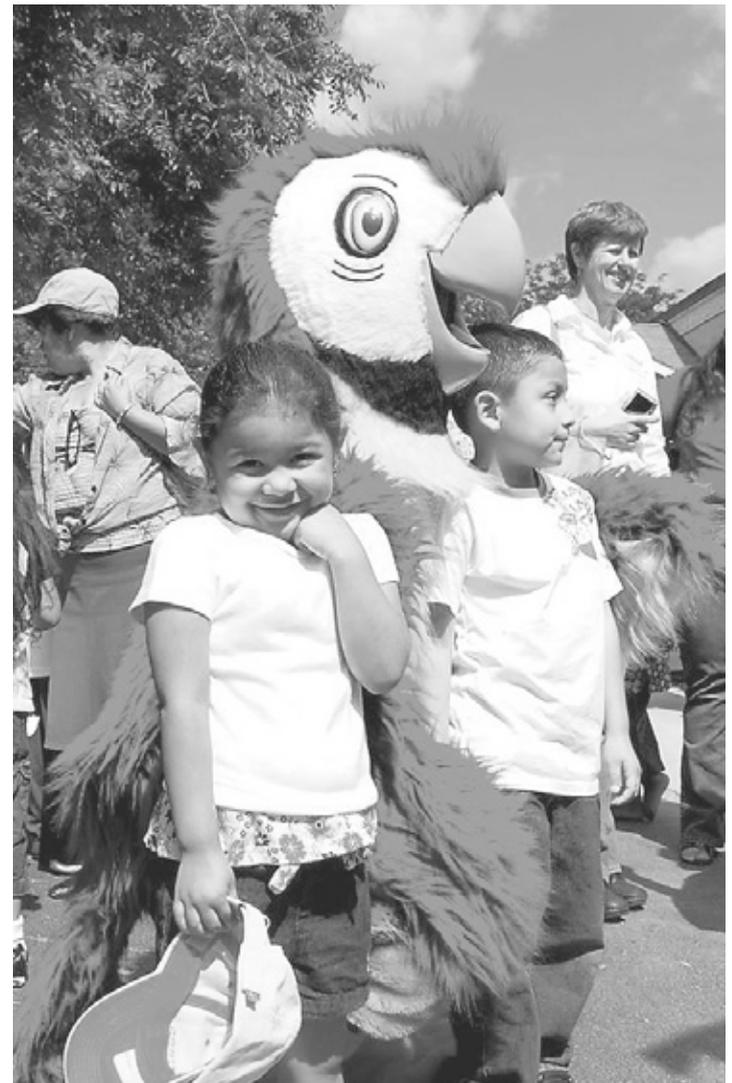
This year's celebration was particularly vibrant as CFNC is now serving families with roots tracing back to 29 countries worldwide, ranging from Afghanistan to El Salvador to Yugoslavia and all points in between.

The celebration was organized by the parents involved in CFNC's programs. In addition to planning and fundraising, they also contributed home-cooked food from some of the best recipes world-wide.

Highlights of the celebration included: Music and entertainment, including a live performance by reggaeton artist, Janc; petting zoo and pony riding, face painting; moonbounce; games and door prizes, arts and crafts such as puppet making, painting, and sand art.

The celebration was made possible through sponsorships from Burke & Herbert Bank & Trust and PNC Bank. In addition to sponsoring the celebration, both banks joined in the festivities. Runyon, the parrot mascot of Burke and Herbert Bank, was very popular with the children. PNC Bank's Mobile Learning Adventure was also a big hit. The Mobile Learning Adventure offered kiosks with touch-screens

where children played educational games, and parents learned how to use everyday experiences to educate their young children. It also included a "When I Grow Up" station, where students dressed like their future chosen profession and had their pic-



CFNC students meet Burke and Herbert Bank's mascot, Runyon.

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FORT WARD MEETING

The Friends of Fort Ward re-elected William Schreiner as president at their annual meeting; Thurman Roberts is vice-president, George Mueller secretary and Russ Vermillion treasurer.

George Heiby reported that the bus trip to First Manassas and Balls Bluff battlefields had been very successful, and that a Gettysburg trip was planned for fall.

PARTY PLANNED

A Civil War musical group has been found to entertain at a September party, at which the Barnard Award will be given to the city of Alexandria for its outstanding efforts in historical preservation; Curator Susan Combie hopes that Mayor Bill Euille will be able to come to accept the award.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The Alexandria branch of the League of Women Voters met for luncheon on the terrace of historic Carlyle House, where they heard from Doug Chapin, founding director of electionline.org, that Virginia is nationally recognized as being good on election technology.

“What I am is an election geek,” he declared, explaining that he wants all election information available to all in a standardized format.

Members of the League, descendants of the suffragettes as we are, sat there recalling the many instances in which Virginia has been less than eager to join a standardized format with the rest of the country. There was, for instance, the moment on Valentine’s Day 1951 when Army Boothe suggested that it would be nice to ratify the 19th amendment, passed some decades earlier, which gave women the right to vote.

SPECIALISTS PRESENT

Registrar Tom Parkins, Ginny Franco, Joe Hicks, Eric Spicer, and Electoral Board chair Anna Leider, listened closely to his predictions of the trouble likely to be caused by this year’s huge voter turnout.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Judy Miller was elected president, Katy Cannady secretary, and Pat Sullivan, Doug Thurman, Sue Worden, Bonnie Franklin, and Lois Kelso Hunt directors. Doris and Don Mela, Ann Kaupp, Pat Troy, vice-mayor Del Pepper, Lillian

White, Becky Davies, Peggy Gross (who comes in from Clifton), Carol Weber, Judy Morrill, Isabelle Weber, and Lynn Humphries were other guests.

<IB>—LOIS KELSO HUNT

North Ridge

The North Ridge Citizen’s Association will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, June 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Beverley Hills United Methodist Church, corner of Tennessee and Old Dominion.

We will first hear from two guest speakers. Commonwealth Attorney Randy Sengel will discuss the operations of the Alexandria Community Criminal Justice Board and our State Delegate David Englin will give a status report on the legislative agenda in Richmond. We will then address a number of issues, including whether to endorse the suggested zoning guidelines that the City’s In-fill Task Force has submitted to the Planning Commission for their consideration.

