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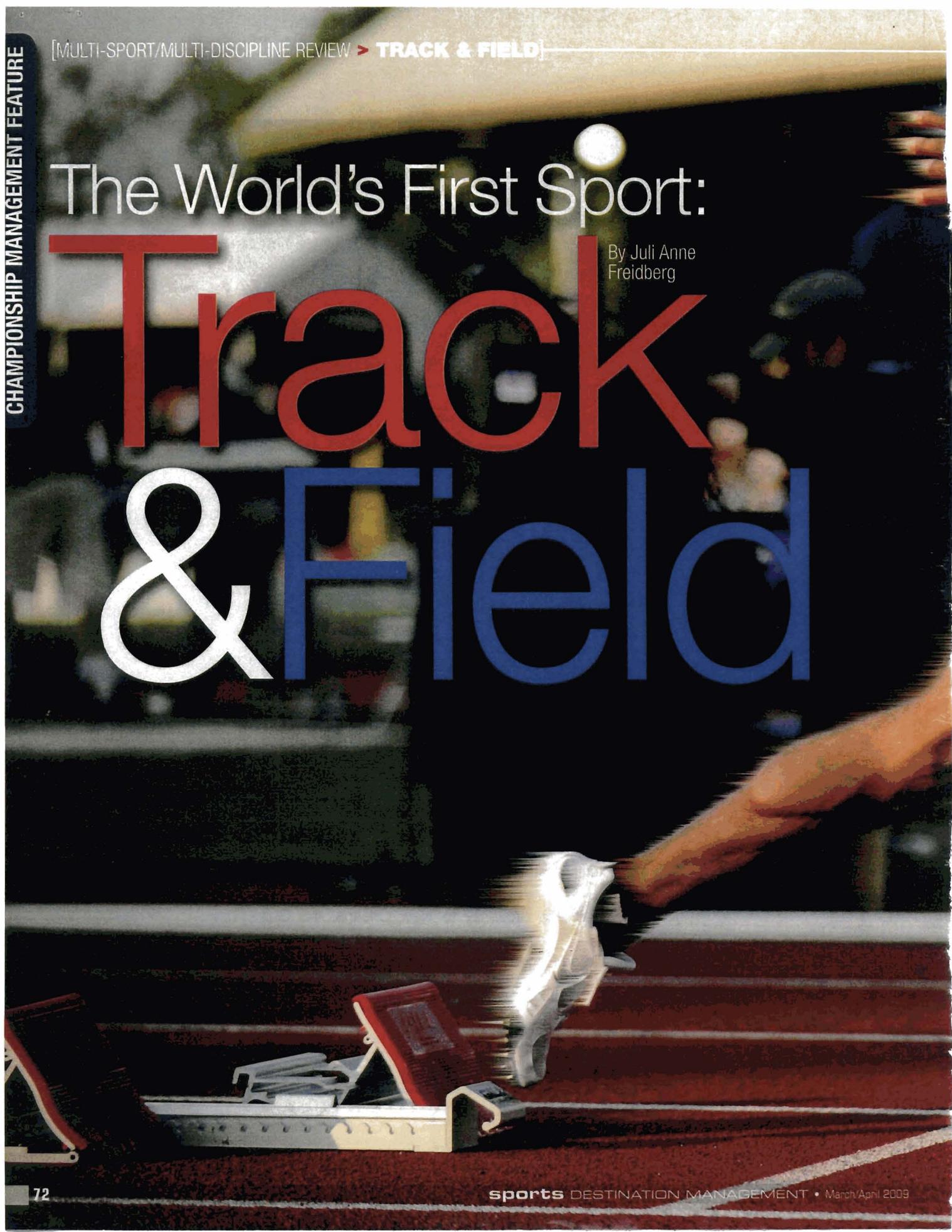
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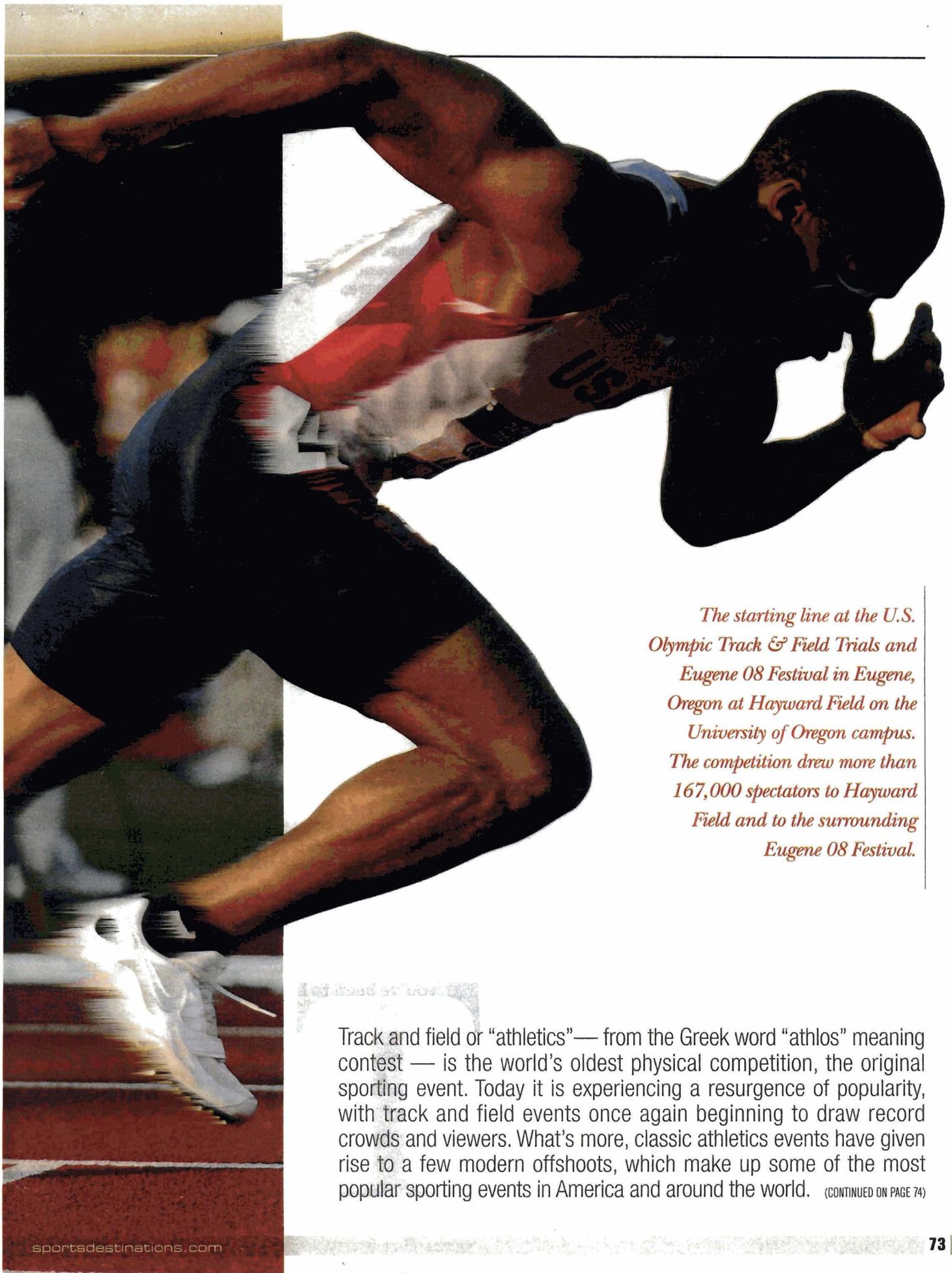
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The World's First Sport:

