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Re-enactors with the 3rd US Regular Infantry wait for orders to march at Saturday's sesquicentennial event.

What's Taking So Long?

Three years after settlement, little has been accomplished at Potomac River Generating Station.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

It's been almost three years since the city government struck a \$43 million deal with Mirant, the energy company that used to own a coal-fired power plant on the Potomac River. Yet only \$1 million of the settlement money has been spent to improve air quality since then. The vast majority of the improvements are years away. Meanwhile city taxpayers have spent more than \$200,000 since the 2008 settlement for a lobbying firm to repre-

sent Alexandria in Richmond on issues concerning the plant.

"The good news is that things have finally changed, and there's more of a concern at the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality about this issue," said state Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30), who has spent the better part of three decades to improve air quality in Alexandria. "In my opinion, that's a direct result of the citizens getting involved and showing the problems in living color."

Earlier this month, the department issued a \$275,000 fine to the

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Another Civil War — of Words

Sesquicentennial creates new set of divisions for the modern world.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

There's a battle brewing about the Civil War sesquicentennial, which began in dramatic fashion this week with a series of events and receptions. It's a conflict over words and language. Over the course of the next few months and years, it's an argument that will be repeated many times.

What words are appropriate?

It's not an easy question to answer. Let's start by considering what happened on May 24, 1861. That's when two companies of Union soldiers entered Alexandria, seized the telegraph office, declared martial law, instituted a curfew and forbade the sale of wine and liquor. Is the word "invasion" appropriate? Barb Winters, author of the recently released "Letters to the Virginia," doesn't think so.

"Occupied, yes. But how do you invade your own property?" asked Winters. "Abe and the government never considered the secession legitimate, so Alexandria and the rest of the rebellious states were still part of the U.S. unless they won the war."

Clearly, the Union won the war on the battlefield. But the Confederates still have a fighting

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Local historian Wally Owen describes the scene in the Marshall House when the Union troops invaded the city.



Steve Diatz and Robert Mosher portray two writers during the war. Diatz is portraying W.S. Halliday of the New York Herald and Mosher is portraying Charles Carleton Coffin.

Combating Booklessness

Duffy Books in Homes donates 24,000 books to city schools.

BY MAYA HOROWITZ
GAZETTE PACKET

A 53-foot tractor-trailer filled with books sat parked on the sidewalk outside of Jefferson-Houston School for Arts and Academics Friday morning, May 20. Mayor Euille, smiling, noted the illegality of such a parking maneuver. He conceded, "as long as they keep

bringing us books they can stay here forever." He even joked that it could be turned into a classroom.

Two dozen adults and a handful of children, one or two from every grade, stood outside the truck and listened to a few short speeches about the importance of reading.

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COUNCIL NOTEBOOK

Secondhand Regulation

On a party line vote, the Democratic majority on City Council approved a new program to spend \$3,200 for 35 signs at playground entrances discouraging people from smoking. Republican Councilman **Frank Fannon** and independent Councilwoman **Alia Hughes** voted against the signs, which will be 12 inches by 18 inches on 8-foot steel posts at a cost of about \$2,000 each plus installation.

“What this comes down to is the liberty of an individual in a free society,” said Fannon, adding that he hasn’t heard complaints about secondhand smoke at playgrounds. “If an individual chooses to smoke, they should be allowed to smoke.”

Hughes said she supported the idea of installing the signs at playgrounds, which is considered phase one. But the program will eventually expand to 46 bus shelters and 108 city parks, which will require an additional \$6,200. After that, funding will need to be identified to finish the job and install 75 more signs at the remaining bus shelters. “I don’t support smoking,” said Hughes, adding that she had a grandfather who died of emphysema. “What I am concerned about is excessive regulation.”

Although phase one will spend \$3,200 out of the Department of Health, budget officials say they anticipate identifying grant money for expanding the program to bus shelters and parks. Approving the later phases of the program has already been added to the docket for the fall, when council members will consider the effectiveness of phase one before moving forward with additional signs.

“The state does not authorize us to prohibit,” said Councilman **Del Pepper**, who introduced the idea several weeks ago. “So we are going to gently thank people for not smoking.”

Tax Like it’s 2017

William Shakespeare once called the future “the undiscovered county.” This week, the City Council declared the future of an undiscovered source of revenue.

In a unanimous vote, council members cleared the way for a second tier of a special tax district to pay for a new Metro station at Potomac Yard. Although the original plan would have included existing houses at Potomac Greens when tier one was created last year, a lobbying campaign by residents there successfully extracted the neighborhood. That will remove about \$200,000 a year from a 27-year financing plan. “We’ll need to find an alternate source to cover that \$200,000 a year,” said Deputy City Manager **Mark Jinks**, adding that the move is “the next step in achieving what is a longheld city dream of adding a Metro station to Potomac Yard.”

Taxes won’t be raised on the future residents until the calendar year after the Metro station opens. Based on the current schedule, that’s 2017. Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley** said he would like to avoid using money from dedicated source of revenue for transportation projects the council members approved as part of the budget earlier this year. “If we start doling out those dollars now,” said Donley, “we’re never going to get to those transportation priorities that we all talked about and we all agreed on when we adopted the budget.” Council members are scheduled to give final approval for the plan at a public hearing in June.

PowerBrief

When city staffers brief members of City Council, the occasion is almost always accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation. That’s the ubiquitous Microsoft application that’s become synonymous with electronic slideshows featuring bullet-point lists and snappy graphics. Sometimes city officials compile PowerPoint presentations that go on and on, with page after page of data.

Not Planning Director **Farol Hamer**.

Briefing council members on a plan that would create a new multi-department planning work program, Hamer loaded a PowerPoint presentation with one slide.

“Obviously she has the cheaper PowerPoint license,” said Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley**. “The most expensive license with all the bells and whistles was obviously procured by the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services.”

“On readability,” interjected TES Director **Rich Baier**, “I’ll wait to make my final comments.”

“We could add some pretty pictures if you like,” said Hamer. “We have a lot of pictures of the waterfront.”

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS

The Tall Ship Gloria arrived in Alexandria May 24 from Columbia.



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Welcome Aboard

Columbian Tall Ship Gloria docks in Alexandria.

After more than 12 days at sea, the Columbian Tall Ship Gloria arrived May 24 in Alexandria, the first stop in an international voyage that will last nearly six months.

“We have 167 passengers on this journey,” said Capt. Gabriele Perez Garces as he welcomed visitors aboard the Gloria, which serves as a training vessel for the Columbian Navy. “There are 77 naval cadets, 78 officers and a camera crew that is documenting the voyage. We also have eight women on the ship — six female cadets and two officers.”

The Gloria was originally scheduled to dock in Washington to take part in the signing of a pact between the U.S. and Columbia but the shallow depth of the Potomac River near Hains Point prevented that from happening. Through the efforts of Willem Polak



Capt. Gabriele Perez Garces, left, discusses the journey of the Columbian Tall Ship Gloria with Potomac Riverboat Company owner Willem Polak.

and Charlotte Hall of The Potomac Riverboat Company, the Gloria docked at the foot of Duke Street in Alexandria and was open to visitors during its brief two-day visit.

“It is wonderful to be here,” said Garces, who commands the 257-foot steel-hulled ship. “We have an exciting journey ahead and only hope all of our ports of call are as friendly and welcoming as Alexandria.”

— JEANNE THEISMANN

Julia Pattie Celebrates 100 Years

On May 17, longtime Alexandria resident Julia Pattie celebrated her 100th birthday at The Fountains in Alexandria. She was born in Orange, Va. Her father was mayor of Orange, president of a local bank and the town dentist.

She attended West Hampton College, which is now the University of Richmond, and Duke University. After graduation she taught elementary school and English in the Blue Ridge Mountains. In 1941 she married Ed Pattie and they moved to Alexandria in 1950. She has been a member of First

Baptist Church on King Street for 61 years.

On Sunday, May 16, she celebrated her birthday with all of her friends and family including her son Currell and his wife Carol, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. At the luncheon, Carol Pattie quoted a passage she felt summed up Julia Pattie: “I shall pass through this world but once. And good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show, to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it. For I shall not pass this way again.”

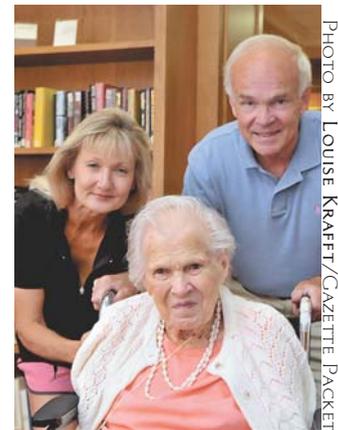


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Julia Pattie with her son and daughter-in-law, Currell and Carol.

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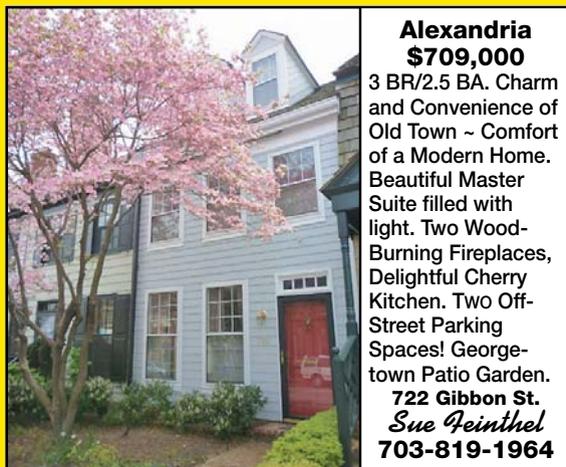
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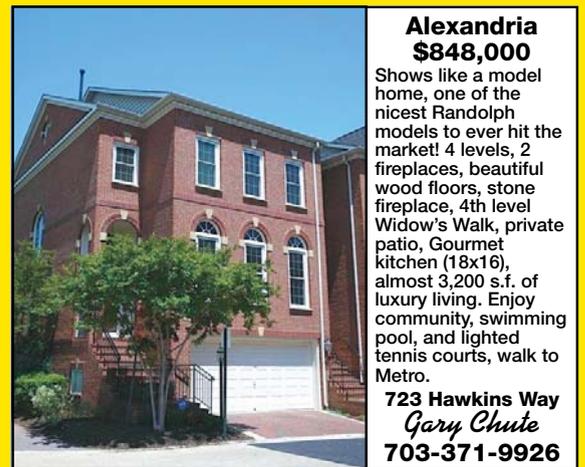
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Dr. Morton Sherman, Dr. Richard Quest, school board member Helen Morris and New Zealand Ambassador to the U.S. Mike Moore distribute books to students at Jefferson-Houston Elementary School May 20 as part of the Duffy Books in Homes donation to ACPS.

Donating 24,000 Books

FROM PAGE 1

to Duffy Books in Homes, a not-for-profit organization that provides “bonus books” for students to take home with them. The company combats the problem of “booklessness” in low-income schools and tries to promote a life-long love of reading in students.

Duffy Books donated 24,000 books, estimated at a value of \$120,000, to Alexandria County Public Schools for grades K-12. They have partnered with the Carson Scholars Fund, a program that rewards academic excellence and commitment to community service. Each student will receive four to six books to take home.

Duffy Books was started in Auckland, New Zealand in 1995 by author Alan Duff, based on his belief that “children who can’t read become adults who can’t communicate.” His work has provided 8 million books to the 4.5 million residents of New Zealand.

In 2005, Richard Quest, now president of the United States division of Duffy Books, was completing his doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania. His studies took him to New Zealand where by chance, he met a representative of Duffy Books who urged him to expand the company to the U.S. Under Quest’s leadership, the company has begun implementing programs in 15 schools across New York State. Its main sponsors are Mainfreight USA and CaroTrans, two trucking and logistics companies.

Duffy Books’ partnership with ACPS is another step towards expanding their company’s goals. As Quest said Friday, they have a “local mission, national vision.” He continued, “our philosophy is simple: break the cycle of booklessness.”

His sentiments were echoed by Linda Miller, the regional director of Duffy Books: “We want books in the hands of children and this is our way of going about it.”