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— RUSS BAILEY

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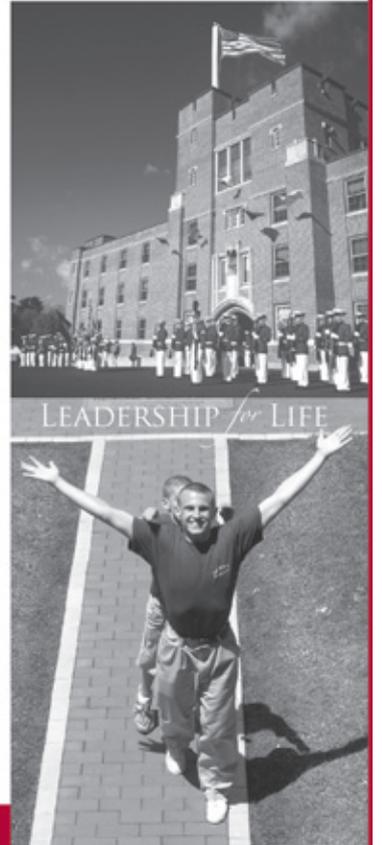
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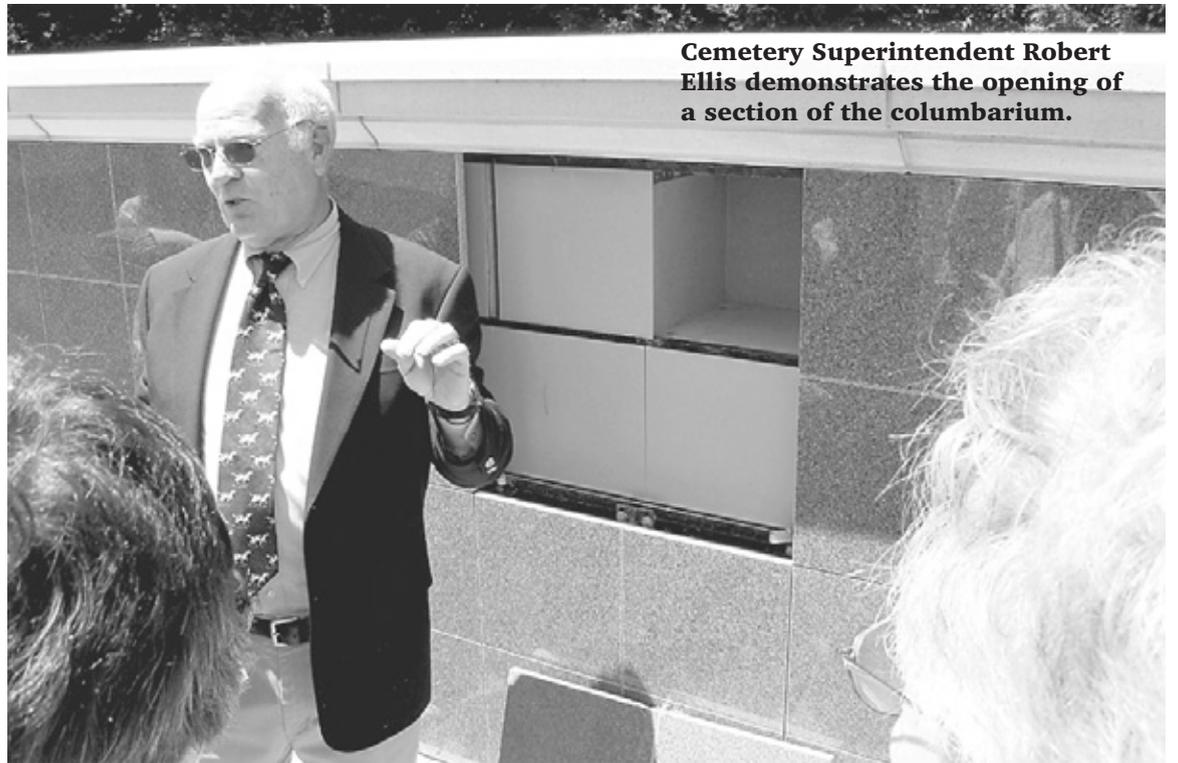
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Old Presbyterian Dedicates Columbarium

On Sunday, May 25, the congregation of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House dedicated a new columbarium at the Presbyterian Cemetery. Shortly before noon Cemetery Board President Robert W. Sennewald began by summarizing the history of the burial ground for some 30 people gathered near the northern entrance on Hamilton Lane. Established in 1809 by members of the Meeting House congregation, the Presbyterian Cemetery is one of the oldest and most historic in the City of Alexandria. A cross-section of Alexandria's citizenry has been buried here: merchants, ship's captains, clergy, veterans of the American Revolution, the War of 1812, and the Civil War – including those who served for both North and South – a half dozen of

Alexandria's mayors, numerous members of the city's governing council, and at least one member of the U. S. House of Representatives.

The columbarium, located near the western boundary of the cemetery, contains 192 niches in rows four courses high, each niche able to hold two small urns with cremated remains. The columbarium extends in two graceful arcs some 260 feet in length along the base of the U-shaped roadway. The columbarium is faced with polished red granite plates that will be engraved with the names of decedents as it is occupied. Designed by Alexandria architects Stephenson and Good, the structure was built by the Rust Construction Company, Inc., of Alexandria. Additional property is



Cemetery Superintendent Robert Ellis demonstrates the opening of a section of the columbarium.

available at the site to increase the size of the facility in the future, if necessary. A small slate plaza in front of the columbarium between the north and south wings provides space for a graveside ceremony, and the landscaping

complements the serene environment of the cemetery. Superintendent Ellis demonstrated the opening of a section of the columbarium to permit the inter-

ment of cremated remains.

To conclude the ceremony, the Rev. Dr. Robert R. Laha, Jr., OPMH Senior Pastor, offered a prayer dedicating the columbarium to its use in service to the community.

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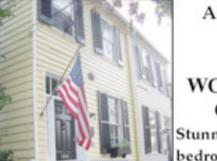
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OBITUARY

Michael Ward Dies

Michael Royce Ward, 62, an insurance industry leader for over 35 years, died May 28 from cancer at his home in Alexandria. He was born in Washington, D.C. to Mr. & Mrs. Royce F. Ward on Nov. 11, 1945, raised in Alexandria, and was currently splitting time between Alexandria and Corolla, N.C.

After graduating from Bullis High School in Potomac, Md., Mr. Ward attended Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio where he joined the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, gained membership in national honor society Omicron Delta Kappa, and was elected student body president his senior year. Also a talented musician, he co-founded the folk group "The Shadtown Trio Plus One," appearing on national radio programs such as Voice of America.

After college, Mr. Ward married the former Margaret "Peggy" Ames of Massapequa, N.Y. and settled back in his hometown of Alexandria. He worked for insurance administrator Wright & Co. until 1981, when he founded his own company, MRW Holdings, Inc., specializing in insurance product development. Over the next few years, MRW acted as the broker and administrator for several federal government employee insurance programs, including the Special Agents Mutual Benefits Association originally founded by J. Edgar

Hoover.

