The price of crime

Robbery eyewitnesses, former store manager discuss the surge in 'victimless' robberies
BY AARON KOPP AND KAITLIN MURPHY

Organized retail crime is a rising problem both in Alexandria and nationwide, a trend that’s borne out both anecdotally and by data.

The rate of robberies rose by 30% in Alexandria, year-over-year from 2021 to 2022, while the rate of auto theft increased by 18% and the rate of larcenies climbed 7%. There were also bank robberies in the city in March and April.

These so-called “victimless” crimes – meaning when laws are broken, theft occurs from a corporate entity and no people are injured – have been a factor in retail chains closing stores in large cities.

On June 13, the House Judiciary Committee held a hearing on “The Rise in Organized Retail Crime and the Threat to Public Safety.” During the hearing, Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach said “almost all of the stolen products moved by the fences are sold online,” according to the Retail Industry Leaders Association website.

One recent local example of this trend is the May 26 larceny at the Sephora store on King Street. Four young people wearing jeans, sweatshirts and gator masks entered Sephora, which is a high-end beauty products chain with more than 2,700 stores worldwide, according to Sephora.com.

There the criminals put large amounts of product in plastic bags and walked out, likely planning to resell the stolen products.

Tricia Holley witnessed the men leaving the store with their bags full of Sephora merchandise.

“A woman [was] running after them videotaping, but they jumped in a car, and drove toward route one,” Holley said.

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Duke Street In Motion approved

Former DASH director pushes back: ‘I’ve seen the other side’
BY AMY WILL

At approximately 1:30 a.m. Wednesday morning, with many attendees still seated patiently in the chambers, Alexandria City Council approved the $87 million Duke Street In Motion project unanimously.

When implemented, the project will provide designated bus lanes and other major landscape changes along the Duke Street corridor from the former Landmark Mall site to the King Street Metro station.

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Generations of sanctuary

The Pendleton Street Rooming House was a Green Book property
BY THOMPSON ESKEW

In 1917, John Jackson purchased the property at 1022 Pendleton St., on the corner of Henry and Pendleton streets, to house both his family and host his business. He lived there with his wife, Corinne, three daughters and son.

After Jackson had acquired a license to use the building as both a bakery and a rooming house for other tenants, the Henry Street portion of the house became a bakery. The new business earned him the nickname “Baker,” by which he became commonly known in the community.

The Jackson children attended high school both in Alexandria at Parker-Gray High School, which was the city’s first secondary school for Blacks, and also at Dunbar High School in D.C. – the first public high school for Blacks in the United States, according to its website.

Jackson ensured the unflattering relevance of this property for Alexandria’s Black community for over a century by recognizing the service his building could provide. He opened multiple bedrooms for rent to other Black families who traveled to the area but could not find hotels that would rent to them during the Jim Crow era.

From the 1930s to the passage of Civil Rights legislation in the 1960s, Blacks traveling throughout the U.S. would often rely on annual guides that provided lists of businesses in each city and town that did not discriminate against them. This guide was named the Green Book after its founder Victor Green.

The Green Book served as an indispensable guide for travelers searching for homes that offered lodging, known as tourist homes.

“They have places listed in practically all of the states. There are some towns with just two or even one [tourist home], and then there are some towns that would have eight or 10. There is no clear pattern regarding the north or south,” according to Alexandria Liv-
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Deputy City Manager to retire

According to a release, Deputy City Manager Debra Collins will retire on July 1. Collins joined the city in September 2003, as the director of Alexandria’s Department of Human Services.

In a statement, City Manager James Parajon said:

“Debra has led and supported so many important programs and initiatives that directly affect Alexandrians. She has held a variety of critical roles in her nearly two decades of service in Alexandria, leading our social services, public safety departments, and recreation programs, among other key functions. I am grateful for her leadership and her work to make the city better for multiple generations of Alexandrians.”

Effective July 1, Interim Deputy City Managers Kendel Taylor and Jean Kelleher will continue in their acting roles while a national executive search for a new deputy city manager takes place.

New music director at WMYO

The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association announced the appointment of Alberto Rodriguez as the new Music Director of the Washington Metropolitan Youth Orchestra according to a release. As WMYO Music Director, Rodriguez will oversee the artistic direction of the orchestra, lead rehearsals and performances and develop innovative programming to enhance the musical growth and experience of the talented young musicians in the ensemble.

Narendra Modi visits Alexandria

On June 21, India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi and First Lady Jill Biden visited the National Science Foundation located at 2415 Eisenhower Ave. The tour focused on workforce training programs. Sethuraman Panchanathan, director of the NSF, introduced Modi and Biden to students and gave a tour of the headquarters. The visit focused on initiatives and partnerships between high schools, community colleges and universities.

General Registrar reappointed

The Alexandria Electoral Board unanimously voted to reappoint Angie Maniglia-Turner as the General Registrar and Director of Elections for the City of Alexandria per a release.

Maniglia-Turner has been a city election official for more than 15 years. Prior to being appointed as General Registrar in July of 2020, she served as Elections Manager, Deputy Registrar and Assistant Elections Manager.
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Another eyewitness was inside the store at the time of the robbery but wished to remain anonymous for this story and will be referred to as “Sabrina.” Sabrina confirmed that the customer followed the thieves and recorded their license plate as they drove away. The customer encouraged Sephora employees to call the police, but the employees declined, citing store policy.

