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ACPS music educator Debra Kay Robinson Lindsay directs the Lyles-Crouch fourth grade students in a medley of four songs starting with the Bill of Rights and concluding with two versions of the National Anthem.

Celebrating U.S. Constitution Week

Alexandria students attending Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy, Mount Vernon Community School and Jefferson-Houston Elementary School arrived at City Hall on Monday morning, Sept. 15, to watch the signing of the official Constitution Week proclamation by Mayor Bill Euille. Sept. 17 is the 227th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution in Philadelphia.

Students from Lyles-Crouch directed by ACPS music instructor Debra Kay Robinson Lindsay provided a musical interlude with a selection of interpretive songs on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. After signing the official proclamation, the mayor presented it to DAR Constitution Week chair Linda Greenberg.



Mayor Bill Euille presents DAR Constitution Week Chair Linda Greenberg with a Constitution Week proclamation.



Members of six DAR Chapters came together in recognition of Constitution Day: Louise Massoud (Kate Waller Barrett), Ruth Bennett (John Alexander), Priscilla Purinton (John Alexander), Mary Kasik (Dr. Elisha Dick), Linda Greenberg (John Alexander), Mary Ann Smith (Thomas Nelson), Kathryn Maxson (Mt. Vernon), Brooke Purinton (John Alexander) and Donna Porcare (Nelly Custis).

Sound Argument

Proposed recycling facility faces public backlash.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Tucked away behind the Alexandria Police Department, an empty lot along Wheeler Avenue has become the focal point in a skirmish between local residents and the developers of a proposed recycling facility.

Smith Industries, one of the largest scrap processors in the Mid-Atlantic region, has proposed turning the lot that formerly housed a Flippo Construction depot into a recycling and materials recovery facility. Development of a recycling facility requires a Special Use Permit, which must be approved by the City Planning Commission. However, residents of nearby

neighborhoods voiced their opposition to the plan at the Sept. 4 Planning Commission meeting. The permit request was unanimously denied.

The proposed Wheeler Avenue Recycling Center would compact metal and ship it off-site to be converted into raw material. This material is eventually resold to manufacturers.

Many of the residents at the Planning Commission meeting represented Normandy Hill Apartments. The closest Normandy Hill unit is directly across the street from the proposed recycling center, less than 125 feet from the property line. The majority of residents' concerns involved the noise generated by the proposed facility, particularly from the industrial metal baler used to compact the recyclable materials.

City of Alexandria staff visited another Smith Industries recycling facility in Woodbridge to measure sound output from the metal baler at that site. The staff found that,

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City's Oldest Boxing Club on the Ropes

City seeks to recoup its recreation costs.

BY HELEN LLOYD
GAZETTE PACKET

The fate of Alexandria's oldest free boxing club hangs in the balance this week after the city hammered out a conciliatory deal to begin withdrawing its financial support.

For the first time in its 30-year

history the boxing club will no longer be completely free. Members over 18 and all non-Alexandria city residents will now have to pay. The club will also have to pay rent to the city.

The club's lease has been reduced from its usual three years to just one and the number of hours it is allowed to use the gym at the Charles Houston Recreation Center have been reduced.

The one-year agreement is intended to give the club time to find a long-term solution to the prob-

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The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a weapons violation that occurred at Maury Elementary School in the 600 block of Russell Road on Tuesday, Sept. 16.

At approximately 12:10 p.m., police were called to the school for a person brandishing a weapon. Several elementary school-aged children reported seeing an unknown male while they were playing outside the school. The man was on the other side of a chain link fence when he called to the children to draw their attention. When several children looked over at him, he pointed what appeared to be a "long gun" at the students. The children ran to inform an adult. The man was not on school property and no children were injured.

Police officers searched the area for the suspect. A Fairfax Police Department helicopter assisted with the search. The school was placed on a "lock-in", which prohibits students from going outside. Officers stayed on scene and assisted with the school's dismissal.

The suspect is described as a black male between 14 and 18 years old, with a medium complexion, 5'6" to 5'8", a thin to medium build, with a short black mohawk style haircut. He was wearing a black shirt, blue pants and black boots. Police ask that anyone with information related to this incident or the suspect contact Det. Mike Whelan at 703-746-6228.

Hunger Free Alexandria This Weekend

A coalition of local faith-based and nonprofit leaders announce they will recognize Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20 - 21, as Hunger Free Alexandria Weekend.

The weekend will focus on ending hunger in the city during morning church services and will be followed on Sunday with an afternoon event to highlight the issue in hopes of determining ways to better address hunger in Alexandria.

This group of faith-based and nonprofit leaders have been meeting regularly during the summer as a follow-up to the release of Toward an End to Hunger in Alexandria, a study commissioned by the Alexandria Childhood Obesity Action Network, a working group of the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria. The study is available online at: <http://healthieralexandria.org>.

At present, nine local churches have committed to making Sept. 20 - 21 Hunger Free Alexandria Weekend: Grace Episcopal, St. Paul's Episcopal, Christ Church, Roberts Memorial UMC, First Christian Church, Immanuel Church On-the-Hill, Sixteenth Tabernacle, Downtown Baptist, Commonwealth Baptist, Church of the Resurrection, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community, Fairlington Presbyterian and Good Shepherd Lutheran. ACT for Alexandria, the Northern Virginia Health Foundation, the Alexandria Health Department, Volunteer Alexandria and ALIVE! have combined with the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria to provide the nonprofit community support for this endeavor.

Immediately following services on Sunday, Sept. 21, a city-wide event will be held at Fairlington Presbyterian Church, 3846 King St., from 12:30-2:30 p.m. In addition to music, food and some activities for children, time will be provided to highlight the issue of hunger.



Snapshot

10:05 a.m., Sept. 11 on North Henry Street: Remembering Jim Parker, co-founder of Hard Times Cafe who died Sept. 6.

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LOUISE KRAFFT
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Umbrellas dotted the landscape up and down King Street on Saturday afternoon at the annual arts festival.

12th Annual Alexandria Arts Festival

Dark and rainy skies turned into sunshine by mid-afternoon on Saturday, Sept. 13, the opening day of the 12th annual Alexandria Art Festival on King Street. The festival featured work from more than 200 artists. This weekend, Sept. 20

and 21, the Howard Alan production will be featured at the Arlington Arts Festival on Saturday and Sunday.

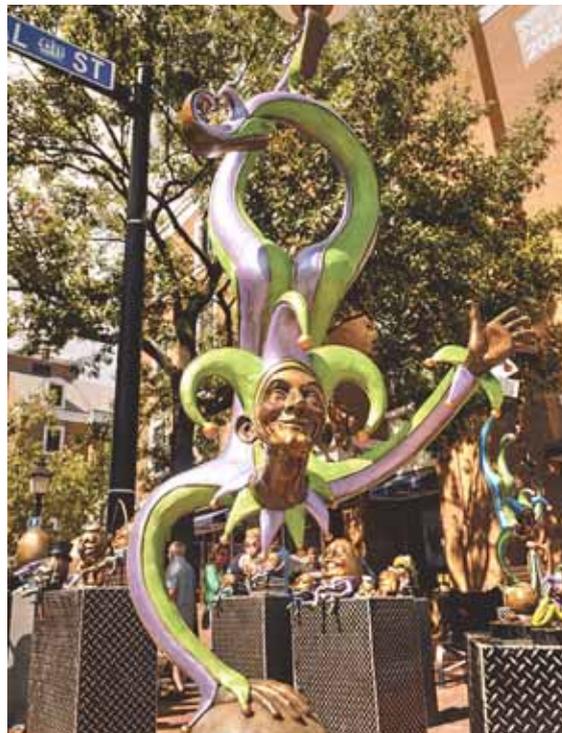
The festival will take place on Highland Street in Clarendon both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Art festival organizer Howard Alan talks with artist and photographer, Col. Greg Gadson (ret.) at Gadson's display tent on King Street.