In the late 80s, Mr. Ward expanded MRW into property development and management in the Northern Outer Banks area of North Carolina, an area which he moved to in 2003 after 57 years as an Alexandria resident.

In 1991, Mr. Ward invented one of the first paid-up models for long term care insurance which paved the way for one of the most successful direct mail long term care programs in the country. In the mid 90s, he was made an honorary member of the Society of Actuaries due to his product development skills.

In 1999, he was instrumental in the formation of Worldwide Benefit Services, a company that created and marketed assistance service programs for insurance carriers and affinity groups. At the time of his death, Mr. Ward was busy working on one of his latest product creations, ID Theft Assist, a program introduced in 2004 that assists victims of identity theft. At the time of his death, he had helped make ID Theft Assist the largest direct to consumer ID theft restoration product on the market.

Two months prior to his death, he had just completed a one year term as president of the American Institute of Professional Affinity Group Insurance Administrators (AIPAGIA), an exclusive national association of third-party insurance administrators.

Throughout his career, he always found time for other pursuits, especially his con-

tinuing love of music and performing, including an appearance with the Lettermen on the Kennedy Center stage. Mr. Ward also played a key role in the fundraising and construction of the sports gymnasium at St. Mary's Elementary School in Alexandria—a school he attended as well as his three children. He was a member of Belle Haven County Club in Alexandria and the Currituck Club in Corolla, N.C. where he spent two years as Board President for the Homeowner's Association starting in 2006.

Mr. Ward is survived by his loving wife of 40 years Peggy; son Chris Ward and daughter-in-law Lisa of Boonton, N.J.; daughter Stephanie Scheel and son-in-law Dan of Falls Church; daughter Melissa Gardiner and son-in-law Mike of Charlottesville; and five grandchildren Colin Royce, Molly Elisabeth, Dylan Richard, Margaret Mackenzie, and Madeline Ames.

The family asks in lieu of flowers that contributions be made to: Georgetown University Hospital Lombardi Cancer Center, Cancer Research, 3800 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, DC 20057; or, The Johnstone Education Foundation, c/o AIPAGIA, 4248 Park Glen Road, Minneapolis, MN 55416; or Dare Hospice Inc., 109 Exeter Street, PO Box 1000, Manteo, NC 27954.

To have an obituary placed in the Alexandria Gazette Packet, send an e-mail to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. For questions, call Rebecca Halik at 703-917-6407. Pictures encouraged.

FAITH NOTES

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Convergence: A Creative Community of Faith at 1801 N. Quaker Lane, gathers each Sunday at 5 p.m. for a worship gathering. All are welcome. Visit www.convergenceccf.net, or call 703-998-6260.

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

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

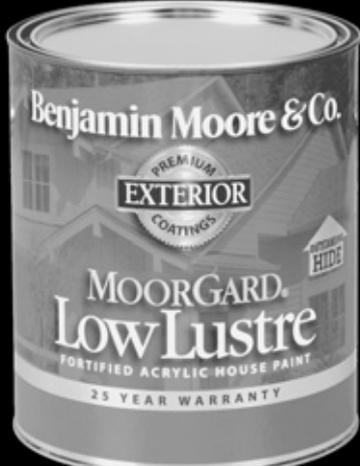
Beth El Hebrew Congregation holds services at 8:15 p.m. on Fridays and 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays. Religious school is on Wednesdays evening and Sunday mornings. Adult learning opportunities take place throughout the year. Tot Shabbat on first and third Saturdays. Kolot Shabbat (musical service) the first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

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

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HEALTH & FITNESS

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The **Alexandria Mental Health Family Support Group** of NAMI/FOCUS is open to all dealing with mentally ill family members suffering from depression, bipolar or schizophrenia. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Alexandria Mental Health Office, Community Service Board Clubhouse, 4480 King St. Contact J. Gulka, Facilitator, 571-451-0773.

Learn about Medicare on Friday, June 13 at 2 p.m. at NOVA's Alexandria Campus, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Free. 703-845-6222.

Capital Hospice is starting a Grief Support Group at the Hollin Hall Senior Center on Mondays, from 2-3 p.m. to talk with others who have also had losses. Carol Mansfield of Capital Hospice will facilitate. Call Senior Center at 703-4573 or sign up on their Bulletin Board.

The **Alexandria Mental Health Family Support Group** of NAMI/FOCUS is open to all families dealing with mentally ill family members suffer-

ing from depression, bipolar or schizophrenia. Alison Malmon will be the guest speaker at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Call 571-451-0773 for date.

Yoga in Daily Life, 2402 Mount Vernon Ave., offers classes for people of all ages and physical ability, seven days a week. Meditation classes also offered. Free trial class June 23. Drop-ins welcome. Lunchtime Yoga classes held on Wednesdays 12:15- 12:50 p.m. Visit www.yogaindailylifeus.org/ or call 703-299-8946.

Body in Balance Center, 1423 N. Powhatan St., offers fusion flow for par-

ents and babies, a class specifically designed for parents with babies who are crawling and beginning to walk as well as pre-crawlers. Classes are offered Thursdays at 11 a.m. and Saturdays 11:30 a.m. \$20.00 drop in fee or 6 class pass for \$90.00. Visit www.bodyinbalancecenter.com or 703-518-4434.

The **Washington Area Bicyclist Association** (WABA) has scheduled a series of free Confident City Cycling Classes for 2008. The classes, which are free and open to all, regardless of residency, are designed to provide cyclists with the skills they need incorporate bicycling into their daily routines. To

register visit waba.org/events/education.php. The classes are offered:

*Saturday, June 28 from 1-4 p.m. at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 Stafford St., Arlington.

CrisisLink has been helping people deal with anxiety, stress and crisis throughout the entire metropolitan area for 35 years. Call 703-527-4077 or 1-800-784-2433, or learn more about their confidential, free hot line and crisis response services on the web at www.crisislink.org.

Yoga Classes are offered by YogaKala at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., on Saturdays, 10 a.m. for intermediate and 11:25 a.m. for beginners, and at the Carlyle Towers, 2151 Jamieson Ave., on Thursday 6 p.m. for intermediate and 7:15 p.m. for beginners, as well as Fridays, 10 a.m. gentle yoga. Cost: \$15 per class or \$96 for eight classes. For more information, call 703-549-0484 or e-mail YogaKala@aol.com.

His Kingdom Ministries, 2707 Dewitt Ave., Alexandria, will be teaching "Your Best Life Now," on Sunday mornings from 10-11 a.m. Free. 202-409-4761 or 703-329-1594.

Haven of Northern Virginia is offering the following Bereavement Support Groups at 4606 Ravensworth Road, Annandale:

* General Bereavement Group: First and third Wednesday evening of each month, 7:30-9 p.m.