“It seemed the store employees were trained in this drill – very calm,” Sabrina said.

Upon realizing a robbery was taking place, Sabrina left the store.

“You can make the decision to leave... You don’t know what people are capable of and you don’t know if they have access to a weapon,” Sabrina said.

Both Sabrina and Holley expressed a combination of surprise and outrage that there’s not more attention being focused on robberies like what they witnessed in Alexandria.

“How are we not hearing about this locally?” Sabrina asked.

Holley was amazed by the lack of response or urgency by the Sephora employees.

“It was startling to see how no one did anything. It was shocking. It was a moment where you say, ‘What would you do?’ No one does anything out of pure fear,” Holley of the reaction of the witnesses, including employees.

Holley said she was particularly struck by the fact that no one at the scene called 911.

“There’s probably a feeling that there’s no point. There’s this feeling of apathy,” Holley said, citing the belief that police will be unable to do anything if called as a potential reason for the inaction.

Alexandria Police Department Spokesman Marcel Bassett said a Sephora employee actually did report the robbery, but not until the next day.

“We received a call for service in response to a commercial robbery in [the] 800 block of King street that occurred on Friday, May 26, 2023, on Saturday, May 27, 2023,” Bassett said in an emailed response. “It is believed that multiple males went into the store and took products off the shelf and fled in an unknown direction.”

Sephora’s corporate office did not respond to multiple inquiries from the Times, via both phone and email, about their corporate policy on employee training on how to respond to a robbery. The Sephora manager on duty the day of the robbery also declined to be interviewed.

Bryan Porter, commonwealth’s attorney for Alexandria, said in a written comment to the Times that unreported robberies are a concerning problem.

“I agree that the decision of corporations not to report minor larcenies to police is something thieves probably are generally aware of and factor into their decisions. But if the management reports a crime, the police will investigate and make an arrest where there is sufficient evidence,” Porter said in the email. “If they make an arrest, my office will

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Carlos Coutin, a former CVS manager, spoke to the Times about the perspective of the business community toward robberies. Coutin emphasized that his statements are his personal views and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of CVS.

“The clear instruction is basically ‘safety first.’ People are not allowed to chase an individual that is displaying suspicious behavior. People are encouraged to offer customer service. ‘Can I help you with anything’ is the safest way to deter crime,” Coutin said.

He made it clear, however, that it’s important for managers to report crimes to the police.

“The more reports are made in an area, the more the police patrol that area. It’s to the benefit of the community to have proactive managers, but that doesn’t mean chasing or accusing,” Coutin added.

Recent news stories have reported that employees have been fired because they called the police against store policy. Usually, all employees can do in such situations is call their supervisor.

Coutin also said that even when police can’t catch perpetrators, reporting can help identify patterns.

“In larger larcenies or grand thefts, organized crime is sometimes involved,” Coutin said.

Organizations which engage in the crimes often have very high profit margins. Stealing costs almost nothing, and reselling merchandise can be quite lucrative.

“Everything has a season. The amount of sun care that gets hit between January and April is so high because organized crime needs to build up their inventory,” Coutin said, making clear that these large robberies are not impulse shoplifting. Instead, there’s considerable planning that goes into such crimes.

Coutin said the cost of theft to both companies and consumers is significant.

“Some see it as the cost of business,” Coutin said of shoplifting. “Everything a store has is insured, that’s why there’s more emphasis on reporting loss protection. … Cosmetics are the most stolen item in retail. They’re very expensive because their insurance is higher. The end consumer pays for that.”

-Denise Dunbar also contributed to this story.
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members pleading for their case; an overwhelming number of them showed up in person for one final chance to be heard.

The vote on the controversial project followed almost six hours of sometimes contentious discussion, as roughly 70 speakers – who were divided fairly evenly for and against the project – signed up to talk.

At the conclusion of the debate, Councilor Sarah Bagley emphasized the project’s safety aspects as she seconded Councilor Canek Aguirre’s motion to pass the plan.

“I want to emphasize that point that there are tradeoffs that many people in our community are willing to make, including two minutes of their travel time. If I were to say to you, ‘It will take you two minutes longer to get to the grocery store, but the odds that you or someone you love will be involved in an accident are 30% lower.’ I would make that choice. And I would like to believe a lot of my fellow Alexandrians would too,” Bagley said.

Hillary Orr, deputy director of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, led the city’s presentation at the meeting.

“We know that if we do nothing along this corridor, the region is going to continue to grow and traffic will get worse, making this already tough corridor even more unpleasant,” Orr stated.

Tagging Duke Street as the “highest crash corridor in the city,” Orr reminded leaders of the project’s goals and how well it pairs with the plans and priorities adopted by Alexandria over the years.

Orr shared data collected by her team from March 2023 that found Duke Street is visited by more than 3,000 average weekday riders and “traffic is anticipated to increase as the region grows and volumes are projected to increase by 10% by 2030.”

She also revealed further research conducted showed improvements in both travel time and safety.