A puzzle in progress is displayed beneath Market Square. The puzzle when complete will feature more than 600 individually decorated pieces. It will be displayed at the 60th anniversary celebration of the Art League later this year.



A Jester Light by sculpture Kimber Fiebigler of Minneapolis, Minn.



The Art League hosted its annual Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser. With the purchase of a bowl, Gifford ice cream scoops were provided by Artfully Chocolate.

Proposal Yields Noise Concerns

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 at a range of 150 feet from the metal baler along what would be the property line at the Alexandria facility, the sounds ranged from 72 to 90 decibels, well above the 60 decibel maximum noise ordinance. According to the Center for Disease Control, 85 decibels is comparable to standing near a garbage disposal or dish washer and sustained exposure may result in hearing loss.

“The primary concern for whether or not the permit was approved was the noise,” said Alex Dambach, Division Chief of Alexandria’s Department of Planning and Zoning. “There was an eight-foot concrete sound barrier proposed, but this is a fairly low level precaution and we weren’t provided with any information on how much sound it would block.”

Robert Nealon, an attorney representing Smith Industries, contended that the recycling facility would implement state of the art landscaping and fencing to serve as sound barriers. However, a report filed by the Alexandria staff found that these measures would only reduce the sounds from the facility by five to seven decibels, which would still leave the facility regularly in violation of noise ordinances.

Additional concerns included the potential for the various metals and chemicals processed through this

facility to seep into the local stream south of the facility. While Smith Industries proposed relocating the truck loading and unloading mechanisms away from the stream, the staff reported that this would do little to mitigate the potential damage.

Local resident Yuan Yuan raised concerns over the air pollution generated from the metal dust and diesel fumes emitted from the baler. Yuan pointed to benzene in particular as a potent carcinogen, and as a new mother, worried about the potential effects of long-term exposure on local children. Dambach confirmed that potential chemical hazards from the facility were still under investigation.

Other residents believed the facility could damage the late-18th century mill located on the premises.

“It’s a historic mill, only one left in the city of Alexandria, and they want to surround it with a junkyard,” said Suzanne Morrison, president of the Early Street Village Property Owners Association.

According to Nealon, the core of the issue is a misinterpretation of the facility’s purpose. Nealon reiterated his offer in the Planning Commission meeting that anyone interested in a tour of Smith Industries’ Woodbridge operation was more than welcome.

“There’s a misunderstanding here. We’re not a
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— Alex Dambach, Division Chief, Alexandria’s Department of Planning and Zoning

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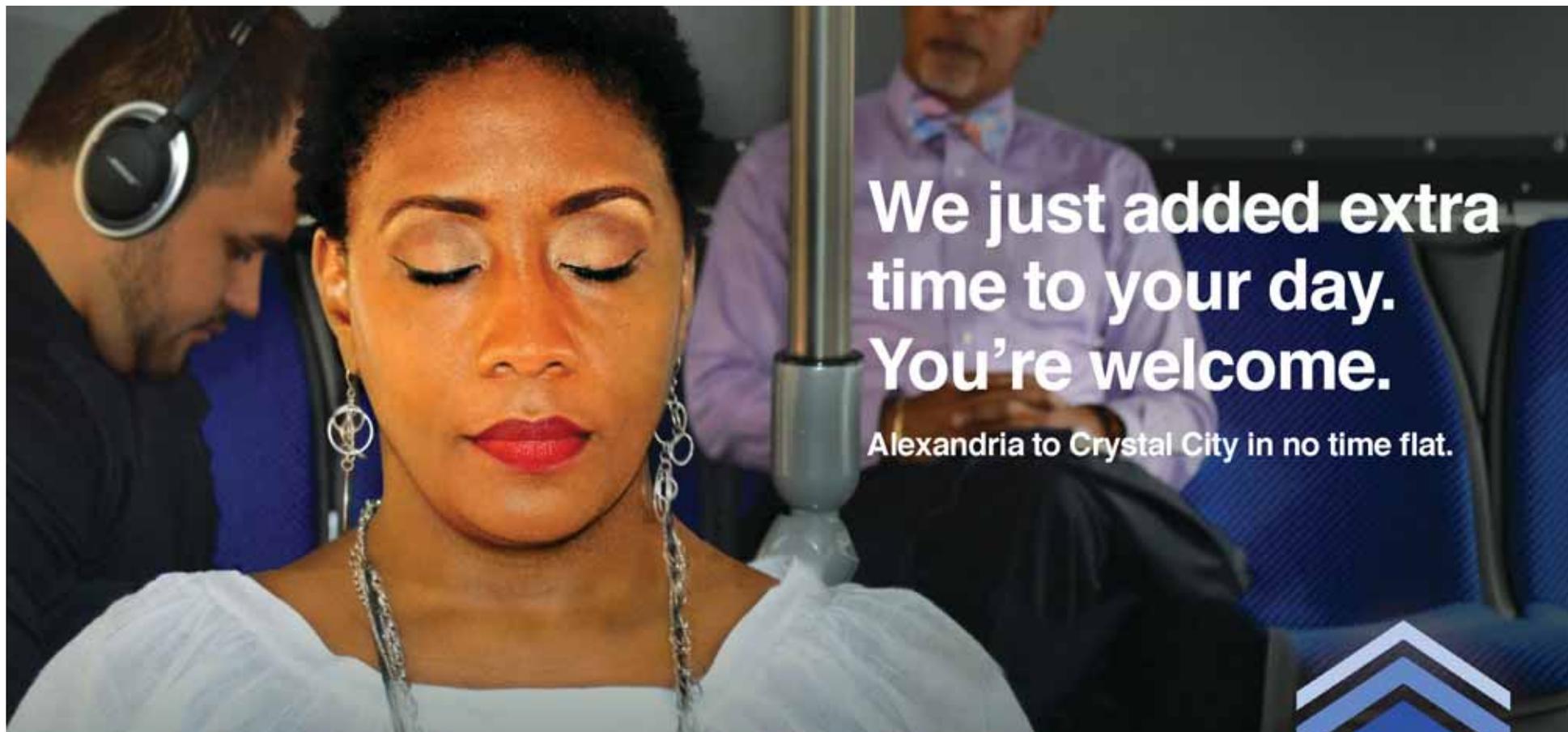
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The site for a proposed recycling facility (left) is across the street from Normandy Hill Apartments.

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Neighbors Oppose Proposed Facility

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junkyard; we're leading-edge green technology. It's a facility that represents the future of this industry," Nealon said.

At the City Council Public Hearing on Sept. 13, the council deferred the vote on the Special Use Permit until Oct. 18 at Nealon's request.

But according to Nealon, the fight isn't over.

"There were a lot of issues that were discussed in the Planning Commission. A lot of issues were

brought up that need to be addressed and clarified so people know exactly what it is we're trying to build," Nealon said. "This is a flagship city that needs to embrace leading-edge technologies."

If the issue resurfaces, Morrison says the local citizens will be ready.

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Ribbon-cutting for New ReStore

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ginia (Habitat NOVA). ReStore Alexandria will be hosting a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new store on Friday, Sept. 19, at 10:30 a.m. Participants and attendees will include local leaders, such as John T. Long III, President & CEO, Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and the Rev. Jon Smoot, executive director of Habitat NOVA, as well as candidates for Virginia's 8th Congressional District. The grand opening celebration will continue on Saturday, Sept. 20, with snacks, prizes and fun activities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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PEOPLE

Behind the Counter with a Smile

Serving breakfast and lunch at Firehook Bakery.