* Suicide Survivors Bereavement Group: First Tuesday evening of each month, 7:30-9 p.m.

* Widow/Widower Support Groups: First and third Thursday evening of each month, 2-3:30 p.m.; Second and fourth Tuesday evening of each month, 7:30-9 p.m.

Emotions Anonymous is a 12-Step fellowship for people whose emotions are causing difficulties in their lives. Meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Mount Vernon United Methodist Church, 2006 Belle View Blvd. Call 703-660-8798, or e-mail ea-alexandria@cox.net.

Yoga at Fitness on the Run, 109 S. Alfred St., offers daily classes at 12:15 p.m. and evenings starting at 6 p.m., 6:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and on Saturdays at 10:15 a.m. and Sundays at 5 p.m. Visit www.fitnessontherun.net and view the online calendar for a complete list of classes and times.

The Inova Hospital System asks the public to **give blood**. There is a need for all types of blood, with an emergency need for Type O-positive & O-negative. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome. Call 1-866-BLOODSAVES (1-866-256-6372). A photo ID is required. Allow one hour for donation. In the Alexandria/Mount Vernon areas, blood can be given at **Inova Alexandria Hospital**, 4320 Seminary Road, 703-504-3500 or at **Inova Mount Vernon Hospital**, 2501 Parker's Lane, 703-664-7229.

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businesses, organizations, families, professional preservationists, volunteers, students and other individuals who have demonstrated work or efforts in archaeological investigation, research, site protection, education, public interpretation, open space design, collections, or conservation. Nomination forms are available at www.alexandriaarchaeology.org or by calling the Alexandria Archaeology Museum at 703.838.4399. The deadline for nominations is June 30.

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Community Partners for Children's fourth annual baby supply drive is underway. The following Alexandria drop off locations will have

donation baskets and containers at their businesses. The items collected during the drive will be donated to four local non-profit groups that help struggling families: Casey Clinic, Alexandria Neighborhood Services in Arlandria, Center for Alexandria's Children and the Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry (NOVAM). The other way to help is to donate a tax-deductible check to support Community Partners for Children's Baby Supply Drive, Back-to-School Drive and the Holiday Toy Drive. Send your check to Community Partners for Children, PO Box 2738, Alexandria, VA 22301.

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Democrats

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our party allow anybody to run, but I think that Jim Moran has served our district well and he deserves to be the nominee.”

FUNDRAISING RECORDS released by the Federal Election Commission show a lopsided race for cash, with Moran an incumbent able to raise large amounts of money. Since January 2007, records show, Moran has raised \$871,931 and spent \$539,509, leaving him with a \$700,000 war chest to fight the Republican nominee that emerges from Tuesday’s primary. Campaign officials cautioned against reading too much into these numbers, however, saying that most of the expenditures were leftover bills from the 2006 race against Republican challenger Tom O’Donoghue.

“We’ve spent about \$20,000 on this primary,” said Austin Durrer, a spokesman for Moran. “We sent out two mailings, and the rest has been spent on staff.”

Famiglietti’s filing with the Federal Election Commission shows that he’s spent about \$6,500 on the race, leaving him with about \$400 heading into the final days before the primary. On the campaign trail, Famiglietti has opposed Moran’s support for bank-

Democrats on the Ballot

Matt Famiglietti, 55: A native of Washington, D.C., Famiglietti received a bachelor’s degree in political science from the College of Charleston in 1981 and a juris doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1985. He worked at a nonprofit organization as an advocate for children with severe disabilities before launching his own law firm in South Carolina. Famiglietti moved to the eighth congressional district in 1999 to work at the Department of Labor before launching his own Washington firm in 2002. His law practice specializes in disability and discrimination.

Jim Moran, 63: A native of Natick, Mass., Jim Moran received a bachelor’s degree in economics from the College of the Holy Cross in 1967 and a master’s degree in public administration from the University of Pittsburgh in 1970. He first ran for office in 1979, when he was elected to the Alexandria City Council. He served as vice mayor from 1982 to 1985 and then as mayor from 1985 to 1991, when he became a member of Congress. He is currently a member of the Appropriations Committee, where he serves on the Defense Subcommittee and Interior Subcommittee.

ruptcy reform and free trade, criticizing the congressman’s reluctance to move forward with impeachment resolutions aimed at President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney.

“When I talk to voters, they tell me that they are fed up with Jim Moran,” said Famiglietti. “They don’t feel that he’s a true Democrat, and neither do I.”

Republicans

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carved out an ideological place for himself in the campaign that is against the war in Iraq, in favor of limited government and starkly opposed to the current power structure within the Republican Party. Records filed with the Federal Elections Commission show that Singh has raised more than twice as much money as Ellmore, building a \$58,000 war chest with more than \$25,000 heading into the final days before the primary.

“We’ve got a broad base of support that will be necessary to win in this district,” said Navdeep Singh, press secretary for the Singh campaign. “Amit has a network in place that will be the most effective in challenging Jim Moran in the general election.”

Both candidates contributed about \$10,000 to their own campaigns, although Ellmore added an additional \$5,000 loan to his fundraising totals. The federal documents show that Ellmore raised a total of \$24,000, with about \$17,000 heading into the final days of the election. Ellmore supporters acknowledge that Singh has been able to raise more money, but they are quick to point out the impressive list of party insiders that have signed on to their campaign. Last week, for example, the Ellmore campaign announced the support of former Fairfax County supervisor Mychelle Brickner, former Fairfax

Republicans on the Ballot

Mark Ellmore, 49: A native of the Alexandria section of Fairfax County, Ellmore is a senior consultant at Countrywide Bank who led an unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination in the eighth congressional district in 2006. After Thomas O’Donoghue won the primary and lost in the general election, Ellmore started putting the pieces into place for another run this year. He casts himself as is a Christian conservative who sees an active role for government to play in promoting family values and curbing illegal immigration. He supports building a fence along the Mexican border and limiting medical damages from what he calls “frivolous lawsuits.”

Amit Singh, 33: A native of Colonial Heights, Va., Singh is an engineer who works with the intelligence community. He announced his candidacy in an Old Town in March last month. Singh is a fiscal conservative who has launched a libertarian challenge to Ellmore’s candidacy, arguing that government should take a reduced role in the lives of Americans. The starkest contrast between the candidates is the war in Iraq, with Singh supporting a “phased troop reduction.”

County School Board member Steve Hunt and former congressional candidate Lisa Marie Cheney.

“Mark is the only compatible candidate to stand with John McCain in November on the Republican ticket,” said Daniel Tillson, Ellmore’s campaign manager. “Most Republicans here in Northern Virginia recognize that it is our duty to nominate a candidate who will stand by our core principles which is why they are backing Ellmore in the primary.”

