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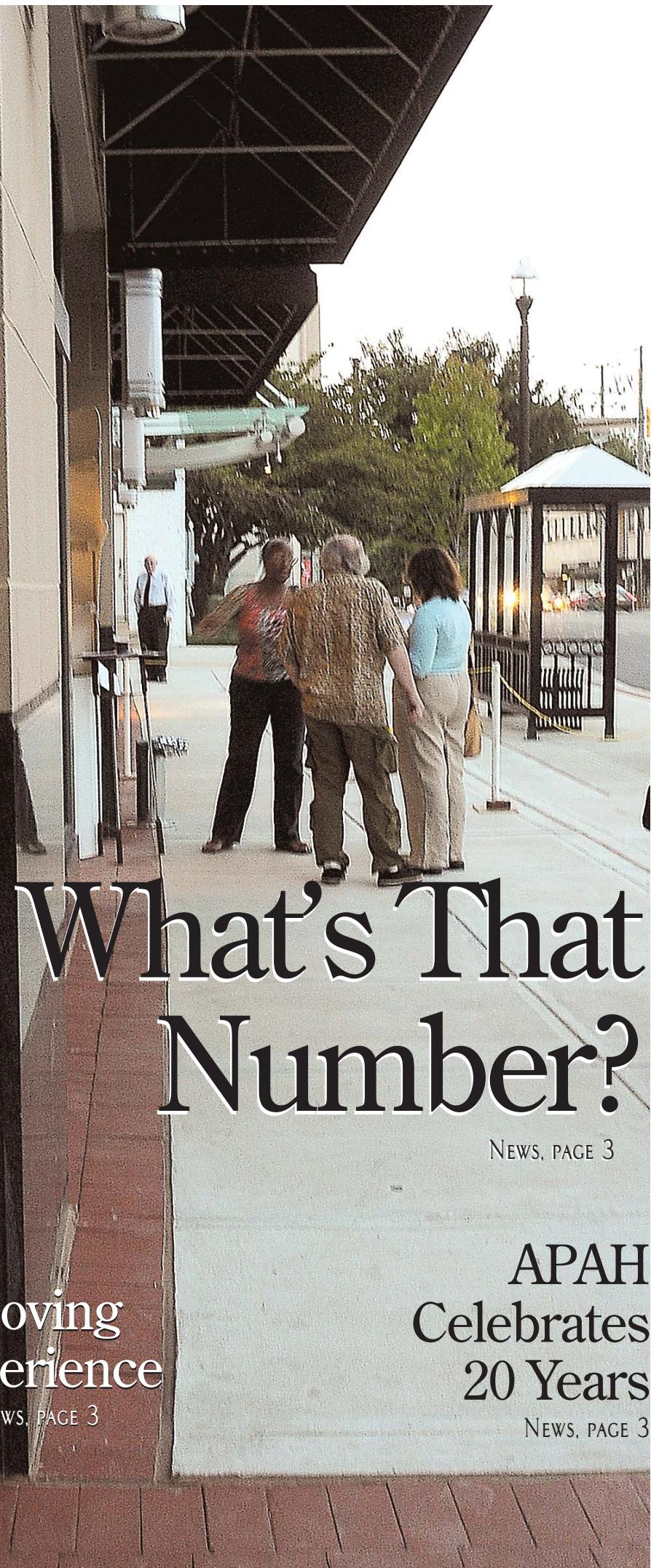
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Closing the Secrecy Loophole

Englin crafts a bill to force release of incident reports.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

In the hours after the arrest of Alexandria Police Chief David Baker for drunk driving in July, seven media organizations made public-record requests for the police report. County officials denied those re-

quests, citing a loophole in the Virginia Freedom of Information Act that allows police departments to suppress public documents. Instead of releasing the public document, Arlington officials offered a two-paragraph summary of the report for a fee of \$24. The four organizations that agreed to the fee received a two-paragraph summary that misidentified David Baker as Paul Baker and incorrectly stated that the arrest took place in 1995 instead of 2009.

"This does not pass the smell

reports for misdemeanor or felony offenses."

"I don't think that openness and public safety are in any way mutually exclusive," said Englin. "The best way to let people see the level of professionalism in our police departments is to make these reports available to the public."