By Juli Anne
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Track & Field





The starting line at the U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials and Eugene 08 Festival in Eugene, Oregon at Hayward Field on the University of Oregon campus. The competition drew more than 167,000 spectators to Hayward Field and to the surrounding Eugene 08 Festival.

Track and field or “athletics”— from the Greek word “athlos” meaning contest — is the world’s oldest physical competition, the original sporting event. Today it is experiencing a resurgence of popularity, with track and field events once again beginning to draw record crowds and viewers. What’s more, classic athletics events have given rise to a few modern offshoots, which make up some of the most popular sporting events in America and around the world. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 74)

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ALBUQUERQUE, NM

The Great Southwest Track & Field Classic to Return this Summer

To some it is a hidden gem and to others it is viewed as a gold mine. The Great Southwest Track & Field Classic returns to Albuquerque, New Mexico for the 34th edition of one of the premier high school track events in the country. The goal of this major track and field event is to provide an outstanding platform for the top athletes in the country to participate in an invitational event, while showcasing their talents in front of college coaches.

The New Mexico Sports Authority is on board as the title sponsor of this prestigious event and

understands the value of an event like this for the State of New Mexico. "The combination of a well-organized event, filled with top tier athletes from throughout the country, this event allows us the opportunity to highlight our state's natural beauty and provide quality exposure for the University of New Mexico," said Brian O'Neill, executive director of the New Mexico Sports Authority.

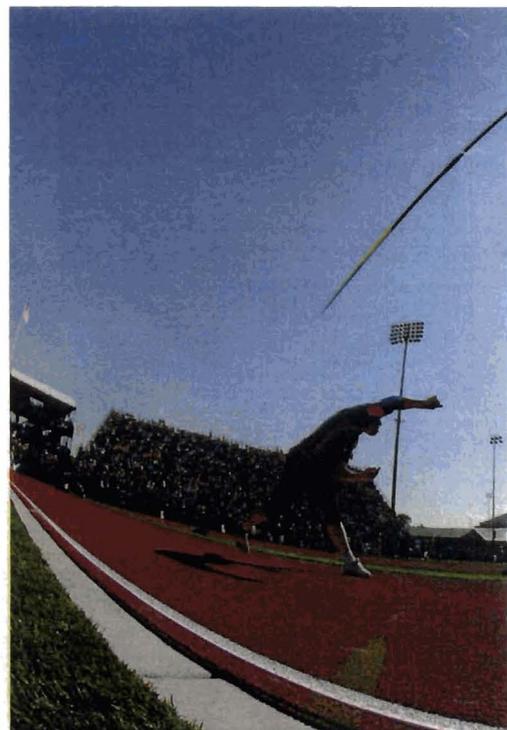
The Great Southwest Track & Field Classic will take place June 4-6 at the University of New Mexico and will be webcast at www.nmsportsauthority.com.

Three Thousand Years of Athletics

Track and field events have evolved over the thousands of years since the Greeks invented athletics with the first Olympics. The earliest recorded appearance of the sport was in 776 B.C., when the only event was a stadium-length footrace.