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The **Alexandria chapter** of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) meet at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month, at the Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Contact 703-684-6190 or visit www.naacpalexandria.org.

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Police Facility Approved

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The Wheeler Avenue site was recommended by a citizen ad hoc task force established by City Council in June 2004. It was selected because it met the criteria for

such a facility combined with the fact that it "would be compatible with other adjacent land uses, given the industrial nature of the area," staff stated in their analysis.

The need for a new police facility was established in 2001 when the City studied the existing Public Safety Center at 2001 Mill Road. That building was found to have structural problems brought on by soil conditions..

The four story headquarters building, the first level of which will be entirely below

ground, will be 50 feet tall to house 540 police officers and support staff. A five-level, 500 -space parking structure will provide secure parking for police vehicles and special command vehicles. There will also be a 50-space visitor surface parking area.

Activities within the building will be divided by floors as follows:

Below ground level: Exercise room, lockers, shower area, offices, interview rooms, report writing space and storage.

Ground level: Public meeting space, reception area, finger printing, offices, conference and break rooms, property and evi-

dence space, drug vault, storage and technical support.

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Third level: Break room, interview rooms, offices, and work stations.

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Basketball Coach Leaving T.C. Williams

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day. "I try to emulate him in everything he does, the way he carries himself."

Thomas maintained, even after telling Jenkins and the rest of the Titans that he will no longer be their coach, that the coach-player bonds are the most important aspect, far more vital than the wins.

"The relationships that I have with my players is the most important—I want people to say that this guy was someone who taught our kids more than just basketball," Thomas said. "I am in the business of helping young people and I think that while I was at T.C., I had the opportunity to serve and help young people reach their maximum potential."

Jenkins, who often depends on Thomas for rides to summer AAU tournaments, is a prime example, though the coach also has cited similar bonds with Division I signees Glenn Andrews and Mike Davis, among others.

"It hurts a lot but I can't say anything to make him stay or make him try to consider getting his job back," Jenkins said. "In the end, he will be there with all of us because we have that type of bond and relationship."

ON THE COURT, Thomas' coaching resume speaks for itself. After winning the 2001 Illinois state championship under Bob Williams in Schaumburg, Ill., Thomas spent a year under longtime Hayfield coach Charlie Thompson. Thomas then spent three years at Edison in his first stint as a head coach, going from six wins in 2002 to 18-8 two years later when the Eagles were the first National District team to win a regional contest in three seasons.

In his second season, he earned the first of three Northern Region Coach of the Year honors.

But what has been most impressive has been his tenure at T.C. Williams, where he racked up an impressive 78-11 record over three seasons, including a 52-0 record in the Patriot District.

The season culminated in the school's first state championship in 31 years, with Thomas receiving nearly every regional and state Coach of the Year award.

"One of my proudest moments was winning the state championship because I saw a group of kids buy into a vision of playing and approaching a game the right way," said Thomas, who was in Chicago on Tuesday to give a motivational speech. "When I first took over T.C., there was a different impression. They were a rag-tag bunch of guys, who were athletic and really talented, but got tons of technical fouls on the court and had other issues off of the court... It was a culture that we set, that you would come and lift weights with the team. The guys

that didn't come, they understood that hey, this is a new generation and you have to buy into what he's saying."

Thomas preached defense, made subtle changes in the line-ups and used special—if not quirky—motivational tactics like tool boxes and funny phrases to keep his players' attentions on their respective goals.

"The first time I was around him and he addressed the group of boys I was sitting there as captivated as they were," said former assistant Kevin Quinlan, now the head coach at Edison. "The first thing I thought to myself was that if he was leading a church, I would start going more."

"T.C. basketball is in good hands. Once you have a foundation, it is pretty tough to destroy it."

—Ivan Thomas, former T.C. Williams head coach

The wins piled up, resulting in three straight Patriot District titles and two straight region titles for just the second time in school history. But Thomas will likely be revered for leading the Titans to a 29-3 record this past season, including the 70-57 victory over heavily favored Bethel despite having a marginally talented team.

THOMAS SAID HE made the decision in October when friend Michael Hopson suddenly died. Hopson, who had two daughters at T.C. Williams and was a member of the famed 1971 football team used to visit Thomas in his office on a regular basis. When Thomas got the call from Donley about Hopson's sudden passing, he made the decision that family needed to come first.

"He'll be at [school] from early in the morning to late at night," Jenkins said. "He sees [his kids] the next day when he's dropping them off at the babysitter's. I understand the reason he's leaving and I accept that. It's not like he's leaving — he's just doing better things with his life."

Thomas has dual master's degrees—one in guidance counseling and another in educational leadership, and released his first book, "45 Tips to Discovering Your Child's Talent" in April. He plans to release a second, "Listen to Me," a compilation of 100 essays from teenagers later next year. Thomas also wants to start regularly giving motivational speeches.

"The administration has been very good to me and have been understanding of my family commitments, which I appreciate," Thomas said.

For the area coaches, it could be an opportunity for another team to dethrone the reigning state champs, especially with the announcement that 6-foot-6 freshman Ben Dickinson will transfer to Gonzaga next season.

"I think a lot of coaches are jealous of what Ivan's done at T.C.," said Wakefield head coach Tony Bentley, who lost to T.C. Williams in the regional final in 2007. "There are a lot of people who don't like

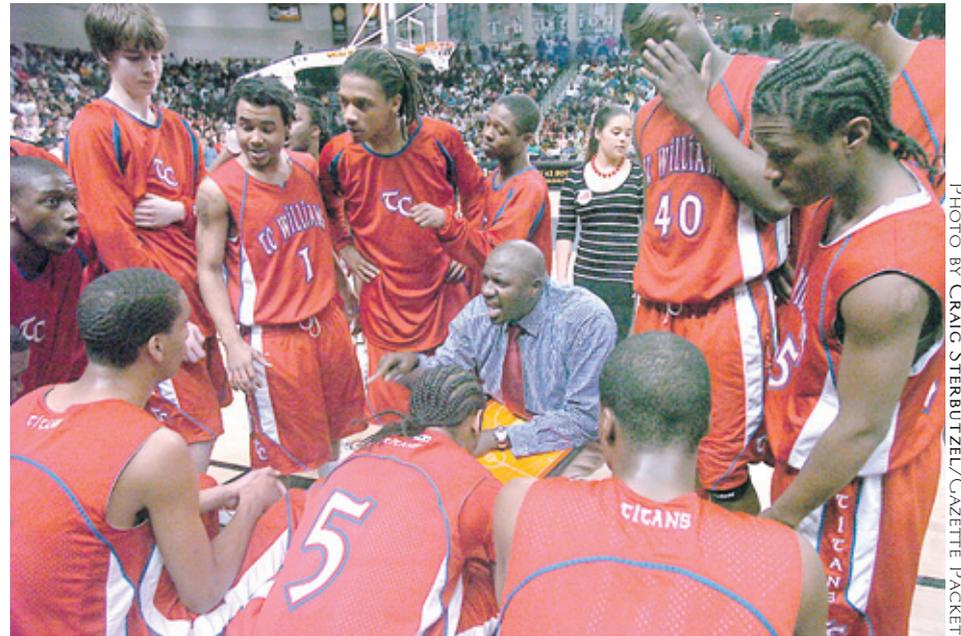


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Ivan Thomas went 78-11 in three years at T.C. Williams, including a 52-0 record within the Patriot District.

him, or don't like his style for whatever reason, but Ivan has always been like 'I don't care. All I care about is my program and my kids.' If you talk to his kids, they will run through a fire for him."