Quest and Miller’s work has been aided by local partners. The D.C. chapter of the Carson Scholars Fund has been instrumental in bringing this program to Alexandria. Barbara Heron, who works for the Carson

Scholars Fund, said she was spurred to action when she read a Washington Post article about T.C. William’s poor academic performance among minority students.

Along with her husband, she has worked to raise money and awareness for this cause. Her work has led to the funding of 18 scholarships for students starting in fourth grade. Among the attendees of this ceremony was Samuel Davis, a ninth grader at T.C. Williams and one of the first students to receive this award.

Heron is also working to establish reading rooms in local schools, including T.C. Williams and Jefferson-Houston.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Morton Sherman addressed the group of children standing before him about the book they would soon receive. “I hope that it’s one of many books you read in your lifetime.”

New Zealand ambassador Mike Moore also took the podium to speak briefly about books being an “important ally.”

After the speeches, a ceremonial red bow was cut from the back of the truck. Books were unloaded and handed out to the children. Even Jefferson-Houston principal Kimberley Graves got a book — her own copy of “Gutsy Girls.”



Jefferson-Houston principal Kimberley Graves, standing third from right, receives a copy of “Gutsy Girls” from Dr. Morton Sherman and Duffy Books U.S. president Dr. Richard Quest.

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PEOPLE

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Longtime USPS employee retires.

For more than 16 years, Steve Argabright has been a fixture in Alexandria, delivering smiles along with the mail from behind the counter at the George Mason branch of the United States Post Office. He knows his customers by name and doesn't hesitate to ask about the children or take time to talk about how the local sports teams are doing. On May 27, Argabright will spend his last day at the Old Town facility, retiring from what has been a fulfilling second career.

"This was something that I always wanted to do," said Argabright, who spent 22 years in the Air Force before becoming a postal employee. "I have the best customers in the post office and have loved every minute of being here."

Roger Lathbury, a George Mason branch customer since 1987, was surprised and saddened to learn

of Argabright's retirement.

"I come here because of Steve," Lathbury said. "He's going to be greatly missed, although once all the regulars find out, we'll be here on his last day and won't let him leave."

Argabright, 58, didn't hesitate to share his best and worst days at work over the years.

"No question, the saddest day here was 9/11," Argabright said. "It was so hard seeing everyone coming in from the Pentagon and the families that were affected."

His happiest day every year is when the children in Jasmine Milone's preschool class at Washington Street United Methodist Church bundle up and make the trek over to the post office to mail their homemade Valentines to their parents.

"Those days each year were such a joy to be working," Argabright said. "I'll always remember the excitement and smiles those kids brought in here."

Argabright, who was diagnosed with colon cancer in 2009, hasn't decided what career number three



PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

Longtime postal employee Steve Argabright, left, with customer Roger Lathbury at the George Mason branch post office. Argabright will retire May 27 after 16 years of service to Alexandria residents.

is going to be.

"I've got the camper packed and am going to take a couple of months off right now," said Argabright, who is married with four children and seven grandchild-

dren. "But the post office has been good to me and I'm going to miss all the friends I've made over the years."

— JEANNE THEISMANN

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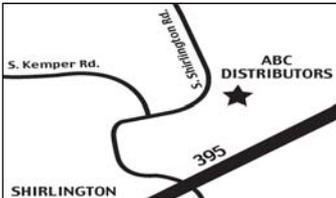


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Ron Tayler helps Alexandria residents repair their bikes at Market Square as they ride to work during "Bike to Work Day."

What's Taking So Long?

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plant for violating air quality standards. That came on the heels of a spill at the plant that brought a HAZMAT team on the scene, closing nearby streets for hours on end. Shortly after the plant was acquired by GenOn, the Sierra Club launched a campaign called "GenOff" to warn about the dangers of the plant. The Sierra Club says the Potomac River Generating Station is responsible for 37 deaths, 60 heart attacks and 610 asthma attacks each year.

"GenOn is in denial if they believe one of their oldest, most inefficient plants can operate for 10 to 15 more years," said Philip Ellis, field organizer with the Sierra Club. "They should do what is best for all parties involved, and set up a retirement schedule for this plant immediately."

the project was abandoned.

"I would have voted to have the windscreen," said Chimento, who lives near the plant. "I didn't think that aesthetic issues were of most importance."

That leaves the vast majority of the settlement money unspent. City officials say they have received bids from five different contractors that are interested in securing a \$42 million contract to install baghouse technology at the plant. Although city officials were once hopeful that amount of money might be able to buy five baghouses, the bids seem to indicate the amount of money available will only be able to purchase three baghouses.

"In a perfect world we would have five baghouses," said Bill Skraback, deputy director for the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services. "But in a perfect world the plant wouldn't be there either."

THAT'S NOT ABOUT to happen anytime soon. In fact, the exact opposite is on the horizon. This summer, the city will select a contractor to install a \$41 million filtering system known as "baghouse" technology. That means that Alexandria is about to make an important trade off — exchanging the hope of shutting down the plant for good in exchange for breathing cleaner air. A spokeswoman for GenOn says plans are on track to upgrade the plant for another generation of use.

"GenOn will fulfill its obligations within the agreement and continues to work closely with city staff to implement the agreement," said Misty Allen, who served as a spokeswoman for Mirant and now serves in that capacity for GenOn.

The process of implementing the settlement has been slowed by technical challenges and legal constraints. For example, an engineering contractor had to test the induced draft fans at the plant to make sure they would be strong enough to handle the baghouse filtering technology. The conclusion was that the system would work, but coming to that determination took months of work and millions of dollars. Then there's the rules of the agreement, in which the city and GenOn and the engineering contractor have to sign off on every expenditure.

"When people ask what's taking so long I usually ask them what their parameter is for too long," said Elizabeth Chimento, a member of a monitoring group keeps an eye on the plant. "I think the city is doing this as expeditiously as possible."

SOME PROGRESS has already taken place to reduce fugitive dust at the plant, although it amounts to only a fraction of the money set aside in the settlement. That includes \$1.1 million for a new dust-suppression system, a streetsweeper to clean up fly ash and a new ash loader to transport the fly ash to a silo for storage. Although city officials hoped to install a windscreen at the plant to help control the amount of fugitive dust that escaped the plant, neighbors of the plant objected and

LOBBYING RICHMOND is a key strategy in the city's ongoing effort to crack down on the plant. That's why the city has acquired the services of Macaulay & Burtch, a lobbying firm that has represented the city for years before the state regulatory bodies and the General Assembly.

Deputy City Attorney Chris Spera says the lobbyists were instrumental in helping to secure the settlement, and the city continues to use its services to stay on top of new environmental regulations.

"As new standards come into play, we need to understand the changes," said Spera. "Having the lobbying firm on retainer helps accomplish that."

As details of the settlement were being approved, the city paid more than \$32,000 late 2008 and early 2009 for the lobbyists. Since that time, the firm has billed the city for a fixed rate that varies from \$85,000 a month to \$2,000 a month. The total amount of lobbying services the city has paid to Macaulay & Burtch is \$201,700 — a sum that does not come out of the settlement money.

"This isn't like changing a bag on your vacuum cleaner," said Skraback. "It takes time."

THE NEXT PHASE in the ongoing effort to improve air quality at the plant will be securing the necessary permits from state regulatory bodies — a process that will consume more lobbying resources and time. Eventually, city officials hope to have the first of three baghouses installed by the end of 2012. That might seem like a long time from now. But those who have been fighting to improve air quality for years say they are not discouraged by the amount of time that's already passed since the 2008 settlement.

"It's not like the city is wasting time," said Poul Hertel, a member of the monitoring group that is frequently critical of the city government. "A lot of this stuff is more technically challenging than people realize."

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— Poul Hertel

Two-Wheel Commuting

Ever-growing number of participants in "Bike to Work Day."

The success of Alexandria's 13th "Bike to Work Day" was reflected in the highest ever numbers of both riders and exhibitors, according to program coordinator Carrie Sanders. "We are very, very pleased," she said.

The event, held this year on May 20, is sponsored by the private, independent Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, in conjunction with the Washington Area Bicyclist Association.

Alexandria was among dozens of "pit stops" across the Washington metropolitan area as part of the celebration of National Bike Month.

"This event is wonderful; the turnout is amazing," said Andrea Hamre, an Advisory Committee officer. "We see it as a chance to engage people and to encourage them to join the biking community."

"I ride twice a week because it's healthy, but gas prices are definitely in the picture," said Jonathan Zeitlin. Living in Northwest Washington, his is a "reverse commute" to

work in the City of Alexandria.

Jim and Kim Pastorick and their bicycle built for two tell a different story. Each morning they ride to her office at the Department of Agriculture across the river, and he returns alone to his Alexandria office. As she puts it, "I pedal 10 miles and he pedals 20."

Also standing out in the crowd is Sgt. Jose Garcia, a member of the Alexandria Police Department's Bicycle Patrol Unit. In his case, "bike to work" becomes "bike at work."

The unit is all-volunteer and each member is given specialized patrol training before hitting the pavement.

"Our outreach programs center on 'bicycles are fun,'" said Christian Myers, co-founder of Velocity Bicycle Cooperative, one of the exhibitors. The organization is a volunteer-run, educational do-it-yourself workshop on South Union Street offering training and events for all ages, and everyone is welcome, he said.

Gary Nooger of South Arlington won the grand prize drawing. The new racing bike was donated by Wheel Nuts Bike Shop, 302 Montgomery St., Alexandria, which also offers bicycle accessories, repairs and rentals.

— MICHAEL MCMORROW



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REI Technician Sean Berry provides a free diagnosis to Jonathan Zeitlin.



Alexandria Police Sgt. Jose Garcia.

Drugs and Books

What will become of the CVS? The key spot across the street from Market Square will be opening up as soon as the retailer high-tails it across the street to the former location of Books-A-Million. In the Washington game of winners and losers, that would be one for the pharmaceutical industry at the expense of the megabookstore.

But don't count out the bookstore — at least not yet.

Alexandria Economic Development Partnership executive director **Stephanie Landrum** says her organization has been working with a potential independent bookstore for months. Although she declined to name names, she said that it was one of 20 or so suggested uses that the partnership has been pushing to real-estate brokers for months.

"It's one of the most prominent locations on King Street," said Landrum. "We speak to about 30 brokers a month, and we mention this property to all of them."

A New Hallmark

For those keeping score, the economic partnership's list hasn't been able to land an independent bookstore yet. But it has been able to find an anthropologist.

Make that Anthropologie. That's the name of the new women's fashion retailer owned by Urban Outfitters that recently struck a deal to move into the old Hallmark location. So brush aside those hand-painted martini glasses that have adorned King Street for years. And say hello to women's apparel, home furnishings and found objects. Anthropologie is known for its attention-grabbing window displays.

"Anthropologie was always on the list," said Landrum, adding that the partnership has about 20 or 30 potential retailers they have been pushing to brokers.

An App for That

Invading Alexandria? There's an app for that.

This week, the Office of Historic Alexandria rolled out the new "Civil War Alexandria" iPhone app. Users will discover how the hometown of **Robert E. Lee** became a major Union headquarters and capital of occupied Virginia. Learn how thousands of African-Americans came to a former slave-trading town seeking freedom behind enemy lines. Let the GPS technology guide you to an artillery fort where Union soldiers protected one of the major roads leading to the capital of the Union.

"We think this will allow people to move more quickly through the sites," said **Lance Mallamo**, director of the Office of Historic Alexandria. "And it's very user-friendly."

Do you know where the city's Confederate memorial is located? The app will spill the beans. Have you seen all the museums with new Civil War exhibits? The city-owned app will show you the way. The app is free to users, although taxpayers forked over \$1,450 to create the software.

"It's a fun new tool to learn about the past," said Mallamo.

Door Revolves

A nonprofit leader in the District is leaving her job to join Alexandria City Public Schools.

DC Cares, which coordinates nonprofits and volunteers, announced this week that president and CEO **Madye Henson** will be stepping down effective July 1. Henson, who served as the nonprofit's president since October 2008, will take a position as one of two deputy superintendents in the city.

"Leaving Greater DC Cares was a very difficult decision to make," Henson said in a written statement. "I am also looking forward to joining Alexandria City Public Schools as deputy superintendent, a district rich in history and legacy in this region and country, to work with the superintendent, school leaders and the community in achieving the district's aggressive transformation goals."