During the following millenniums, a number of different running, jumping and throwing contests emerged and became part of the overall track and field event. Today, track and field events include some combination of the following:

- Track events: 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500, 5,000/10,000 meters; mile;
- 100, 110 and 400 meter hurdles;
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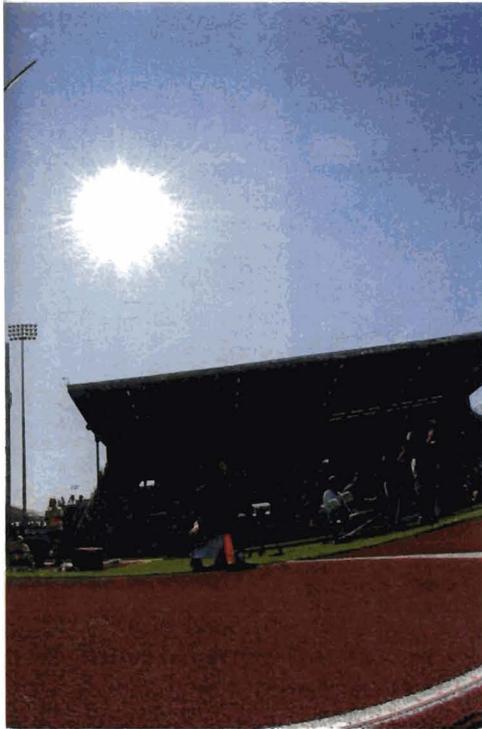
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Beyond these classic track and field events, athletics inspired the birth of several new running sports and events, such as cross country, marathon running and mountain and trail running, which have become a huge part of track and field participation.

Track and Field Today

After struggling with drug-use controversies over the past decade, track and

field made a significant comeback during the 2008 Olympics. Several mind-blowing performances, particularly by Jamaica's Usain Bolt, put track and field squarely back in the public spotlight.

Team USA also celebrated several victories, including seven gold, nine silver and seven bronze medals. And if participation by young track and field hopefuls is any indication, Team USA has a bright Olympic future ahead of it as well. According to USA Track & Field (USATF), the National Governing Body for track and field, long-distance running and race walking, athletics are the number-one high school and junior high school participatory sport in America.

USATF's motto is to make track and field "a sport for everyone, for life," and they accomplish that with a variety of initiatives: developing grassroots events, such as the Junior Olympics, that create increased interest in the sport and develop future Olympians; promoting training and competition programs

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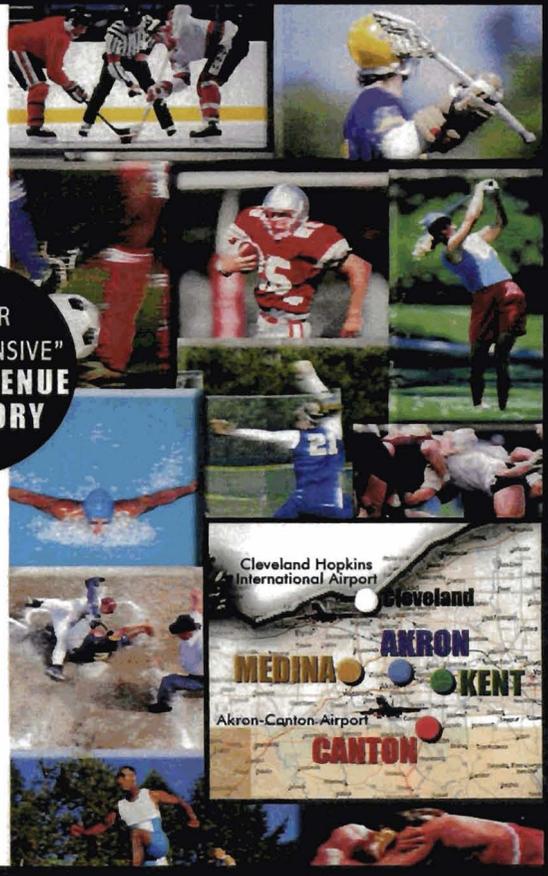
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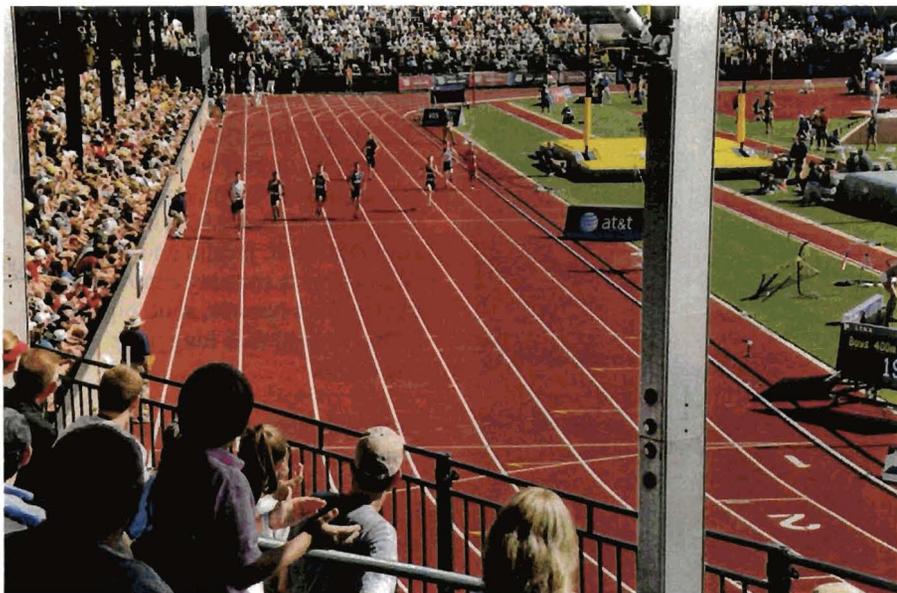
The University of Oregon's Hayward Field, a 10,500-person stadium received a variety of state-of-the-art updates in 2008, including a new track surface, permanent lights, a video board and newly configured infield.