By SHIRLEY L RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

"We know a lot of customers every day. We have a big smile ready and already know what they want. So we get their order going before they even get to the counter. Good morning Hosea," Suyapa Flores says as Hosea walks over to the order counter beside the window filled with small pecan pies, morning glory muffins and elephant ears. She explains Hosea always comes in around 11 a.m. and orders an apple scone or a whole-wheat bagel and an espresso.

"The customers love the coffee — it's not too strong and not too weak." She says some mornings there is a line at the front door when Firehook Bakery opens at 6:30 a.m. "They are waiting for that cup of coffee." Flores arrives at 5:30 a.m. to get the cases filled and everything set up. She says the bread is baked at the Chantilly store and about 15-20 assorted loaves — pain leavin, baguettes, Jewish rye — are delivered on Mondays and other weekdays about 4:30 a.m. with more loaves on the weekend.

A young man walks in and orders a ham, tomato and cheese sandwich and an ice coffee. "Here or to go?" He takes his sandwich to a table by the window. It is 11:15 a.m., and the orders are shifting from breakfast to lunch. The favorite sandwich is the roast chicken with avocado and for breakfast the almond croissant and spinach-feta croissant.

"My favorite thing; oh, I forgot. There are too many good things. I know. My own personal favorite is the chocolate croissant. But I only eat one a week or I'd be ..." She opens her arms wide. Flores says now is a little slower between the morning rush and the lunch crowd.

Flores points to a large table in the corner. Every morning at about 6:40 a.m. a senior couple comes in, orders two sesame toasted bagels, a decaf and regular coffee and sits at the table. A little later their friends arrive to fill up the table. "When they no come in, we miss them [and] ask what happened the next day." She said, "At about 8:30 a.m. another regular comes in, orders two lattes and two almond croissants. She delivers one to her husband waiting in the car on their way to work in D.C."

The phone rings, and Flores takes an order from an office for 24 assorted pastries and muffins and 24



Suyapa Flores reaches past the elephant ears and the tiny chocolate pies for an almond croissant in the bakery case.

coffees. She says sometimes a person will call before rush hour and order a breakfast sandwich and say they will be there in 5 minutes to pick it up.

When Flores isn't waiting on customers, she is taking orders on the phone or making soup. Flores' special favorite is chicken-barley soup. "I make it myself by starting with a fresh chicken and cooking for 1-2 hours to get the good broth." She says her mother made chicken soup, but in her home country of Honduras it was different, with lots of vegetables. "I like it this job because I watched my mother cooking. I watched everything she did."

Flores came to America when she was a young girl in 1988. She has been here since, working in a dietary kitchen at a nursing home and then for the Firehook Bakery in Washington D.C. She moved to their location on Washington Street in Alexandria seven years ago. A steady line of customers heads for the order counter. "A spinach-feta croissant? Would you like it warmed a little? That will be \$2.75 plus tax." And another of Flores famous smiles. A customer volunteers that this is the friendliest place in town.



Suyapa Flores gets an apple scone for a regular customer who stops in at Firehook Bakery every day at the same time. She works at the bakery from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a smile for each customer.



Suyapa Flores makes an espresso to accompany the chicken salad sandwich, one of the favorites at the Firehook Bakery on Washington Street in Alexandria.



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OPINION

Excessive City Debt

To the Editor:

On Sept. 4 the Planning Commission affirmed that the city's property acquisitions and transfers are consistent with the City of Alexandria's Master Plan pursuant to the City Charter. While no shocker that the city is conforming with its bureaucratic rules, it is surprising that we have arrived

LETTERS

at this juncture. For years the city focused on a continuous walkway along the waterfront. That was the topic of the many community meetings. A continuous walkway was offered by ODBC and could have been obtained for a mere fraction of the 5 million in taxpayer dollars the city has now committed to pay for the ODBC club house. But this City Council heavy-handedly pursued in secret negotiations over a 90-day period a deal that now costs the taxpayers millions. For what? To have yet another park? To have an ice skating rink that will be usable for a few months out of the year with high maintenance costs? Who in the community agreed to that? And along the way they gave away one of the crown jewels of the waterfront, the A/B pier in front of the Torpedo Factory. What the city residents were originally told was going to be a walkway has now morphed into another city debt that it can not afford and we as residents will have to pay.

Dave Beck
Alexandria

Referendum For Projects

To the Editor:

Is fiscal restraint something the representatives we sent to City Council can achieve on their own? After reading in the Gazette Packet

about their many ambitions; about their latest public palace, Jefferson Houston middle school, and about their glee that a continuous waterfront is now within spitting distance, I can't but wonder who is in charge: them or us?

The latest middle school building cost \$45 million; the waterfront property acquisitions cost \$8 million, so far. Add these hefty sums to the millions spent to construct the Police Palace, the city high school and to operate a perpetual money-losing transportation system of bikes and buses, before you know it, we're talking real money.

Since it's not their money, you would think our City Council would be ultra-cautious about spending any beyond maintaining existing infrastructure and paying city employee salaries. Nope. Instead, year after year, they've saddled taxpayers with supra-nice projects costing millions and millions of dollars, and all paid by borrowed money, a debt made more costly because it has to be repaid with interest.

Where are these council members getting their guidance to spend these enormous sums of money? Did the public decide that a continuous waterfront was necessary? Did the public decide that building one of the most expensive middle schools ever built in America is going to make its students smarter? Or that the police department needed a palace? Or another metro stop is essential? On the other hand, maybe the taxpayers don't care.

But the question can be easily answered. The simple, very democratic solution is to poll public appetite and demand for costly projects. Do this by putting a lid on what the City Council can spend for any new project. Say \$15 million. For example, if our council members have a vision to create a waterfront paved with gold that exceeds \$15 million, then they could



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Remembered

Six Alexandrians — USA SSG Douglas Randolph Blodgett, USAF Maj Joseph Davies, USAF Maj Morgan Donahue, USA 1LT Leland McCants, USA CPT Humbert Roque Versace and USN Seaman Apprentice (SA) John A. Winkler — will be recognized Friday, Sept. 19, at the National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at the Pentagon. This annual event honors prisoners of war and those still missing and their families. All six servicemen went missing while serving in the Vietnam War, their names are engraved in the benches at the Rocky Versace Memorial Plaza at the Mount Vernon Community Center.

commit this money only after a public referendum approved the project.

Surely, the democratically-elected, all-Democratic Party City Council members would welcome having the public they serve giving them the spending guidance they need? Without any, they are going to keep using the same tactic all politicians use to stay in office: Spend your future money for your current vote.

Jimm Roberts
Alexandria

Council's Priorities

To the Editor:

At Saturday's council meeting, (Sept. 13) several Alexandria police officers spoke about the need for an increase in their salaries and fortunately, one police officer mentioned the high pay City Manager Young just received without stating how much. Mr. Young's salary, approved by Mayor Euille and all members of the council brings Mr. Young's pay up to \$266,300 along with a one-time bonus of \$9,100. In 2012, City Manager Young was earning \$247,449. It is clear where our elected officials priorities are. One of the major responsibilities of city government is public safety. However, you would not know that in Alexandria as our elected leaders continually overlook the men and women who protect us and are always on the firing line.

This cannot be said for the City Manager Young nor any member of his staff that he has hired and those assistant city staff members that continue to work in the city manager's office, doing what, we don't know. However, their salaries have increased to about \$165,000+ a year. Clearly we have the "peter principal" at work at city hall and with our elected officials.

In response to the police department officers' request for an increase in pay, Mayor Euille and Councilwoman Pepper gave the usual, tired and worn-out talking points they have been using for years as it relates to increase pay for our police officers. Perhaps its time for these two long-time elected officials to find other work along with the majority of our council wherein there appears to be a complete lack of leadership and a continued focus on being re-elected.