THE EFFORT HAS already received bipartisan support. Republican candidate Vicki Vasques, who is challenging Englin this November, said she would support such

Incident #090725-064
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Primary Officer: Lt. L. Harmsen #675

DUI/ motor vehicle accident
4700 blk. Fairfax Dr. ramp to I-66 west
Assigned Detective: (None)

On the above listed date and time, Arlington County Police were called to an automobile accident on the ramp from Fairfax Dr. to westbound I-66. A Ford Explorer attempted to merge on the ramp and had sideswiped a Ford Escape. Both vehicles were on the right shoulder when officers arrived and there were no visible signs of injury although both parties complained of minor pain. The total damage to both vehicles is estimated at about \$1,800 dollars.

The driver of the Ford Explorer, later identified as Mr. Paul P. Baker, appeared intoxicated and was asked to perform field sobriety tests. As a result of those tests, Mr. Baker was then placed under arrest by Lieutenant L. Harmsen #675 and taken to the Arlington County Detention Center. Mr. Baker submitted to a breath test and the blood alcohol content was measured at .19. Mr. Baker was booked and processed on a charge of DUI.

test," said Lucy Dalglish, executive director of the Arlington-based Reporters Committee for the Freedom of the Press. "What were they thinking?"

Arlington's actions in the wake of Baker's arrest have shined a new spotlight on the availability of public documents. As a result, Del. David Englin (D-45) is crafting legislation that would force police departments to release incident reports. Last week, he received a draft bill from the Division of Legislative Services that stipulates law enforcement agencies "shall make available" upon request "arrest

a measure if she were elected. The Virginia Press Association is backing the measure, and the Reporters Committee for the Freedom of the Press is also in favor of the legislation. Public-records advocates say the idea that police departments would devote staff time to summarizing documents instead of releasing the original reports seems counterproductive.

"The summaries can be, quite frankly, misleading," said Ginger Stanley, director of the Virginia Press Association. "They give just

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"This series of work is a response to the increasing cost of materials that I would typically use. It is made from recycled cans reclaimed within my immediate area code." 21771 by Stephen Dobbin

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What's That Number?

The ZIP Code Show, an artdc.org and Art outlet collaboration, was presented last weekend in partnership with Halstead Arlington and the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization- ARTDC.ORG & Art Outlet



Ric Garcia with two of his paintings from his "Cuban Pop" series.



Life-size puppet of former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin greets guests at the entrance of the closing reception for the ZIP Code Show last Saturday evening.

It's About Justice

APAH's 20 years in support of affordable housing in Arlington.

BY SEAN SMYTH
THE CONNECTION

Four people, devoted to justice for all, met 46 years ago en route to witnessing one of the iconic moments of the 20th century, the March on Washington for Freedom and Jobs that preceded Martin Luther King Jr.'s oft-quoted speech.

They had a dream, all right — a dream to help others, to extend a hand when it was needed, to make their community a better place.

That chance meeting spawned a number of events that led to the creation of the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing, now celebrating its 20th year. The organization will host a fundraiser Sept. 16 atop Parc Rosslyn, its newest project, to mark two decades of finding Arlington County residents affordable residences.

MEETING ON THE TRIP Aug. 28, 1963, from Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in South Arlington to Washington were Tom and Dolores Leckey and Joe and Midge Wholey. In the following years, the Leckeyes and Wholeys would found — along with Bill and Rhoda Nary and Jack and Jean Sweeney — a monthly group that studied religious, psychological and social justice-related topics.

While reading a document released by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, entitled "Economic Justice for All," the group decided it wanted to give back to



One of APAH's founders, Dolores Leckey

the community on an even-larger level.

"We said, maybe we can form a tiny housing non-profit," said Joe Wholey, who served two terms on the Arlington County Board among many hats he wore in government service.

That "tiny" group has grown into what today is APAH, which has 750 units, the majority affordable housing, scattered across Arlington and by the organization's count provides affordable housing to 1,200.

The group of eight started raising funds and received a \$5,000 grant from Our Lady Queen of Peace, Joe Wholey said.

The first project, Wholey said, was to assist in management of the Courthouse Crossings housing complex, a development APAH would buy in 2006.

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Volunteer for Doorways Helps Families into Homes

BY DELIA SAVA
THE CONNECTION

When a neck injury restricted the work she had been doing in her home repair and remodeling business, My Handy Ma'am, Teresa Rene Wood found herself with time on her hands. "Because of my neck, I was feeling very depressed and down. If I couldn't work and had to take time off to mend, I wanted to volunteer."