for athletes of all ages; and sanctioning more than 4,000 events each year.

Track and field also has an international governing body, the International Association of Athletics Federations, which regulates timing methods, maintains world records and organizes numerous events, such as the World Championships in Athletics.

Hitting the Track

For track and field athletes, opportunities to compete abound. USATF has 57



associations that organize local, statewide and regional competition and training events across America. The USATF Junior Olympics, held during the last week

of July, brings together more than 6,000 of America's next-generation athletics stars annually. USATF also hosts Junior Olympics in cross (CONTINUED ON PAGE 78)

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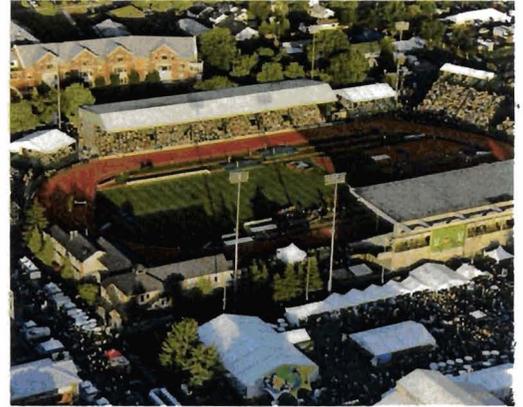
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team-friendly accommodations, dining and entertainment options.

The area proudly hosts key events, including: Ohio Special Olympics, PONY (Protect Our Nation's Youth) National Tournament, Boys of Summer Freedom Classic Showcase, Ohio High School State Softball Championships and Mid America Mac Tournament.

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country, as well as national championships in track and field, cross country and race walking.

Beyond USATF, a number of other national, regional and state organizations create track and field and running events throughout the country and world. The Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), for example, hosts hundreds of track and field events each year through

its local, state and regional clubs, as well as national championships and the Junior Olympics. And the Road Runners Club of America (RRCA) promotes recreational running with running clubs in every state and local, regional and national events.

Time and Place

Once an outdoor sport popular during

warmer months, athletics competitions today occur nearly year-round. While running events are less common in the winter months, cold weather running certainly has a following.

Marathons and other winter running events most commonly occur in states with relatively warm climates, such as the Callaway Gardens Marathon in Pine Mountain, Georgia in (CONTINUED ON PAGE 80)

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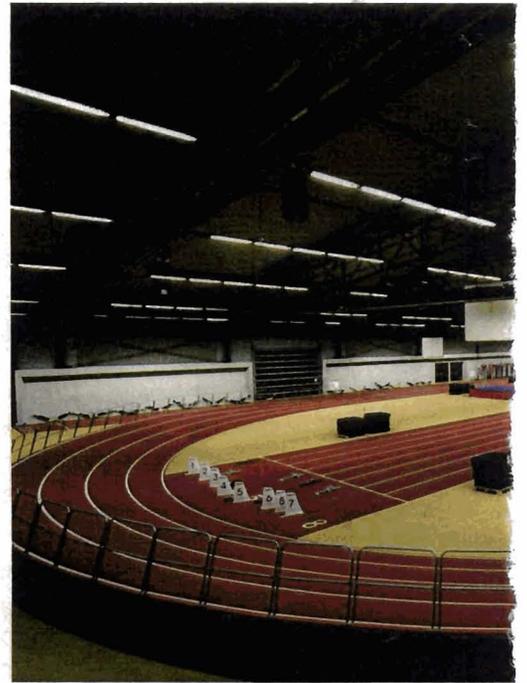
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January and the New Orleans Mardi Gras Marathon in February. But never underestimate the passion of runners, let alone their desire for the next big challenge, even in the coldest months and the coldest places. The Moose Mountain Snowshoe Challenge in Fairbanks, Alaska, offers a 5K and 8K race, which competitors literally run in snowshoes. This year's

Challenge, held January 12, saw athletes ages 19 to over 60 running in negative 12 degree temperatures.

USATF has established regulations for both indoor and outdoor track and field facilities, which form the standard for most facilities and events. The organization also certifies road and trail racing courses to ensure accurate distances.



Indoor Events

Today, track and field athletes have a new way to make a living at the sport they love and potential new fans have a chance to see world-class athletes at work. The Visa Championship Series is a series of nationally televised USATF competitions featuring Team USA's best track and field athletes.

The Visa Championship Series has two seasons, indoor in the winter and outdoor in the spring and summer. According to organizers, the Indoor Series averages more than 10,000 fans per meet, while the Outdoor Series meets are standing-room only. Athletes compete for prize money at each meet, and the top athletes share in a bonus pool of \$100,000 to help them on their Olympic journey.