“[The Transitway could achieve] up to 9.5 minutes in travel time savings for bus riders, a 70% reduction in left turn crashes corridor-wide, up to 5 minutes travel time savings for vehicles and a 50% reduction in pedestrian crashes at 29 intersections,” Orr said.

Orr stressed the project’s environmental benefits.

“Bus rapid transit aligns with our shared commitment to environmental sustainability, including reducing and managing congestion,” Orr said. “As we strive to combat climate change and encourage the use of public transportation as a reliable option for people. We can significantly reduce air pollution, improve air quality and work to mitigate the adverse effects of greenhouse gas emissions on our environment. The imple-
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Although there was some common ground for the speakers who voiced opposition at the meeting – mostly over the scale of the project – each speaker’s case differed.

Carter Flemming, a board member of the Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations, urged Council to pause the project to revamp the proposal. “We have closely followed the Duke Street in motion process. ... It is clear from those briefings and community meetings that residents have far too many unanswered questions to reach an informed decision,” Flemming said. “Tonight, we know of no expiration date on this planning grant. So, to think that they’ve thought this through,” Spina said.

Lisa Porter, President of the Clover College Park Civic Association, addressed her disapproval of the corridor development, specifically Cambridge Road. “Prioritize those plans further,” Porter said. “Our city should do everything possible to prevent that and to mitigate the burden that our residents will undertake.”

In an interview on Tuesday prior to the legislative meeting, Mayor Justin Wilson acknowledged those who may still be hesitant to jump on board. “I think we can work through some of that [concerns] in the design. Right now, we have a lot of additional design work to do over the next few years. As we work to bring this to fruition, we’ll work through some of these issues for sure.”

Much of the research in the presentation was familiar to those who had been following the proposed corridor development from the beginning. Orr emphasized that people should be asking “how” rather than “if” at this point. “One of the things to think about with this is that this project was never about whether or not we were implementing BRT on Duke Street because staff had been directed for years to go down that path. And it was really about how we’re designing this corridor to best meet the needs of our community,” Orr stated. “We understand that change can be hard and it means that there’s going to be tradeoffs. But our goal was to come up with a near term plan for this corridor, the best balance of tradeoffs and priorities and still meet the ultimate goal of enhanced transit on Duke Street.”

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“How are we keeping track of who we’ve actually spoken to? So, that when they’re reaching out to us, we don’t sound like we don’t know anything,” Jackson asked.

Councilor Alyia Gaskins echoed similar concerns suggesting a more stream-lined outreach system as the project’s impact on neighborhoods develops.

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have. Not because it’s not an important corridor. Not because what we’re doing is not important, but frankly because all of that the city has taken on.”

Orr responded adamantly that staff is cost-conscious about the project.

“We are designing to our budget and if there are things that need to get scaled back, we will scale them back. We are not planning on asking for any additional money and we are going to build the BRT we can with this money.”

The night was not without tension.

Following the testimony of former DASH Director Sandy Modell, who advocated that Council do more research regarding left-hand turn crashes and the project’s impact on local businesses before approving it, Modell was on the receiving end of questions from Wilson.

“You noted your leadership of DASH and obviously your service in our city is legendary. I had the opportunity to work alongside you during a lot of that service. Twelve years ago, you sent me a memo and asked me to sign on to it and your memo said, ‘Access to high quality transit will be a critical component to the redevelopment of Landmark and future redevelopment in the West End. BRT is a cost-effective option that is flexible in terms of routing and does not require intensive capital investment. However, in order for BRT to be an effective option, it must be accompanied with dedicated lanes, super stops that allow for fair prepayment signal preemption and priority signalization....’”

“What changed?” Wilson asked.

Appearing surprised, Modell defended her changed position on dedicated bus lanes on Alexandria’s main thoroughfare.

“Duke Street has changed and we’re trying to fit a round peg into a square hole – as many of the previous speakers have said – and I now own a business on Duke Street and I’ve seen the other side,” Modell countered.

Orr emphasized the project’s safety as an overarching reason to approve it.

“I just want to take a minute to highlight here is one thing that we have consistently heard throughout this process from people, regardless of how they feel about this project as a whole, is that safety is a key priority and it should be addressed. And with this project, we do have the opportunity to vastly improve the safety of this corridor for all users.”

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ing Legend Lillian Patterson.

Not surprisingly, there were many more Green Book options in large, northern cities than in southern locales.

“Chicago, for example, looks like it might have 15 or 20 hotels, plus a couple tour-
Duncan named new ACHS principal

**Former Minnie Howard administrator takes the reins this Saturday**

**BY AARON KOPP**

On June 22, Alexandria City Public Schools announced Alexander Duncan III as the new principal of Alexandria City Public High School. Duncan formerly served as the campus administrator at ACHS’ Minnie Howard campus. He will take over as principal on July 1.

In early May, ACHS Principal Peter Balas announced his resignation to serve as the assistant principal and summer school principal. In 2021, he became the campus administrator of ACHS’ Minnie Howard campus. One focus of Duncan’s work is multi-tiered systems of support. MTSS are systems in which a school collects data on students through testing, and a schoolwide approach is taken to support students based on their needs.