When talking about the Alexandria Police Department, let me remind you that within the course of two days, they arrested the 16-year-old kid who was charged in the rape a young woman on S. Reynolds Street along with the arrest of Dawit Seyeoum who was charged in the murder of Carolyn Cross at her apartment in Seminary Towers. And finally, after much time and investigation, the Alexandria Police Dept. and other law enforcement agencies have charged Charles Severance with the murders of Nancy Dunning, Ruth Anne Lodato and Ron Kirby.

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Alexandria Fights Back

September 1814

BY TED PULLIAM

This is the 11th of a series of articles telling how Alexandrians were affected 200 years ago by the War of 1812. For earlier articles in this series, go to alexandriagazette.com.

On Sept. 2, 1814, General Robert Young and the infantry part of his brigade of Alexandrians arrived on Belvoir Neck, 12 miles south of Alexandria, at an area called White House Landing. The Alexandria Artillery, which moved slower, would arrive the next day.

There on the edge of a 40-foot high bluff overlooking the river, the Americans under the overall command of navy Captain David Porter had established a battery of cannons protected by infantry, about 2,000 men altogether. Their goal was to destroy the British warships as they sailed back down the Potomac River from Alexandria.

On the other hand, the British were determined to destroy the battery. The British sailed five ships, including two bomb ships and a rocket ship, in positions to launch a bombardment. For three days these warships fired their cannon balls, bombshells, and rockets almost continuously day and night.

A bomb ship carried a squat four-ton mortar that fired a shell that flew in a high arc and could be set to explode on the ground or in mid-air. The rocket ship fired Congreve rockets, projectiles about three-and-a-half feet long that soared up into the air like skyrockets “hissing and roaring, trailing flame and

smoke . . . and exploded with a thunderous clap, showering shards of metal,” wrote historian Steve Vogel. (Later in Baltimore harbor these same ships sent “bombs bursting in air” and produced “the rocket’s red glare.”)

When Young’s Alexandrians arrived, they were assigned a position behind the American battery Porter had established. Here they were available to protect the battery if the British launched a land attack. They still, however, were within range of the British weapons.

Among them was 24-year-old Private Richard Cranch Norton. Norton, a great nephew of Abigail and John Adams, recently had moved to Alexandria from Massachusetts to practice law. Norton later recorded in his journal that “Until [the battle], I never knew what it was to hear the whistling of cannon balls, shells, etc. At first it was not very agreeable music to a new soldier like myself, but custom soon makes everything familiar to us.”

On the 3rd, Captain Greenberry Griffith, the 27-year-old Alexandria silversmith, arrived in camp with his Alexandria Artillery and its 6- and 12-pound cannons. Porter immediately ordered him into action with the battery already in place, bringing the number of effective cannons on the bluff to 13.

The next day, Sept. 4, the British rocket ship moved closer to shore. In response, Captain Porter ordered some of his sailors with a 12-pound cannon and Griffith with Alexandria’s two 6-pounders to a point close to the ship.

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Estate Planning: Tools for Life

BY CHRIS WRIGHT
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Wright

I attended law school later in life than most. By the time I went to law school I was married and had two children. It came as a shock, therefore, to my trust and estates professor that I did not have the proper documents in place to protect my family if I died or became incapacitated: a Will, a Durable Power of Attorney, or an Advance Medical Directive. Over the course of the semester, my professor kept asking me, "Chris, did you get your documents prepared yet?" Of course, I kept saying, "No, but it's on my to-do list." My professor, being a Catholic priest, said, "Chris, the road to hell is paved with good intentions." Finally, after about five more of these conversations, I made an appointment with an attorney and had these documents prepared for both me and my wife.

Now, after practicing law as an estate planning attorney, I see firsthand the results of procrastination. As our families grow and we get older, it is crucial that we have plans in place for property transfers, end of life decisions, and potential incapacity. We've

all heard the cliché, "he who fails to plan, plans to fail." Planning for the future is rarely convenient, and a little uncomfortable, but it is usually extremely important. Having a Last Will and Testament, a Durable Power of Attorney,

and an Advance Medical Directives are tools that every person should use to build their life plan.

On Oct. 18, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Senior Services of Alexandria and the Alexandria Bar Association will host the fourth annual Senior Law Day event at First Baptist Church, 2932 King Street, Alexandria. This free event is open to the public. Come hear local experts, including attorneys and financial advisors, discuss having these documents in place during your life and how each document is a different "tool" in the box. It is never too late (nor too early) to start thinking about getting your plan taken care of, and this is a great opportunity to receive valuable information.

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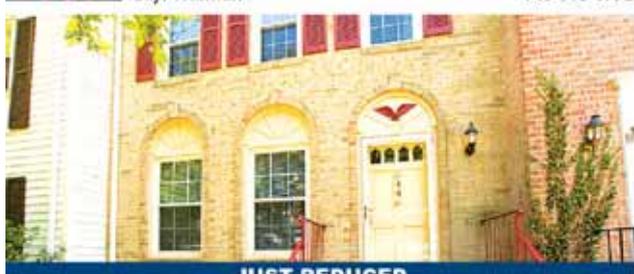
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OPINION

Finally a Day in Court

BY HARRY M.
COVERT



In eight days the beginning of the end could get under way to conclude years of searching for the alleged killer of three respected and loved Alexandrians.

On Thursday, Sept. 25, a circuit court judge especially to be appointed by the Virginia Supreme Court will set the beginning of the murder trial of Charles R. Severance.

For some unknown reason from Alexandria prosecutors Severance will avoid any capital punishment if found guilty. The office of Commonwealth's Attorney Bryan Porter notified Virginia's highest court this would not be a death penalty matter. He has also told the media not to contact his office about the case.

Legal authorities appeared scratching their heads at this maneuver. Chief Circuit Court Judge Lisa Kemler, Judge Nolan Dawkins and Judge James C. Clark all recused themselves from the case. The recusals are certainly proper. One of the victims is sister to a retired General District

Court chief judge.

For the record:

❖ **Nancy Dunning**, wife of then Sheriff Jim Dunning, was shot and killed 10 years, nine months and 20 days ago, on Dec. 5, 2003.

❖ **Ronald Kirby**, a distinguished government planner, was murdered in his home, 318 days, 10 months and 40 days ago, on Nov. 11, 2013.

❖ **Ruthanne Lodato**, beloved music teacher, died in the hospital after being shot 231 days, 7 months and 19 days ago, on Feb. 6, this year.

It will have been 195 days ago when Severance was arrested in West Virginia on gun charge warrants from Loudoun County, Va. The FBI presented the warrants to Wheeling, W.Va. authorities. The story then broke. He may be a suspected murderer in Alexandria.

Since that day Alexandria authorities have thrown up red herrings everywhere, all to avoid telling the public and the media the facts regarding Severance's involvement. It was a nice ploy of course as police and prosecutors managed to get Loudoun County to drop the gun charges. The court accommodated the locals, and, on Sept. 8, Severance was directly indicted by a grand jury on the murder charges.

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I'd say in this small provincial town of Alexandria, our police officers are doing a good job.

In the words of Thomas Jefferson, "When people fear government, that is tyranny. When government fears the people, that is liberty." It is time to stop with the excuses from Mayor Euille and all members of the council and stop rewarding the city manager and his staff who sit in their offices all day, making up programs/paperwork to validate their jobs and start paying our Alexandria police officers who put themselves on the line every day.

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OPINION

The Long Road to Finality

FROM PAGE 12

There is nothing untoward in direct indictments, just cuts out a preliminary hearing in the General District Court and keeps the facts close to the vests.

For people of Alexandria who have been a bit nervous about their neighborhood safety, the coming trial of Severance is good.

Imagine the angst of the three families, how their lives are linked for perpetuity. Imagine former Sheriff Jim Dunning, who retired, and went to his grave with a cloud over his head. The Dunning children have had to get on with their lives.

The Kirby family of course has the same sadness.

As do Ruthanne Lodato's family, former students and many friends.