Henson's duties will include communication and community outreach, technology, student services and policy development. Her annual salary will be \$165,000.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

BUSINESS



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Employees of Alexandria Lighting gather for a photo to celebrate the company's 50th anniversary. From left: John Small, Ellen Rydell, Frank Rodriguez, Brian Newton, Jeff Vega, Doug Jimenez, Jon Ohleger, Maria Wilson, Joshua Mollet and Eric Delman. Not pictured are John Brandt, Elizabeth Yates and founder Ed Delman.

Let There Be Light

Alexandria Lighting celebrates its 50th anniversary.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
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The odds were against Ed Delman back in 1961. Armed with little more than a strong work ethic and the desire to go into business for himself, the young husband and father opened Alexandria Lighting Supply. Today, in a building that has become a landmark on North Henry Street in Old Town, the company is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

"My dad always was a good salesperson," said Ellen Delman Rydell, who, along with brother Eric, manages the day-to-day operations. "He still is and comes in almost every day to check on how things are running and to talk with the customers."

Alexandria Lighting Supply originally opened its doors on May 21, 1961 in a building on Powhatan Street and moved to its present location in 1964. Ed Delman handled the customers

while his wife Edith did the bookkeeping.

"This really is a true family business," Rydell said. "Eric and I learned the ropes growing up, cleaning the showroom and working alongside our parents when we could."

Eric Delman has always been a part of the business but Rydell "did my own thing" for a few years before taking over the bookkeeping duties from her mother.

"I actually have a degree in horticulture," Rydell said with a laugh. "But the pull with a family business is hard for outsiders to understand and I realized I needed to be here."

Rydell credits her father's unwavering commitment to customer service for the company's longevity and success.

"It's hard for any business to survive for 50 years," Rydell said. "Like everyone else we've had our ups and downs but my father always believed that going the extra mile and putting our customers first needed to be our top priority."

Rydell is quick to give credit to the store's 12 employees, some of whom have been with Alexandria Lighting for decades.

"We have the hardest working employees by far," Rydell said. "It's tough to compete with the Home



Ellen Rydell and her daughter Janna look at photos of some of the company's customers over the years.

Depots and Lowes, but they really put in the extra effort to get special products for our customers that can't be found anywhere else."

Rydell's daughter Janna works with her mother managing the showroom office, marking the third generation of Delmans to work in the family business.

"It sounds corny but dad always had the mentality that hard work pays off," Rydell said. "I know it's old fashioned but we are really proud of our customer service and will continue to work hard to let people know that."

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'Their Fight is Our Fight' Kennedy opens Mental Health Anti Stigma Art Exhibition.

Former Rhode Island congressman Patrick Kennedy, chief sponsor of the 2008 Mental Health Parity Act, joined U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), local dignitaries and dozens of young artists at the Mental Health Anti Stigma Art Exhibition opening May 12 at the Lee Center.

"We are here to celebrate the abilities rather than bemoan the disabilities of those who have been marginalized in our society," said Kennedy, whose landmark bill required most group health plans to provide coverage for the treatment of mental illnesses comparable to coverage for physical illnesses. "Destigmatizing mental health issues is essential to treating people with dignity."

An art show opening reception



Patrick Kennedy, left, with Ryan Bailey and therapeutic recreation director Jackie Person.

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preceded the program, which was highlighted by a dance presentation from participants in the city's Therapeutic Recreation program.

Kennedy's keynote address focused on the increased need for mental health treatment for returning military veterans, a cause he is passionate about.

"These soldiers are our heroes and we can't allow them to not get the treatment they need," Kennedy said.

"As with all people suffering from mental health illness, their fight is our fight. When they win, we will all win."

— JEANNE THEISMANN

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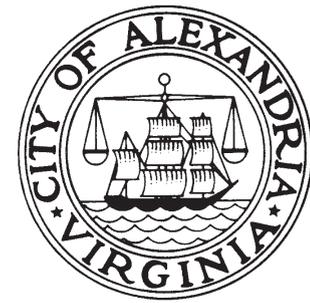
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Remembering on Memorial Day

A time to honor those in military service.

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

Earlier this month, the number of U.S. military deaths in Iraq and Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001, exceeded 6,000. Nearly 50,000 U.S. military service members have been wounded, although that number is likely to be revised upward.

On Memorial Day, we honor and thank all those who have served in the military, in times of war and peace. It is also a time to reinvigorate efforts to provide the best services and opportunities to our veterans. The Post-9/11 GI Bill dramatically increases the educational benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. Steps to provide better, faster and more responsive health care to veterans, including mental health care are underway, but have a long way to go. This is one place where we must commit the resources to do better.

More than 175 U.S. military service personnel from Virginia have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, including several in the last year.

Capt. Charles A. Ransom, 31, of Midlothian was one of eight airmen who died April 27, 2011, at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from gunfire. Sgt. Sean T. Callahan, 23, of Warrenton was one of two Marines who died April 23, 2011 in combat in Helmand, Afghanistan.

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, in a non-combat incident. Venetz had been seriously wounded months before.

Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford, Va., died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire.

Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk, was one of two soldiers who died Nov. 22 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked with an improvised explosive device.

Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach, was one of two soldiers who died July 5, 2010, in Kandahar, Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked their vehicle with an improvised explosive device.

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

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



AIR FORCE MORTUARY AFFAIRS

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

Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After 9/11, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. After his application to become a Marine had originally been denied because of his age, he lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption. "We all thought he was crazy," said Brett Lieberman, a former colleague at Newhouse News Service.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 29, 2005. Dillon Jutras's younger brother, Hunter Drake Jutras, now a middle school student, helped us remember. Hunter wrote: "My brother Dillon who was a Ranger in the U.S. Army. He deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was killed in action on Oct. 29, 2005. I miss him very much."

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

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

Pfc. David Sharrett, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand along with former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R) as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son.

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

HERE ARE the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names at least twice a year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day to honor their service and to keep their

A U.S. Army carry team transfers the remains of Army Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, of Fairfax Station, at Dover Air Force Base, Del., June 20, 2010.

memories in our consciousness.

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

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

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 when he died. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), which provides emotional support and other services for families of the fallen.

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

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

Airman 1st Class LeeBernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

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

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

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987

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OPINION

Honoring Their Sacrifice

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graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Maj. William F Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

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

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

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was

killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq.

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

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

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OPINION

ACPS: Do You Know Us?

BY DR. MORTON SHERMAN
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Who are Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS)? Who are the individuals who make up the student body and the staff? What are their needs and their unique characteristics? Where do the public schools fit within the community of Alexandria?

Statistically, readers of this article probably don't have children in our schools. Only 12 percent of the population of Alexandria is school age. In nearby communities, the number is between 18 and 24 percent. The fact is that whether we have children in our schools or not, we all have a responsibility as citizens of this great city to collaborate among home, school, and community for the success of our children and the vitality of our own futures.

It is important for our success on behalf of our students that all have a sense of Alexandria City Public Schools — who we are and what we are trying to accomplish.

All of our schools, and our 11,999 students, are a microcosm of the world, a virtual United Nations. T.C. Williams High School has 3,018 students and is the largest high school in Virginia. Our students come from more than 100 countries and speak more than 75 different languages. Over 34 percent of our students are black, 31 percent are Hispanic or Latino, 25 percent are white and 56 percent qualify for free or reduced-price meals. With this great diversity come many opportunities.

More than 13 percent of our students receive special education services. Providing a successful education for these students has been an ongoing concern for us. We are moving toward inclusion into regular classes for more ELL and Special Education students and we expect that all staff will have the highest expectations for these students. We are doing this not because it is mandated, but because it is the right thing to do. Since 1995, outside evaluators have

encouraged our aim to create a stronger culture and belief system for all students.

When we have a graduating senior with severe cerebral palsy who has excelled in AP courses, is a member of the debate team, has been accepted to three colleges, and who wants to pursue a doctorate degree and become an educator, we know through his life story and success that we can and must do better for all of our special needs students. This is a primary goal for ACPS.

Though our high school staff has the good fortune to work with some of the most astonishingly bright students who move on to highly successful careers (take a look at our ACPS Scholars of the Week at acps.k12.va.us), T.C. Williams has never made Adequately Yearly Progress and last year



was labeled a "Persistently Low-Achieving" school. But here is what you really should know:

Our students are competing and earning top honors in national competitions in science, foreign languages, music, math, language arts, a much more.

Our middle schools campuses will soon become International Baccalaureate schools.

The 2011 SOL Writing Results (preliminary estimates) for unadjusted scores went from 81 percent passing last year to 88 percent passing this year; and the adjusted scores went from 84 percent to 91 percent.

ACPS is building a better future for our students daily.

The work of transformation and improvement is not like turning a faucet on and off. We got to this point as a school system over time, and it will take several years to achieve the levels we know are possible for all students.

We also know that we can't make it without the ongoing support, encouragement, and understanding of our community.



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Cora Kelly staff members Gary Thomas and Heather Rosner, Jim Viets of Fidelity Investments and Cora Kelly school principal Brandon Davis along with a few members of the school band pose for a photo after the conclusion of the surprise presentation and concert.

A Gift for the Arts At Cora Kelly



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The students of the 4th and 5th grade band play a final selection "Let's Rock" with the new instruments.

Following an impromptu concert by the 30-member 4th and 5th grade band at Cora Kelly School for Math, Science and Technology, two flutes, four clarinets, three alto saxophones, three trumpets, four trombones and two baritones were paraded down the library aisle and presented to the band instructor Heather Rosner at Cora Kelly School on May 9. The gift donation was courtesy of the new Fidelity Investments Alexandria Investor Program and the company's ongoing mission to support the arts in public schools. The donation is valued at over \$21,000 and was facilitated by The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation.



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Band instructor Heather Rosner helps a student with a bow before the encore performance.

Research Impacts Quality of Health Care Delivered

BY CHRISTINE CANDIO
CEO, INOVA ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL

Nearly a month ago, Charles was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He and his wife shuffled between appointments with surgeons, oncologists and other medical professionals to find out what their options were for treating this disease. They soon found out that the location of the tumor would make it impossible to remove without severing major veins and arteries. They also discovered that chemotherapy would not be a good option either.

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Within two days of having this procedure, Charles was home recovering.

As your community hospital, Inova Alexandria Hospital participates in innovative research that improves how patients receive quality care, as in the case of Charles.

Our Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiology team is currently engaged in Nanoknife research. The data being gathered about Nanoknife will allow physicians to better understand soft tissue tumors and how to best treat them.

Another research trial taking place at the hospital involves finding ways to heal deep tissue wounds or bed sores. Deep tissue wounds are very painful, uncomfortable and can require a patient to stay in the hospital longer than anticipated.

These wounds are more likely to form after a lengthy surgery, in the elderly or in those who have weakened immune systems. Inova Alexandria Hospital nurses are treating deep tissue wounds in patients by using ultrasound technology at the bedside

to stimulate and heal the affected area more quickly. By championing this research at the hospital nurses hope to improve this wound therapy and encourage healing more quickly.

Additional cancer research taking place at the hospital hopes to develop more effective treatments for esophageal, colorectal, liver, prostate and breast cancer.

Our Perinatal Diagnostic Center is currently involved in research that could reduce complications during childbirth.

Inova Alexandria Hospital is making great strides to improve the quality of care delivered through technology, medical expertise and the research we perform as well. For more information about research at Inova Health System visit inova.org/research.

In Memory of Memorial Day

By MICHAEL CONNER
POST 24 COMMANDER

Many folks celebrate Memorial Day as the official start of summer. Some go to the beach and some go on vacation. Regardless of your belief, let's not forget what this day is really all about.

There is an old saying that "Thanksgiving is the day we give thanks for the things we have and Memorial Day is the day we give thanks to those who fought for the things we have." Although the author of these words is unknown, truer words were never spoken.