WHERE DOES T.C. WILLIAMS go from here? According to Thomas, Jenkins and possibly Donley, the focus will likely turn to Thomas' staff, either varsity assistants Cornell Jones, Julian King or junior varsity coach Irvin Hay.

"T.C. basketball is in good hands," Thomas said. "Once you have a foundation, it is pretty tough to destroy it. My assistant coaches have the same work ethic that I have and they are willing to give this to the kids."

Jenkins was also adamant about hiring someone already affiliated with the program, in order to continue the tradition that Thomas ignited.

"We wouldn't have to learn a new system and we'd know expectations from what the

new coach would want," Jenkins said.

Even Donley, who said he will speak with Thomas and departing principal Dr. Mel Riddile mentioned the assistants as viable candidates.

"Fortunately, I think we will attract a lot of wonderful applicants for his position," Donley said. "I think we have some real solid assistant coaches that will apply for the job as well because I think we can look to hire from within also... I would like to move quickly. The sooner we move, the better it will be for the program."

Jenkins cautioned that just because the reigning state champs lost their inspirational leader, that it doesn't mean that next year's T.C. Williams team will automatically falter.

"They are going to say that 'because Coach Thomas left, the team is not going to be successful,'" Jenkins said. "But that is not the case. When I am on the floor, I am Coach Thomas."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Aces Set To Debut on Friday

The Alexandria Aces will celebrate opening night when they host the Herndon Braves at 7 p.m. on June 6 at Four Mile Run Park.

The Aces are a part of the fourth-year Cal Ripken, Sr. Collegiate Baseball League, a Baltimore, Md.-based wooden bat league comprised of college players. Players' hometowns span from Acton, Ma. to Tuscon, Az. The 31-man roster is from easily recognizable schools like Wake Forest and Rutgers, but also include more obscure schools like Armstrong Atlantic and Yavapai.

Other teams in the league include Rockville, the defending champions, along with the Express Bethesda Big Train, College Park Bombers, Herndon Braves, Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts, Maryland Redbirds and Yousey's Maryland Orioles.

Alexandria will play 21 home games at Four Mile Run Park throughout June and July. Tick-

ets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Avengers Sitting at .500 With Playoffs Looming

The Alexandria Avengers, a minor league basketball team playing in the National Professional Basketball League, have one more home game before the playoffs start on June 14. The Avengers are currently 5-4, having logged wins over the Hudson Valley Hawks, the New York Strikeforce and the Maryland Bayriders.

But Alexandria has lost its two of its last three games heading into a scheduled visit from the Hawks. The Avengers will host Hudson Valley, who they beat, 123-120, in overtime at 7:05 p.m. on June 7 at Francis Hammond Middle School.

Meanwhile, the Bulldogs, who beat Alexandria by 13 points on April 27, hold the first-place seed, but the Bayriders are a half-game out of first place. The playoffs start on June 14, with the NPBL championship set for June 21.

Afriyie Wins Discus for T.C. Williams

Boys place eighth in state track meet.

By ERIC J. GILMORE
GAZETTE PACKET

Frank Afriyie spent Tuesday afternoon heaving a circular discus and a nondescript weight, randomly contorting his body in circles before letting the objects go. Nothing in particular was going on, no coaches were around and other than three other heavy-set throwers, no one really paid him and three others much attention.

Three days before, the powerful T.C. Williams senior was busy winning the discus and placing second in the shot put in the Group AAA state track meet at Todd Stadium in Newport News, Va. over the weekend.

Afriyie, a defensive end who was injured for the better portion of the football season, won the discus on his second throw of 168 feet, 4 inches. The throw was slightly behind the 169-foot toss he had in the Northern Region meet, which broke position coach Rodney Johnson's school record of 167 feet.

"Once the indoor senior started his senior year, he was just on fire. Each week he has been setting new personal records," said Johnson, who still holds the state meet shot put record he set in 1997.

Afriyie backed up the first-place discus

showing with a second in the shot put, throwing a personal-best 54 feet, 10 inches.

"The shot, I can go out there any day and just power it and have fun," Afriyie said on Tuesday. "But the discus, I have to be relaxed and comfortable so I can get everything right."

Other standout performances included senior Tommy Clark's sixth in pole vault (14 feet), which tied a personal-record. Dartmouth-bound runner Brad Kenimer finished 13th in the 1,600 meters (4:28.57) and fellow senior Jamal Ford was 14th in the long jump (22-2.75).

T.C. Williams junior Tynita Butts, who set a Virginia indoor record in the long jump in clearing 20 feet, scratched and failed to place. She did manage to get fourth in the high jump (5-6) and ninth in 100-meter dash (12.53).

Senior Eva Baker finished seventh in the pole vault, clearing a season-best 10-foot-6, while Amanda Hopson set a new personal-record en route to finishing 10th in the discus (104-9).



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/GAZETTE PACKET

T.C. Williams senior Eva Baker finished sixth in the pole vault, setting a new personal-record at the outdoor state track meet.

After the first day of the two-day meet, T.C. Williams' boys were in fourth with 10 points. The Titans ended up with 21 points, good enough for eighth—the highest in the Northern Region. The T.C. Williams girls finished tied for 27th.

Western Branch was crowned the boys state champion, while Landstown's girls won by 36 points, the largest-ever margin of victory in state history.

