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BRAC Deadline In Jeopardy

DeWitt Hospital to bring state-of-the-art medical services.

By CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE

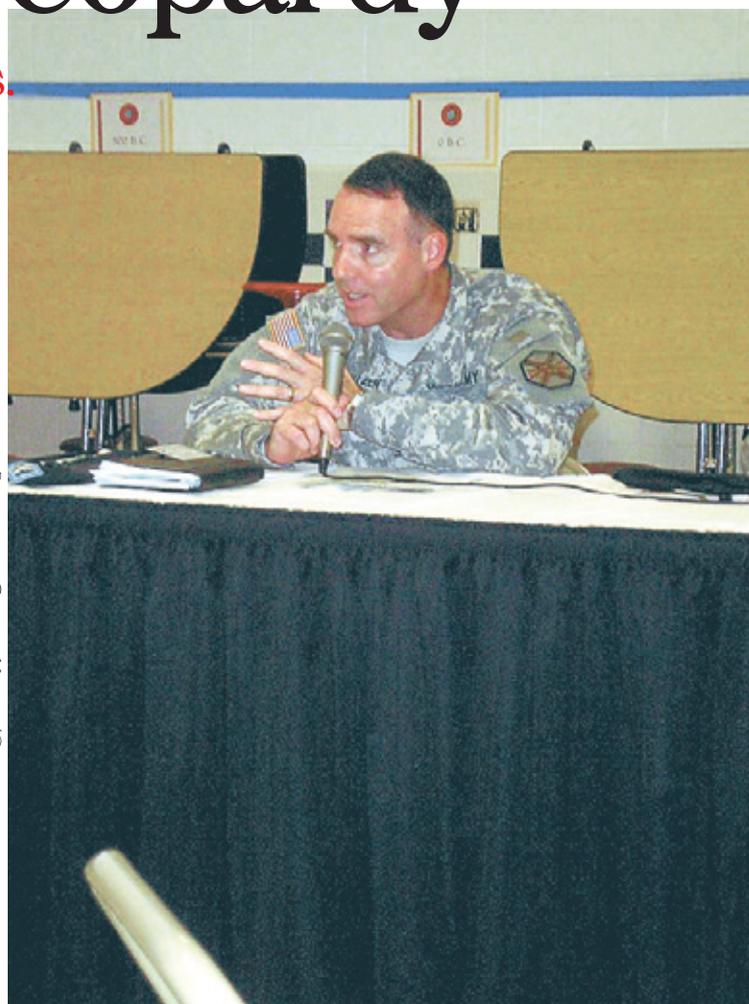
Locating the final 6,300 personnel coming to Fort Belvoir as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Report (BRAC) took a new and unexpected twist last Wednesday night

during a public information meeting highlighting construction of the new DeWitt Community Hospital and other BRAC projects.

Reconstructing the General Services Administration (GSA) warehouses in Springfield to house the Washington Headquarters Services (personnel) cannot be completed by the BRAC mandated

deadline of Sept. 15, 2011, according to Col. Michael Rossi, director, Ft. Belvoir Integration Office, who heads up the engineering component of BRAC for Fort Belvoir.

Plus, the decision as to where those personnel will be located has now been pushed back from June to September, at the earliest, Rossi further noted. How such a change



Col. Brian Lauritzen, commander, Ft. Belvoir, fields a question from the public attending the information session on BRAC progress highlighting the construction of the new DeWitt Community Hospital.



PHOTOS BY CHUCK HAGEE/GAZETTE

A large crowd of interested citizens gathered at Riverside Elementary School to hear about the construction of the new DeWitt Community Hospital on Ft. Belvoir and other developments taking place as a result of BRAC.

in the timetable will be handled was not addressed. The BRAC enabling legislation mandates a Sept. 15, 2011 completion deadline.

"When the decision was made

that the Engineering Proving Grounds would be limited to containing only the National

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Another Piece Of The BRAC Puzzle

A looming tsunami of traffic through residential neighborhoods adjacent to Fort Belvoir's Engineering Proving Grounds brought about a rare bi-partisan Board Matter at Monday's Fairfax County Board of Supervisors meeting. It was jointly sponsored by Democrats Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerald Hyland and Lee District Supervisor Jeffrey McKay in conjunction with Republican Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity.

Triggering the proposal to waive certain requirements for a community or neighborhood to request the installation of traffic calming devices was the possible delay in construction of the final link of the Fairfax

County Parkway at the EPG. The present lack of highway funds has put Phases three and four of the roadway on hold.

Although Phases one and two of the construction have been agreed to by the Federal Highway Administration and Virginia Department of Transportation "the lack of funding will not permit the full extension to be completed at this time," the supervisors noted in their joint appeal.

"The phased construction has led to concerns by adjacent residential communities about cut through traffic generated by the need to access the Parkway without the complete set of ramps and ingress/egress points," they stated.

There are two countywide programs by which communities can petition the county to slow traffic through neighborhoods — "Traffic Calming" and "Cut-Through." However, both, due to the elongated process to implement either, takes approximately a year before any traffic calming mechanism can begin to be put in place, according to the three Supervisors.

REQUIREMENTS CALL for the County to run traffic speed and volume counts, followed by collection of signatures from 75 percent of the residents in the impacted

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Six Area Students Receive Chamber Scholarships

FCPS Superintendent Jack Dale outlines County's education goals.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE

Fostering creativity and helping students realize their passion in pursuing their life's work are two of the primary challenges that face any school system — not putting an over emphasis only on accountability. That was the message delivered by Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Jack Dale to the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce.

As the featured speaker during the Chamber's annual Education Partnership Luncheon at the Mount Vernon Country Club Tuesday, Dale discussed the "Challenge Index" that evaluates the various techniques employed by the school district to entice students to excel, not only in their studies but also in their individual lives.

"One of the great challenges is helping students develop their creativity. There has always been a debate as to whether creativity can be taught or whether it is in-born. I believe it is teachable," Dale said.

"We were making great progress along that path of teaching and fostering creative, then we hit a

brick wall when the emphasis shifted in public education to an overemphasis on accountability with the "No Child Left Behind" program. That's when teaching the art of creativity began to suffer," he told the Chamber audience.

"Our schools are the core of the community and we don't want anything to diminish that fact," he said. To make the point Dale outlined the three primary goals of the Fairfax County Public Schools Board:

"One of the great challenges is helping students develop their creativity."

—FCPS Superintendent Jack Dale

* Develop the primary skills such as mathematics, languages, skills in technology, and a solid knowledge in the other basics of education.

* Develop essential life skills to aid students as they travel life's path such as a sound work ethic, financial literacy, and taking re-



PHOTO BY CHUCK HAGEE/GAZETTE

Recipients of the 2008 Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce high school \$2,000 scholarship awards, from left, Santos T. Chopin, Bryant HS; Kelly Batchelder, Edison HS; Lindsey Christensen, Hayfield Secondary School; Edwin Rivera, MountVernon HS; Kerriane Beyer, West Potomac HS; and Caroline Grady, Thomas Jefferson HS; are flanked by Mount Vernon District Fairfax County School Board member Dan Storck (left) and Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Jack Dale after receiving their scholastic stipends.

sponsibility for their actions.

* Engender the incentive in students to give back to the community as they proceed through life.

"These goals drive all our decisions at the Board level," said Dale who oversees the County's 200

public schools. Fairfax County's high schools rank in the top three percent nationwide, Dale emphasized.

Highlight of the luncheon was the presentation of the Chamber's 2008 Education Partnership

\$2,000 scholarship awards by Chamber President Katy Fike to six high school seniors. This year's recipients and their schools were: Santos T. Chopin, Bryant HS; Kelly

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Mt. Vernon Honors Fourth Book Prize Recipient

University of Pittsburgh historian named.

Marcus Rediker, author of "The Slave Ship: A Human History," was awarded the fourth annual George Washington Book Prize, honoring the most important new book about America's founding era, during ceremonies at Mount Vernon Estate May 29. For his work in this bicentennial year of the abolition of slavery in America Rediker was awarded \$50,000.