Now, the Severance family suffers too.

Alexandria's Christopher Leibig is one of the most respected attorneys and is representing Severance. His team includes another energetic local law firm. No easy task. But, don't forget, and it's hard to overlook, that everyone is innocent until proved guilty.

The manner in which investigators and prosecutors avoided releasing information leaves a lot to be desired. This is a serious

matter. These officials not only were determined not to make any facts unavailable, the families were left in the dark, too. Without question finding evidence, arresting murderers and trying for successful trials are individually difficult.

Lots of theories have abounded regarding the triple murders. It took a long time for the police to acknowledge the relationship of each homicide. This gave serious rise that investigators were indeed without clues.

Severance is now ensconced in the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center. He will remain in the Sheriff's Office facility until the 10 counts are adjudicated. This will take some time for sure. Without a doubt, the sitting circuit judge, whoever it may be, will have to make some rulings on the mental health of the accused. This is probably another good reason the prosecutors aren't seeking capital punishment.

The long road to finality begins at 10 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 25, Alexandria Circuit Court Commonwealth's Day. Then the facts will finally be made public.

In full transparency, I retired as public information officer for the Sheriff's Office in 2011.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

ONGOING

Doggy Happy Hours. 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Thursdays during the summer. Free, drinks sold separately. Treats and water for dogs, with pet boutique and service vendors. Portions of proceeds benefit People. Animals. Love. Visit www.Monaco-Alexandria.com/alexandria-hotel/doggy-happy-hour.html.

Art Exhibit. Through Sept. 21 at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street. "Influence and Inspiration: The Art League Faculty Celebrates 60 Years." Exhibit showcases Washington Color School Artists to present League faculty. Reception Sunday, Sept. 7 from 4-6 p.m. Exhibit open Thursdays and Fridays noon-4 p.m., Saturdays 1-4 p.m., Sundays noon-4 p.m., and closed Mondays-Wednesdays. Visit www.theartleague.org/content/influence_inspiration or call 703-683-1780 for more.

Influence and Inspiration in Alexandria Exhibition. Open through Sept. 21. Thursday, Friday and Sunday noon-4 p.m. Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Influence and Inspiration in Alexandria: Highlights from Art League's Finest Teaching Faculty Over 60 Years. Call 703 548 0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Alexandria Banned Books Week. Through Saturday, Sept. 27 at Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Banned Books Quiz and Giveaway. Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us for more.

"Metamorphosis" Juried Art Exhibit. Runs Friday, Oct. 3 through Sunday, Nov. 2, Thursday noon-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday noon-9 p.m., Sunday noon-6 p.m. Reception Friday, Oct. 3, 7-9 p.m. Del Ray Artisans Gallery. Transformative art embodying 'change'. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Art Display. Through Oct. 5 at Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, Northern Virginia Community College. Electronic Aesthetics by sculptor Eric Celarier and painter Glen Kessler will be on display, and viewing is free and open to the public. Open Friday-Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Exhibition of New York. Through Oct. 12 at 105 N Union St. studio 312. View work by French impressionist Danny Conant and Shadow Series by E. E. McCollum. Open daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursdays 2-9 p.m. Call 703-683-2205 for more.

Hacking Objects of Desire. Through Oct. 19 in the Target Gallery. Norwegian Sámi artists Joar Nango, Silje Figenschou Thoresen, and Sigbjørn Skåden examine pertinent questions about commercialism and globalism.

Saving Mount Vernon. Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 26. 3:30 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Visit the rarely seen basement and wander the historic area to learn the heroics of the estates caretakers. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Through My Eyes. Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 26. 1:30 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Join people from

Washington's world as they go about their daily activities, making several stops along the way. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Art Exhibit. Through Oct. 26 at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 101 Eisenhower Ave. "All Creatures Great and Small" is an animal themed, fundraising exhibit. Both nonprofit organizations receive a percentage of each sale. Monday-Thursday, noon-7 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Visit TheDelRayArtisans.org/AWLA for more.

National Treasure Tour. Through Oct. 31. 1-3 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A tour dedicated to the behind the scenes filming of "National Treasure 2: Book of Secrets." \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Art Exhibit. Through Oct. 31 at Prudential PenFed Realty, 300 N Washington St., Suite 100. The artwork of Wendy Band, Sharon Frey and Linda Lowery in the small group show: "Three Artists, Three Visions" will be displayed. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit TheDelRayArtisans.org/PrudentialPenFed for more.

New Exhibit. Mount Vernon invites visitors to explore George Washington's design for the grounds of his estate, through a new exhibition, "Gardens & Groves: George Washington's Landscape" at Mount Vernon through Jan. 12, 2016. Gardens & Groves is the first museum exhibition to focus specifically on Washington's landmark achievements as a landscape designer combining rarely-seen original documents, artwork, and books with period garden tools, landscape photography, and a scale model of the Mount Vernon estate. Included in admission \$18/adult; \$17/senior citizen; \$9/child age 6-11; children under 5 are free. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Alexandria Cars & Coffee invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Owners of classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum 4301 West Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

Dinner for the Washingtons. Noon at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Second Thursday Music. Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 pm. Second Thursday of every month. Visit nvfaa.org to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

Art Exhibition. through Jan 2. at 1717 King St. and 300 S. Washington St. BB&T Bank is proud to host an exhibition of portraits of African American and women Living Legends of Alexandria at its Old Town branches. Monday- Thursday 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Visit www.AlexandriaLegends.com.

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Port City Playhouse Presents "Black Hole"

"Black Hole," Port City Playhouse's drama about family relationships, written by local playwright Jean Koppen, continues its run at the Convergence Lab theatre, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA, 22302. Performances are at 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, September 19-20 and 26-27, and Tuesday, September 23; and 2 p.m., Saturday, September 20 and 27. Reservations at www.portcityplayhouse.org.

workshop taught by an experienced first-person interpreter will demonstrate how to research and develop a first-person character, select appropriate period clothes, offer practice sessions in character, and provide an opportunity (and goal) to step out onto the "stage" during Gadsby's Tavern Museum's 2014 Candlelight Tour Program. Meant for beginners, participation in all four classes is recommended. Classes are held at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal Street 2-4 p.m. on Sundays, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, and Dec. 7. Cost is \$40 for the series, \$12 per class as space allows; tickets must be purchased in advance either through the online shop at <http://shop.alexandriava.gov> or by calling 703-746-4242. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org for more.

Sewing Classes. Introduction to Machine Sewing for Kids — Thursday, Sept. 25, 4:15-5:45 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 27, 10-11:30 a.m.; Sewn Collage for Kids — Thursdays through Oct. 23, 4:15-5:45 p.m. or Saturdays through Oct. 25, 10-11:30 a.m.; Sewn 3-D Creations for Kids — Thursdays, Nov. 6-20 or Saturdays, Nov. 8-22, 10-11:30 a.m. Visit www.artatthecenter.org/registration-fall2014.htm to register.

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

Life Drawing. Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Just drop-in for the session and bring your supplies to draw or paint our live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for a schedule.

THROUGH NOV. 21

Young at Art. Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. An exhibit for artists who are 55 or older. Free. Call 703-836-4414 or 703-824-1345 for more.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 2-SUNDAY/OCT. 12

Photography Exhibit. Opening Reception on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2-4 p.m. Gallery Hours 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily and 2-9 p.m. on Thursdays at Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center #312, 105 N. Union St. E.E. McCollum will be showing images from his "Shadow Series" and Danny Conant will be showing "French Impressions." Visit www.dannyconant.com or www.eemccollum.com for more.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 4-27

Banned Books Exchange. At the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Drop off a book that has been banned or challenged. Let's keep banned books circulating — it's a great way to fight censorship. Take a book — read what they don't want you to read. Not sure what books have been banned? Visit www.ala.org/bbooks/bannedbooksweek. free and open to the public. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 5-OCT. 5

Electronic Athletics. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Opening reception is Sept. 6, 4-6 p.m. Schlesinger Center, Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 4915 East Campus Lane. Exhibit of artwork by Eric Celarier and Glen Kessler. Free. Visit <https://www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/calendar.html>.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Euge Groove performs live. \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or www.eugegroove.com.