As the outgoing Commander of The American Legion Post 24 in Alexandria, I wish all of my comrades a Happy Memorial Day. Not only do we recognize comrades who served this great Nation, but we pay particular homage to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Sacrifices come in many forms. Some could not be home when their child was born, some suffered injuries that later became disabling and many could not be home and enjoy holidays such as Christmas. Many who were home attended funerals, some were on standby, and yes,



Cmdr. Michael Conner

some were on alert. Regardless, they were serving for us and this great nation in which we live.

So, as you travel or cookout with friends and family, let's not forget the true meaning of the sacrifices made by our veterans. Even on Memorial Day, they stand guard, they're on alert and they're on duty protecting the things we enjoy on this day and every other day of the year. No doubt, more sacrifices are being made this Memorial Day.

After serving as the Commander for the last two years and representing more than 700 veterans and some of those still on active duty who belong to Post 24 and every other Post in this country, this

day will always make me proud to have served and hold a special place in my heart.

And, like many others, when I travel I will always seek out others who have served and hold them in high regard. I hope you do as well. Enjoy your Memorial Day and let us never forget those who continue to keep us safe!

The author is the Commander of Post 24 of The American Legion in Alexandria.

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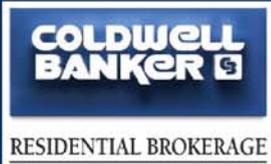
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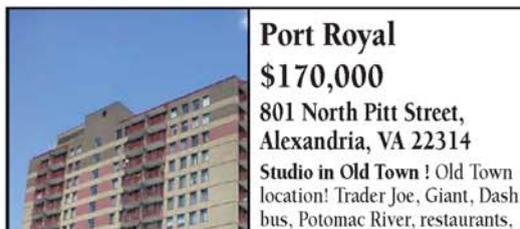


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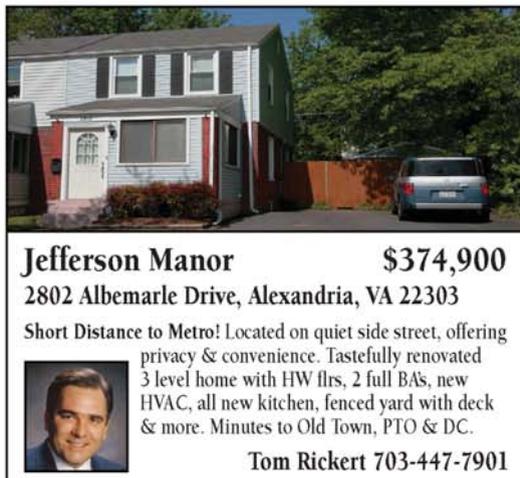
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Work Toward New Stadium

To the Editor:

On Friday, June 3, at 7 p.m., the Alexandria Aces will begin its fourth season of wooden bat collegiate baseball at Frank Mann Field, behind Cora Kelly School on Commonwealth Avenue.

When I first planned to bring baseball to Alexandria in 2006, I wrote down 'Alexandria Aces' and it just flowed. In two short years, with a ton of planning and hard work, the team played its inaugural season in 2008. Today, baseball fever in Alexandria has caught on, with the ball club growing in both attendance and souvenir sales each of the past three years.

While Alexandria baseball fans awakened to great family-friendly entertainment, I knew there were seat limitations at Frank Mann Field with only six sets of bleachers for fans. The Aces were maxed out on seats from day one. Facing a challenge, the next logical step would be to add seats to the ball park. I then mastered out a thought on how to make it happen.

Over the years I've had a great association with Georgetown University's head baseball coach,

Pete Wilk, most recently when I was president of Alexandria Potomac Little League (APLL). Pete, his coaching staff, along with Hoya players, always came through for me to help teach our Little Leaguers how to play ball during APLL's annual fall clinics.

In 2009, I told Pete of my idea to have a new baseball stadium built in Alexandria. The synergy between us led to sharing thoughts of building a stadium at Frank Mann Field that his Hoya program would use during their season, as well as other baseball organizations in Alexandria throughout the year.

Pete presented the idea to Georgetown's athletic department, where it blossomed to the discussion of the Hoyas possibly having a new state-of-the-art baseball facility in Alexandria, fairly close to campus. While Pete and I continued to dream of a baseball stadium in Alexandria, in order to see this plan to fruition, the City of Alexandria government had to be involved. Enter Councilman Frank Fannon.

Frank supported bringing Georgetown to Alexandria as an example of private/public partnership, one that would benefit both the Hoyas and Frank's constitu-

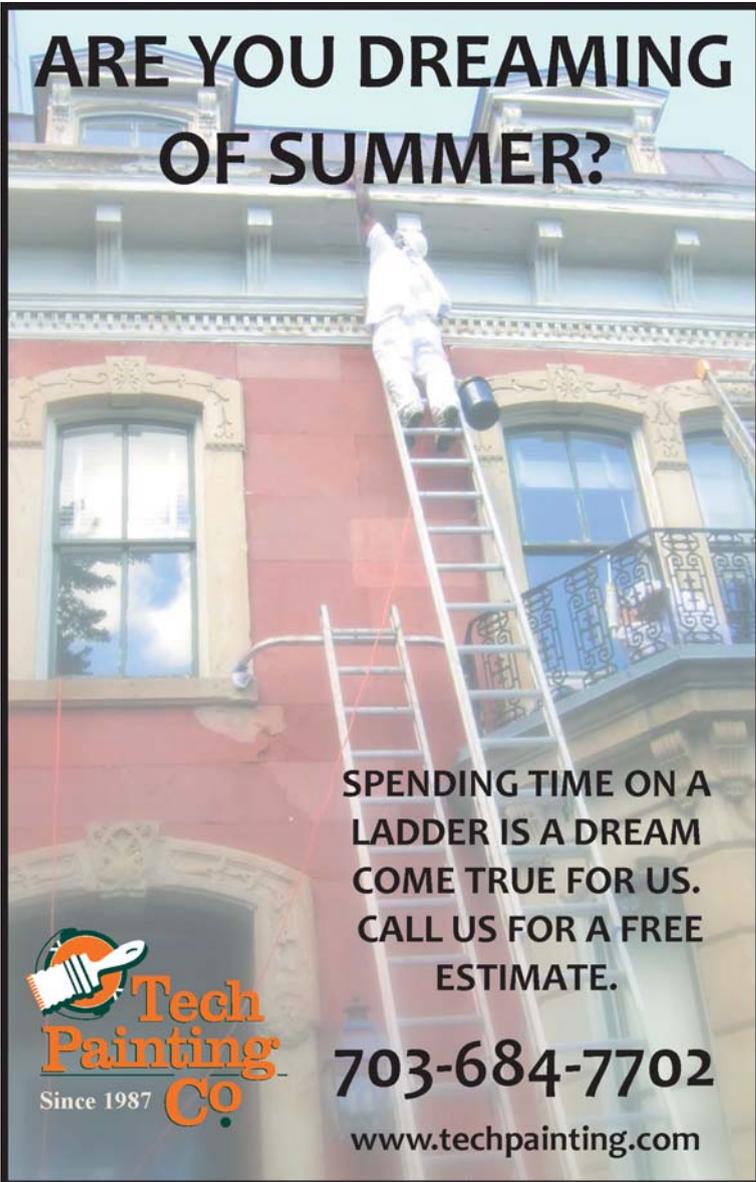
ents. A new upgraded facility at Four Mile Run Park for baseball will enhance the sport in the city, as children and adults would play on a new field that would be second-to-none in the D.C. metro area. The entire process of upgrading Frank Mann Field will also bring about a third 90-foot baseball field in the city, where there are currently just two. Lastly, the biggest bonus of all, right in the wheelhouse, City of Alexandria taxpayers will not spend one penny for the project.

Through Frank's diligence, along with Mac Slover and others in the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, Georgetown University's proposal to build their baseball and softball stadiums will soon appear before City Council, where members can review the plans and hopefully unanimously approve the project.

Upon completion, the City of Alexandria will have a new baseball stadium, available for Bishop Ireton High School, Alexandria Little League, American Legion Post 129, men's adult baseball, and the Alexandria Aces. In addition, Georgetown also plans to build a state-of-the-art girls' softball sta-

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dium, opposite the men's field, that will also be used by the Hoyas and the city's girl softball programs.

Anyone interested in discussing this exciting possibility with me, I can be found sitting in the bleachers at Frank Mann Field this summer, enjoying Aces baseball. Two new stadiums could be built, via private money, which all Alexandrians would enjoy. Let's talk!

Working together, we can build a great legacy for future generations of baseball and softball fans in Alexandria.

"Hoya Saxa!" and "Go Aces!"

Pat Malone

Co-Founder
Alexandria Aces

The writer is currently on the Board of Directors of the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League.

Long-Term Benefit To BikeShare

To the Editor:

Regarding Michael Pope's May 12 article "BikeShare Under Consideration":

For any transportation or infrastructure investment, concerns of cost will always be raised. This criticism does not bring into account what a well-run BikeShare program could offer our city. The real question that needs to be answered is whether the proposed BikeShare program for Alexandria would benefit the community enough to justify the start-up cost. Based on BikeShare programs in other cities, that answer is a clear "Yes!"

The BikeShare program in D.C. continues to be a success, and the similarly favorable layout of Old Town and Carlyle for biking means that a program in Alexandria is likely to thrive as well. Most importantly, this program will help keep excess cars off our well-worn roads and encourage shopping at local businesses. More commuters on bikes means less traffic congestion and an overall healthier community. For such long-term benefits, the BikeShare program in Alexandria is well worth the initial cost.

Cynthia Scheuermann
Alexandria

Opportunity For New Park

To the Editor:

City officials who may be looking for an opportunity to do something positive for residents of the West End have a golden opportunity waiting to be grasped: Buying the Foster-Fairbanks neighborhood for a city park.

Right now a developer has tentative agreements with some of the homeowners to buy their land and erect a large retail, hotel, and residential complex. That development currently is being considered as part of the Beauregard Corridor Plan. Almost certainly the heights and density proposed will exacerbate the traffic and congestion problems caused by BRAC-133 nearby. Moreover, the development will negatively

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affect the quality of life of neighboring residents.

The solution is to turn all or most of the tract into a park. The West End is seriously deficient in parkland. Past efforts by at least one Foster-Fairbanks landowner to sell to the City have not, unfortunately, been rewarded by official interest. Now, however, the Army is making a monetary payment to Alexandria for taking open space. The amount is still in dispute, but even if it is less than officials find desirable, it would be enough to purchase a substantial amount of land, adding it to the parcel that the City already owns on the tract.

It is a totally win-win situation. The current landowners who wish to sell would be able to do so. The surrounding residential areas would be spared additional traffic-generating development. The City would gain greatly needed new parkland. The project also would fulfill the requirement that open space destroyed should be restored as close as possible to the original site.

I urge the Mayor, members of Council, and other responsible officials to take immediate steps to realize this major opportunity.

Jack Sullivan
Alexandria

Chill of Incivility

To the Editor:

It is ironic that some opponents of the waterfront plan have sued the city for the alleged failure to provide proper notification of the Planning Commission meeting on the plan when they participated in the meeting. More importantly, it is hypocritical to complain about this technicality when most of the opponents have tried to intimidate supporters of the plan at various public meetings, including the one held by the Planning Commission. I had considered speaking at that meeting but decided that I did not need to be ridiculed with hisses and boos from the opponents. So I made my support known through letters and phone calls. Frankly, if opponents cannot behave civilly to others, they should not be permitted to speak.

H.J. Rosenbaum
Alexandria

Secession Wasn't Unconstitutional

To the Editor:

James A. Lewis and Wendy K. Campbell tee off on the Gazette Packet's not very politically correct characterization of the Northern Union's army occupation of Alexandria at the outbreak of our country's Civil War. What we should note, though, is that the article is really about the Gazette's coverage of those events at that time. After poring over the sacred archive, is it reasonable to expect the writer, trained to avoid

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NEWS



Musicians and singers of Sound Barrier, Chris Kidd, Mike Meehan, Emily and Allison White and Jack Vroom, wait for their turn to perform.

First Thursday in Del Ray

Hula hoops circled necks and waists to the sounds of the School for Rock bands. It was Health & Wellness Night on the Avenue. Sara Vandergoot, a yoga instructor at Mind the Mat, demonstrated a few yoga techniques for pregnant women. Sarah Bale worked 12-year-old Ethan Heckler through a series of strengthening pilates. Joyce Woodson set up a table offering samples and information of a new food product Mila. First Thursday happens every first Thursday of the month through the fall on Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray.