A prize-winning author, who chairs the University of Pittsburgh's history department, Rediker was honored for his definitive and painfully evocative account of the floating prisons that carried an estimated 12.4 million African across the so-called "Middle Passage" of the Atlantic to help build the newly established America.

"One of the things I wanted to do in this book was to make our understanding of the slave trade concrete — hence my subtitle, "a human history" — because I think our



Marcus Rediker, winner of the fourth annual George Washington Book Prize.

capacity to live with injustice depends to some extent on making it abstract," said Rediker.

"The George Washington Book Prize is a tremendous honor, and a surprise. I grew up in the South, went to high school in Vir-

ginia, so George Washington and the Virginia aristocracy always loomed large in my mind. It's where I first came to understand issues of race and class and I've been working on them ever since," he said in accepting the award.

Presented to the author at a black-tie dinner attended by some 200 luminaries from the worlds of book publishing, politics, journalism, and academia, the prize includes, in addition to the monetary reward, a medal. It is one of the largest history awards in the nation.

Complete with fireworks and candlelight tours of Washington's Mansion, the event also celebrated the works of two other finalists: Woody Holton, author of "Unruly Americans and the Origins of the Constitution," and Jon Latimer, author of "1812: War with America."

The books were selected by a three-person jury of American historians, including Chairman Robert L. Middlekauff, University of California, Berkeley; Elizabeth A. Fenn, Duke University; and Andrew Jackson O'Shaghnessy, director, Monticello's International Center for Jefferson Studies and

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New State-of-the-Art Hospital Planned

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Geospatial Intelligence Agency's 8,500 personnel, the GSA site could not be readied by the BRAC deadline," Rossi told the crowd assembled at Riverside Elementary School.

"Going out on the street for bids and trying to do a turnkey type operation is new to the Army," he said. "It can either be done more slowly and less costly or fast and very expensive."

Presently, there are two other sites in the running for the WHS personnel — an 11-acre plot at Mark Center just off I-395 and The Victory Center on Eisenhower Avenue. Both are in Alexandria and both, presumably, could make the deadline, although that fact was not made clear.

The Mark Center site is unencumbered and meets all the BRAC/DoD requirements. The Victory Center has several hurdles to overcome.

BRAC...eventually will be only a blip on the screen."

—Col. Brian Lauritzen, installation commander, Ft. Belvoir

The primary one is that its owners have steadfastly indicated they are not willing to sell the site to make it become a part of Fort Belvoir.

BRAC law requires that any site that is to be used to house incoming BRAC transferred personnel must be legally part of Fort Belvoir.

When asked the direct question if that requirement had been waived as a result of the GSA site situation, Rossi answered, "No. It must become a part of Fort Belvoir. We can not justify moving from one leased space to another."

The other primary obstacle associated with the Victory Center is the rail line that runs behind the site. It was one of the primary triggers in moving the Army Materiel Command

from that site to the main Post. The proximity of the rail line was unacceptable in the context of heightened force protection requirements for military bases following the 9/11 attacks. It is still there and operative.

"Once the final private site is selected it will still be weighed against the GSA site, which is already government property and would only need to be transferred to the Department of the Army and Fort Belvoir," said Donald Carr, public information officer, Fort Belvoir.

In order for the GSA warehouses site, which is primarily a huge storage facility for the Patent and Trademark Office, to become the future home of WHS personnel, the present tenants must be relocated, buildings demolished, the site reworked, including infrastructure, and new structures built. With a decision now pushed back to September 2008, that leaves only 36 months from start to finish to meet the September 2011 deadline.

Col. Brian Lauritzen, installation commander, Ft. Belvoir, who chaired the four-Colonel panel at the meeting, assured the audience that the location of the WHS will be solved in line with BRAC requirements. "Although, BRAC is a major operation nationwide at this juncture, it will eventually be only a blip on the screen. We will move on," he said.

JOINING Lauritzen and Rossi for the public information meeting were Col. Kenneth Canestrini, hospital administrator, DeWitt Community Hospital, and Col. Mark Moffatt, deputy for BRAC & Transformation, Fort Belvoir. The primary purpose of the session was to highlight construction of the new medical facility and provide updates on other BRAC projects.

"There are \$4 billion worth of various projects coming to Belvoir as a direct result of BRAC. \$152 million is for new roads, bridges, utilities and other infrastructure," said Rossi in kicking off the two-hour public information meeting.

The two largest projects are the \$1.7 billion NGS campus headquarters that will encompass 2.4 million square feet at EPG. At the height of its construction it will involve an estimated 3,000 construction personnel, according to Rossi.

The other is the new \$747 million DeWitt Community Hospital. It will be 1.3 million square feet spread throughout five structures that includes a state-of-the-art 120 bed, seven level facility, with an intensive care unit, behavioral health inpatient unit, cancer center, emergency center, additional operating rooms, and improved diagnostic centers. On each end of the curved triangle design concept will be a multi-level parking garage connected to the medical buildings by a glass-enclosed walkway.

"Steel will be going up this summer. It will be built from the outer buildings in. We are on a fast track with this. It is being designed as we build," Rossi said.

"If BRAC had not come along, DeWitt would have become a small 20 bed facility mainly serving out patients. Now, when we are finished we will have 155 resident physicians with a variety of specialties to serve our 220,000 beneficiaries throughout Northern Virginia," said Canestrini.

"Each patient will have their own room with an area for visitors. These rooms are designed so that the patient, family members, doctors and medical staff all interact but are not in each other's way," he said.

The facilities are designed to be open with lots of glass, wide corridors, and internal open courtyards. There will be special facilities for up to 300 "wounded warriors," according to Canestrini. The eventual work force at DeWitt will reach approximately 3,300 — three times today's staff of 1,100.

During the question and answer period, attendees focused on the replacement for Woodlawn Road and the impact of BRAC on Fairfax County Public Schools in the



An illustration of a patient's room.

southeastern portion of the County. On the former subject, Lauritzen said the Army will build two lanes initially that will open in the Fall of 2010.

Phase 2 of the new road, now designated Mulligan Road, which will connect Route 1 with Telegraph Road, calls for its widening to four lanes but the money for that is not available at this time, according to Lauritzen. The new connector is part of a broad based land swap with Woodlawn Plantation.

Several speakers continued to question the Army's calculations of the impact on public school by the influx of 19,300 BRAC personnel plus allied contractors and businesses that could take the total much higher. Lauritzen noted that BRAC also calls for 14,500 jobs moving out of the National Capital Area to other locations nationwide.

He also questioned whether those coming to Fort Belvoir as a result of BRAC would actually move from where they are presently living. He also raised the possibility that those that did move might be more likely to move farther south, rather than Fairfax County, where housing prices are more aligned with their pay scales.

"We all need to work together to solve this problem," said Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District representative on the FCPS Board and Board Chairman.

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area, followed by the establishment of a task force of stakeholders to establish a traffic calming plan, followed by a vote by the entire community on the plan. That takes about a year before VDOT can get started on constructing what ever is decided upon in the plan.

"BRAC will lead to an unprecedented number of new workers, and new cars on roads in the area. The impending traffic will

be exceptionally and frustratingly exacerbated by the tangle of access points and ramps created by the construction of phases 1 and 2 of the Parkway," they stated.

"It is critical that staff look at the communities adjacent to the proposed Parkway construction and determine which side roads may receive an increase in through traffic," the Supervisors said. They also proposed that the community petition requirement, to initiate any study, be dropped. This would be replaced with "a letter of interest

from the homeowners association or civic association," according to the Supervisors.

All other steps would remain at this time. "Eliminating the petition process up front would save crucial time to ensure that the devices are in place and effectively preventing the use of neighborhood streets by commuters," they said.

They also suggested county staff reevaluate current traffic count requirements for devices. "Although some of these roads may not reflect higher traffic counts at this time,

increased cars on the road, brought by new development on and off the EPG, may lead to an increase in cut-through traffic," the three pointed out.

