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City, WVU spotlight Met deal

Council seeks a partner to help manage theater

BY BEN CONLEY
The Dominion Post

Morgantown officials are working with The Metropolitan Theatre Commission and the WVU College of Creative Arts to bring the university on board as a managing partner for the theater.

THE METROPOLITAN THEATRE

WVU State, Corporate and Local Relations Specialist Ron Justice, dean of the WVU College of Creative Arts, and Met Theatre Manager Joe Kaehler to discuss the issue during council's most recent committee-of-the-whole meeting.

The actual agreement is still in the works, but would start out as a one-year pilot collaboration.

Kreider explained that Kaehler will continue to run the

technical aspects of the day-to-day operation.

"How we see this playing out is, we will have Joe on staff as he's always been," Kreider said. "We'll have a person who will be taking over the management part of the theater. Joe will oversee the technical part of the theater. We will have two graduate assistants who will work in the theater and we'll also have some student workers, undergraduates who will work in the theater as well."

Kreider said the theater offers the university an opportunity to provide a hands-on, laboratory

style environment for students studying creative arts.

From the city's standpoint, the agreement would fill an opening created when the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners (BOPARC) informed the city that it no longer wished to have the theater under its control.

City Council member and Met Theatre Commissioner Jay Redmond said BOPARC did a fine job managing the theater, but the city was facing the possibility of hiring a management firm to take over operations.

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'Refugee Sunday'



Kathleen Batten/The Dominion Post photos

Kate Blosser (left) and Catherine Caradine examine the jewelry offerings for sale Sunday at a bazaar held at the Morgantown Marketplace Pavilion.



Jennifer Caradine (right) helps her son, Will, pick out candle tart scents.

6 houses of worship unite to highlight Syrians' plight

BY ANN KENNEL
The Dominion Post

Several downtown Morgantown houses of worship highlighted the plight of Syrian refugees on "Refugee Sunday."

A city-based group called the Interfaith Committee of Morgantown Friends of Syrian Refugees agreed to have worship services focused on

refugees. Wesley United Methodist Church continued on with the idea and created a day full of happenings.

Wesley started the day off with guest speaker Imam Dr. Mohamad Jamal Daoudi, from the Islamic Society of Augusta,

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Storms threaten Fla., mid-Atlantic

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Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Tropical Storm Colin formed in the Gulf of Mexico on Sunday and was speeding on a course to hit Florida today with rains that forecasters said could cause serious flooding along much of the state's Gulf coast.

A large portion of Florida's western and Panhandle coast was already under a tropical storm warning when the National Hurricane Center (NHC) announced that a quickly moving depression had become a named storm. The center said it is the earliest that a third

named storm has ever formed in the Atlantic basin.

Storms also are expected to cause problems in the nation's capital and mid-Atlantic region.

The storm was moving at about 12 mph and was expected to pick up the pace later Sunday.

"It's going to impact most of the state in some way," Gov. Rick Scott said.

Tropical storms carry wind speeds of 39-73 mph.

Tropical Storm Colin was likely to bring dangerous rainfall levels, and residents were warned about possible flooding and hazardous driving conditions. Rain began falling in the Tampa Bay area just past noon Sunday.

Sand bags were being distributed to residents in St. Petersburg, Tampa and nearby cities.

The National Weather Service also warned of an "enhanced" risk of severe storms in the mid-Atlantic region with the possibility of damaging winds.

Sterling, Va.-based meteorologist Chris Strong said the primary threat in the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area is from damaging wind gusts, and there's a lesser threat for tornadoes.

Wakefield, Va.-based meteorologist Lyle Alexander said the threat on the Eastern Shore is from winds and more localized heavy rain.

The weather service warns that heavy rain in central Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley could mean flooding in areas that received rain Saturday. Flash flood watches are in effect until evening.

WVU grows cannabis for state study

Nine entities looking at hemp possibilities

BY MADISON FLECK
The Dominion Post

Cannabis has been legally planted in West Virginia for the first time since World War II.

It's an effort to bring a new industry and economic growth to the Mountain State. The hemp seeds were planted by nine participants, including WVU, covering roughly 10 acres of the state to research the plant's cultivation and marketing capabilities in the state.

The Department of Agriculture would not identify the other entities with permits without a Freedom of Information request, which The Dominion Post is sending.

Each participant is studying a different aspect of the plant so that as much information as possible can be collected this growing season.

"They're really going about it in a very smart way," said Eric Ewing, director of the Plant Industries Division of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture. "They're all doing slightly different things so we can gather as much information as possible from the growers we have."

Most of the research is focused on how well the plant will do in West Virginia soils and how farmers can best maximize the har-

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5 in Calif. accused of boosting \$4.7K in energy drinks

Associated Press

VACAVILLE, Calif. — Police said they arrested five men for stealing \$4,700 worth of energy drinks.