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The Callahan's: Hannah, Madeleine, Isabelle and Zach play a little Ring around the Rosie on the lawn outside the stage area.



Hoops were spiraling as Raining in the Sun took the stage.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 17
 bias by letting "the facts tell the story," not to become caught up in the narrative of that time in history? Instead, article author Michael Lee Pope portrayed it as Alexandrians would have seen it then so we can comprehend our history — heart and soul — as more than mere facts without context.

The pen is supposedly mightier than the sword because the pen assumes the sword. History is written by the victors. How many contemporary critics of Michael's use of "occupation" would carry a protest sign around the Bush White House condemning our occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan, which neoconservatives insist are really liberations? And through how many private residences and inns in

Iraq and Afghanistan have our troops marauded much like they did the Marshall House in 1861? Secession was understood to be a state prerogative in the age of the Founders. Whatever reason Lincoln said, he treated the South under the rules of war between sovereign nations. The federal government dropped its case against Confederate president Jefferson Davis because contemporary legal scholars feared he would win in court what he lost in battle. Secession's unconstitutionality is nowhere to be found explicitly in any constitutional proviso. Instead, it is indelibly inscribed by the blood of Yankee patriots.

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THEATER

Schaeffer's Sondheim, 'Follies,' Is a Delight

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE GAZETTE

The striking new production of Stephen Sondheim's musical "Follies," which has just opened across the bridge at The Kennedy Center, is a case of semi déjà vu. The glorious production, directed by Eric Schaeffer, the Artistic Director of Arlington's Signature Theatre, adds one more lovely production of Sondheim musicals to the credit of The Kennedy Center — and one more feather to Schaeffer's cap.

Schaeffer was the Artistic Director of the Center's legendary Stephen Sondheim Celebration in 2002. The centerpiece of that festival was the full-scale production of no fewer than six of Sondheim's musicals on the stage of the Eisenhower Theater, two of which Schaeffer also directed. He was nominated for the Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Director of a musical for one of them, but the award went to Christopher Ashley, the director of one of the other shows in the festival. Each of the six instantly became one of the favorite productions of the particular musical among many of the legion of Sondheim fans.

Now, with this seventh full production of a Sondheim musical, the magic seems to continue. Sitting in the Eisenhower, it almost feels like 2002 again, and the thrill of a revival of a Sondheim show with the original orchestrations played by The Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra in full regalia is almost palpable.

Of course, it helps that Schaeffer was able to cast some of the greatest performing talents of the American and English musical theater worlds.

Bernadette Peters, recipient of this year's Stephen Sondheim Award bestowed by Signature Theatre, stars in her fifth Sondheim musical, just months after the closing of the revival of Sondheim's "A Little Night Music" in which she starred on Broadway. Her performance here is as Sally, a former "Weismann Follies" girl attending a reunion on the stage where she and her colleagues performed. It is 30 years after the last "Weismann Follies" closed and one night before the theatre is slated to be demolished to make way for a parking lot.

The highlight of her performance is also one of the many highlights of the show as she takes center stage alone to sing the torch song "Losing My Mind." Her rendition is touching as is her earlier number "In Buddy's Eyes."

Her Sally is lamenting the fact that she chose to marry one of the "Stage Door Johnnies" who courted chorus girls in the '30s, but still thinks she loves another one. Danny Burstein, whose Broadway credits include the marvelous revival of "South Pacific" and the original production of "The Drowsy Chaperone," not to mention the recent unsuccessful "Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown," is Buddy, her husband who is also dissatisfied with their

marriage as he makes clear in his manic song "Buddy's Blues." He's happier with his mistress than with his wife.

Rich-voiced Ron Raines, whose career includes television (15 years on "Guiding Light") as well as stage, and a dozen marvelous studio recordings of musical scores, is the man Sally thinks she should have married. He's also stuck in an unsatisfying marriage and loses his mind entirely during his big song "Live, Laugh, Love" when he realizes he not only doesn't love his wife, he doesn't even like himself. His wife is played with a fine

blend of cool sophistication and underlying anger by the fourth big-name principal in the cast, Jan Maxwell who just last season was nominated for two Tony Awards, one for "The Royal Family" and the other for "Lend Me a Tenor." Her big number, "The Story of Lucy and Jessie" is an energetic and emotional high but it is her explosion in "Could I Leave You" that is so strong it quite logically leads into the recreation of former glories in their collective memory, the "Loveland" sequence.

The secondary characters are also played by big name talent, many of whom have

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their own big number in the highlight-packed first act. Elaine Paige, dubbed "the First Lady of British Musical Theatre," shows just why she's called that when she stands center stage to deliver "I'm Still Here" — an anthem to resilience and persistence, while Linda Lavin, a five-time Tony Award nominee (and star of the sitcom "Alice" in the 1970s and '80s) matches Page's power in the same spotlight with the powerful paean to aspiring Broadway chorines "Broadway Baby." Opera notable Rosalind Elias briefly occupies the spot for a soaring "One Last Kiss" in a duet with Leah Horowitz.

The first act hits its highest high when all these ladies gather behind the big-voiced



Bernadette Peters on stage in Stephen Sondheim's musical, "Follies."

Terri White, who proclaims that all of the former Follies girls must join her in one of their big numbers and then leads them in "Whose That Woman?" She has the pipes to blast the number and the presence to command attention even when the "girls" dancing behind her include Peters, Maxwell, Page and Lavin.

The cast also includes relative newcomers of note, each playing the younger persona of one of the older characters. Christian Delcroix, Lora Lee Gayer, Kirsten Scott and Nick Verina all make marvelous impressions, while the stage is filled with un-

named but ethereal specters of showgirls in ghostly black-and-white versions of the spectacular costumes they used to wear while parading on the Follies stage. The color of those costumes comes amazingly to life with the second act "Loveland" sequence where costume designer Gregg Barnes is finally let loose.

As glorious as the performances on the stage and the designs of set designer Derek McLane, who drapes the entire Eisenhower Theater in front of the balcony in black, and lighting designer Natasha Katz, who creates atmospheric pools of light and dark, it is the sound of the show that is the real glory here. That is a tribute to Sondheim for the music he composed, Jonathan Tunick for the original orchestrations he created in 1971. They are lovingly performed by the 28 players of The Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra under the baton of James Moore. Kai Harada's sound design balances the instrumental and vocal levels to create the

feeling of hearing the show acoustically even though electronic amplification is necessary for the 1,080 seat hall.

Long-time Signature Theatre-goers will want to compare and contrast this production of "Follies" with the one Eric Schaeffer directed at Signature in 2003. At a reported budget of over \$7 million, this one is much more opulent than the earlier one. Its image of the dilapidated and distressed theater where the reunion is held is darker and towers multiple stories above the playing space, something that was simply impossible in the height-challenged "Garage" that was Signature's space at the time. Schaeffer's direction is tighter and emphasizes story lines a bit clearer, and of course, the presence of such international talent is impressive. But, then, so was the cast in 2003. Anyone who saw the earlier one will want to see this one. Those who didn't might check this one out so they won't have missed both.

Brad Hathaway reviews theater in Virginia, Washington and Maryland as well as Broadway and writes about theater for a number of national magazines. He welcomes feedback from those he writes about and those he writes for. He can be reached at brad.hathaway@verizon.net.

Where & When

"Follies" plays in the Eisenhower Theater of The Kennedy Center through June 19. Performances are Tuesday - Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$45 to \$150 but all \$45 tickets have been sold. Call 202-467-4600 or log on to www.kennedy-center.org.

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MUSIC

Alexandria Symphony On Mall

Orchestra performs at the National Gallery of Art.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE GAZETTE

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Maestro Kim Allen Kluge, gave a thrilling performance of the first symphony of Gustav Mahler in the lovely West Garden Court of the National Gallery of Art on the National Mall on Sunday evening. The occasion was the anniversary of the death of the composer 100 years ago this month.

Mahler, the Bohemian composer, who in the last years of his life was the premiere conductor in New York where he led both the Metropolitan Opera and the New York Philharmonic, was known for his glorious accumulations of sounds utilizing all the resources of the orchestra. He was just 28 when he wrote his first symphony, but it is a fully mature work and has much in common with the eight, nine or 10 symphonies he wrote later. (There are different ways to count with one "symphony" really being a song cycle and one being a fragment completed by others.)

The first symphony — titled "Titan" — has furious, bombastic explosions of sound which Kluge's forces handled with a controlled release of emotion, rushing just fast enough to make it sound as if it and the orchestra were at the extreme limits of control. Conversely, it has soft moments that almost achieve silence in a similarly controlled approach to the limits of volume and intensity.

The four movement symphony begins with one hushed chord that, to those given to thinking of a physical program for music, evokes a dawn or an awakening of nature. Mahler himself wrote "Wie ein Naturlaut" (like a sound of nature) on the score. The feeling of nature is reinforced by a cuckoo call which annotator Michael Steinberg rightly referred to as "the only cuckoo in the world who toots a fourth rather than a third." The movement builds to a smashing climax and is followed by a full-throated second movement which builds further in a kind of joyful noise.

The opening of the third movement, with its bass solo exquisitely played by Mark Stephenson introducing the nursery round "frère jacques" couldn't be more different in tone. Indeed, the first half of the symphony sounds and feels quite different from the second. Mahler's friend and advocate, conductor Bruno Walter, said he asked Mahler about that dichotomy and that Mahler replied "Imagine before the third movement a catastrophic happening which is the emotional source of the funeral march and finale." That finale begins with a crash every bit as arresting as nature provides in a lighting strike.

While the orchestra handled both extremes with flare, creating thrilling moments of almost exhausting climaxes and hushed moments of intensity which reverberated off the sandstone walls, it was the accomplishment of Kluge as conductor which was outstanding. He managed to impose a logic on the mu-



Maestro Kim Allen Kluge

sic that allowed those extremes not only to contrast with each other but to relate in a logic that created an emotionally effective whole.

If you came to watch the symphony you were out of luck, however. Much of the action took place out of sight of many of the seats in the room which was not designed for an orchestra of symphonic size. It seated 400 in folding chairs occupying practically every spare inch of space.

Perhaps the hardest working performer was the timpanist, Joe McIntyre who was placed off stage-left, out of sight of all but a minuscule fraction of the audience. This wasn't for dramatic effect, Mahler wouldn't start specifying off stage musicians until his next symphony, the "Resurrection," when the call to judgment would be sounded by trumpets in the wings. It was purely logistical.

Not being able to see was no problem, however, for those who came to hear the symphony. The tighter than normal confines of the solid-walled room with its marble floor and polished ceiling resulted in a thrilling experience of one of the most exciting symphonies in the orchestral repertoire.

The symphony has announced the schedule for the 2011-2012 season. The Symphonie Fantastique by Berlioz will be performed with two works by violinists David Balakrishna, one a world premiere, in October. The powerful organ symphony of Saint-Saens is on tap for November while February brings an all Mozart concert. Famed Japanese violinist Midori is slated to perform the Sibelius concerto and the season then ends in May with Carlos Rodriguez performing Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto #2 followed by Holst's "The Planets." Subscriptions range from youth packages at \$15 for three concerts or \$25 for five to box seat adult packages of \$215 or \$360. Call 703-548-0885.


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ENTERTAINMENT



JUNE 2, 4, 5

Our Lives, Our Songs Concert. A cast of 200 singers from Ft. Hunt, Hollin Meadows, Stratford Landing, and Waynewood will perform at the West Potomac Choirs Spring Show. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased online at www.westpotomacchoirs.org. Performances are Thursday, June 2 and Saturday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, June 5 at 3 p.m.

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Meade Skelton. 8 to 10 p.m. At St. Elmo's Coffee Pub in Del Ray, 2300 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-739-9268.

Theater Night Fundraiser. 7 p.m. An evening of theater, hors d'oeuvres, and a silent auction. Tickets are \$40/advance; \$50/door. Hosted by King Street Cats. Visit www.kingstreetcats.org.