They asked for "unanimous consent" that their request be granted and that staff "return to the Board with a procedure to implement" the suggested changes on a temporary basis for interested neighborhoods. It was approved.

—CHUCK HAGEE

COMMUNITY



Martha Washington pattern

Visitors To Take Home China

Dual promotion partnership formed with Corcoran Art Gallery.

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 Washingtons 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.

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.

Nearly all of the original service SEE MOUNT VERNON, PAGE 9

Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held for Dorothy Lanham on June 6, at 7 p.m. at the Bethel Baptist Church, 7836 Fordson Road in Alexandria. Dorothy was a valued and loved member of the church as well as the entire community. She will be missed.

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Mt. Vernon Honors Author

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professor of history, University of Virginia. Rediker's book was named the winner by a panel of two representatives from each of the three institutions that created and sponsor the prize — Washington College of Chestertown, Maryland; the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, New York City; and the Mount Vernon Ladies Association — plus historian Patricia Bonomi of New York University.

"For more than 200 years, Americans have been engaged in an ongoing — and sometimes contentious — conversation about the meaning and significance of the country's founding era. The George

Washington Book Prize honors books that contribute fresh insights to that national conversation," said Adam Goodheart, Hodson Trust-Griswold director of Washington College's C.V. Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience, which administers the prize.

Created in 2005, the George Washington Book Prize was awarded in its inaugural year to Ron Chernow for "Alexander Hamilton." In 2006 it went to Stacy Schiff for "A Great Improvisation: Franklin, France and the Birth of America." Last year's recipient was Charles Rappleye for his "Sons of Providence: The Brown Brothers, the Slave Trade, and the American Revolution."

Six Area Students Receive Awards

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Batchelder, Edison HS; Lindsey Christensen, Hayfield Secondary School; Edwin Rivera, Mount Vernon HS; Kerriane Beyer, West Potomac HS; and Caroline Grady, Thomas Jefferson HS.

Prior to receiving their scholarship stipend, each of the recipients came to the microphone to explain where they would be attending college, what they intended to study, and what they hoped to do

with their professional lives.

In recognizing the students' achievements, Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District's representative on the FCPS Board said, "It's always a pleasure to see a group of students who has taken charge of their lives and have maintained a passion for learning. But, we have to also remember we are here today because a lot of people have taken their time to develop this scholarship program."

Jeff Todd, Chamber vice presi-

dent, who chaired the meeting, paid special tribute to the parents of the scholarship recipients. "They are the support that lets the students shine. And, I'm honored to be in the same room with these students," he said.

Funds for the Chamber's scholarship program is raised primarily through their annual Potomac Classic Golf Tournament. This year it will be held Monday, July 18, at the Mount Vernon Golf Club after being rained out earlier.

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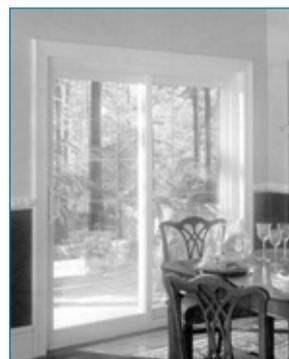


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PRIMARY 2008

Battling for the Future of the Party

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 candi-

date as a traditional Republican candidate who shares the worldview of President George W. Bush, a compassionate 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 supports and detractors of the longshot Republican presidential candidate acting as a sort of Rorschach test for gauging support. Like Paul, Singh has 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

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 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."



Ellmore



Singh

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 chal-

lenging 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

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Lopsided Race in the Democratic Primary

Falls Church attorney Matt Famiglietti hopes to unseat incumbent U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8).

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 Democratic Committee. His campaign has the backing of the Brady Cam-

paign 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 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

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.



Famiglietti



Moran

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

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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!

place and our public officials should step up to the plate. There are so many reasons why. As has been reported by those able to pry information from VDOT and Fluor/Transurban, the project requires demolishing and rebuilding overpasses along the route. The full meaning of this will become clear when the Beltway turns into a parking lot and homeowners along the way are treated to years of construction mayhem and noise pollution on behalf of a private company that won't tell us much about how they plan to run the enterprise, how much they will charge, or prove that it will benefit us.

ONE INNOVATION will apparently see some homeowners being asked to help pay for sound barriers along the widened beltway. We have learned that a promised use of the HOT Lanes by public transit will probably not be feasible until 2020 and even that will be minimal.

The prices for the HOT lanes will be posted and presumably drivers will have a few moments to ponder whether to get on or not. Won't this slow traffic down? Won't it slow down when the HOT lane is suddenly closed when traffic on it goes below 45 mph? Accessing the lanes will require a

transponder to collect tolls different from EZ Pass. This could also require drivers to take their hands off the wheel to make any adjustments that are necessary.

Then there's the revenue, the majority of which will go to a private company. Virginia taxpayers will share in the revenue but we're not allowed to know exactly how much or when. Is there a cost/benefit analysis of all this? And does anyone think the project will be completed on time? Does the Springfield interchange ring a bell? And we're still paying more than \$400 million of the expected construction bill.

THEN THERE'S the secrecy surrounding the negotiation of terms for the project. What do opponents of the no-bid agreement for construction of the rail to Dulles think of this? We don't know the terms of favorable federal loans that Fluor/Transurban is getting, we don't know how toll revenue will be collected and we don't know how infractions will be treated.

This project should have been stopped a long time ago but many of our public officials are skilled at keeping projects under the radar until its too late for anything other than a lawsuit. If that's what it takes fine.

At the very least VDOT should be required

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

Preview of Thing to Come

To the Editor:

I'm sorry but it is hard to believe that VDOT did not rush to clear the land across from Cooper Middle School for a staging area for HOT Lane construction before local citizens or public officials could do anything about it ["Tree-Cutting Alarms Neighbors," May 14-20]. For those who haven't driven by there suffice it to say it's a jarring sight to see hundreds of trees gouged out of the ground. That drastic action sets the tone for things to come and is in keeping with how this boondoggle came about in the first place.

I remember reading about the proposal years ago and thinking that the idea was so ridiculous and unworkable that no public official would go for it. Silly me. The next thing I know an agreement was signed to build it and now construction has begun.

Supervisors John Foust and Gerry Connolly and state lawmakers were right to step in and promise monitoring of the project but more is required. It should be stopped before more abominations like that done to the land across from Cooper take

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PETER LATTU
MAY 1, 2008

to put the home telephone numbers of everyone involved in approving this mess on signs posted along the construction route. That way when I'm driving on the beltway to my mother's house in North Springfield I'll have a sympathetic someone to talk to. Then I'll ask my mother to call them.

Arthur Kingdom III
Great Falls

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Democrats

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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 bankruptcy 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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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 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.”

China Patterns From Mt. Vernon

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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, 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

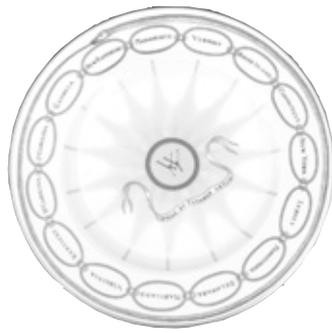
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Drawing will occur daily at 3 p.m. in the Shops at Mount Vernon. No purchase is required and winner do not have

to present at the drawings.

In the case of the Corcoran Art Gallery/Mount Vernon Estate partnership both venues 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.



China pattern

COUNTY NOTEBOOK

HOT Lanes Project Could Lead To A Noise Increase

Some residents may not only be sitting in traffic but also listening to it once the Capital Beltway’s High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes project gets underway in July.

The Virginia Department of Transportation and two private partners, Fluor and TransUrban corporations, will be removing and replacing the sound barriers along the interstate as part of the five-year plan to upgrade the beltway.

Officials said the new barriers will be more effective at keeping noise out of the community but, in some cases, the current wall would have come down before a new one is installed.

“People are going to be left with nothing for a very long time,” said Mason District supervisor Penny Gross.