“I carry an inherent belief that it takes a village. It takes a village to raise children and make a school function and operate,” Duncan said in a Zoom meet and greet with parents. Duncan plans to meet with students, parents and faculty members over the summer.

Duncan said, in part of his introductory message to the ACHS community:

“...each of us has an impact on the day-to-day operations of our school and the lives of our students. As such, the work we do is not only pivotal in our students’ education, but it’s life’s work that is, no doubt, impactful and transformative. And, my goal is to ensure that all staff and students feel heard and that our school is a safe space for students to learn and staff to work.”

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**GREEN BOOK**

Street property provided this service to Blacks who were looking for a room to either rent long term or simply stay in for a few nights, the 1947 edition of the Green Book only included two tourist homes in Alexandria, at 803 Gibbon St. belonging to J.T. Holmes and 724 Gibbon St. under the name J.A. Barrett.

While the 1947 edition of the Green Book did not include the Jackson property, the building that Jackson bought and maintained for his family and business is well-known today for housing travelers during this time.

The property’s rooming house provided Green Book style housing to notable guests such as the founder of the Nation of Islam Elijah Muhammad and other prominent African Americans who were traveling through the area, such as the famous jazz pianist Duke Ellington.

Magnus Robinson, a former Grand Marshal of the Universal Lodge #1, was a guest at the Pendleton Street property. A local celebrity of the early 20th century among Black Americans, Robinson would host important meetings concerning the welfare of the Black community in his room.

Jackson’s rooms also played host to meetings, political debates and Emancipation Day celebrations.

Jackson maintained the bakery and his rooming house until his death on Feb. 16, 1949. The ownership of the property then transferred to his daughter Corinne Jackson Lee Dixon, who was named after her mother. Although the portion of the building that previously housed the bakery was rented out as a beauty salon after Baker Jackson’s death, Dixon maintained the rooming house. She continued to provide Green Book style housing to travelers into the 1960s. She also rented rooms to low-income Blacks.

Prior to her ownership of the Pendleton Street property, Dixon married Emmett Cornelius Lee, her first husband, in 1946 and pursued a career in real estate. Dixon became a successful businesswoman and worked hard to give back to her community.

Janice Lee Wardlaw Howard, daughter of Corinne Dixon Jackson and granddaughter of Baker Jackson, praised her mother’s legacy of giving in Alexandria.

“She did a lot for Alexandria. My mother never talked about it. She helped a lot of people through school, along with my grandmother who owned the restaurant in Alexandria on Carlton Street,” Howard said.

After the death of her first husband, Corinne married Urquhart Oliver Dixon. She

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maintained ownership of the property on Pendleton Street until her death in 2015. Dixon survived her parents, two husbands, siblings and her son Emmett C. Lee Jr.

Prior to her death, Dixon shared ownership of the house with her daughter, who now maintains the property at 1022 Pendleton St. The house continues to provide lodging to low-income Blacks to this day. The property recently received its first funding from City Council, having just been granted $1.2 million from the city’s American Rescue Plan Act grant and an additional $750,000 from the City of Alexandria in a unanimous decision on June 13. These funds will pay for renovations to help preserve the building.

The city reached out to Howard as she was exploring potential renovations, having previously made the repairs herself. She is adamant that her tenants not be dislodged while renovations take place.

“The distribution of the funds is through the city,” Howard said. “I will select a contractor after they send me a list of contractors and then the city will manage everything. The city is saying renovations will last one year. The house is still being occupied. We have low-income tenants.”

It is currently unknown whether the funding provided by the ARPA grant and the City of Alexandria will be enough to complete the necessary renovations, as a contractor has yet to be selected.

“From what the architect has said thus far, this is the budget that the City’s architect came up with. I know they did their due diligence, then they came back with their proposal. As we sign a contract with the city, then we’ll know more as we go on,” Howard explained.

Through three generations of ownership — during the Jim Crow era and since the passage of Civil Rights legislation — the building at 1022 Pendleton St. has been a haven to Black Americans. The City of Alexandria and Dixon are working to preserve the property, and thus continue Baker Jackson’s legacy of providing lodging for low-income Blacks, into perpetuity.
The Alexandria Aces are three games ahead of their record at this point last season.

Aces eye a repeat championship

Team has dominated the Cal Ripken League with a 13-2 record
BY PETER RAINEY

Nearing the halfway mark of their 2023 Cal Ripken Senior Collegiate Baseball League campaign, the Alexandria Aces sport a league-leading 13-2 record through 15 games.

The Aces, led by fourth-year head coach Chris Berset, entered the summer season as defending champions of the Cal Ripken League. They are three games ahead of their record at this point last season, when they were 10-5 at the halfway point in a year they would later raise the championship trophy.

“It’s awesome that we’re winning ball games, but I still think there are things we could clean up to be a championship-caliber team,” Berset said. “I still think we haven’t clicked on all cylinders yet, so it’s kind of cool to see in that sense where we have a little more to grow.”

The Aces have won six straight, led by a potent offense that has averaged more than eight runs per game during the streak. The Aces’ Matt Ossenfort, a Vanderbilt commit out of South Dakota, sent out home runs in back-to-back games last weekend, including a grand slam on the road Saturday against the Aces’ division rival Metro South County Braves.