SEPT. 9-OCT. 14

Art Gallery. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. In "Architectural Interpretation," artists create fiber art inspired by architecture. Free. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

SATURDAY-WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 13-24

Senior Olympics. 19 locations. Participants must be 50 years old by Dec. 30, 2014. Deadline to register is Aug. 29 by mail, and Sept. 5 online. Registration is \$12, additional fees may apply. To find a location and register, visit a local senior center, or visit www.nvso.us.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 18-20

Scavenger Hunt. Visit all of the Old Town Boutique District stores and get your passport stamped to receive your goodies and a chance to win big prizes. Visit www.oldtownboutique-district.com for more.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 18

Patriot Day Golf Classic. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. Proceeds benefit Fort Belvoir Wounded Warrior Program and Camp Freedom Ranch. Contact 703-329-1448 for more.

Ford Evening Book Talks. 7 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Ave. A book talk that features authors and historians discussing their latest books about George Washington and the nation's founding era. Space is limited and registration is required. Free and open to the public. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Gary Puckett & the Union Gap performs live. \$35. Visit

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ENTERTAINMENT

The Sistahs Are Back on Stage

BY CAROLYN GRIFFIN
METROSTAGE, PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Thirty years and counting and the Bradshaw sistahs are returning to our stage to help us celebrate with our production of “Three Sistahs. Three powerhouse singers –two are Helen Hayes Award-winning actors, the third a newcomer just off a national tour. Original music that covers many genres, portraying beautiful harmonies and emotions showcase the music of the very original

Helen Hayes Award-winning composer William Hubbard.

NOTES FROM THE PRODUCER

“Three Sistahs” features Bernardine Mitchell, who won the Helen Hayes Award when she channeled Mahalia Jackson on our stage; Roz White, with a Helen Hayes Award and multiple nominations, who has been seen at MetroStage in many acclaimed productions, including “Gee’s Bend” where she was nominated for a Helen Hayes Award for Lead Actress; and the very gifted Ashley Ware Jenkins, who has joined the ranks of the professional actor, earning her Equity card with this production. It is a musical written and directed by Atlanta based Thomas W. Jones II, an Artistic Associate here at MetroStage, who has brought so many of his original pieces to our stage over the past 12 years. And, as always, William Knowles, composer, arranger, pianist, conductor will be leading our musicians as they fill the house with Hubbard’s music.

“Three Sistahs,” which takes place in Washington, D.C., in 1969, addresses universal issues confronting family, parent and sibling relationships and continues to be remarkably timely. The sistahs have re-



PHOTO BY CHRIS BANKS

Roz White, Bernardine Mitchell and Ashley Ware Jenkins star in MetroStage’s “Three Sistahs.”

turned to the family home for the funeral of their brother, a casualty of the Vietnam War. Sadly today we are still dealing with war casualties and cities burning in response to racial issues. And the inevitable challenges of growing up and navigating the dangerous waters of life continue.

MetroStage was founded in 1984 as American Showcase Theatre Company by Jill Kamp and has been “trading as” MetroStage since the early ’90s, “showcasing” artists, original work and music, the foundation of what we do. We are committed to bringing work to our audiences that will enrich their lives, touch their hearts and entertain their souls. For 30 years our mission has been to bring the most gifted artists to our stage and give patrons an experience that will make them think, feel, and contemplate life and its many challenges. As long as they are still talking about the production the next morning, we have done our job.

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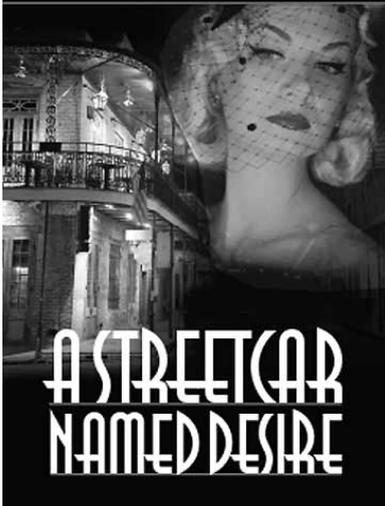
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FRIDAY/SEPT. 19

Outdoor Movie Night. 8 p.m. at John Carlyle Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Free screening of the Lego Movie. Free popcorn and water will be available and guests may bring a picnic dinner. Bring blankets or low beach chairs to sit on. Contact 703-746-5592 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 19-20

The Miracle League Games. Friday 6 p.m. and Saturday 1 p.m. at the Kelley Cares Miracle Baseball Field located at the Lee Center. This league provides any young or adult with mental or physical challenges with the opportunity to play at their own pace. Call 703-746-5402 or visit www.miracleleagueofalexandria.com.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Wailin' Jennys. \$39.50. Visit www.thewailinjennys.com or www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

Art and Craft Fair. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church of Mount Vernon, 5614 Old Mill Road. The Art and Craft Fair offers a wide variety of art and crafts from a variety of local and regional artists and vendors, plus food and fun for the whole family. Visit www.stjamesmv.org or call 703-780-3081.

Historical Discussion. 10 a.m.-noon. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum,

105 N. Union St. Jay Roberts will discuss the visit Frederick Douglass made to Alexandria on Sept. 24, 1894. Call 703-746-4399 for more.

Living Legends Theater Night at MetroStage. 7 p.m. reception, 8 p.m. play, at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., in North Old Town. In observation of the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act, the occasion will honor those Living Legends of Alexandria who played key roles in fostering civil rights in Alexandria in the '60s. The play, "Three Sistahs" is an elegant, intimate musical which exposes the souls of three strong women as they reflect the promise of the future while revealing the pain of the present and their regrets of the past. \$75 (tickets held at door). Purchase tickets at llatheatrenight.eventbrite.com.

Live Music: Slaid Cleaves. 7 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, between Fort Hunt Road and Route 1. Focus Music in Mount Vernon presents Americana/folk singer-songwriter Slaid Cleaves, with Mary Gordon Hall. Tickets are \$20 general, \$18 in advance at www.focusmusic.org.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 20-21

Mount Vernon Marketplace. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Visit a recreation of an early American marketplace with crafts, entertainment and more. Try your hand at 18th century cricket and enjoy evening programs. Children \$9, adults \$18. Call 703-780-2000; 703-799-8697 or visit www.MountVernon.org for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 21

Jazz Concert. 4 p.m. at Meade

Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alford St. Yvonne Johnson will be perform for the Jazz at Meade Concert Series. Johnson, local artist, pianist, songwriter, was composing music for local theatres by the age of fifteen. Johnson will soon be releasing her new project, "Malcolm's Set." \$15. Call 703-549-1334, email jazzatmeade@meadechurch.org or visit www.meadechurch.org for more.

Bellydance Evolution. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt Vernon Ave. Step into the world of Alice in Wonderland as Bellydance Evolution brings this classic tale to life through world fusion and Middle Eastern dance. Tickets are \$29.50 at www.Ticketmaster.com or 800-745-3000. Visit www.BellydanceEvolution.com or call 818-754-1760.

Alexandria Banned Books Week. 2 p.m. Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Dance in the Gallery: Abigail Wallace Dance. ACW Dances will perform dances that use selections of banned books as the audio source. Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us for more.