Gross and her colleagues on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors have other questions about the HOT lanes impact on noise in residential communi-

ties near the beltway. They asked the state transportation department to conduct a review of the project for “adequate noise abatement.”

Providence district supervisor Linda Smyth said the new walls will not adequately protect people living on the upper levels of high-rise buildings. She also said the new sound barriers would not cover nearly as much ground as the current walls.

“They are talking about shorter sound walls than I have ever seen before,” said Smyth, who added that she not yet seen a full sound wall study or the plans for where they will be installed.

The excess noise could also impact some public space. Braddock District supervisor Sharon Bulova raised concerns about the increase in Beltway din at Wakefield Park in Annandale.

Public spaces, like parks, do not automatically receive sound barriers like residential areas do, she said.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

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Democrats Debate in Fairfax

Voters decide between four candidates June 10.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION



Byrne



Connolly



Denny



Alexander

With very few substantive differences on the issues, Democratic candidates vying for the party's nomination in the 11th congressional district are emphasizing experience, character and their ability to get elected in the days leading up to the June 10 primary.

The four candidates discussed the immigration and the Iraq war during a debate in Fairfax City May 29.

Many undecided voters said they would have difficulty picking one candidate over another, since they said several of those running are well qualified.

"I haven't really narrowed it down. I was impressed with all their answers. ... Coming to the debate made it harder," said Fairfax City resident Natalia Parmly after the debate.

The winner of the primary will compete against Republican Keith Fimian for the congressional seat next November. Rep. Tom Davis (R-Va.), who currently holds the seat, announced that he would not seek reelection earlier this year.

FORMER Rep. Leslie Byrne has presented herself the candidate with integrity. Byrne said she spoke out against the Iraq war when few other public figures would. As a state senator, she fought the trucking industry and was able to get a law passed that mandated truck covers.

Byrne has criticized other candidates, especially Fairfax County chairman Gerry Connolly, saying he backed down from tough issues and taking money from business interests, particularly defense contractors.

"No one has had a hint that I have been standing up for anyone else other than the people I represent," she said during the debate.

Connolly focuses on his record as a local government official. During the debate, the chairman touted Fairfax County's status as the "best managed" county in the country under his leadership. He also notes that Fairfax has the highest graduation rate of any locality and lowest crime rate of the 100 largest localities in the nation.

Connolly's 20-year environmental plan is the first of its kind, he said.

"I am not satisfied with making a point or taking an ideological position. I want to get things done," said Connolly.

The chairman also emphasizes his ability

to get elected. Connolly won 60 percent of the vote in his countywide race last fall. He also alludes to the Davis' defeat of Byrne, who previously held the seat, in 1994.

"I can hold this seat. No one else on this stage can say that to you," said Connolly.

Iraq war veteran Doug Denny emphasizes his life as a career public servant, not a career politician.

"I am not in this race to raise my standard in life ... not to chase another office," Denny said.

Denny has been critical of Byrne and Connolly, saying that the two candidates are more focused on each other

than on issues.

Physical therapist Lori Alexander said she is running to help fix the health care system.

"If I am elected, I will be the first physical therapist to be a member of congress," she said.

Having only raised \$11,000, Alexander said she would be more independent than her opponents because she hasn't accepted money from special interest groups. She also criticized the other candidates for ignoring constituents in Prince William County, where approximately one third of the congressional district lives.

"I haven't really narrowed it down. I was impressed with all their answers."

— Natalia Parmly,
Fairfax City resident

Byrne Tops Democratic Fund-raising In Last Two Months

FORMER REP. LESLIE BYRNE raised more money over the last two months than her Democratic opponents, including prolific political fund-raiser Gerry Connolly, in the 11th congressional district primary.

Byrne raised \$182,423 from April 1 to May 21, bringing her to a total of \$529,056. Connolly raised \$152,145 during the same time period, but has collected more money overall, with \$653,519 in campaign donations overall.

Iraq War veteran Doug Denny raised \$35,293 from April 1 to May 21 and has garnered \$100,609 in total. The federal election commission did not have updated campaign information about physical therapist Lori Alexander, who had raised \$8,690 as of March 31.

Republican candidate Keith Fimian, who does not face a primary opponent, has more money than any of the Democrats, with \$957,264 as of May 21. He loaned his campaign \$325,000, nearly one third of the total money raised.

Locked in a contentious primary, both Byrne and Connolly have outspent Fimian so far. As of May 31, Byrne had spent \$242,897; Connolly had spent \$373,029; and Fimian had spent \$189,751. Denny spent \$82,837

during the same time period.

OF ALL THE candidates, Byrne has received the most money from political action committees (PACs), according to the Federal Election Commission.

With \$68,550 from PACs overall, Byrne has received at least \$43,500 from groups associated with labor unions. She has also collected a significant portion of her money from organizations and people associated with left-leaning causes or candidates, according to the Center for Responsive Politics Web site, www.opensecrets.org.

At least \$35,000 of Byrne's money came from people associated with ActBlue, a group that funnels money to progressive Democrats around the country. As of March 31, Byrne had also received \$23,500 through EMILY's list, which focuses on getting women who are pro-choice elected to office.

Connolly has received \$64,691, or slightly less than Byrne, from PACs, according the Federal Election.

His PAC contributors include some government contractors like HNTB Holdings Inc. (\$4,000) and Science Applications International Corporation (\$10,000), which is also Connolly's employer. The candidate also accepted at least \$2,000 from

Vote June 10

Any registered voter in the 11th congressional district can participate in its Democratic primary June 10, regardless of political affiliation. Voters in Virginia do not register to vote by party. Citizens should expect to vote at the same polling station they attend during a general election from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. See <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/upcoming.htm>.

"We are calling people racist in Prince William County. We are labeling another county that is close to us," said Alexander.

Connolly said he was not accusing Prince William County residents of being racist and defended his remarks about Stewart.

"When I see demagoguery, I call it for what it is," he said.

Denny, who stayed out of the sparring between other candidates, said the government needs to find a way for current illegal immigrants to acquire legal status but pay a penalty for breaking the law.

"We need to end the 'round-them-up' mentality," he said.

ALL FOUR Democratic candidates said they were in favor of ending the war but favored different solutions for achieving it.

Byrne said she had signed on to a plan with 70 other candidates for congress as well as high-ranking members of the military that can be found at www.responsibleplan.com. Byrne said it calls for rolling back the U.S. Patriot Act and "making sure the media is not a monopoly so we can be sure we get the correct information."

Connolly likes a plan put forward by Democratic Sen. Joe Biden, which would divide Iraq into three areas controlled by the Sunni, Shia and Kurdish populations respectively. The three different areas would be loosely associated with each other, said Connolly.

Denny criticized both plans, saying the Byrne plan was good but lacked details. He also said the Biden plan would fail.

"That is not going to work to have walls

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Survivors Triumph in Sea of Pink

One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

BY KEN MOORE
GAZETTE

Lisa Gray's sister and niece each held one of her hands, the day Gray chose to have her head shaved in a hair salon. Gray's own hairdresser was too emotional to cut off Gray's hair, hair not yet claimed by chemotherapy.

"I had my eyes closed, crying, and a voice that wasn't familiar to me, all of a sudden, was in my ear," said Gray. "She said to me, 'You are so strong and you are wonderful.' It was the lady in the beauty parlor sitting next to me.

"You know or you think you're dying and anytime anybody gives you some strength, it just helps you through that day," said Gray, a self-employed technical writer.

Gray, 55 of Kingstowne, is an eight-year survivor of breast cancer. Next Saturday, June 7, she will walk the Susan G. Komen National Race for the Cure for the sixth time.

COTY DICKSON was a 41-year-old single mother with two children, 12 and six-years-old, when she was diagnosed with breast cancer after detecting a lump during a self-examination.

"Needless to say, that news altered my life forever," she said.

Dickson's mother had died of breast cancer three years earlier. Dickson's grandmother also died of breast cancer.

Dickson, of Great Falls, chose one full year of chemotherapy rather than six months following her modified radical mastectomy.