NORTHERN REGION

Tournament Champs

GIRLS LACROSSE

Oakton High School
(Oakton 14, Chantilly 12)

BOYS LACROSSE

Chantilly High School
(Chantilly 8, Oakton 6)

BASEBALL

Lake Braddock Secondary School
(Lake Braddock 9, Chantilly 6)

SOFTBALL

Westfield High School
(Westfield 5, Herndon 3)

GIRLS SOCCER

Robinson Secondary School
(Robinson 2, Westfield 1)

BOYS SOCCER

Stone Bridge High School
(Stone Bridge 1, Robinson 0)

BOYS TENNIS

Robinson Secondary School

GIRLS TENNIS

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

GIRLS OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Lake Braddock Secondary School
(Lake Braddock 101, Centreville 56.50, Edison 53, Langley 46, T.C. Williams 45.50)

BOYS OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

South Lakes High School
(South Lakes 93.50, Edison 86, T.C. Williams 77.50, Lake Braddock 51.50, West Potomac 45)



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puterized network. I place my order for items each Tuesday at 2 p.m. and they are delivered here by 7 a.m. Thursday," he explained. "As my business volume increases I can go to twice a week orders and delivery."

Heilman fully owns his store. It is not a chain or franchise. Being a cooperative corporation all store owners are stockholders in the mother corporation and share in the profits of that corporation in addition to what they make in their individual stores.

The stores in this area operate under the Richmond district office that administers the corporate financial arrangement as established when a dealer comes on board. ACE corporate also supplies other services

to the dealers.

"ACE has a great program for new investors. They helped me with lease negotiations, sent in a project manager to help with layout, and worked with me to get financing. I have a Small Business loan plus my own capital," Heilman said.

"Dealers also benefit from ACE national advertising which is done on a theme basis. The most recent one was geared to the Memorial Day weekend and now there's a Father's Day theme. We do pay some fee toward that program," he said.

Most people are familiar with the former football coach and now sports announcer John Madden's pitch line — "ACE is the place." But, as Heilman explained, the national advertising is done on a seasonal basis

with an ever changing theme emphasis.

Heilman signed his lease October 7, 2007, and took possession 60 days later. The build out was completed in January and the soft opening took place on April 29, 2008.

"The volume has been steady and the customers very supportive. They really flocked in for our Memorial Day promotion sale. The question I get the most is "Where have you been for the last 20 years?" he said.

Heilman presently has seven full time and six part time employees. He is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. "Some of my customers want me to open earlier and stay open later on Sundays. But, I do have to sleep sometime," he said.

"I may adjust the hours eventually, once I see how things flow. But, right now the schedule seems to be doing okay," Heilman said.

As he was explaining his plans a customer came in looking rather frustrated and headed straight for him. "I'm putting up drapes in a home here in Old Town with plaster walls and I can't get the supports to hold. What do I need?" she asked.

Heilman immediately led her to the appropriate section and helped her get the exact fixtures. "Thank you. That's real service," she said as she headed for the cashier.

Forty percent of the dollars spent in hardware stores are spent by women, according to Heilman.

Legal Notices

**TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF VALUABLE
IMPROVED REAL ESTATE**

Improved by the premises known as
6250 Fogle Street, Alexandria, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Ali Billoo, dated February 8, 2006, and recorded February 15, 2006, in Deed Book 18217 at page 1216 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

at 11:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 7, Section 1, SHIRLEY PARK as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 901 at page 487, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 6250 Fogle Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22310.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$40,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 7.0 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and

shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to termination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (v) to reject any or all bids; (vi) to postpone or set over the date or time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement hereunder.

Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

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Substitute Trustee

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**Alexandria Board of Architectural Review
Old & Historic Alexandria District**

LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2008 beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

CASE BAR2007-0069
Request for Permit to Demolish/Encapsulation at **1203 King Street**, zoned KR Commercial.
APPLICANT: Art Underfoot, Inc.

CASE BAR2007-0070
Request for approval of an addition & alterations at **1203 King Street**, zoned KR Commercial.
APPLICANT: Art Underfoot, Inc.

CASE BAR2008-0013
Request for approval of alterations at **825 N. Washington St.**, zoned CDX Commercial
APPLICANT: M. Catharine Puskar

CASE BAR2008-0053
Request for approval of alterations at **511 Queen St.**, zoned RM Residential
APPLICANT: Rosemary Furfaro & James Woods

CASE BAR2008-0090
Request for approval of Permit to Demolish/Encapsulate at **902 Green Street**, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Joe Guzzo

CASE BAR2008-0078
Request for approval of addition / alterations at **902 Green Street**, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Joe Guzzo

CASE BAR2008-0082
Request for approval of signage at **115 S. Washington Street**, zoned CD Commercial.
APPLICANT: Washington St UMC

CASE BAR2008-0083
Request for approval of alterations at **414 Gibson Street**, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Barry Ford

CASE BAR2008-0084
Request for approval of alterations at **719 S. Fairfax Street**, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Bernard and Susan Kellom

CASE BAR2008-0085
Request for approval of signage at **687 S. Washington Street**, zoned CD Commercial.
APPLICANT: Anthony Houston

CASE BAR2008-0086
Request for approval of alterations at **313 N. Royal Street**, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Ann Horowitz

CASE BAR2008-0087

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Request for approval of alterations at **923 King Street**, zoned CD Commercial.
APPLICANT: Ray Lewis, Lewis & Associates

CASE BAR2008-0088
Request for approval of alterations at **1321 King Street**, zoned CD Commercial.
APPLICANT: R.J. Lasker

CASE BAR2008-0089
Request for approval of alterations at **623 S. Fairfax Street**, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Stephanie Dimond

Information about the above item(s) may be obtained from the Department of Planning and Zoning, City Hall, 301 King Street, Room 2100, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, telephone: (703) 838-4666

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Case No JJ021734-01-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
ELIZABETH SANTOS-MOLINA
The object of this suit is to:
Custody/Visitation.
It is ORDERED that the defendant Rene Rodriguez appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 8/19/2008 at 11:00am

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Case No JJ020397-07-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
BRIONA WILLIAMS
The object of this suit is to:
Approve the permanency plan submitted by Alexandria DHS, with the goal of adoption, to terminate the residual parental rights and responsibilities of unknown father, of Briona Williams born 4/16/1998, daughter of Jeannie Williams-Sandifer.
It is ORDERED that the defendant unknown father appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 7/22/2008 at 9:00am

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Case No JJ020396-07-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
JOSHUA WILLIAMS
The object of this suit is to:
Approve the permanency plan submitted by Alexandria DHS, with the goal of adoption, to terminate the residual parental rights and responsibilities of Earnest Payton, alleged father of Joshua Williams born 4/9/2000, son of Jeannie Williams-Sandifer.
It is ORDERED that the defendant Earnest Payton(father) appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 7/22/2008 at 9:00am

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ020397-06-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
BRIONA WILLIAMS
The object of this suit is to:
Approve the permanency plan submitted by Alexandria DHS, with the goal of adoption, to terminate the residual parental rights and responsibilities of Michael Wilkerson, the alleged father of Briona Williams born 4/16/1998, daughter of Jeannie Williams-Sandifer.
It is ORDERED that the defendant Michael Wilkerson(father) appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 7/22/2008 at 9:00am