“Just trying to stay in my two-strike approach, keep the foot down and see the ball longer. I got lucky enough to catch a couple up front,” Grego said.

Ethan Houghtaling of Western Michigan University earned his first win in an Aces uniform Sunday, dealing through five full innings with five strikeouts. His catching partner, Ty Mancha of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, impressively gunned down three stray base runners, a season-high.

“Ty [Mancha] did a great job behind the plate, calling pitches and throwing guys out on the baselines,” Houghtaling said. “The defense really helped me out there towards the end, so hats off to them.”

The team as a unit enjoyed two days off this week, during which a few team members were invited to Lynchburg, Virginia, for the “Sunbelt Classic,” a two-exhibition showcase versus non-league opponents at Liberty University.

“I think any opportunity to face solid talent – and get exposed to better pitchers and hitters – is an opportunity for challenge and growth,” Aces assistant coach Jen Hammond said in reference to players participating in the Sunbelt Classic. “The same can be said for exposure and scouting; it’s a chance to potentially position themselves on someone’s radar, all while being in an environment with like competitors.”

Nine Aces players participated in the Sunbelt Classic, listed alphabetically: Ryan Edmonds, a sophomore at George Mason University, with 12 strikeouts in 10 innings pitched this summer; Anthony Ehly, a sophomore at Seton Hall, with 2.25 earned run average and 22 SO in 16 IP; Dylan Grego, a sophomore at Ball State with a .265 batting average, 8 RBI and 2 home runs; Cameron Keshock, a sophomore at Auburn, with a 3.37 ERA in 8 IP; Gavin Miller, a sophomore at Auburn, with a .339 BA and 14 RBI; Tim Nicholson, a junior at George Washington, with a .354 BA and 12 RBI; Ryan Reich, a sophomore at Seton Hall, with a 0.00 ERA and 21 SO in 10 IP; Cory Taylor, a junior at Eastern Michigan, with a .327 BA, 2 HR, 12 RBI and 10 stolen bases; and Alex Wade, a sophomore at Auburn, with a .288 BA and 9 RBI.

The Aces returned to Cal Ripken League action Wednesday night in a home matchup against the Gaithersburg Giants at Frank Mann Field. The results of that game were not available in time for the Times’ print edition.
Four tips to keep your home secure while you're on vacation

BY BRANDPOINT

Ready to take that long-awaited summer vacation? Before heading out for fun in the sun, make sure you’ll be able to fully relax and enjoy your break by taking a few steps to help keep your home secure.

Here are tips and tools to help increase your peace of mind while you’re away from home.

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Before your trip, chat with trusted neighbors to let them know you’ll be away. Those extra eyes on your home can help you feel better about taking off. Do not post about your trip on social media while you are gone. There’s no need to let the world know you’ll be out of your house.

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HOME OF THE WEEK

Gorgeous condo in North Old Town where traditional taste meets modern flare

Light-filled two bedroom and two bath corner condo with large Pella windows on three sides. Open floor plan with over 1,100 square feet of living space ideal for room-mate setup. Brazilian cherry floors, Grohe fixtures, recessed LED lighting, high ceilings, crown molding and other architectural details throughout.

Gourmet kitchen with granite tops, Sub-zero fridge, cooktop, wall oven and built-in convection microwave. Spacious primary bedroom with walk-in closet outfitted with Elfa shelf system.

Second bedroom with custom built-in Murphy bed (to convey) and closet also outfitted with Elfa shelf system.

Both bathrooms feature Carrara marble subway tiling and counter tops. Updated washer and dryer and new 10-year smoke detectors in unit. Assigned parking in garage near the elevator. Storage unit and wall-mounted HD TV included.

Amenities include three exercise rooms, community room and two community rooftop terraces with grills.

Only minutes to Reagan National, two metro stops, Trader Joe’s, Harris Teeter, boutiques, shops and several restaurant options.

CONTACT

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Left: Welcome to 900 N. Washington. Middle: Light-filled open floor plan with high ceilings and wood floors. Right: Stunning en suite bathroom with marble tiling throughout.

Address:
900 N. Washington St., #201 E, Alexandria 22314
Neighborhood:
North Old Town
Price: $749,900
Square feet: 1,171
Bedrooms: 2
Bathrooms: 2
Year built: 2009
Contact:
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Left: Take these steps to secure your home before taking a vacation. Right: Let your neighbors know you’ll be away, so they can watch out for any unusual activity inside your home.
there’s activity at your front door with a smart doorbell or a security camera. You’ll be able to see what’s happening in real-time. You’ll have peace of mind that your home is always protected. You can relax and enjoy whatever you’re doing, wherever you are.

**Timers for lighting**

A tactic while vacationing is to use lighting to make it appear someone is home. Connect smart lights to your home security. Set up light schedules with your system to turn lights on and off at certain times each night. Even if you just set one lamp near a front window, it will look like someone is home.

**Pre-set your HVAC**

Completely turning your HVAC off to save money can be a bad idea. Not only will it look like nobody’s home if your AC unit isn’t running while it’s sweltering, but you could also damage internal structures of the house due to excessive humidity. Your AC unit will have to work non-stop to get the temperature back down when you return. A good rule of thumb is to raise the temperature about five degrees from your usual setting when you leave town. To adjust the temperature while you’re away, consider installing a smart thermostat that you can control remotely.