Fayetteville, Arkansas is the third stop on the Visa Championships Indoor Series trail. Hosted at the Randall Tyson Track Center at the University of Arkansas, the Tyson Invitational, now in its 10th year, is one of Fayetteville's hardest tickets to get. Event sponsor Tyson Foods offers a special extra incentive to competitors with a \$50,000 bonus to any individual or group who breaks a world record.

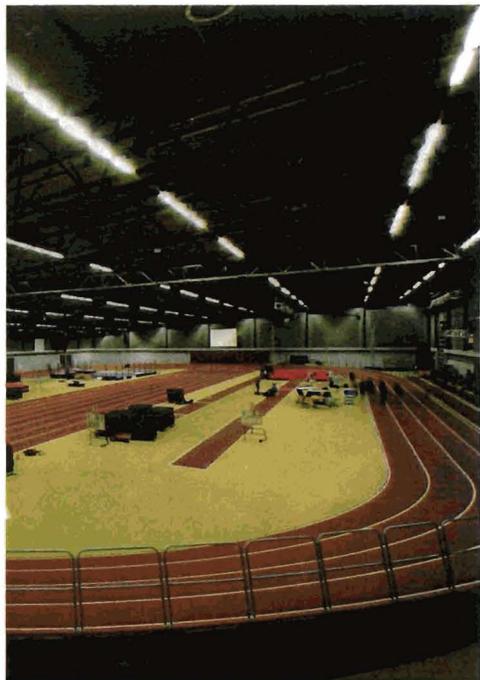
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champion of women's athletics, Tom Heinonen.

Central to Track Town U.S.A.'s legacy and future in the sport is the University of Oregon's Hayward Field. The 10,500-person stadium received a variety of state-of-the-art updates in 2008, including a new track surface, permanent lights, a video board and

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The track and field passion has carried over into other areas of Fayetteville life as well.

"We have a lot of former athletes here who have stuck around, which means we have a huge volunteer base and lots of fans," said Ryan Grigsby, sports marketing manager for the Fayetteville Visitor Bureau. "Also, our hotels and their staff are very knowledgeable about the track athlete, what their needs are and how to treat teams."

Outdoor Events

Fayetteville has competition for the title of track and field's capital. Eugene, Oregon has its own nickname, "Track Town U.S.A." Home of Nike and the University of Oregon, Eugene has its own long and distinguished record in track and field as well as a place in running history.



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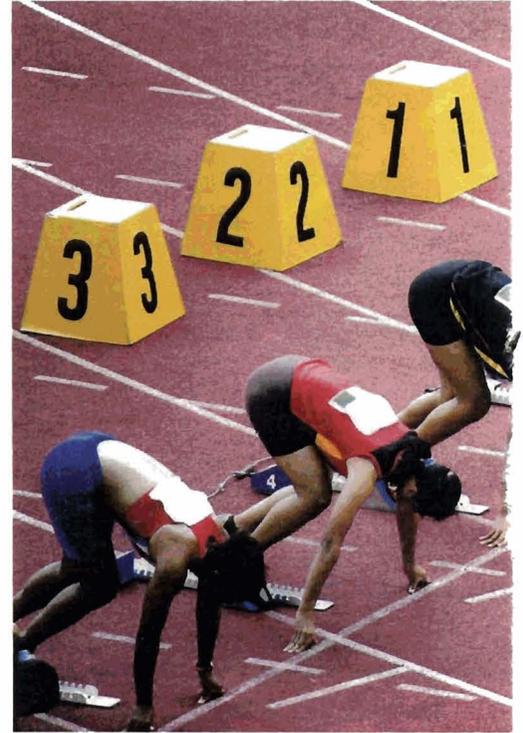
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Hayward Field has hosted four Olympic Trials, most recently in 2008, and is slated to host them again in 2012. Scores of other championships, among them NCAA, Pacific 10 and AAU events, have also found a home under Hayward

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The Sweet Side of Track and Field

Thirty years ago the Hershey Company created the Hershey's Track & Field program to promote youth physi-

cal fitness and provide fun learning experiences for children nine to 14 years old. Today, it is the largest youth sports program of its kind in the United States and Canada.

Hershey's Track & Field hosts local, district, state and provincial track and field meets, with five finalists from each state or province going (CONTINUED ON PAGE 84)

Oregon. "When we won the bid, we expressed that we wanted it to be an athlete-focused and friendly event. In the end, it even surpassed our imaginations."

While not claiming to be the center of the track and field universe, the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh is certainly holding its own as a preeminent track and field destination as well.

J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium is a 10,000-person stadium overlooking a 9-lane track and a field that can accommodate 1,000 people. The track's lanes boast an extra-wide 48 inches as well as a Mondo surface. The official supplier of track surfaces to the last 10 Olympic Games, Mondo has been the surface for 200 world records.

J.J. Keller Field has a variety of other crucial perks that can help create a stand-out event.

"Our practice track is only about 25 yards away from the stadium, so athletes can warm up and practice nearby," said Allen Ackerman, athletic director at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. "We also have areas for hospitality rooms, indoor warm up rooms for athletes and a very large press box."

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on to participate in the Hershey's North American Finals Meet in Hershey's hometown.