San Jose television station KNTV reported Vacaville police officers nabbed the four adults and one juvenile Friday night, as they wheeled a cart full of Red Bull out of a grocery store and loaded it into a waiting U-Haul van.

Police said the four adults were booked into Solano County jail and the minor into a juvenile hall.

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Ga., followed by an outdoor bazaar (despite the rain) with several booths of crafts for sale, at the Marketplace Pavilion; a community fundraiser dinner; and a presentation by the Imam at 6:30 p.m. to wrap it up.

Mavis Grant-Lilley is the coordinator of the Interfaith Committee of Morgantown Friends of Syrian Refugees. She said that even though the state isn't getting the number of Syrian refugees the group once thought it would, that doesn't change the need and desire to help people. "Church people believe that we have a moral responsibility to help people like that in need. As our minister this morning said, 'We are called upon to be a beacon of hope for people,'" Grant-Lilley said.

“ [T]he events today are fundraising for our organizations that are helping with the Syrian refugees in Asia, Africa and in Europe right now. ”

Mary Ellen Koenn
Interfaith committee

"So, certainly refugees of any place need to know that there are others who are caring about them."

The Interfaith Committee wanted to hold "Refugee Sunday" to raise awareness of the plight of the Syrian refugees and to see if local churches would respond.

"This is an opportunity to raise awareness about all

refugees and, especially, about the millions of Syrian refugees, to pray for their well-being, and to learn of opportunities to support refugee efforts financially," Grant-Lilley said.

Six houses of worship in Morgantown's "Refugee Sunday" included St. Francis De Sales Roman Catholic Church, St. John University Parish, First Presbyterian Church, Wesley United Methodist, the Islamic Center of Morgantown, and the Tree of Life Congregation.

Mary Ellen Koenn, a member of St. John University Parish and the Interfaith committee, is not a newcomer to helping people in need. Koenn has been on 11 trips to Honduras with a group called Carolina Honduras Health Foundation.

"What's going on in the world with the Syrian refugees is really important

and the committee is to help with settling some of the refugees in Morgantown." Koenn said, "None will be coming this year, but the events today are fundraising for our organizations that are helping with the Syrian refugees in Asia, Africa and in Europe right now."

Organizations Koenn said are helping refugees are The Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS) Foundation, American Refugee Committee, International Rescue Committee, Doctors Without Borders USA, Catholic Relief Services, CARE, and Save the Children.

"We had several goals for this weekend," Koenn said. "One was to raise awareness of what is going on with the Syrian refugees. Another was planning to sponsor refugees in the future, and then lastly to fundraise for the organizations working with the refugees."

STATE BRIEFS

Associated Press

Police say pair tried to sell baby

LAYLAND — Authorities said a man and woman were arrested on charges that they tried to sell the woman's baby.

Fayette County Sheriff Steve Kessler said in a news release that Ashley N. Harmon, 25, and Jonathan Isaac Lucas Flint, 20, were arrested last week. They face felony charges of selling or attempting to sell a child and gross child neglect.

According to the news release, witnesses told authorities that the pair allegedly offered to sell the 3-month-old for up to \$1,000. But when no one agreed, the suspects fled and left the baby behind.

Court reinstates embezzling verdict

MARTINSBURG — The state Supreme Court reinstated the felony conviction of a former Berkeley County sheriff's captain in a gun embezzlement case.

The court last week overturned a 2015 decision by Circuit Judge John Yoder that granted Dennis Streets' motion for a new trial. Yoder granted the motion at sentencing; a jury had found Streets guilty of an embezzlement count.

The high court's decision said the circuit court "exceeded its legitimate powers" in setting aside the conviction and granting him a new trial. The case was sent back to circuit court for sentencing.

Prosecutors said Streets, sold 13 guns taken from the sheriff's office from 2008-'13.

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Gracelyn and Griffin McCrobie were misidentified in a caption on the Preston page in Sunday's newspaper, due to a photographer's error. The photo with a corrected caption appears on Page 4-A.

BRIDGE

North 06-06-16			
♠ A 8 3			
♥ Q 10 7 6			
♦ K J 9 5 2			
♣ K			
West		East	
♠ Q		♥ J 10 4	
♥ A 5 2		♦ 8 3	
♦ 7 4 3		♣ 7 6	
♣ J 10 8 5		♦ 9 7 6 4 3 2	
South			
♠ K 9 7 6 5 2			
♥ K J 9 4			
♦ 10 8			
♣ A			
Dealer: West			
Vulnerable: East-West			
South	West	North	East
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ Q			

One deal begat two game contracts

By Phillip Alder

Mickey Hart, who is best known as a drummer for Grateful Dead, said, "In the beginning, there was noise. Noise begat rhythm, and rhythm begat everything else."