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SATURDAY/JUNE 4

The Miracles. 10 a.m. A choir of 24 musically-gifted adults with intellectual disabilities, sponsored by the Hermitage in Alexandria. Performing at Hermitage Senior Living, 5000 Fairbanks Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-797-3815.

Author Talk. 1 p.m. Come and meet author Ted Pulliam talk about his book, *Historic Alexandria*. Free and open to the public. Call 703-746-1706. Alexandria Library Special Collections, 717 Queen Street, Alexandria.

Alexandria Art Market. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The market boasts amazing artwork from local artists, music from multicultural musicians and great food from local restaurants. At Colasanto Park in the heart of Del Ray. Free and open to public. www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com to apply.

Cocker Spaniel Adoption Show. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come meet cockers of all ages available for adoption. Dogs are spayed or neutered. At Alexandria Hybla Valley Petsmart, 7690 Richmond Hwy. (U.S. 1), Alexandria. Call 703-533-2373 or visit www.cockerspanielrescue.com.

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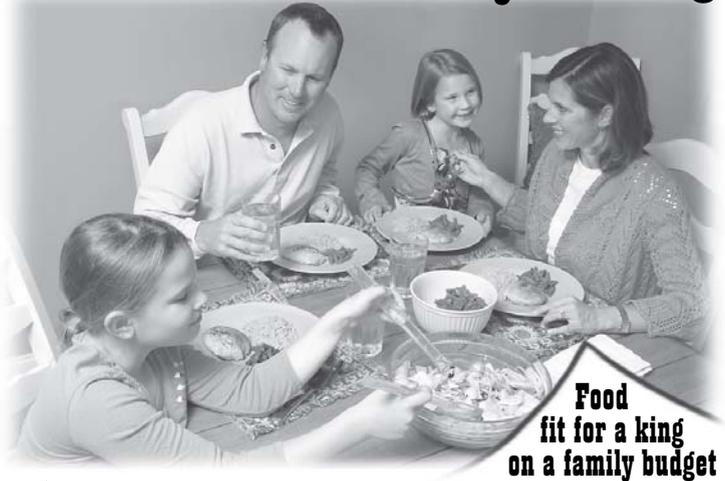
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Civil War Walking Tour. Saturdays and Sundays 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Covers the changing role of African Americans on the estate, views on George Washington from the perspective of Union and Confederate supporters, and the Washington-Robert E. Lee connection. At Historic Mount Vernon. These tours are limited in capacity and cost \$5 in addition to Estate admission: \$15 adults; \$7 children (6-11); free for children 5 & under. Visit www.MountVernon.org or call 703-780-2000.

FRIDAY/MAY 27

Historic Beer Dinner. 7 p.m. This culinary adventure pairs history-inspired beers from Yards Brewery of Philadelphia with a four-course meal fit for George Washington. Tickets are \$85/person; reservations required. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

MAY 27-29

Sunset Celebration. Wine and desserts on lantern-lit grounds of Mount Vernon from 6 to 9 p.m. Visitors may take evening tours of the mansion, relax and enjoy wine and desserts available for purchase in George Washington's newly-restored garden, and delight in 18th-century music,

THEATER



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'The Real Inspector Hound' Extended Through June 5

Due to audience demand, MetroStage has extended performances of "The Real Inspector Hound" through June 5. A hilarious send-up of a classic murder mystery by playwright Tom Stoppard, this play-within-a-play features two competing theatre

critics who unwittingly become involved in the production they are charged with reviewing. The stellar cast features John Dow, Michael Tolaydo and Ralph Cosham, who together won the 2010 Helen Hayes Award for their ensemble work in the MetroStage

production of Stoppard's "Heroes." Performances are Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 5 and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 3 and 7 p.m. \$45-50 (students \$25). TKTS 800-494-8497/www.metrostage.org, Groups/Info 703-548-9044. At 1201 North Royal St., Alexandria.

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SUNDAY/JUNE 5

Taste of Del Ray. 1 to 3 p.m. Some 15 restaurants will be serving up their best. Tickets are \$10/adult; \$5/children. At the lot behind the Virginia Commerce Bank, 2401 Mt. Vernon Ave. and E. Oxford. Participants will be able to vote for their People's Choice Award until 2:45 p.m. The winner of both Judge's Choice and People's Choice Awards will be announced at 3 p.m. Visit www.visitdelray.com

Tea Tasting and Lecture. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$15. Carlyle House Historic Park will be presenting a tea tasting on the Magnolia Terrace. Program includes an historical overview of tea practices in the 18th century as well as tasting of various teas. At Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax Street, Fairfax.

The Rodger French Trio. Noon to 2 p.m. The Rodger French Trio is an eclectic blend of free reed instruments and electric guitar performing Jobim to Tango to Ellington, Gershwin and anything in-between and beyond. At Telegraph Station Café, 5737 Telegraph Road, Alexandria.

Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic. 3 p.m. Free. Pre-concert lecture at 2:15 p.m. At Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria.

Mad Hatter Tea Party. 3 to 5:30 p.m. Fundraiser for Annabelle Bozarth who was diagnosed with Morquio Syndrome at 6 months old. Tickets are \$60/adult and child. At The Windsor Room, 1755 Duke Street, Alexandria. Contact Stephanie Bozarth at 703-256-1980 or stephbozarth@yahoo.com to purchase tickets.

Rocknoceros. 4 p.m. Bring your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors to sing and dance with the sell-out musical trio Rocknoceros.

Tickets are \$10/advance; \$12/door. At Agudas Achim Preschool, 2908 Valley Drive, Alexandria. Contact preschoolevents@gmail.com

Family Tour Day. 1 to 4 p.m. Special tours hosted by Junior Docents who will be stationed at each stop on the tour, including the taproom, bedchambers, ballroom, assembly room and dining room. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

TUESDAY/JUNE 7

Trash to Treasure. 6 to 8 p.m. Historian Barb Winters discusses "How Trash in Massachusetts Turned Into Treasure in Alexandria." She will discuss how six boxes of old handwritten letters from three inter-related families provided a unique first-hand description of life in Alexandria between 1817 and 1940. At Morrison House, 116 South Alfred Street, Alexandria. Call 703-838-8000.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 8

Summer Concert Series. 8 p.m. Free. The U.S. Air Force Band Concert Band and Singing Sergeants. At Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil.

DJ Dance Party. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$6. With DJ Dabe Murphy. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

THURSDAY/JUNE 9

Vicki Genfan in Concert. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Part of the Second Thursday Music. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035 or visit nvfaa.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 11

Genealogist Char Bah. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$5. Will present "Paths to Freedom," an illustrated lecture on how she tracked free African American families in Alexandria back to the communities where they had been held in slavery. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4356 or visit www.alexblackhistory.org.

"The Healing Passage: Voices from the Water." Film screening at 4:30 p.m. Free. Part of Movies With a Mission program. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4356. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 12

Razz-Ma-Jazz Children's Arts Festival. 2 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5. At T.C. Williams High School. Focuses on music, art and literature of the Harlem Renaissance. Presented by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. Concerts are 30 minutes and start at 2:30 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. Other activities include an instrument petting zoo, face painting, yoga, art stations, and dancing and reading centers. At T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-0885 or visit www.alexsym.org.

An Afternoon with Sally Fairfax. 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Commonwealth Books publisher, James Thompson, will interview Alexandria's grande belle who will answer questions about her aristocratic family and its connections to the founders of Fairfax County, Alexandria City, the British Empire. Sally Fairfax is interpreted by the Little Theater's Beverly Benda. At The Lyceum Auditorium, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria. Call the Lyceum at 703-838-4994.

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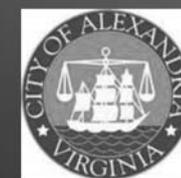
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Sesquicentennial Creates New Set of Divisions

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chance in the war of words. Consider the first major battle of the war, which happened in June 1861. The Union side called it the Battle of Bull Run. Confederates called it the Battle of Manassas. As the 150th anniversary of the battle approaches, people will need to choose sides just to talk about the conflict.

"I usually use both names on first reference and point out the distinction between the two," said Ted Pulliam, author of the recently released "Historic Alexandria." "But then on second reference I call it the Battle of Manassas because we are in Virginia, and that's what Virginians called it."

ALL ACROSS ALEXANDRIA this week, the Civil War began all over again. As City Archeologist Pam Cressey pointed out at a panel discussion Tuesday night, this week not only marked the 150th anniversary of Union forces moving into occupy Alexandria, it also was the 150th anniversary of the first use of the word "contraband" to describe former slaves in Union-occupied



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Neil Burke of the 3rd U.S. Regulars shows Mike Sears how to aim an 1862 Tower musket.

territory. Before they were legally emancipated, they were known as "contraband of war." That's a description that rankles some who consider it an undignified way to refer to human beings who are about to be honored with a new park on South Washington Street.

"It means stolen," said Russell George, member of a steering committee that helped design the park, in an interview last year. "There were a lot of negative terms that were used to describe black people back then. We don't use those, do we?"

With construction slated to begin later this year, this is a debate that will have far-reaching consequences. When it's all said and done, this will be something that's literally carved in stone. Opponents of the word say it's demeaning and derogatory. Supporters of the word say it's a legal phrase that was constructed at the time to describe

the sort of no-man's-land many Alexandria blacks found themselves in at the outset of the war — no longer chattel property but not yet emancipated.

"I have a problem with revisionist history," said former City Councilwoman Joyce Woodson. "I don't think we should start removing words from the past because we've become uncomfortable with them."

THE CIVIL WAR has a way of making people uncomfortable. That's why city leaders have been careful to describe the sesquicentennial as a "commemoration" rather than a "celebration." The distinction was evident in Market Square on Saturday, when the city officially kicked off its series of sesquicentennial events. The city's official tagline, "Witness to War and Reunion," tries to strike the right tone by not taking sides.

"Alexandria was a town in the path of

war," Mayor Bill Euille said during a speech kicking off Saturday's event. "It was a challenging place to live, whatever your sympathies."

How the war is perceived is often shaped by family history, and that's no different for elected officials who appeared on stage Saturday. Councilman Frank Fannon says his family stayed in a house on Queen Street during the occupation, taking odd jobs as a laborer to make ends meet. And Councilwoman Alicia Hughes says her family tree includes a slave woman in South Carolina named Angeline who apparently tricked her owners into believing that she was a psychic who could tell the future.

"According to the family legend, she wasn't really psychic at all," said Hughes. "She just had good, common sense and mother wit."

ONE OF THE LEGACIES of the war is all the stuff that's been left behind. Some of it is currently on display at the National Portrait Gallery, which has the shotgun Alexandria boarding house proprietor James W. Jackson used to kill Union Col. Elmer Ellsworth. Then there's the "blue mass" pills that were used to comfort soldiers, which are currently on display at the Alexandria Apothecary Museum. This year's Antiques in Alexandria show featured a Zouave uniform similar to the one used by the troops who invaded Alexandria. The show also featured a reproduction of a dress featured in the Civil War movie classic "Gone with the Wind," which was created by fashion designer Peggy Abbott Miller.

"She traveled to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art to study the original barbecue dress and take the pattern for it," wrote Newbold Richardson in the program for Antiques in Alexandria. "She also commissioned reproduction green sprigged organza, which she sells."



Sun-nee Matema hands out information on the African American Civil War Memorial and Museum.

Costume Designs Seek To Capture Alexandria 1861

A. Newbold Richardson, costume and textile specialist, delivered a lecture on Margaret Mitchell's "Gone With The Wind" costume designer Walter Plunkett during the May 21 brunch at the 15th Annual Antiques in Alexandria show. Plunkett was well known as a period costume designer in the 1930s and spent upwards of three months researching the dress of the 1860s; 5,500 costumes were created for the film, including 2,868 civilian and 1,230 military costumes. Forty-four dresses were designed for Scarlet and 22 for Melanie. The film cost \$4 million in 1938. Richardson traced back nearly all of the dress designs noting how some details had relationships with the period but many other aspects reflected the current designs of the day in the 1930s. "He [Walter Plunkett] was a brilliant costume designer but not a historian," Richardson said.