"Somehow I have to get strong so I can rear these children," Dickson said she was thinking. "I have to get this six-year-old through high school. What can I do to get 15 years?"

Dickson, now a 20-year survivor of breast cancer, has participated in the National Race for the Cure for 15 years.

Her children are grown, both have graduated from college, she watched her son get married, and she looks forward to watching Sex in the City with her daughter who returns home soon.

Dickson, now 61 and retired from the federal government, has remarried, takes art classes at the Torpedo Factory in Alexandria, and has traveled to all 50 states as well as to France, Italy and England with her husband Dan Dickson.

"You try to make sure you seize the moment, you don't let things get past you, when you have an opportunity you take them," she said.

"I did the walk, I was alive, I was a survivor. From that point on, I was a survivor."

— Lisa Gray,
Kingstowne



Bob Heyer, of Fairfax Station, a living reminder that not only women are diagnosed with breast cancer.



Lisa Gray, of Kingstowne, is an eight-year breast cancer survivor.



Susan Sonley

"Even though I'm a 20-year survivor, it never goes away, you always think about it."

"WE'RE ON the right side of the coin, but there's another story here, the sisters that we've lost," said Susan Sonley, a 14-year survivor from Reston.

One of her friends, a team member, lost his 32-year-old wife to breast cancer. The couple had three girls.

"I look at those girls and it breaks my heart, the little one won't even know her mother," Sonley said.

Sonley, vice president of Grubb and Ellis Company, organizes a team of participants and donors each year. She leads the highest-grossing National Race team, which has raised more than \$500,000 for Komen, funding breast cancer research, treatment, education and screening programs.

"I found out it was easier to raise money than to get my friends out of bed [for the race]," she said.

"I look at young people, 14-, 16- and 22-years-old and I want them to live a cancer-free life," she said. "Until we find a cure, there's work to be done."

One of every eight women in the country will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

Gray found herself counting in eights at her niece's high school graduation. "Here were these young women, high school graduates, and I couldn't accept that those young women would have to face this," she said.

THIS YEAR, about 182,460 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed. More than 40,000 women will die.

When the cancer is detected early before it spreads beyond the breast, the survival rate is now 98 percent, compared to 74 percent in 1982.

Komen for the Cure has invested \$1 billion for breast cancer research and community outreach. The organization pledges to invest \$2 billion more over the next decade. Without a cure, an estimated 5 million Americans will be diagnosed and more than a million could die in the next 25 years.

Close to home, more than 1,070 women in Virginia die each year of breast cancer, on average 113 in Fairfax County, 25 in Arlington County, 18 in Loudoun County and 17 in the City of Alexandria.

NEXT SATURDAY is a day of emotion, a day to celebrate survivors and a day to honor the memory of mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts and friends who have died of breast cancer.

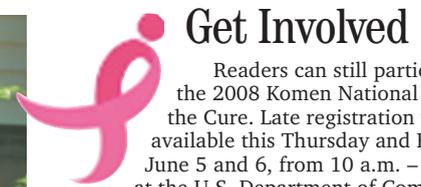
More than 3,500 breast cancer survivors and 50,000 supporters altogether are expected to participate Saturday in the walk and race. In the United States today, there are nearly 2.5 million survivors.

Bob Heyer is a living reminder that breast cancer doesn't only affect women.

In 2008, there will be 1,990 new cases of breast cancer diagnosed in men in the United States. An estimated 450 men will die from breast cancer in 2008 in the U.S.

Heyer, 67 of Fairfax Station, remembers when a doctor told him 11 years ago that he needed to have an operation to find out if he had a malignant tumor in his chest.

"If you do, you're going to have a mastectomy. I said, 'What's that?'" said Heyer,



Get Involved

Readers can still participate in the 2008 Komen National Race for the Cure. Late registration will be available this Thursday and Friday, June 5 and 6, from 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW, in Washington, D.C. See www.nationalraceforthecure.org or call 703-416-RACE.

who flew planes for the Navy for 20 years, and now is an engineering consultant.

"I never knew guys get that," he said he's often told. "They are kind of caught back."

PATTI BROWNSTEIN was taken aback, when she was diagnosed in December 1998. "I kind of didn't believe it, because I was in the lowest risk group," she said. "It was very frightening when you're a mother of two teenagers. Very frightening."

Only five to 10 percent of breast cancers are due to heredity; in fact, the majority of women with breast cancer have no significant family history or other known risk factors, according to www.komen.org.

Brownstein, 54 of Great Falls, didn't detect the cancer in her body.

"A mammogram saved my life," Brownstein said, a nine-year survivor.

Brownstein, owner of LGP Promotional Group, Inc., travels to Aruba to celebrate her wedding anniversary each year with her husband Alan Brownstein, whom she met when she was 15 years old.

"I watched my daughters grow into incredible young women who I'm extremely proud of," she said.

Brownstein hopes for a cure, not only for early detection. "I'd love to change the theme," she said.

SUSAN G. KOMEN was Nancy G. Brinker's sister. Brinker, who went on to found Susan G. Komen for the Cure, promised her dying sister that she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever.

Komen for the Cure is the world's largest source of private funds for breast cancer research and community outreach programs with nearly \$1 billion invested by the end of 2007.

The first year Gray walked the National race, she had planned to serve as a volunteer.

Her sister said, "No, I don't think we should volunteer, I think we should walk. You can walk, you walk Duncan every day."

Duncan was Gray's dog; Gray said she got up each day to walk Duncan despite exhaustion from chemotherapy and radiation treatment.

Gray walked the race for the first time six years ago with her sister, niece, brother-in-law, neighbor and college friend.

"Unbeknownst to me, they all put banners on their backs," Gray said. "They wrote they were walking in honor of me. Then I cried some more."

"I did the walk, I was alive, I was a survivor. From that point on, I was a survivor."

"A mammogram saved my life."

— Patti Brownstein,
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OBITUARY

Louise S. Young Dies

Louise S. Young was born in Minneapolis in 1922, she grew up in Portland, Ore., where she attended Lincoln High School and Reed College and was active in the Unitarian Church. Louise married Robert L. Young of Nantucket, Mass. in 1947 and moved to Vershire, Vermont where she founded with husband, Robert L. Young an economic cooperative that included the local saw mill, maple syrup company, and local weaving cooperative. She raised her three children on Meadow Lark Farm.

In 1954 she and Robert Young moved their family to Nantucket, Mass., home of the Harvey A. Young family. There she worked as a reporter and copy editor of the local paper, The Town Crier, which was fiercely positioned against bigotry, prejudice, ignorance, and injustice. On Nantucket, she was active in the Unitarian Society and the Nantucket School Board.

In 1960 she moved to what is today known as the Tauxemont Historic District, a cooperative community south of Alexandria. When her children were in grade school, she continued her education and earning a Masters in Counseling Education from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Divorced in 1972 Louise remained in Tauxemont and continued what became 30 years in the Fairfax County

School System as a teacher and Guidance Counselor. She became a Certified Reality Therapist and was awarded for excellent guidance of adolescents and families at the Hayfield Junior High. Following retirement she became a Certified Master Gardener, resumed her lifelong study of the piano, and was active with the Women's Circle at the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church. Louise was known for refined handwork in knitting, embroidery, and sewing.

In 1999, Louise moved to Carpinteria, Calif. where she was active in the Library Literacy Program, League of Women Voters, The Energy Alliance of Santa Barbara, and held season tickets to the Santa Barbara Symphony, which she dearly loved. She moved to Ojai in December, 2006, where she continued to practice her piano and enjoy the garden.

She is pre-deceased by her brother, Dr. Malcolm Stubblebine of San Francisco, and her ex-husband Robert L. Young of Saco, Maine. Her three children, Willow Young of Santa Barbara, Calif., Heather Young of Alexandria, and Tyl Young of San Mateo, Calif., survive her. Additionally, she is survived by her three grandchildren Star Michelle Young of Mountain View, Calif., Maia Friedman of Bennington, Vt., and Chaz Boyer of Alexandria, and her Nantucket nieces and nephews, Robert, Lucinda, Stephanie, and Harvey Young

To have an obituary listed in the Mount Vernon Gazette, send an e-mail to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. If a person lived in Mount Vernon, say that in the obituary. For questions, call 703-917-6407.