Following these few simple steps, you can ensure your home and packages will be safe and secure, whether you’re on the road or on the beach.

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**AHA! AT HOME IN ALEXANDRIA**

Join the AHA volunteer team!

AHA is a nonprofit “village” serving adults ages 55+ with practical and social support. Our members want to live safely and independently in their home and in the Alexandria community they love. AHA volunteers provide rides, errands, light maintenance, tech support, organizational help, gardening and lots more to help them do just that. We invite you to join our group of volunteers. It only takes a few hours each month and we work around your schedule.

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Editorial

‘Victimless crime:’ a contradiction in terms?

The concept of “victimless crime” is very much in the news both locally and nationwide. The phrase has become popular as stealing from retail establishments has become more prevalent.

As today’s page 1 story, “The price of crime” indicates, organized theft from retail stores is on the rise in Alexandria according to both police data and anecdotally. The question is, what do we do about it?

California law now considers shoplifting less than $950 a misdemeanor comparable to trespassing or disorderly conduct, meaning it’s effectively been decriminalized.

While the concept of decriminalizing shoplifting is abhorrent, there is a defensible logic behind California’s decision, as it distinguishes small-scale theft by an individual from large-scale invasions of stores – like what happened last month in Sephora on King Street – that appear to have links to organized crime.

If a local police force is, say, understaffed and overwhelmed by rising crime in general, it’s obvious that violent crime – from prevention to apprehension to prosecution – must be prioritized.

On the other hand, it’s also true that small crimes, when not punished, often lead perpetrators to move on to larger offenses. It’s why appeasement in foreign policy doesn’t work.

Alexandria’s Commonwealth’s Attorney Bryan Porter was adamant in today’s story that his office does prosecute retail theft of all amounts. But cases can only be prosecuted if retail theft is reported to police in a timely manner.

It’s also understandable, in today’s environment, why retail store managers are loath to report larceny like what occurred at Sephora. Though to be clear, the Alexandria Police Department confirmed that Sephora did report the May robbery the day after it occurred.

If not caught in the act, the thieves, who invariably wear masks during mass invasions of stores, are unlikely to be apprehended. So store managers are left with a headache and little chance of recouping their losses.

Potentially worse, though unspoken, is that if organized crime is involved there could be violent retaliation for reporting and a conviction, thus turning a “victimless” robbery into a tragedy.

But of course, no type of stealing is victimless. That’s why societies from the dawn of human existence have had rules against taking what belongs to someone else.

“Thou shalt not steal” is one of the 10 Commandments given to Moses in the Torah and Bible, and forms part of the basis of the Jewish and Christian faiths. Islam allows for harsh penalties for theft; Iran’s Islamic Penal Code says fingers or hands may be chopped off as punishment for stealing.

Punishment for theft is tied to the concept of private property – which is a bedrock tenet of a democratic society. If someone takes your stuff, even if they don’t physically attack you in the process, you have been wronged.

There’s also something soul crushing about looking the other way when an obvious wrong is taking place. History is full of proof that ignoring small evils can eventually enable unthinkable large-scale tragedy.

So, as a former CVS manager said in today’s Times story, don’t be a hero over a jar of high-end face cream. But also don’t bury your head in the sand and pretend retail theft doesn’t matter.

Be vigilant. Report what you see in a timely manner. And assist police and the prosecutor if criminals are caught.

Opinion

“Where the press is free and every man is able to read, all is safe.”
- Thomas Jefferson

Letters

The plasticization of Simpson Field

To the editor:

The City of Alexandria is infatuated with plastic grass fields – the latest example is the proposal to replace a beautiful sod grass outfield at Big Simpson Baseball Field in Del Ray with plastic grass. I participated in the City Planning and Council hearings to discuss the Simpson field plastic field or natural grass choice.

The amount of information made available and the discussion by our leaders on this important issue was shocking. Planning Commission Chair Nathan Macek deferred to the Parks and Recreation staff on this topic. The Del Ray Citizens Association submitted comments recommending against the plastic grass due to the heat and forever chemicals, PFAS, that come with it.

The estimated cost of overhauling Simpson Field Park is $16 million, including well over $1 million to install plastic grass with a maximum life span of eight to 10 years. This field can be replaced for $40,000 with new sod grass if needed.

The city described plastic or real grass as a choice when in fact synthetic grass has been in the city’s FY24 budget since before City Council and the Planning Commission meetings about the project were held in June.

Some think plastic fields are zero maintenance – wrong. It is a carpet that requires disinfecting, shampooing, raking and professional treatment and regular de-compacting to limit hardening.

How come the city is so enamored with plastic grass fields that they neglected to:

• Provide any costs for plastic fields or a cost comparison with sod/grass retention or replacement;

• Explain that plastic field temps will regularly exceed 120 degrees in the summer, which is 30 to 50 degrees hotter than grass/sod. This will limit its use;

• Provide any costs for plastic fields or a cost comparison with sod/grass retention or replacement;

• Address micro plastic shedding polluting our lungs and neighborhoods with PFAS;

• Mention the 40,000 pounds of plastic and 400,000 pounds of crumb rubber that will go sod.