MONDAY/SEPT. 22

Agenda: Alexandria at the Hermitage. 6:30 p.m. The Hermitage, 5000 Fairbanks Ave. "Arts in Alexandria: The Torpedo Factory and Beyond" with Randy Cohen, Vice President, Americans for the Arts; Matthew Stensrud, Chair, Alexandria Commission for the Arts; and Eric Wallner, Chief Executive Officer, The Torpedo Factory Arts Center. Reception, 6:30; dinner, 6:45 p.m. Members \$37, nonmembers \$42. Program only 7:15, free to members; \$5 for nonmembers. Reservations required, call Sherry Brown at 703-548-7089 or email

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Alexandria Fights Back – September 1814

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Porter later reported that the enemy rocket ship “was much cut up” by the American cannons. “Scarcely a shot missed his hull, and for one hour we drew to this point, the fire of all the enemy’s force . . . [T]he intrepidity of Captain Griffith of the Alexandria Artillery, his officers and men, merit the highest eulogiums. [T]hey fought their six-pounders until their ammunition was expended and coolly retired with their guns when ordered to do so under a shower of the enemy’s shot.” The rocket ship soon pulled back to repair damage to sails and rigging and to commit to the depths of the Potomac two of her seamen killed in the action as her wounded captain looked on.

Later Captain Charles Napier, captain of the H.M.S. Euryalus, complained that the Americans had loaded their cannons with “every sort of devilment” such as “nails, broken pokers, gun barrels — everything that will do mischief.” He grouched, “A 24-lb shot in the stomach is fine — we die heroically; but a brass candlestick for stuffing, with a garnish of rusty two penny nails, makes us die ungentleely.”

That same day the first Alexandrian was killed. He was a small, “very sprightly” boy. The boy’s mother, a widow in Alexandria, had allowed him to accompany an officer “who had greatly befriended her.” The boy was running after a spent cannon ball when another ball flew through the air, struck him, and killed him.

On Sept. 5, all eight of the British warships and the 21 captured merchant vessels loaded with Alexandria goods were assembled for an attempt to pass the battery. Around noon, led by two frigates, H.M.S. Seahorse with 38 guns and H.M. S. Euryalus with 36, they got under way. The frigates had cut away the upper part of their portholes to elevate their cannons suffi-



Weapons used in the White House Landing Battle: Upper left — a Congreve rocket. Upper right — a naval cannon being loaded then hauled forward for firing. Middle left — a gun crew loading a small-caliber field gun (the crew is depicted dressed as Maryland militia but the Alexandria Artillery would have worn the same type of uniform, possibly with different colored jackets). Middle right — tools used by gun crew. Lower left — cannon balls, grapeshot, chain shot, and a cannon charge bag. Bottom right — carronade and a cross-section of the tube of a loaded cannon.

among the Alexandria men and into their eyes. Sweat streamed down their faces.

Finally, the British barrage from its eight ships became so destructive that most of the outgunned American cannons were disabled. (A broadside from just one British frigate was 18 cannons. The Americans’ cannons totaled only 13.) Porter ordered a retreat, and the British ships ceased firing. By 2:50 p.m., almost three hours after their bombardment began, all British ships had passed the battery.

The British had seven killed and 35 wounded. The Americans lost 11 killed and 17 or 18 wounded. Two Alexandrians were listed as killed in the battle. One was Private Robert Allison, Jr., who served in the Alexandria Artillery. A Samuel Bowen also was listed, but it is unclear whether he was a soldier or he was the unnamed Alexandria boy killed by the cannonball.

The Alexandrians and all the militiamen had performed well — much better than the militia at Bladensburg. Captain Porter wrote that they “conducted themselves in a manner which reflects on them and their Country the highest honor.”

Although the Americans had not sunk a single British ship, they had delayed the rendezvous of Gordon’s squadron, particularly its

ciently to fire effectively on the battery on the high bluff. They anchored close to the shore and began to fire their cannons continuously with round and grapeshot.

The other warships and prizes followed them. Captain Porter later reported that all the British warships were “pouring into the battery and neighboring woods a tremendous fire of every description of missiles.”

General Young had detached some of his men to join a unit from Essex County, Virginia, positioned to the right of the battery. From there the Alexandrians and the other

militiamen poured “well-directed fire on the Enemy’s deck,” Porter later wrote.

Alexandrians now were in the middle of the enemy bombardment. Cannonballs from the ships screamed overhead. “The crashing in the woods with which the shore in this place is covered, was prodigious,” Private Norton later recorded. “Large trees were cut down in numerous instances . . . and the limbs and splinters fell in every direction.” Nearby, gunnery officers yelled “Fire,” American cannons crashed, and muskets cracked. Powder smoke drifted

bomb and rocket ships, with the rest of the British fleet. Thus the fleet’s attack on Baltimore was delayed, and Baltimore had additional time to strengthen its defenses, defeat the British, and continue to fly the Star-Spangled Banner.

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SPORTS

T.C. Williams Football Falls to Oakton

Titans commit six turnovers on rainy afternoon.

BY JON ROETMAN
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Leaded by 10 points in the fourth quarter, the Oakton Cougars had a chance to put away T.C. Williams on Saturday afternoon, but lost a fumble deep in Titans territory.

Two plays later, Oakton senior linebacker David Allely got the ball right back, recovering a fumble at the TC 16-yard line. This time, the Cougars wouldn't let the Titans off the hook. Junior quarterback Sal Tutone connected with junior receiver Jarrett Bacon for the game-clinching 16-yard touchdown with 7:09 remaining and the Oakton football team defeated T.C. Williams 24-7 on Sept. 13 in Alexandria.

Oakton scored three offensive touchdowns and a field goal during a rainy day at T.C. Williams High School, but the Cougars' defense was the primary reason they remained undefeated. Oakton forced six Titan turnovers, including a fumble recovery on the game's opening possession. The Cougars recovered three T.C. Williams



T.C. Williams junior Colson Jenkins runs with the football during the Titans' 24-7 loss to Oakton on Sept. 13.

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LOUISE KRAFFT
GAZETTE PACKET

fumbles and intercepted Titans quarterback Darius Holland three times.

"I think our defense played great, especially toward the end, just causing the turnovers," Allely said. "They kept getting a chance to maybe get a shot and we kept solid the whole game through. The defensive line stopped the run pretty much the whole game."

Oakton limited T.C. Williams to 81 yards on the ground, while Holland completed just six of 18 passes for 121 yards.

"We felt confident if we were able to stop

the run game, they wouldn't be able to consistently move the ball against us in the air, either," Oakton head coach Jason Rowley said. "We put them in some bad positions because we were able to take away half of their offense in terms of stopping the run."

Allely, a three-year starter who transitioned from defensive lineman to linebacker as a senior, finished with an interception and two fumble recoveries. "He's a scholarship kid," Rowley said. "He's really good."

While Allely was a force on defense, the

Oakton offense was led by an athlete of considerably smaller stature. Sophomore running back Patrick Francisco carried the ball 26 times for 80 yards and a touchdown. Francisco scored on a 2-yard run during the Cougars' opening drive.

"My confidence in him is due to the work he put in in the offseason," Rowley said. "He worked super hard this offseason with weights. I know he looks very diminutive. He's very small, but nobody ever hits him square."

After Oakton took a 7-0 lead, T.C. Williams answered when Holland connected with Isaih Clarke for a 38-yard touchdown pass late in the first quarter, tying the score at 7-all. The Titans, however, wouldn't score again. Oakton led 10-7 at halftime after kicker Nick Delgado booted a 30-yard field goal late in the second quarter. The Cougars extended their lead to 17-7 in the third quarter, when Bacon threw a 51-yard touchdown pass to junior Derrick Beale on a trick play. Tutone completed seven of 16 passes for 62 yards and a score.

The loss dropped the Titans' record to 1-1, including a season-opening 28-19 win over Dunbar. TC will play back-to-back road games, starting with a trip to Langley at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 19 and then at Woodson on Sept. 26. The Titans' next home game is Thursday, Oct. 2 against Annandale.