FAITH NOTES

E-mail announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos and artwork encouraged. Call Rebecca Halik at 703-917-6407 with questions.

Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane, has a special learning session from 9:45-10:45 a.m. every Sunday starting June 1 through Aug. 24. Children and adults will have the opportunity to learn about traditional Bible-times family life by playing authentic games, being apprentices in the Carpentry Shop, chatting with shopkeepers and tax collectors, participating in Synagogue School, and sampling food. For more information about this exciting program, or to pre-register, call 703-765-6118 or e-mail mvpvca@aol.com. Visit www.mvpconline.org.

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road has activities. 703-360-4220:

There is also a group of moms and pre-school kids that meets every Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. for coffee, muffins, and fellowship and moves into the church at 9:30 a.m. to take part in the Day School's chapel service, which is a short child-friendly service full of singing and silliness.

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

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 1509 Collingwood Road, Mount Vernon, is now holding Wednesday

evening meetings at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 703-768-2494.

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

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

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

Good Shepherd Catholic Church on Mount Vernon Highway in Alexandria is offering a "Coming Home" process at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month to ask questions, get an update on the church, and to help decide if it's time to reconnect with parish life. Contact Rob Doerschner at 703-822-0523.

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

The Christian Women In The Marketplace meets to study God's word at the Royal Restaurant in Old Town Alexandria. The CBWC meets every Wednesday at 7 a.m. for breakfast. Additional information contact Pamela Nilsen at 703-660-6759.

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.

Up Where We Belong Family Ministry will hold its Northern Virginia's Super Church event, the **third Sunday of every month** starting at 10:40 a.m., at Mount Vernon High School's main auditorium. Bring the family and participate in their worship celebration. Contact Bishop Robert Lewis Taylor at 703-878-2247.

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Parents and children gather as raffle winners are announced.

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 worldwide.

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.



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

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 picture taken. Children received a free copy of the photo.

To help the event run smoothly, employees from Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City and students from The Potomac School volunteered their time.

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

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MOUNT VERNON BULLETIN

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Alexandria Masters Swimming began the summer season of swim workouts starting Monday, June 2. The group is one of over 300 local clubs belonging to US Masters Swimming, an organization promoting adult swimming and fitness. Swimmers interested in summer fitness and triathletes interested in maintaining or improving their swimming skills are invited to come swim with us, and can try a workout with no obligation. There are six early morning

workouts and four evening workouts a week during the summer. Swim workouts will be held at Wayewood, Little Hunting Park, Virginia Hills, and Hollin Hills pools. Interested swimmers can obtain more information on the club's Web site: HYPERLINK "http://www.AlexandriaMasters.com/"www.AlexandriaMasters.com.

The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is seeking persons who are diplomatic, assertive, and good communicators to serve as volunteer ombudsmen. Volunteers are assigned to a specific local nursing home or assisted-living facility in the City of Alexandria and make

weekly visits, meeting one-on-one with residents. For further information and to obtain an application, call 703-324-5422, or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/LTCOmbudsman.

Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is hosting an information session on Saturday, June 14, 11 a.m. -noon at the John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. To learn more about advocating for abused or neglected children, call 703-273-3526, ext. 22 or e-mail ekosarin@casafairfax.org for more information.

The **Fairfax County Sheriff's Office** will photograph and fingerprint

your children for free at several events around Fairfax in May and June. If your child is ever missing, the ID card will give authorities vital information to help them locate him or her. This community service is available for county and Fairfax City residents, ages 0-17. For more information or to schedule a public safety event, contact Captain Sean Whitmore at 703-246-7521 or e-mail sheriff@fairfaxcounty.gov.

* June 21, noon - 4 p.m. (Community Event) Meadow Woods Apartments (3308 Lockheed Blvd.

Mount Vernon Nights. Listen to a variety of music at 7:30 p.m. on Friday nights at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mount

Vernon Memorial Highway starting June 6. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances for more.

The **Northern Virginia Habitat ReStore**, located at 7770-G Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA (behind Gold's Gym), sells new and used building and home improvement materials to the general public. All proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia. The ReStore is run by volunteers that dedicate their time and energy to the work of Habitat and we are in need of more volunteers. Call the store today at 703-360-6700 or stop by. For more information visit: www.restorenova.org.

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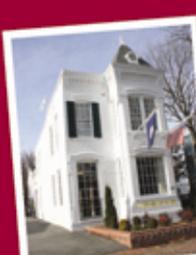
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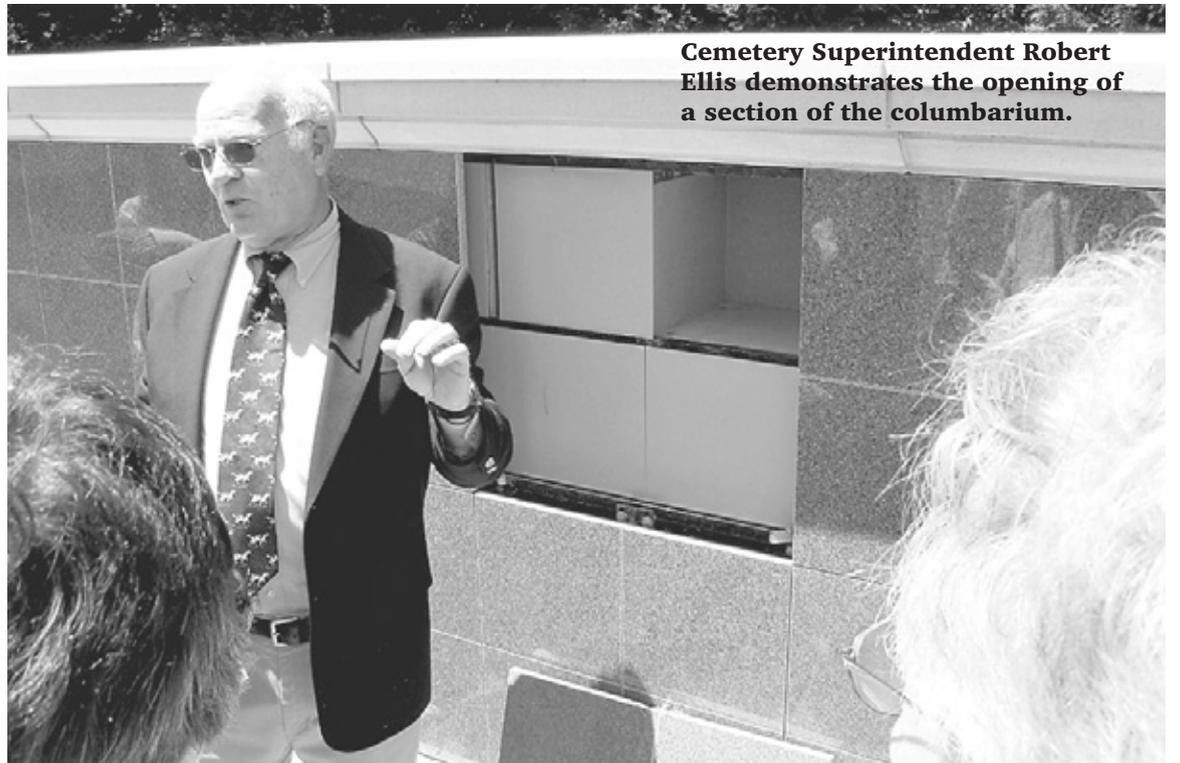
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Old Presbyterian Dedicates Columbarium

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 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-



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

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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In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed improvements on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will be available at the hearing.