The opinions expressed in letters and columns are those of the writers only and do not reflect the views, nor receive the endorsement, of the Alexandria Times.

Letters
American Red Cross

To the editor:

The American Red Cross wants everyone to enjoy a safe and fun Fourth of July, which includes ensuring a strong blood supply for patients in hospitals across the country. There has been a concerning shortfall in blood donations in recent weeks, and the upcoming holiday could put a further strain on donations, as millions celebrate with family vacations and other seasonal activities. Donors of all blood types, especially those with type B negative or O negative blood as well as platelet donors, are needed to give now to ensure blood remains available for patients this summer.

To encourage blood donations, the Red Cross is offering the following to those who come to give in the coming weeks:

• All who come to give blood, platelets or plasma through June 30 will receive a $10 gift card by email to a merchant of their choice. Those who come to give in June will also be automatically entered for a chance to win a backyard theater package. Details for both offers can be found at RedCrossBlood.org/June.
• All who come to give blood, platelets or plasma July 1 through 11 will receive an exclusive Red Cross dry bag, while supplies last. Details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/gifts. Keeping appointments, donors can help ensure patients relying on blood donations also get to enjoy their summer. To schedule an appointment to donate, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

By scheduling and keeping appointments, donors can help ensure patients relying on blood donations also get to enjoy their summer. To schedule an appointment to donate, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

How to donate blood

To make an appointment, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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to the dump every 8 to 10 years;
• Comment, as an Eco-City, on the climate impacts of adding hot impermeable surfaces to our neighborhoods and the planet;
• Document the usage demand statistics for the baseball field;
• Provide citizens any evidence of a drainage issue at Big Simpson Field; or
• Provide updated information on injury risks to athletes playing on plastic grass?

This is a poorly studied and planned proposal that appears to indicate the city is flush with excess tax dollars, and biased, for some reason, towards installing plastic grass fields.

I recommend the city provide a comprehensive review of the key issues, including those above, so that we all can be confident we are making the right decision. It’s time to reconsider if artificial turf is the right choice.

Stop by and see Simpson Field today. It is beautiful as it is and more than adequate to support the great pastime of youth baseball!!

-Brian Collins, Alexandria

Collins

Leader are everywhere

BY HEATHER PEELER

Recently, ACT has been working in partnership with Alexandrians in an unusual way. We believe that people closest to the issues and challenges have the best ideas and solutions. Thus, if we want to make progress on complicated, intractable issues, we must engage, center and empower the people who have experienced poverty and lack of opportunity.

In 2021 we launched the ACT Youth Council to learn from and amplify the voices of youth in our community. Since then, 14 high school students have researched issues in the community that are important to them and made recommendations to members of City Council, the School Board and other civic leaders.

Designed by youth, for youth, the program features a competitive selection process and monthly meetings with access to city officials and researchers to support the youth in their inquiry and analysis. This past May, the Youth Council presented research on the disparity in environmental, disability and academic supports between those who live on the east and west sides of Alexandria.

Building on our experience with the Youth Council, in 2022 we put ACT’s strategic plan in the hands of our community. We created a Community Listening and Strategic Planning Team comprised of 18 diverse Alexandrians. They collected and analyzed data and made recommendations for ACT’s strategic direction.

This team shared their experience and perspective through the lens of race, immigration and socioeconomic status. Members were paid a stipend and received child care and transportation reimbursements. With input from more than 250 residents through surveys and focus groups, the Planning Team proposed a strategic direction for ACT that is focused on economic success, affordable housing and racial equity.

The Team crafted a new vision statement for ACT: Alexandria is a just, vibrant, equitable place where all who live and work here thrive and feel like they belong.

Heather Peeler

The writer is president and CEO of Act for Alexandria.
The Dry July 4

Modern-day Alexandrians associate the celebration of Independence Day with fireworks and grilling. Often included is the expectation that beer will be served along with the grilled items. In 1842, Temperance Societies advocated celebrating the birthday of the United States without alcohol as a part of the festivities. Far from being a fringe movement, Temperance Societies enjoyed multiple chapters both in Great Britain and the United States. One of the chapters was here in Alexandria.

June 15, 1842, the Alexandria Gazette published a column that argued:

“We, too, as our forefathers, have signed a Declaration of Independence,...from the de-moralizing tyranny of King Alcohol.” Like many abstinence advocates of that decade, the author claimed, “We speak not of Temperance as it used to be. We refer to Total Abstinence as being the only true grounds of Temperance.”

The Temperance Movement found natural allies, and a home, in Protestant churches. Much of the movement overlapped with the abolitionist movement. Given the movement’s emphasis on how alcohol hurt women by “causing man to neglect the wife of his bosom for the filthy dram shop” according to the Gazette writer, the Temperance Movement offered a cause that allowed upper and middle-class women to engage in political issues at a time when women were not allowed to vote.

The Temperance Movement eventually succeeded in its goal of outlawing the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcohol in the United States with the ratification of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution on Jan. 16, 1919. Its success in Alexandria was more limited.