Today's deal begat two interesting game contracts, four spades in a nine-card fit and four hearts in an eight-card fit. First, let's look at four spades. (Tune in tomorrow for the discussion about four hearts.) After West leads the club queen to South's ace, what should declarer do?

Note North's trid: Two spades was best. He might have gambled with one no-trump, treating the singleton king as if it were king-doubleton (not a bad plan), but two spades was still preferable. (He couldn't rebid two hearts, because that would have been a reverse and promised at least 17 points. Also, two diamonds would have been poor with such an unimpressive five-card suit.)

Declarer has five possible losers: two spades (if they break 4-0), one heart and two diamonds. If trumps are 2-2, there is no problem, but if they are 3-1, South must guess diamonds correctly.

So, declarer cashes the top trumps to learn that he has a loser there. Then, before turning to diamonds, he should find out who holds the heart ace by playing on that suit. Here, West produces the ace and exits safely with a heart. Who has the diamond ace?

It must be East because West has already produced nine points: the spade queen, heart ace and club queen-jack. If he had the diamond ace as well, he would have opened the bidding.

Count those points!

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CANNABIS
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vest. If Cannabis Sativa does well in the state, it could open the door for thousands of industrial opportunities, from the production of fiber optic cables to batteries.

"I like to say it's just a baseline of agronomic research," said Morgan Leach, executive director of the West Virginia Hemp Farmers Cooperative. "We're looking at how well these hemp varieties that we've ordered from out of the country do in the West Virginia soils, climate and environment."

The varieties of hemp, another word for cannabis, being grown in West Virginia are coming from Italy and Canada, as other countries have already taken advantage of industrial hemp.

"We're pioneering an entirely new plant industry in the United States," Leach said.

Though the permitting of hemp farming for research became legal in West Virginia in 2015, the

commercial farming of hemp is still not legal on a federal or state level.

Cannabis Sativa is essentially the same plant used for medical and recreational marijuana with one distinct difference: The level of the psychoactive ingredient THC. According to Ewing, the cannabis being planted in the state must have 0.3 percent or less THC compared to the levels in medical and recreational marijuana, which can vary from 7-10 percent THC.

Those who wish to participate in the research must fill out an application with the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, have a specific research plan, submit to a federal and state background check, and fund the research without state or federal assistance.

"We're really just bootstrapping this and raising up the money ourselves within our cooperative," Leach said.

For questions about obtaining a permit for planting hemp, contact Ewing's office, at 304-558-2212.

MET
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"That put the city in a tough position because municipalities anywhere are not very good at running theaters and such. We do police and fire and roads and garbage," Redmond told *The Dominion Post* on Friday. "Luckily, the help that we need is right here in our town. I'm not afraid to challenge the university on anything. There's a lot of things they're doing that I'm not happy with and I don't believe they should be involved with ... but as far as having the expertise, knowledge and resources for running theaters, yeah they've got that."

Redmond said the university will bring quite a bit to the theater, including a downtown Ticketmaster outlet, a complete social media build for the theater, a full marketing and signage plan, booking and programming and fundraising.

Further, Justice told council that WVU's top priority is maintaining the theater's community aspect, adding that not only will rental rates remain low, but also the theatre's largest clients — Morgantown Theatrical Company, West Virginia Public Theater, Morgantown Dance Company and the Monongalia County Board of Education — will continue to receive priority scheduling.

There is little question that the optics of the uni-

“ WVU’s name will not be anywhere on the building. You will not see a logo. ”

Jay Redmond
City council member

versity stepping in to run the city's historic theater are a clear concern for the parties involved.

"WVU's name will not be anywhere on the building," Redmond said. "You will not see a logo."

But City Council member Nancy Ganz said she still has questions.

"I'm not sure how I stand on this. ... What we need, in my opinion is a long-term answer. If I had a dream, this arts and theater program would buy the Warner Theater ... and turn that around," she said. "But the city is already invested in turning the Met Theatre around. The city residents have already made that investment."

The Warner, a former movie theater on High Street, has been vacant for several years.

Ganz said there's no question that being in the theater will make WVU more attractive and bring in more students.

"It's definitely good for the university," she said. "Is it good for the theater is the question I have."

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Pick 3: 0-2-7
Pick 4: 9-2-7-4 (evening)
Pick 3: 6-2-8
Pick 4: 3-6-5-4
Bonus Match 5: 18-27-29-30-39
Bonus: 13
5 Card Cash: KC-AD-2C-10C-6S

PENNSYLVANIA (afternoon)
Pick 2: 6-1
Pick 3: 5-0-0
Pick 4: 6-1-9-7
Pick 5: 4-1-3-7-3 (evening)
Pick 2: 4-5
Pick 3: 3-1-4
Pick 4: 0-6-6-8
Pick 5: 2-1-0-3-3
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