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City's Oldest Boxing Club on the Ropes

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lem. The club typically works with poorer neighborhood children who it suspects would not be able to afford the fees that the city wants to bring in. Its programs are currently funded by a D.C.-based nonprofit organization, Fight For Children, which aims to take children off the streets and help them turn their lives around.

The new agreement is feared to be part of a series of steps by the city to bring the boxing club into line with other public users of recreation centers. The city's Youth Sports Advisory Board has suggested that clubs which have previously been allowed to operate for free are phased back into paying to operate. It is part of the City of Alexandria's plan to recoup some of its recreation costs.

Alexandria recoups 12 per cent of its operating budget compared to 34 per cent for recreation departments nationwide. Charles Houston Recreation Center is not the only rec center where changes have been made to try to recover more of its costs.

"The city is trying not to subsidize athletics programs. When it has been subsidizing a sport for a long time they don't want to take it away all at once. The idea is to phase out that support over time," Jim Gibson, chair of the Youth Sports Advisory Board, said.

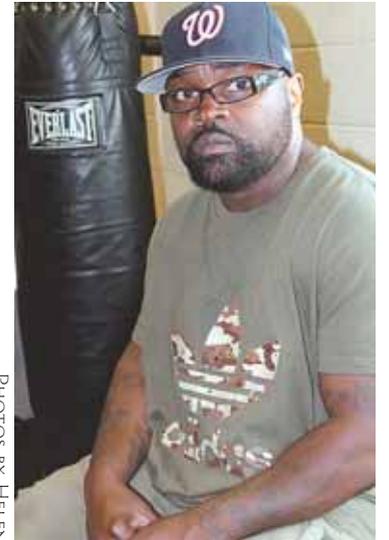
He suspects that over time the city may be aiming to withdraw its support of the boxing club completely.

"It's a discussion, not a fait accompli. But it is heading that way," Gibson said. "Suggested phasing out of funding is the fairest way to allow a program to be sustained."

Trainers at Alexandria Boxing Club fear



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Dennis Porter, Alexandria Boxing Club head trainer.

The boxing club in session at the Charles Houston Recreation Center.

that while they may be able to pay the nominal rent for this year through Fight For Children, they will not be able to pay the full commercial rate which they may be asked for in coming years. Nor will their members be able to pay the individual fees per session that the city initially wanted to introduce. These could be as much as \$230 per person per season.

The club regularly has between 20 and 30 children to which it offers free training sessions. A large percentage of them come from less wealthy families from Old Town's historic Parker-Gray district. Trainers acknowledge that without the structure and discipline of the boxing club some of those children would be out fighting on the streets.

One of their star members, Troy Isley, 16, was regularly cautioned by police for street fighting before he joined the boxing club five years ago. He is currently the National Junior Olympic Gold Medalist and has recently won three more national tournaments.

"The city is trying to work with us," head trainer Dennis Porter said. "They want us to bring in more paying residents. We have the numbers. We don't turn people away. They just don't pay."

"The city wants to put something else in here that makes more money. But what are they going to do with the kids that are here already?"

Boxing Club trainers fear the city wants to attract a different clientele to the recre-

ation center, just as much as they want to recoup their costs. Recent development has seen existing neighborhood homes in the Parker-Gray neighborhood around the Charles Houston Recreation Center torn down and replaced with expensive town houses. The once almost exclusively African-American neighborhood has seen rapid gentrification over the past year.

Under the new one-year agreement, the club will lose its Sunday practice hours. It will have to share its state-of-the-art equipment with any other paying members of the public who the recreation center wants to rent its gym out to in its absence. It will also have to pay a nominal rent to the city to lease the space. Members over 18 and

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Learning Discipline, Control

When Troy Isley first walked into the Alexandria Boxing Club five years ago he already had a reputation with the police for fighting on the streets. By 10 he had been charged with assault and was well on his way to a troubled childhood.

Too young to be locked up, his father suggested he take up boxing instead. Now the 16-year-old T.C. Williams student is the current National Junior Olympic Boxing Gold Medalist for 2014. He has also recently won three other national tournaments.

Troy's picture is now up on the walls of the gym alongside the gym's founder, philanthro-

pist Joe Robert Jr., and other boxers who trained and did well there.

"I don't know what I'd do without this place. They taught me how to control myself, be disciplined, be humble and they taught me how to talk to people," Troy said.

"When they took me in here the first thing they did was talk to me about what I had been doing and they said that it wasn't good. I fought outside on the street. I got in a lot of trouble outside of school. It's good because it keeps you out of trouble and it keeps you focused on school."

Troy now has plans to go to college – somewhere close to home – so that he can carry on boxing at

the gym.

"This place means a lot to me. I don't know what I would do if it closed down," he said.

Like most of the members of the Alexandria Boxing club he would not have been able to afford the fees that the city considered making members pay. "I think it's crazy that they would even think of doing something like this. I wouldn't end up fighting on the streets again. But some kids might."

The club oversees the training of between 20 and 30 mostly neighborhood children at one time, plus a number of adults. It has a strict rule never to turn anyone away. The only other emphasis is on maintaining good grades.

Troy's coach, Kay Koroma, said:



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Troy Isley, National Olympic Junior Gold Medalist.

"We have the number one kid in the USA and numbers one and two in the world. Boxing has done well for these kids. But they know they can't box unless they are doing well in school."

"It's the good incentive they need. Some of the parents are at work or strung out on drugs, so why not have a safe place kids can go to free?"

— HELEN LLOYD

Phasing Out City's Support

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all non-residents including children will have to pay the going recreation center admission fees.

The city originally proposed restricting the number of days the club could use the gym and limiting their hours to daytime use only. They also wanted to make members pay for the training sessions in the same way that other members of other clubs in the city pay for membership.

Jeff Travers of Fight For Children said boxing club trainers remained apprehensive about the future.

However everyone involved was relieved that a compromise agreement of sorts had been reached for now. The club had recently been running on a month to month basis unsure as to whether it would be operating the following month.

"It's not everything but it's 90 per cent of what the club wants right now. The club members are proud of the club and there has been a bit of tension there," Travers said. "We are pleased the city has been working with us. This will give us time to keep talking in



Dennis Porter trains Troy Isley, National Olympic Junior Gold Medalist.

PHOTO BY HELEN LLOYD/GAZETTE PACKET

order to sort things out long-term. The city doesn't seem to want to drop us completely, but if we stay it's likely to be on different terms in the future."

David Miller of the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, who handled the lease renewal negotiations for the city, said, "We want to maintain the boxing program. Our aim is to look at the viability of continuing the boxing club. All we are asking is for the people who use the facilities to pay."



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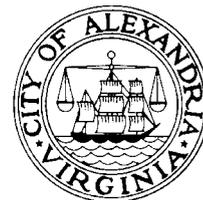
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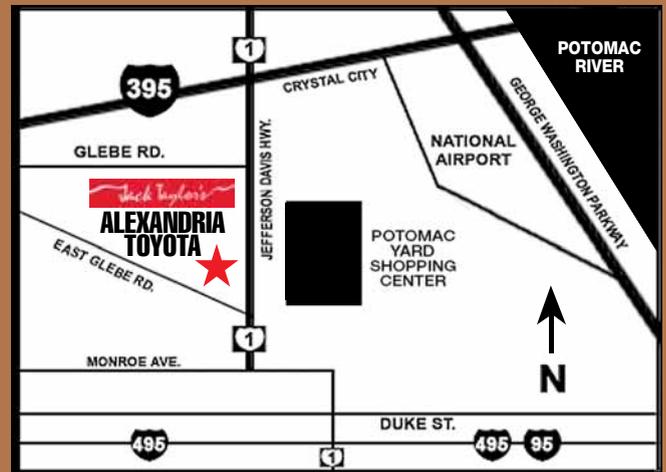


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