On exhibit at the brunch/lecture were

three dresses by re-enactor/historian Dr. Karin Bohleke, curator of the Shippensburg University Fashion Archives and Museum, Shippensburg, Pa. The clothes are exact copies of originals — even hand sewn. As part of the loan exhibition on the showroom floor were copies of three dresses worn by Scarlet: the BBQ dress, the dress made from Tara's green velvet curtains and the red dress

that Rhett forced her to wear to Ashley's party, as well as Bonnie's riding outfit. The dresses were created from patterns made



1860s dresses by Dr. Karin Bohleke.



Scarlet's BBQ dress.

by Pegee of Williamsburg's "Patterns from Historie," Peggy Miller, owner, designer. Patterns can be ordered through her website

: www.pegee.com or by mail at: Pegee of Williamsburg, P.O. Box 127, Williamsburg, VA 23187-0127.

LIVING LEGENDS

Ring: When Politics Succeeded through Compromise

BY SARAH BECKER

About Living Legends

Contemporaries describe Carlyle “Connie” Ring as a conservative Republican. “No,” he responded, “I am a Rockefeller Republican who in the 1964 presidential election won the local delegation for Nelson Rockefeller, then proved I could run hard for Barry Goldwater. I was nominally Republican until moving to Alexandria.” Connie Ring chaired the Alexandria Republican City Committee from 1961-1968.

Born in 1931 in upstate New York, Ring graduated summa cum laude from Hamilton College. Yet he ranked third in his class. Competitively inspired, Ring moved to Alexandria in 1956 to begin his law career. A 1956 graduate of Duke University School of Law, he wasted no time becoming locally involved.

In 1956 in Jamestown, New York, an elementary school was named in honor of his educator father the same year Alexandria threatened to close its schools as part of U.S. Sen. Harry F. Byrd’s (D-VA) massive resistance scheme. “Central in life is the fact that education is a necessary part of success and it was silly to close schools,” Ring said.

“Alexandria’s schools did not integrate easily,” Ring said. “We lost 5,000 students — from 18,000 to 13,000 students — with integration. People voted with their feet and enrolled in private schools. Today any well-motivated child can get a good public school edu-

Now beginning its fourth year, Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing 501(c)(3) photo-documentary project to identify, honor and chronicle Alexandria’s Living Legends. The project was conceived by Nina Tisara to create an enduring artistic record of the people whose vision and dedication make a positive, tangible difference to the quality of life in Alexandria. Platinum and

Gold Sponsors this year are Club Managers Association of America, Erkiletian Real Estate Development, Inova Alexandria Hospital, Renner & Co., Rotary Club of Alexandria and Doug Thurman.

This is one of a series of 12 profiles that will appear this year. For more information or to nominate a Legend for 2012, visit www.AlexandriaLegends.com.

both parties were Democrats — one party was the more progressive Democrats, the other the Byrd wing of the party. The gaping hole was in the middle and that created the opportunity for a genuinely competitive political process.” Speck first worked with Connie Ring as a member of the Alexandria Republican Party and then joined the Democratic Party in 1995.

Speck continued: “With the [1969] election of Linwood Holton as the first Republican Governor since Reconstruction, the election of Wiley Mitchell to the City Council, moderate Republicans with deep roots in the community — people like Wiley Mitchell, George Cook, Bob Calhoun and Connie Ring — began to be viewed as viable choices by voters. In 1982, the city of Alexandria had the most elected Republicans of any city in Virginia.” Connie Ring served on Alexandria’s City Council from 1979 until 1988.

“Connie Ring was on the Council that appointed me City Manager,” Vola Lawson recalled. “In those days the Republican Party was known as the progressive reform party. Moderate Republicans teamed with liberal Democrats and ousted the Byrd machine.”

“He reminds me of Teddy Roosevelt,” Republican City Councilman Frank Fannon said. “Connie speaks softly and carries a big stick.” Ring is persistent if nothing else.

“Connie draws great strength from his moral beliefs,” said former Republican State Senator and City Councilman Bob Calhoun. “There is an enormous sense of integrity about him.” Ring often takes on tasks that are difficult to accomplish.

A self-described “straight arrow,” in 1970 Governor Linwood Holton invited Ring to become a Commissioner on Uniform State Laws. Local Democrat Bill Thomas endorsed his appointment and Connie has served voluntarily for 40 years. He specializes in information technology.

Ask Ring to explain his greatest accomplishment and he discusses law, the Uniform Computer Infor-

mation Transactions Act of 2000. The Act is “the only law that addresses valid contracts over the internet.” Controversial to some — Virginia and Maryland passed it — Connie favors it. Others cite the Uniform Commercial Code, Article 4A [wholesale fund transfers] as his crowning achievement. Article 4A was adopted by all 50 states.

What is Ring’s life lesson? “Happiness really comes from being of service to the community. A lot can be accomplished by being in the background and sharing the limelight with others. Grab the limelight too soon and you can stumble.”

“Connie’s lesson, which seems to have been largely ignored in recent years at the local Republican Party level, is to nominate political candidates who appeal to an ideological center,” Speck noted,

“and who have a record in the community of genuine service.” “Never, ever did Connie Ring back down from what he believed to be right,” Speck concluded. “Not just for the political expediency of an issue, but for what he believed to be important for our future.” “Connie is future-oriented,” Calhoun agreed.

“The art of politics is compromise,” Ring repeated. “If there is any secret to my success with uniform state laws it is my ability to bring people together and develop consensus. Always we must find common ground.” “Unfortunately Linwood Holton Republicans have become an extinct species,” Calhoun concluded.

Writer Sarah Becker was nominated as a Living Legend of Alexandria in 2007.

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BULLETIN BOARD

TUESDAY/MAY 31

StagePlay celebrates 10 years of summer fun with an assortment of drama camps for 3-14 year olds. Camps will be held at St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church, Alexandria 22308 and at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, beginning May 31. For full details, email bardsplay@aol.com, 703-963-9430, www.stageplay.tv.

SATURDAY/JUNE 4

Family Caregivers Forum. 9 a.m. to noon. Free. Includes a panel discussion by experts in the field of adult caregiving as well as Fairfax County information and private exhibitors. At Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573.



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Living Legends of Alexandria was awarded a FY 2011-12 grant from the Alexandria Commission For The Arts on Monday, May 23. From left are Pat Miller, chair, Alexandria Commission For The Arts; Vice Mayor Kerry Donley, Project Director Nina Tisara and Councilman Frank Fannon.

'Fair Winds and Following Seas' Old Dominion Boat Club holds 131st flag raising.

Weekend rains gave way to clearing skies as members, dignitaries and guests of the Old Dominion Boat Club gathered at the foot of King Street May 15 for the 131st annual flag-raising ceremony.

"The four flags flying together symbolize the longstanding partnership between the city, the state, the United States and the Old Dominion Boat Club," said Mayor Bill Euille prior to the yearly tradition of hoisting new flags to kick off the

official start of a safe boating season. "The Boat Club has been a landmark in Alexandria for 131 years and, despite what you may hear, we want that to continue," he added with a laugh in reference to the ongoing debate over the city's new waterfront plan.

Following the singing of the national anthem by Jessica Fuller and a blessing for the safety of boaters by Father Michael Kelly of St. Mary's Church in Old Town, Euille was joined by state Sen. Patsy Ticer and councilmembers Del Pepper and Frank Fannon as new flags were individually hoisted atop the gaft-rigged flagpole at 1 King St.

"It's been an honor for me to be a part of this ceremony and raise the Virginia flag for so many years," Ticer said. "A tradition like this is a very important part of our community."

The ceremony concluded with a water cannon demonstration by the fireboat John Glenn on the Potomac River.

"The Old Dominion Boat Club is such a vital part of the city and the fabric of Old Town," said Pepper as she congratulated the club members. "I love seeing all you do for the community and wish you a happy and safe boating season."

— JEANNE THEISMANN



Old Dominion Boat Club Commodore Dave Beck and president Miles Holtzman hoist the club's black and orange colors at the 131st flag raising ceremony May 15.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to members of the NY, nonprofit, American Society of Clinical Oncology, Inc., that the 2011 ASCO Annual Business Meeting will be held on June 6, 2011, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM at the Hyatt McCormick Place, Regency Ballroom, in Chicago, IL. Members with questions can call 571-483-1316.

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W249BE POST-FILING ANNOUNCEMENT

On May 16, 2011, an application for license renewal was filed by Positive Alternative Radio, Inc. with the Federal Communications Commission for FM Translator Station W249BE at Alexandria, Virginia.

The W249BE transmitting location is 0.4 kilometers south southeast of the intersection of Pickett Street and South Van Dorn Street in Alexandria, Virginia. W249BE operates on Channel 249 with an effective radiated power of 10 watts.

OBITUARY

Mr. Elmer Holst, LLD age 82 of Pilot Mountain passed away Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at the Woltz Hospice Home. Mr. Holst was born in Yamhill County, Oregon on October 12, 1928 to Gustav Adolph and Maria Rahman Holst. He was a retired Attorney with Holst and Hartshorn after practicing law for forty nine years and was a member of White Plains Friends Meeting. He received his Undergraduate Degree at Linfield College in Oregon and his Doctorate of Law Degree from American University in Washington, DC. He served our country in the United States Army and was a member of Pilot Mountain Masonic Lodge 493 AF&AM and recently received a sixty year Masonic membership pin. Surviving is his wife, Juanita Helen McCraw Holst of the home; brothers and sisters-in-law, Wendell and Imogene Holst of Hopkinsville, KY and Melvin and Joan Holst of Portland, OR and Dorothy Holst of McMinnville, Or. In addition to his parents, Mr. Holst was preceded in death by sisters, June Ranes and Elda Senn and by brothers, Raymond Holst and Herbert Holst. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, May 21, 2011, at White Plains Friends Meeting by Rev. Jake Penley. Burial will follow in New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery with military honors by VFW Memorial Honor Guard Mt. Airy Post 2019 and Pilot Mountain Post 9436 and Masonic Rites by Pilot Mountain Lodge #493. The family will receive friends at the church Saturday from 10:00 until the time of the service. Memorials may be made to New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery Fund at P.O. Box 955, Dobson, NC 27017 to White Plains Friends Meeting at 849 Old Hwy. 601, Mt. Airy, NC 27030 or to Heritage Presbyterian Church at 8502 Fort Hunt Rd., Alexandria, VA 22308.

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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Logan D. Leathers, Ursula F. Leathers, Enrique L. Kotoriy and Dely A. Kotoriy, dated June 8, 2007, and recorded June 13, 2007, in Deed Book 19391 at page 623 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on **Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.**

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

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Commonly known as 1010 Emerald Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22308.

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

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This sale is being made subject to a superior trust.

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Navy football head coach Ken Niumatalolo, standing at right, joins the 2011 Alexandria Sportsman's Club Athlete of the Year winners May 16 at the club's annual banquet honoring the city's top high school athletes.

PHOTOS BY DESIREE LABRIE

Athletes of the Year

The Alexandria Sportsman's Club held its 56th Annual Athlete of the Year Banquet May 16, honoring the city's top high school athletes for their achievements both on the playing field and in the classroom.

Held at the Westin Alexandria, the evening featured keynote speaker Ken Niumatalolo, head football coach at the U.S. Naval Academy, and recognized the achievements of top male and female athletes in 17 different sports.

— JEANNE THEISMANN



Theodore Daubresse of Bishop Ireton, left, and Tamika Jones of Episcopal High School, were awarded \$2,500 scholarships by the Sportsman's Club as top athletes of the year. Not pictured is Nazzareno Spurio of T.C. Williams.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Old Town

FREE FOR ALL OR FREE FALL?

To illustrate the clueless disconnect dominating the conversation about the future of Old Town's waterfront, one needs look no farther than the contentious City Council public hearing the other day.

The folks who lead us, it says in the civic books, are supposed to lead. This bunch, or most of it, couldn't lead us to the washroom — even in an emergency.

The roughly three hour free-for-all came down at one point to this assertion from the president of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce. Speaking about the waterfront plan that has generated more heated debate than I've seen in a long time, she told the restless attendees: "We believe this is a consensus plan. It's not perfect, but it's the result of all these meetings"

"Consensus" in this case means such usual suspects as the Chamber itself, the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association, hotel interests, restaurateurs and all those other folks

who don't even live here. This is a consensus?