Hershey, Pennsylvania and its surrounding counties have eight track and field facilities, all constructed within the last five years, all with the latest track specifications. But the Hershey's North American Finals take place at a particu-

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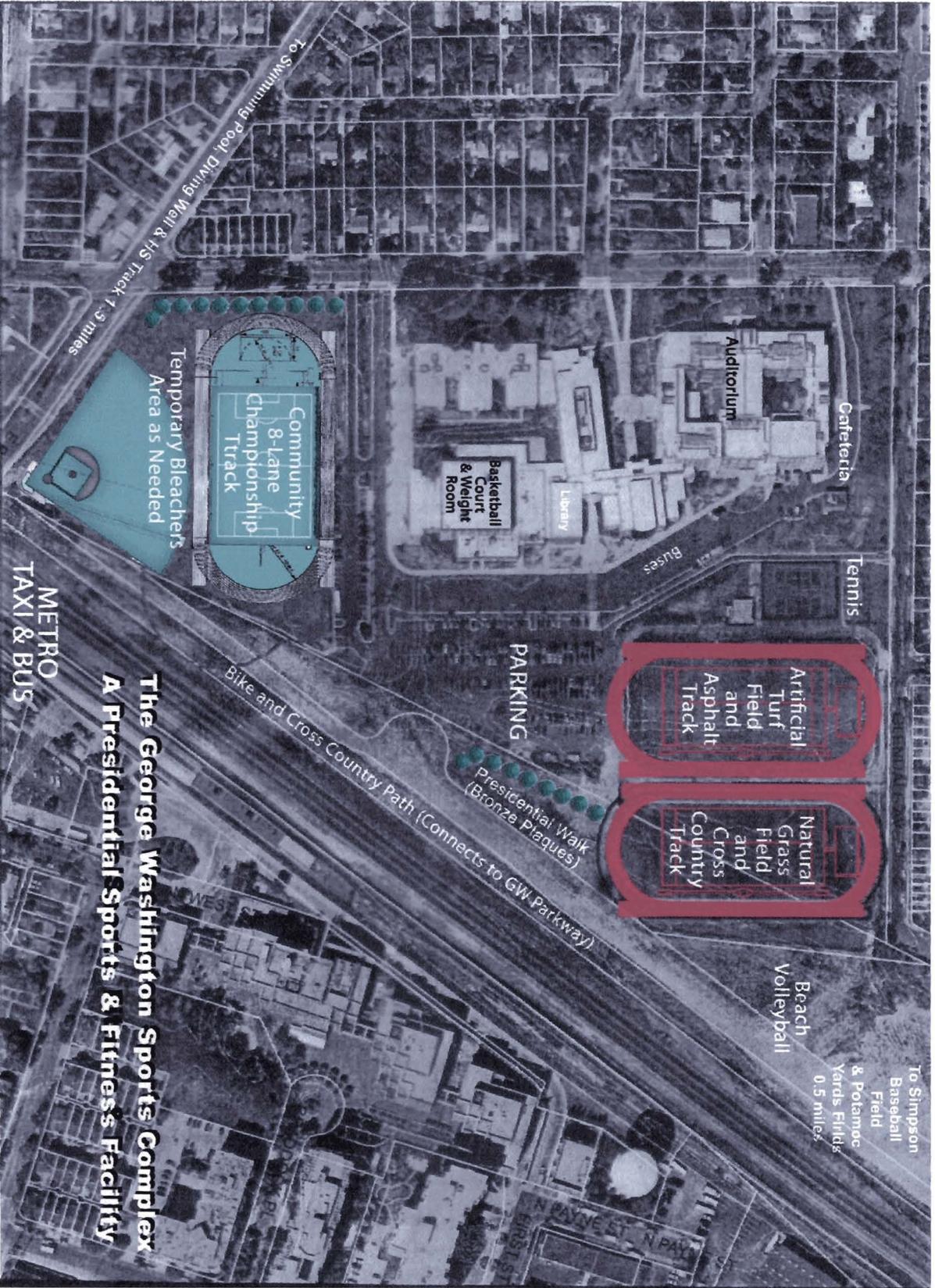
students have access to exceptional teachers, opportunities and facilities, and Henry Hershey Stadium is no exception.

"It's literally like a small college campus," explained Gregg Cook, sports marketing manager for the Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau. "The track facility is tremendous, and the school provides the perfect setting for it."

A Distinguished History, A Bright Future

The 2008 track and field Olympic trials earned better television ratings than even Wimbledon, and even more Americans tuned in to watch Team USA fight for the gold in Beijing.

USATF recently announced a new goal: to elevate track and field from a passionate following during every Olympic game to a year-round, lifelong favorite for Americans. Judging by the recent increase in interest, it seems the organization is well on its way to that goal. And given the wealth of track and field friendly communities and the investments they've made in world-class facilities, all of the elements are clearly in place to return the sport to its preeminent classic status as the world's first and favorite sport. **SDM**



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Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the City Council:

I Speak on Behalf of the Delray Citizens Association – Land Use Committee.

I have the following action items to be presented:

1. The ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance to simplify small business approval procedures and standards was passed by Council in September and adopted in December 2008. The simplification ordinance affected both Arlandria NR zoning and Del Ray's Mt. Vernon Avenue Overlay but neither document have ~~not~~ been updated to reflect changes.

2. We ask that the small business text amendment be incorporated into the Mt. Vernon Ave overlay and Arlandria NR zoning so that potential business owners have the most up to date information. We also ask that the update be published on the City of Alexandria web site.