Give your written or verbal comments at the hearing or submit them by June 22, 2008, to Mr. Doug Miller, VDOT Northern Virginia District Office, 14685 Avion Parkway, Chantilly, Virginia 20151-1104. You may also e-mail your comments to us at: Meeting_Comments@vdot.virginia.gov. Please reference "Rolling Road, Fairfax County, PH Comment" in the subject heading.

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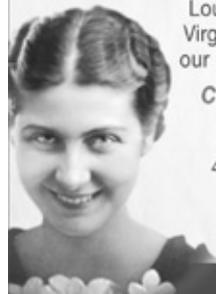
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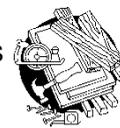
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put up," said Denny, who added that his own plan includes lots of specifics about how to draw down the American troops in "smart way."

Connolly responded that he would not endorse putting up walls between the separate regions. But Connolly, who spent 10 years working for the U.S. Senate foreign relations committee, said the federal gov-

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

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ernment has to be careful about creating a ethnic strife in the region.

"There is a possibility of absolute fratricide. The U.S. has been protecting the Kurds since the first Gulf war," said Connolly.

Alexander said the United States needs to be careful not create more turmoil by withdrawing troops from Iraq too quickly.

"We do need to end the war but we need to do it responsibly," she said.

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This year, from March through September, **Mount Vernon Archaeology** will be excavating in the Upper Garden, one of two walled gardens that flank the western approach to George Washington's home. Washington created the garden during his 1775 redesign of the Mount Vernon grounds, transforming a circa 1760 rectangular garden into an elliptical space bounded by a brick wall as well as a greenhouse and slave quarter to the north.

Opportunities to volunteer are available Monday through Friday; in addition, we will be working on Saturdays during the months of June, July and August. Work hours are between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. A typical week includes lab work on Monday and field work Tuesday through Friday; lab work is also carried out on rain days. Contact Curt Breckenridge at cbreckenridge@mountvernon.org or 703-799-6303 if you would be interested in volunteering.

Band musicians [young or old] bring instruments and play along with the **Mount Vernon Community Band** during their Tuesday evening band practices from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Mt Vernon High School Band Room, 8515 Old Mt Vernon Road. No auditions. Just sit in and play along even if you are "rusty." Music and music stands will be provided. Call Ed Smith 703-768-8278 or Eric Leighty 703-768-4172.

Adoption Support Groups are forming in the Mount Vernon area. All members of the adoption triad, (adoptees, birth parents, and adoptive parents) are encouraged to call for more information about the groups as well as individual, couples, and/or family counseling. The groups will be held in the evenings. Contact Diana Tracey, licensed clinical social worker, at 571-245-0054.

families dealing with mentally ill family members suffering 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 the first week of each session for newcomers - next session begins June 23. Drop-ins welcome. Lunchtime Yoga classes held on Wednesdays 12:15- 12:50 p.m. Visit <http://www.yogaindailylifeus.org/> or call 703-299-8946.

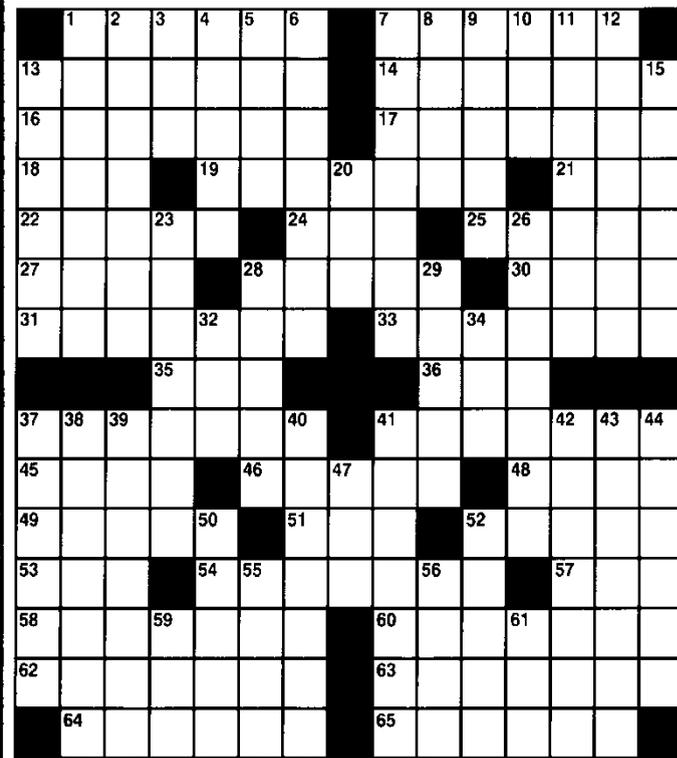
Body in Balance Center, 1423 N. Powhatan St., offers fusion flow for parents and babies, a class specifically designed for parents with babies who are crawling and beginning to walk as well as pre-crawlers. Classes are offered Thursdays at 11 a.m. and Saturdays 11:30 a.m. \$20.00 drop in fee or 6 class pass for \$90.00. Visit www.bodyinbalancecenter.com or 703-518-4434.

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ACROSS

- 1 Coffee get-together
- 7 V.I.P.'s
- 13 Low-fat meat
- 14 Stumped
- 16 Relaxing
- 17 Affectedly dainty
- 18 Photo _____
- 19 It's strapped around the head
- 21 Predatory fish
- 22 Hotsy _____
- 24 Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 _____ minor
- 25 Outpouring
- 27 Communist-hunting grp. of the 50's
- 28 Setup
- 30 Stirs
- 31 First call, perhaps
- 33 Zingers
- 35 Suffix with acetyl
- 36 \$\$\$ for old age
- 37 Gambling game
- 41 Some
- 45 W.W. II org.
- 46 Not give _____
- 48 Top parts of suits

- 8 Samoan capital
- 9 Mamie's hairdo
- 10 Stock page heading: Abbr.
- 11 Fighting force
- 12 Forum participant
- 13 Servings for the sick
- 15 Way out
- 20 Modern means of identification
- 23 It "is nothing but perception," wrote Plato
- 26 Tropical toppers
- 28 "Ta-ta!"

- 29 "The Sacred Wood" writer
- 32 Old Eng. title
- 34 Letters on seconds
- 37 Sounds in archery
- 38 Spendthrift
- 39 Diner sign
- 40 Pitcher's triumph
- 41 Wee hour
- 42 Like an amazing return on an investment
- 43 Type in again
- 44 Features of The New York Review of Books
- 47 Switch positions
- 50 Make a case
- 52 They're guarded in competition
- 55 Italian art patron
- 56 Christian inscription
- 59 Negative side
- 61 Criminal patterns, for short

DOWN

- 1 Unwelcome sign?
- 2 Cigarette ad claim
- 3 Back on board
- 4 It's pulled at a carnival
- 5 This, for example
- 6 Stroke of excellence
- 7 Most people look out for it

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West Potomac Runs For Glory

Wolverines have two top-10 finishes at state track and field meet.

By ERIC J. GILMORE
GAZETTE

West Potomac carried on its track and field tradition with several standout performances at the Group AAA state meet at Todd Stadium in Newport News, Va. over the weekend.

University of Connecticut football recruit Jimmy Bennett had the highest individual finish, grabbing seventh in the shot put with a 51-foot, 10.75-inch throw. Fellow senior Kerem Ertekin finished 13th in the same event with a 49-foot-1.75 toss.

Sophomore Kelsey Rosenberg had the

TRACK

highest individual female score, barely missing the point category by turning in a five-minute, 12-second time in the 1,600 meters. Rosenberg was the highest Northern Region representative outside of first-place Westfield senior Tasia Potasinski (4:56.75).

Senior Kat Lee, who will run track next year at the University of Akron, finished 11th in the long jump (17-3.25) and 25th in the triple jump (34-3.75).

West Potomac was powered by its boys 400-meter relay, which finished a team-high fourth. Juniors Joe Bradley, Brandon Comfort, Jon McCants and senior Robert Byrd



Kat Lee, running at the region meet, capped her track career with an 11th in the long jump at the state meet.

finished in 3:21.48. The 800-meter relay finished 19th.