I've been writing about the waterfront plan for months and have no intention of repeating the pros and cons. City Council postponed a vote until late June and is probably a sure thing to approve (rubber stamp?) most of the existing plan — not withstanding the opposition by most of the Old Towners I know. But maybe your hardworking correspondent is missing something.

This came to mind when I read something the Mayor said the other day. "While this was not meant to be controversial at all, it certainly has been a controversial issue."

Welcome to the debate, Mr. Mayor. Where have you been?

OTCA CANDIDATES - Those folks who do so much to protect against what many of us abhor about the waterfront plan, members of the watchdog Old Town Civic Association, have a slate of candidates for office that will be voted on at the OTCA June meeting.

The slate, including incumbents: President, John Gosling; Vice President, Barbara Beach; Treas-

urer, Ivy Whitlach; Corresponding Secretary, Timothy Elliott; Recording Secretary, Elizabeth Spar. Directors include David Olinger, At Large; Bert Ely, Central; Jim Doll, North of King St. East; Christa Lyons, North of King West; Alan McCurry, South of Franklin; Chip Carlin, South of King West; Poul Hertel past president.

— BOB FELDKAMP

Seminary Valley

Apologies to all for the protracted absence ... I have been shuttling back and forth to California to help out with my mom, who passed away in April. Mom was a sixth-generation Californian, a member of the original Spanish families who settled California. She spoke Spanish before she spoke English and rode a horse before she could walk! But life

toddles along and there is news to share about our neighborhood.

Major League Baseball aficionados should keep a close eye on the June draft. Truman Street's Alex Haitsuka has drawn the interest of several teams. Alex, a T.C. grad, just graduated from VMI where he was a standout player, and it sounds like good things are coming his way.

In other sporting news, the T.C. Williams Girls' First Eight made it to finals at Stotesbury for the first time in three years, and finished 5th. Congratulations to Natalie Brown and Kelsey Donley, our own Seminary Valley rowers!

Some sad news to impart ... seems that local restaurant favorite Food Matters is shutting its doors in a few weeks. The store's owners just could not make a go of it ... they should be thanked for their efforts, especially their work to get the West End Farmer's

market up and running. The market, now in its fifth year, had a big opening day on May 8 ... almost 850 people showed up to buy fresh produce, meat, bread, flowers and lots of other goodies. The market is a short walk away from our own neighborhood and is open every Sunday morning. For more information, go to www.westendfarmersmarket.org.

In Civic Association news, the BSCVA is going to publish a new neighborhood directory later this year. If you would like to be included in the directory, go to <http://fs10.formsite.com/bsvcadir/form779256550/index.html>. The directory is only going to be available to people within Association boundaries and will not be given, rented or sold to any individual, organization or business.

— MIA JONES

OBITUARY

Carey L. Donigan

Jan. 9, 1919 - May 18, 2011

Carey L. Donigan, 92, of Alexandria, died Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at Huntsville Hospital. Mrs. Donigan was a native of Alexandria, and lived in Huntsville, Ala., for eight years.

Mrs. Donigan was a little lady with the heart of a giant. She loved reading, watching Turner Classic Movies (TCM) and having the freedom to come and go as she pleased. Her independence was very important to her.

Carey is survived by her daughter, Marie Woodham and husband Bob, grandson, Michael Bumbray and wife Sandie, niece, Lutrisa Wade and a host of nieces and nephews.

A memorial will be held at 12:30 p.m. June 5, 2011 at Divine Science Church of Healing Christ in Washington, D.C. with Dr. Al Salazar, Minister Emeritus officiating.

Burial will follow at Mount Comfort Cemetery. Laughlin Service Funeral Home, Inc. is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts should be presented in memory of Carey L. Donigan to the Divine Science Church of Healing Christ, Building and Maintenance Fund, 2025 35th St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 20007.



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TC Girls 2nd Varsity 8 Wins Gold at Stotesbury

The T.C. Williams girls second varsity eight placed first at the Stotesbury Cup Regatta — known as the Super Bowl of high school crew — on the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia on Saturday, May 21. TC's championship finish followed two days of racing, with qualifying heats on Friday followed by semifinal and final races on Saturday. TC finished fourth out of 21 boats in Friday's head race, just behind local rival, Madison, which edged TC to win gold at the Virginia State Championships the previous week.

Having beaten Madison earlier in the season, TC was eager to come out on top at Stotesbury. And they did. TC had the best time (4 minutes, 56.71 seconds) of 12 boats in the semifinals, then notched the championship a full boat-length ahead of second-place finisher, Madison. The friendly rivalry between the two schools will continue this week at the 2011 SRAA national championship on the Cooper River in Camden, N.J.

Other T.C. Williams boats also made a strong showing at Stotesbury, the largest high school rowing competition in the world. This year's regatta hosted 5,000 rowers from 176 schools. In the extremely competitive girls senior eight races, TC finished second in its semifinal heat to secure a coveted spot in the finals, where it turned in its fastest time of the season (4:50.43). The senior eight finished in fifth place overall, out of the original 33-boat field. TC's boys lightweight eight came in ninth in a field of 19 in Friday's head race and did well in the semifinals — until the steering cable on their boat broke. As a result, the lightweight boys did not advance to the finals.

TC's second eight gold medal winners are: Kate Banchoff, Caroline Olsson, Allyson Emblom, Jackie Tilley, Katie Pickup, Paige Mellerio, Nadia Magallon, Kate Arnold and coxswain Macaela Huddle. Four of the girls also rowed on last year's second eight boat, which missed Stotesbury gold by the narrowest of margins — one-tenth of a second (.11), before winning the SRAA National Championship one week later.

TC's girls crew is lead by a team of TC



The T.C. Williams girls second 8, with their coach, Jaime Rubini, won gold at the Stotesbury Cup regatta.

crew veterans. Newly-appointed head coach, Mercedes Kiss, medaled at Stotesbury every year while rowing for TC. In 2010, Kiss coached the second eight to a Virginia state championship, a Stotesbury silver medal, and a gold medal at nationals. This season also marked the return of former longtime TC boys crew coach Jaime Rubini to the girls' side of the Dee Campbell boathouse. The second eight's successful season is just the latest in Rubini's storied coaching career, which began under Dee Campbell. Rubini's crews have not only won numerous Virginia state, Stotesbury and national medals, all three of his children also rowed for T.C. Williams. Girls coaches Azim Khodjibaev, Andrea Summers, and Matt Givens are also former TC rowers.

— LUCINDA BACH

SSSAS Girls Lacrosse Wins States

The St. Stephen's & St. Agnes girls lacrosse team captured its fifth consecutive

Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association state championship on May 21, defeating Collegiate 18-2 at Old Dominion University.

On Tuesday, head coach Kathy Jenkins said she spoke to a Collegiate parent, who told her the Saints played a "flawless" game. "I think we played really, really well," she said.

St. Stephen's also captured the Independent School League regular season championship and ISL Tournament title in 2011. "It's exciting for the girls," Jenkins said. "The goal for the girls is always to win the state tournament and the ISL."

The Saints managed to a championship level of success despite having only three seniors on the team, one of which missed time due to injury. The future figures to be bright for St. Stephen's.

"It's great for our younger players," Jenkins said. "We've had some injuries this year that we normally don't have. ... I've had to go to [with] younger girls."

Sophomores Carly Reed and Besser Dyson, and juniors Katie Austin and Paige

Patterson are a few of the key players who will return next season.

TC Girls Lacrosse Players Honored

Seven members of the T.C. Williams girls lacrosse team received All-Patriot District honors in 2011. Leading the way was senior midfielder Anjuli DeWakar, who was named District Player of the Year. She was also a first-team all-district and first-team all-region selection.

Junior midfielder Tiana Barlow and junior goalkeeper Jordan Cirenza were second-team all-district selections, and freshman goalkeeper Olivia Cole, junior attack Maddie Wann, freshman midfielder Allegra Benites and senior defender Charlie Digby garnered honorable mention.

TC Boys Lacrosse Players Receive Academic Honors

Eight members of the T.C. Williams boys lacrosse team were honored for their success in the classroom. Ben Goodwin received Academic All-American honors. Jay Whitmire, Ben Bilodeau, Jimmy Carragher, Ben Goodwin, Robin Bomberger, Matt Czechanski and Tim Dwyer received Academic All-Region honors.

Lady Titans Basketball Camp

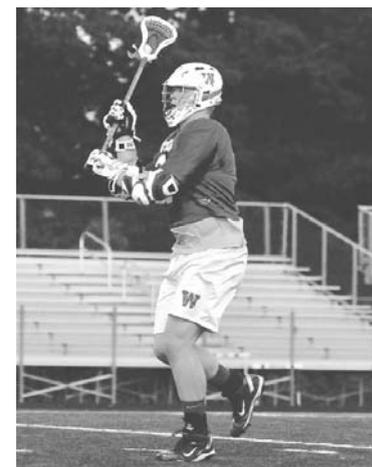
The T.C. Williams Lady Titans Rising Stars Basketball Camp for girls ages 8-14 will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. June 27-July 1 at T.C. Williams High School. Registration fee is \$135 for the five-day event and a \$50 non-refundable deposit is due when registering. Balance is due on the first day of camp. Contact T.C. Williams head girls basketball coach Keshia Walton at keshawalton@hotmail.com.



Carly Reed (1), seen earlier this season, and the St. Stephen's & St. Agnes girls lacrosse team won the VISAA state championship on Saturday, May 21.



T.C. Williams senior Anjuli DeWakar, right, was named Patriot District Player of the Year in 2011.



T.C. Williams senior Jay Whitmire was one of eight Titans to be recognized for his academic achievements this season.

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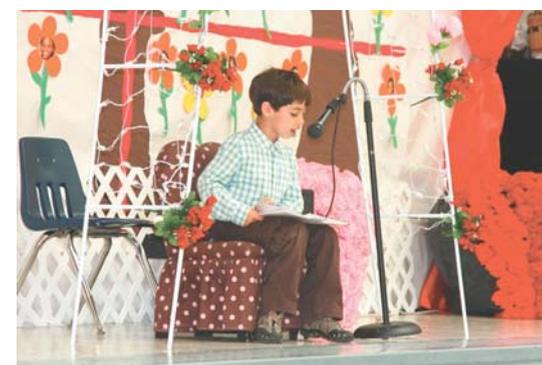


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COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

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Plaintiff
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TO ZOIE AVA AUSTIN

JOHN DOE
DONOR ID NUMBER 1432
Defendant.

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McQUADE WILLMA STEVENSON



Willma Stevenson McQuade, 89, formerly of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away on April 22, 2011. Billie was a graduate of Trenton State Teachers College and spent many years pursuing her joy of teaching children in the public schools of New Jersey and Virginia. She was a member of Aldersgate Methodist Church where she taught preschool and volunteered in the church office for 18 years. Upon moving to Roanoke in 2006, she filled her days with working in the library, gardening, going on outings with her grandchildren Trent and Macy McQuade and teaching her 6 year old "adopted" granddaughter, Annie Diviney, to sew her own dresses. Billie was a selfless giver of her time and her support to many organizations and churches. Those who had the privilege to know her will remember her for the quiet dignity and grace that she brought to her relationships with family and friends.

Billie is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Art Strickland of Roanoke; her son and daughter-in-law Doug and Susan McQuade of Roanoke, and five grandchildren Nicole Strickland of Baltimore, Maryland, Danielle Strickland of Guadalajara, Mexico, Ryan Strickland of Greensboro, North Carolina, and Trent and Macy McQuade of Roanoke. She is also survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Amy Stevenson of Gulfbreeze, Florida and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Thomas A. McQuade, her parents, Horace and Elizabeth Stevenson, her sister and brother - in-law Julia and Richard (Dick) Washburn, and her brother and sister-in-law Horace (Bud) and Connie Stevenson.

A memorial service will be held at 1 pm on May 27 graveside at Arlington Cemetery, where she will be interred beside her husband, Tom, a World War II POW. A reception will follow at the Fort Meyers Officers Club. Memorials may be made to AHALA Children's Rights Foundation, PO 2866, Roanoke 24001.

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