3. Accurate information is necessary in order to implement the zoning regulations correctly and efficiently.

4. In this hard economic time, we want to encourage businesses to come to Alexandria and give them the most current information in order to make their process as short and efficient as it can be.

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Ms. Zupan- I am sorry for any confusion that may have come from the meeting. Unfortunately, Tom Culpepper was not able to attend. We will prepare a response to clarify the issues you raised and I will get back to you soon.

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Dear Ms. Baker:

Thank you for sending Calvin Abram, Alexandria's new parking coordinator, to the Inner City Civic Association meeting last Thursday, May 14.

While we had an interesting discussion, two issues came up that need clarification -- perhaps because Mr. Abram is so new to the City of Alexandria and is still getting on top of the many parking studies conducted in our neighborhood in recent years. That's the reason we requested that Mr. Culpeper attend the meeting, since he should have institutional knowledge of these studies, but unfortunately he was a no-show.

First, Mr. Abram stated that he recently used an "unencumbered" \$10,000 contribution from the Cromley Lofts project to expand a study currently underway of streets near the King Street corridor to cover our neighborhood (or at least up to Princess or Oronoco).

This struck many of us, including Mr. Cromley -- who was present Thursday night -- as incorrect. We remember the contribution being spent on an earlier parking study in the neighborhood. In fact, several of our members are in possession of 2006 T&ES documents and E-mail correspondence with former P&Z director Eileen Fogarty that indicate the money was spent well before 2009.

Our members also questioned whether expanding a study of parking related to the King Street corridor, even if it now stretches to Princess or Oronoco, is really an appropriate way to study our neighborhood's parking supply and demand.

Second, Mr. Abram stated that only the residents of affordable housing (presumably public housing and workforce units) at the James Bland project will be issued district parking permits for street parking once the property is redeveloped.

Inner City Civic Association strongly supports this proposal if it also includes no permits for market rate unit owners, who will have at least one and possibly two dedicated off-street parking spaces for their townhouses. But in fact we can find no reference to any decision about district parking permits in the DSUP for Bland which was approved by Council last October.

Pages 5-6 of the DSUP (<http://dockets.alexandriava.gov/icons/pz/pc/cy08/100708/Di7.pdf>) states:

"There was an initial discussion regarding the possibility of requiring district parking permits. Under the current recommendation, a comprehensive evaluation will be done of this site, as well as other development cases James Bland Redevelopment with district parking restrictions. A proposal analyzing this issue will be brought for review and approval by the Planning Commission and City Council within 12 months."

Again, ICCA would support the notion of a parking district at Bland combined with a restriction on permits for owners of market-rate units supplied with off-street spaces. But we were not aware any decision had yet been made or that a supporting study had been conducted.

The Executive Board and I would appreciate having confirmation or clarification of these two important issues at your earliest convenience. We also remain concerned that the City is still failing to take into consideration all of the upcoming development approved for the Braddock Metro area (including Bland) when projecting future parking demand and prescribing solutions.

Thank you.

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When and by whom is city staff held accountable for its misdeeds?

In a September 20, 2006 document, the office of T&ES said: "A parking survey of a portion of the Parker-Gray neighborhood (the area bound by West, Oronoco, Columbus, Cameron, Patrick, and Queen Streets) found that most of that area has parking saturation levels below 85%, which is generally considered the level at which an area's parking capacity is fully used, and drivers will perceive that there is no parking available". A September 21, 2006, email from then P&Z Director Eileen Fogarty also confirmed that "the condition on Bill Cromley's [Lofts] SUP was a T&ES condition and has been implemented".

You can imagine my surprised when on May 14, 2009, a representative of T&ES told the Inner City Civic Association that the aforementioned 2006 parking study was never completed. In fact, he alleged the "unencumbered Cromley money" allows him to extend an ongoing King Street parking study to the benefit of the Parker Gray residents. These facts mix like oil and water.

Too often, in the last few years, city staff has conscientiously misrepresented statements that result in staff's repeatedly jerking this neighborhood around. Where does the buck stop? Apparently it is not with the City Manager.

I can only hope that a new City Council will expect more from city staff and, in return, deliver better products and services to our neighborhood. Integrity is not vintage. It's timeless.

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Re: Sophie Development, 714 Wythe Street, Alexandria 22314

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

I am Sandra Cope and live in a historical townhouse at 626 North Washington Street. Recent approvals of the requests for variances for the benefit of Sophie Development and Great Beginning Early Learning Daycare Center created the following scenario:

1. The south end of the alley is now blocked off by a newly-erected fence surrounding a former alley and a former parking that is now converted to a playground for a day-care center (Exhibit 2).
2. The part of the alley is now relocated past that newly-erected fence (Exhibit 4).
3. The alley behind the premises located at 618-624 N. Washington Street is now in a zig-zag shape (Exhibits 2-4).
4. The alley also now dead-ends behind 618 N. Washington Street (Exhibits 4, 6).
5. Behind 622 N. Washington Street the alley runs between the newly-erected fence and a 75-year-old power-line pole (Exhibits 2-3).
6. The stretch of the alley located behind 618-622 N. Washington Street is now basically closed to any vehicular traffic because nothing bigger than a golf car can go around that 75-year-old-utility pole ((Exhibits 2-3).
7. The owners of the properties located at 624-634 N. Washington Street are now unable to back their trucks out their driveways at all. (Exhibit 1).
8. The owners of the properties located at 624-634 N. Washington Street are now forced to back-up down the north part of the alley directly into the traffic of Wythe Street.