On June 13 1933, Alexandria businessmen petitioned the Alexandria City Council to allow the sale of beer within city limits. Council removed Alexandria’s Prohibition Laws on June 29, 1933, although offenders could still be prosecuted under state law. Only six months after that petition, the passage of the 20th Amendment ended Prohibition.

Alexandria then reclaimed its reputation as a “wet” town with renowned taverns and bars. The inroads made by the Temperance Movement in the 1840s seem to have little connection to the Alexandria of today.

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RED CROSS

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Have a happy and safe Fourth of July

However people plan to celebrate Independence Day, the Red Cross has several tips to make sure they can do so safely.

Fireworks safety:
• Skip fireworks at home.
• Attend a public show or celebrate with glow sticks or noise makers instead.
• Keep a supply of water close by as a precaution.
• Wear eye protection when lighting fireworks.
• Light only one firework at a time, and never attempt to relight “a dud.”

Grill safety:
• Keep the grill out in the open, away from the house, deck, tree branches or anything that could catch fire.
• Don’t add charcoal starter fluid when coals have already been ignited.
• Always supervise a barbecue grill when in use.
• Make sure everyone, including pets, stays away from the grill.

• Use the long-handed tools especially made for cooking on the grill to stay safe.
• Wash your hands before preparing the food.
• Don’t leave food out in the hot sun. Keep perishable foods in a cooler with plenty of ice or freezer gel packs.

For additional tips, including water safety, beach safety and water park safety, visit redcross.org/watersafety.

-Ashey Henyan, American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation’s blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission.

For more information, please visit redcross.org or CruzRojaAmericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

Weekly Poll

Did you attend any city Juneteenth events?

71% I don’t celebrate Juneteenth.

14% No, I wasn’t able to attend.

9% Yes, I went to as many as I could.

6% I celebrated privately.

What do you think of the concept of “victimless crime?”

A) There’s no such thing as a “victimless crime.”

B) Police have bigger fish to catch than shoplifters.

C) I’m undecided.

D) I’m unfamiliar with the concept.

Take the poll at alextimes.com
NOTE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

June 29, 2023

City of Alexandria
421 King St., Suite 215
Alexandria, VA 22314
703.746.4990

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Alexandria.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 20, 2023 the City of Alexandria will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Partnership Program funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended; Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program funds under Section 108 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and Community Project Funding funds under Division L of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 to undertake a project known as Sansé/Naja for the purpose of constructing 474-units of low-income housing at 221 W Glebe Road, 3608 Mount Vernon Avenue, and adjoining parcels. The estimated project funding is $266 million, with $8 million provided from the City of Alexandria's HOME entitlement funding, Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program funds, and Community Project Funding.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Alexandria has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Office of Housing, 421 King St, Ste. 215, Alexandria, VA and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. The ERR may also be viewed at the Office of Housing’s website: alexandriava.gov/Housing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the kimberly.cadena@alexandriava.gov or to the Office of Housing, 421 King St, Ste. 215, Alexandria, VA, 22314. All comments received by July 17, 2023 will be considered by the City of Alexandria prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Alexandria certifies to HUD that James F. Parajon, in his capacity as City Manager, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Alexandria to use Program funds.

JOBSNTS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Alexandria's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date of its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed or its actual receipt of the request failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD, 820 First Street, N.E., Suite 450, Washington, DC 20002-4255, Attention: Mr. Michael D. Rose, Director, Community Planning and Development Division. Potential objectors should contact HUD at (202) 775-6266 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

James F. Parajon, City Manager

ALEXANDRIA TIMES

LEGAL NOTICE

ALEXANDRIA PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

The following requests have been received for administrative review and approval.

For information on the following applications or to comment, visit the City’s website at www.alexandriava.gov/planning or call (703) 746-4666.

Special Use Permit #2023-00051
425 South Washington Street Administrative Special Use Permit request for a Restaurant; zoned: CD/Commercial Low Applicant: Khanh Dao Proposed Business Name: Bloom Tea Planner: Patrick Silva – patrick.silva@alexandriava.gov

Special Use Permit #2023-00053
700 Slaters Lane Administrative Special Use Permit request for a New Use for a Restaurant with Outdoor Dining; zoned: CG/Commercial General
In accordance with Section 11-500 of the Zoning Ordinance, the above listed requests may be approved administratively by the Director of Planning & Zoning. If you have any comments regarding the proposals above, please contact Planning & Zoning staff at 703.746.4666 or email the planner listed no later than July 20, 2023.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Truist Bank, located at 3101 Duke St, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, is in possession of assets owned by the following decedent, Laurence Schlegel, who at the time of his death was domiciled outside of Virginia. In accordance with Va. Code Ann. § 64.2-609(A), Truist Bank hereby gives public notice of its intention to deliver the decedent’s assets to the Administrator of decedent’s estate, Mark A. Cooper, who has qualified as Personal Representative in accordance with the law of the decedent’s domicile. Delivery is to be made after the lapse of thirty (30) days from the completion of due publication of this notice, pursuant to the Code, once a week for four successive weeks. Inquiries, including any notice of the appointment of a personal representative for decedent in Virginia or legal notice of any lien or encumbrance upon decedent’s assets, should be directed to Truist Bank at the address above.

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