Senior Kelly Carmichael placed 12th in the 1,600 meters, turning in a 4:28.32. He was 15 seconds behind Oakton senior Joe

LoRusso, who added to his indoor title.

The Wolverine boys tied for 32nd with seven points, well behind boys state champion Western Branch. Landstown won the girls team score by 36 points, the largest-

ever margin of victory.

Mount Vernon junior Elizabeth Ball was the Majors' only individual participant, grabbing 11th in the girls shot put with a 36-foot throw. Mount Vernon failed to register a point.

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, Mass. to Tuscon, Ariz. 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.

Alexandria, who is the newest franchise in the eight-team league, will be managed by Eric Williams, who has been a varsity assistant at both Annandale and Lee High Schools. The last two years, Williams been an associate head coach in the Valley Baseball League.

Ben Krentzman, a four-year outfielder at Bucknell University, will be an assistant and Brian Midkiff, a Mount Vernon grad and James Madison alum, will serve as the pitching coach.

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 Youse's Maryland Orioles.

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

The Avengers recently added Alexan-

dria native Kelvin Coggins, a 6-foot-4 forward from Coastal Carolina to bolster the offensive firepower. The Avengers have scored 145 points on separate occasions.

Midway through the season, the West Virginia Wild were forced to disband after not showing up to a schedule contest with the Elmira Bulldogs. According to the league's Web site, the NPBL had no previous knowledge of Wild owner Daniel Hicks' legal woes and financial instability.

"Professionally it was not handled properly on either side as a decision was made and all parties must live with that decision," the league said on its Web site. "We at the NPBL would like to apologize to all the sponsors, families and friends for the manner in which this was handled."

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.

Williams to Transfer From Kentucky

Morakinyo Williams, a 6-foot-11, 260-center will transfer from the University of Kentucky after one season. Williams, who chose the Wildcats over

American and Jacksonville, has been granted his release, and is currently pursuing other schools.

Williams played in just five games, scoring four points and grabbing five rebounds, after averaging 14 points and 10 rebounds as a senior for coach Mark Vincent as Bishop Ireton in 2007.

Originally from Solihull, England, Williams was a third-team All-WCAC selection as a senior, when the Cardinals only won four games. He suffered a knee injury during his junior year when current University of Maryland assistant Chuck Driesell was the head coach.

Derrick Jasper, a sophomore guard who played in 20 games last season, was also recently granted a release and will transfer.

Two Former Saints Honored at Cal

A pair of St. Stephen's & St. Agnes graduates were honored by the University of California, Berkeley in being selected to the 2008 Women's Lacrosse Academic All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation team.

Senior midfielder Mary Downs, who had a 3.062 GPA as a history major, and junior attacker Madeleine Dale, who had a 3.499 GPA as political economics of in-

dustrial societies major, both made the all-academic team. So did Cal leading scorer Danni Zuralow, who is a Fairfax native, went to Robinson and carried a 3.248 GPA.

Downs, one of four seniors, started in all 18 games and tallied a team-high 902 minutes. She also had 23 ground balls and two goals for the Bears, who lost to Oregon, 9-8, in the MPSF Championship third-place game.

Dale, a junior who started every game, notched 25 goals and a 51 percent shot percentage. She also had a career-high seven assists.

Zuralow, a senior attacker, was the Golden Bears' season leader in points (58), goals (40), caused turnovers (20) and game-winning goals (3). She was recently named to the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association West/Midwest second team, given to 128 players in eight regions nationally.

According to a school release, Cal put 12 Golden Bears on the academic team, tying with Oregon for the second-most student-athletes in the Pac-10. Students were required to be at least a sophomore, have a 3.0-plus cumulative grade point average and play in at least in fifty percent or more of the institution's competition in the student-athlete's respective sport.

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Weber Named New West Potomac Coach

West Potomac has hired Michael Weber as the new girls varsity basketball coach. Weber replaces Peter Stephan, who resigned immediately following the season in what he perceived to be a lack of support from the administration.

Weber has been the head coach at Thomas Jefferson since 2004, where he led the Colonials to a 6-17 record last season. Jefferson finished sixth in the Liberty District and lost to Langley, 44-34, in the district tournament.

Weber graduated from the University of Maryland and has held coaching positions with Archbishop Carroll High School, AAU teams and the Potomac Valley Vogues Basketball.

He currently works as an instructional assistant at Mark Twain Middle School.

"Coach Weber brings with him a great deal of basketball experience and knowledge of the Northern Region. We are extremely excited that Coach Weber will be joining the Wolverine family," said first-year director of student activities Aaron Helmick in a press release.

According to multiple reports, newly named Wakefield head coach Marcia Richardson, who was a varsity assistant was initially offered the job, but turned it down in favor of returning to coach the Warriors.



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New coach Michael Weber has a tough road at West Potomac, where the Wolverines haven't won a district game in two-plus seasons.

West Potomac finished with six wins last season, but did not win a game for the second straight year within the Patriot District, arguably the toughest district in the state. The six-win season, which included a win

over rival Mount Vernon was a vast improvement from the 2-19 season in 2006-2007.

Weber becomes the fourth coach in the last three seasons.

—ERIC J. GILMORE

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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Closest to Pin Hole #6 - Dave Landau (12'8")

Closest to Pin Hole #11 - Dennis Dellinger (10'9")

Long Drive Hole #4 - Maurice Levite

Long Drive Hole #15 - Frank Vincent

Straight Drive Hole #18 - Dean Morehouse

Putting Contest - Dave Landau

Closest to the Pin - Million \$ - Scott Toler

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SCHOOLS

Tadie Nominated for Beatty Award

Carl Sandburg Middle School student Christopher P. Tadie, 13, was nominated for the Bob Beatty Memorial Award from the Fort Hunt Youth Association.

Chris has participated in FHYAA basketball for six years as a player; he will be a youth coach next season.

At Carl Sandburg Middle School, where he is in the eighth-grade, he has been on the honor roll every quarter. He was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society in seventh grade.

He is an active member of the Aldersgate United Methodist Church Youth Group. He served as an active participant in the "Jeremiah Project," a week of service to the disadvantaged in the Winchester area, where he worked on several houses, building a deck, painting, and doing landscaping. Chris will participate in the "Jeremiah Project" again this summer, from June 22-28. At Aldersgate, Chris is also a member of the "Psalm 150" Youth Band/Choir that will visit Orlando from July 12-19 to perform at a local Methodist Church and to conduct community service projects for disadvantaged residents.



Chris Tadie

Walkathon at Beth El Hebrew Raises \$1,300 for Homelessness

More than 75 students, along with teachers, sponsors and parents from the Religious school of Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria participated in an assembly and Walkathon on Sunday, May 4 to raise awareness about homelessness. They raised over \$1,300 to support Beth El House, a private, non-profit organization dedicated to assisting homeless women and their children make the transition to independent living.



Quander Road Starts PTSA

Congratulations to Quander Road School PTSA on its inauguration as a PTSA on Tuesday, May 27 — the first alternative school to start one in Fairfax County. District Director Debbie Kilpatrick assisted the PTSA Planning Committee with adopting unit bylaws and conducted the elections and the installation of the new officers: Kelly Greenwood, president; Linda Schaeffer, secretary; and Dan Graifer, treasurer. Quander Road School is an ED high school and provides students with necessary skills to be successful upon their return to their base high schools.



JR ROTC Students Win DAR Medals

Phyllis Kelley, regent of the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, NSDAR, announced that three area students in the JR ROTC programs at Hayfield Secondary and Mt. Vernon High Schools were awarded medals by the Chapter.



(From left to right): Mt. Vernon High's Patriotism Medal winner, Nicole Gailliot with Regent Phyllis Kelley.



Hayfield High's ROTC Medal winner, Kelsey Simonsen with Anne McKinney, member of Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, Tillie Cassidy.



Mt Vernon High's ROTC Medal winner, Rachel Simonsen with Anne McKinney, member of Kate Waller Barrett Chapter and the student's NCO.



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