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ020396-07-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
JOSHUA WILLIAMS
The object of this suit is to:
Approve the permanency plan submitted by Alexandria DHS, with the goal of adoption, to terminate the residual parental rights and responsibilities of unknown father, of Joshua Williams born 4/9/2000, son of Jeannie Williams-Sandifer.
It is ORDERED that the defendant unknown father appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 7/22/2008 at 9:00am

ABC LICENSE

Zorkafov's SandVeg, Inc, trading as Zorkafov's Sandveg, 703 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL, for a Beer and Wine Restaurant license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Benjamin Molayem & Linda Marjorie Molayem, Owner

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ020560-01-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
JOSE DANIEL SALVADOR
The object of this suit is to:
Custody/Visitation
It is ORDERED that the defendant Sonia Milagro Palacios appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 7/31/2008 at 9:00am

One man with courage
makes a majority.
-Andrew Jackson

School System at a Tipping Point

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everything from expanding honors classes to the role of foreign language instruction in the classroom. The internal divisions exploded into public outrage after a five-vote majority ousted the former superintendent and installed Eberwein as chairwoman, both on five-to-four votes. Those divisions seem to have receded this week, with board members casting a unanimous vote to hire Sherman.

"I think it was wonderful that the board voted unanimously," said former Superintendent Herb Berg, who was in attendance at Monday's board meeting announcing the appointment. "That unanimity sends a message of togetherness, and it makes it the likelihood of his success so much greater."

After Eberwein made the announcement, each board member spoke about their expectations for the new superintendent. Blanche Maness said she was impressed by the caliber of his skills. Arthur Peabody said he expected Sherman's vision of education to transcend standardized tests. Yvonne Folkerts spoke of her experience visiting him in New Jersey, where she learned about his habit of sending late-night e-mails. Scott Newsham said he's never felt such a great degree of optimism for the future of public education in Alexandria. Eileen Cassidy Rivera said she was impressed with Sherman's record of closing the achievement gap between students who are achieving and those who are not. Sheryl Gorsuch said she looked forward to tapping into Sherman's experience with strategic planning to build long-term goals for the division. Ronnie Campbell praised Sherman's transparency and his willingness to become a part of the community. Charles Wilson praised Eberwein for leading the board through the search, which was unexpectedly extended in April.

"We have been called many things over the past two years, and not all of them have been kind," said Eberwein. "But this board's commitment, its dedication, its thoughtfulness and the skill of each of its members have persevered through the setbacks to bring an exciting and excellent superintendent to the Alexandria city public school system."

IN A CONFERENCE call to reporters on Tuesday, Sherman said he was "excited, thrilled actually" to become part of the Alexandria education community. Although he has only been superintendent in Tenafly for the past two and one-half years, Sherman said that he expects to lead Alexandria City Public Schools for eight to 10 years. When asked about his decision to leave Tenafly, Sherman spoke of his 24-year-old daughter's struggle with angiosarcoma, a malignant tumor in her left breast that was later successfully removed.

"It was like a burden was taken off of our shoulders and our minds were free," said Sherman, who will receive an annual salary of \$250,000 plus benefits. "That evolution changed my personal and professional



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET

Former Superintendent Herb Berg

Meet the New Superintendent

Morton Sherman, 58, earned a bachelor's degree in English from Pennsylvania State University and a master's degree in English Education from the University of Delaware. He received a doctorate in Educational Foundations from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., and a superintendent's certification from Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn., in 1988.

For the past two and one-half years, Sherman has led Tenafly Public Schools. Prior to Tenafly, Sherman served for more than eight years as the superintendent for Cherry Hill, N.J., public schools and for five years as the superintendent for South Orangetown Central School District in New York. Prior to his time at Orangetown, Sherman was the superintendent and principal at the Norwich Free Academy in Connecticut; an assistant superintendent for the Westport, Conn., public school system; a university fellow at Lehigh University and a teacher in the Newark, Del., public schools.

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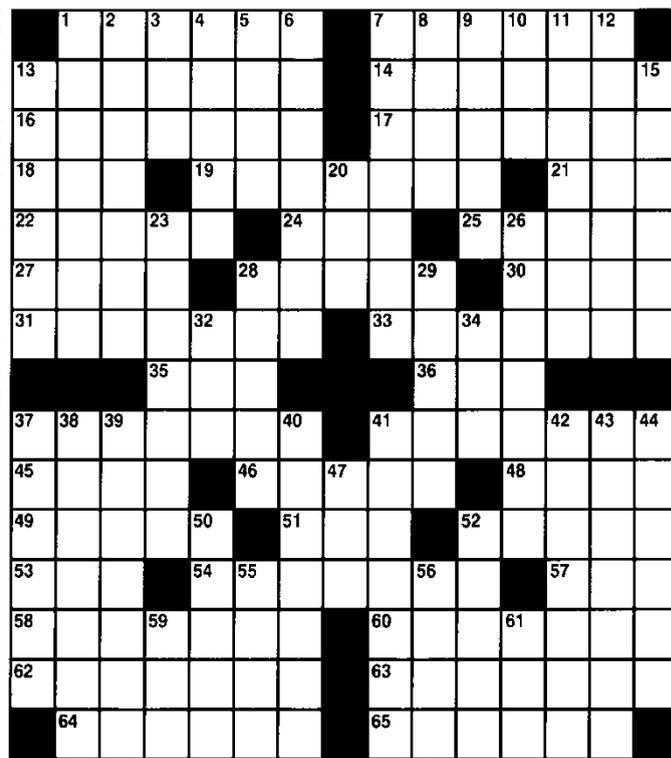
Sherman compared his desire to seek educational reform to the movie "Rocky 6," in which boxer Rocky Balboa explained his determination to continue fighting was because he had "something left in the basement." Like Rocky, Sherman said that his family's health struggles made him contemplate what his talents could accomplish in other school divisions. He described a recent trip to Alexandria as an "epiphany" in which he realized he became excited about working with the Alexandria School Board to challenge the status quo to raise academic standards, close the achievement gap and unite stakeholders.

"When we moved to Tenafly, we had easy access to Sloan Hospital, which we no longer need," he said. "What I'm looking for at this stage in my life is the kind of community that Alexandria has, which is a larger and much more diverse community with open, candid and transparent conversations about the needs of kids in a larger scale."

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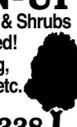


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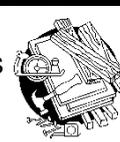
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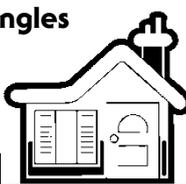
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