((Exhibit 1).That scenario is inherently dangerous because it requires stopping a bumper-to-bumper traffic in at least one direction on the block of Wythe Street between N. Washington and N. Columbus Streets wherein there are two traffic lights: one on each end of that block..

The above-described scenario (i) significantly devalued the properties located 624-634 N. Washington Street unusable in violation of Section of 11-1710 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, and (ii) made two-parking spaces of those properties unusable for parking purposes unusable in violation of Section of 8-200 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria.

Wherefore, for all of the foregoing reasons, you consideration of the negative impact of the Sophie Development of the values of the historic properties located at 624-634 N. Washington Street is sincerely requested.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Cope

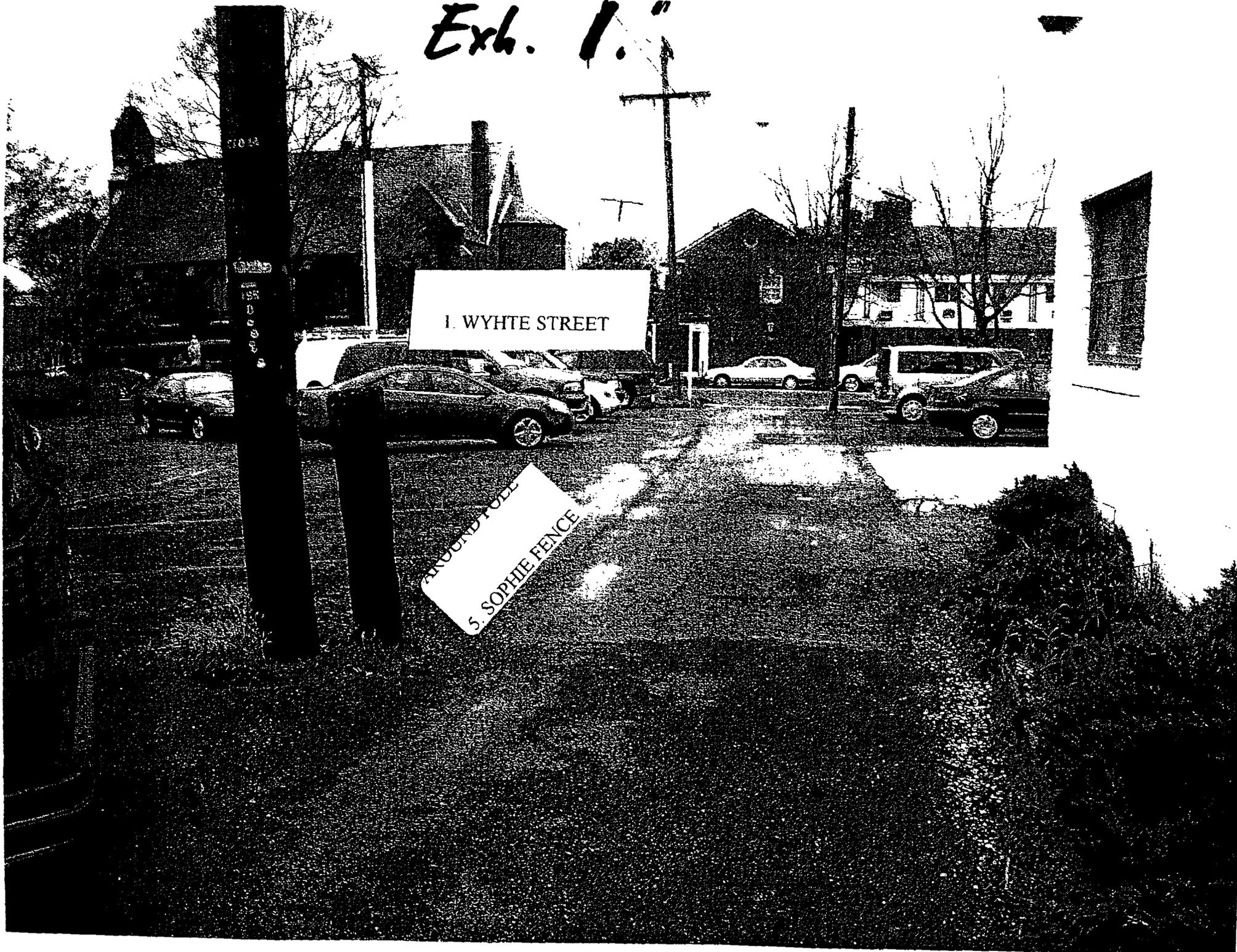
And Impacted Customers/Vendors/Users

Attachments

Exh. 1."

1. WYHTE STREET

AROUND FENCE
5. SOPHIE FENCE



Exh. 2.

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2. SCHOOL PLAY GROUND

2. ALLEY CAN'T GET AROUND POLE



Exh. 3,

C1012
V007



3. SMALL MUSTANG CAN'T GET
AROUND POLE

Exh. 4

4. CAN'T GET AROUND CORNER EITHER

Exh. 5



WAY
5. TRUCK CAN'T BACK OUT OF

CEDL
V80

Ex. 6.

6. CONCRETE BARRIERS NOW BLOCK
ALLEY