In April of 2008, Wood attended a volunteer information session at Doorways for Women and Families, a nonprofit in Arlington that

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provides shelter and a host of services to victims of domestic violence and/or homelessness and their families. Wood had witnessed the abusive behavior when she was growing up and says she felt a personal connection with the mission of the organization.

Kristen Barnes, M.S.W., who works as a client services coordinator at Doorways, said, "Teresa came to us at a very critical time as the Furniture Bank of Ar-

lington had just shut down and we were left without resources to secure furniture for our families as they transitioned to independent living."

Wood and her partner in life, Betsy Kramer, decided to focus their charitable giving on the Doorways Home Start program, working specifically with the families transitioning to independent living.

"Teresa stepped in with her boundless energy and found furniture and household items for our families," said Barnes. "Not only did she secure donations, she provided moving trucks to pick up the furniture and deliver it

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PHOTO BY DELIA SAVA/THE CONNECTION

Teresa Rene Wood volunteers with the Doorways Home Start program.

OPINION

Labor Day

After a long Labor Day weekend, most of us with jobs no doubt spent at least a minute in silent thanks for having a job; all the more so for those lucky enough to have jobs with paid holidays and health insurance.

Almost everyone knows someone struggling after having lost a job, someone who personifies and personalizes the so-called "jobless recovery."

In the Washington metropolitan area, the economy does have life, and there is growth in jobs, another reason to be thankful.

But while Northern Virginia has the lowest unemployment rate in the state, 5 percent in July, down from 5.5 percent a month earlier, it also has the highest number of unemployed people in the state.

In Northern Virginia, in July there were more than 75,000 unemployed people, down from

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In Arlington, more than 21 percent, 38,018 people, lacked health insurance. In Loudoun County, the number was 11 percent, or 29,205 people without health insurance. In the City of Alexandria, more than 18 percent is without health insurance, 22,399. In the City of Fairfax, 18 percent or 3,685 people were without health insurance.

These are people who will be unlikely to get seasonal flu shots or swine flu vaccinations.

Thankful for the jobs we have; states need some bailing out.

more than 80,000 in June, but up from just over 43,000 a year ago in July 2008.

Northern Virginia also tops the state in the number of people without health insurance, according to a recent Census Bureau report. In Fairfax County, there were 149,642 people without health insurance from all income levels. That's more than 16 percent. These numbers are from 2006, when the economy was quite a bit better than it is now.

These are people who will have to turn to emergency rooms if they do get sick.

The Virginia budget shortfall is one looming problem that won't help the economic rebound, and it is a problem replicated at least another 47 times around the country. As the federal stimulus spending is kicking in, Virginia is facing a massive shortfall, and must trim well over \$1 billion in spending. In fact the infusion of federal stimulus dollars prevents the cuts from being far more difficult. But this is a terrible time for states to be forced to cut their budgets. Every dollar the state cuts diminishes the stimulus spending by a dollar.

With transportation spending down to an amount that would be laughable if we weren't all stuck in traffic, what's likely to be cut next include programs for the most vulnerable people. For the recovery to continue on track, the feds should consider spending some money to bail out the states.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

New Travel Modes Require Caution

To the Editor:

Clement weather, the need for exercise and higher fuel costs encourage more to bike, walk and run. I have noticed increasingly dangerous situations concerning these modes of conveyance, however.

Bicyclists, especially those in full garb, are seen pedaling side-by-side on two lane roads. Sometimes greater groups travel in packs with little regard for safety. After dark, an occasional bicyclist will rely only on a reflector for them to be seen. Many think nothing of riding their bike along a sidewalk, across a crosswalk (even an entire family) or against a red light. Ironically, these behaviors are usually conducted while wearing a bicycle helmet.

Others, including pedestrians, use highways as thoroughfares, sometimes unavoidably. This is true at least for New Glebe Road, Route 123 or Old Dominion Drive,

without sidewalk or bike lanes. A few young invulnerables assume that cars can always see their back. How many jaywalkers do you see everyday? What about the one you didn't see? Joggers dodging snow drifts are just one hazard winter will bring.

On the other hand, I have noticed very rarely a car (save my own) stopping for a pedestrian nearing a crosswalk. Indeed, I have seen cars using a bike lane as their own. Homeowners who fail to cut back their greenery force pedestrians into the street. The most vulnerable of traffic uses human power to drive our economy, so motor vehicle operators must always anticipate people nearby in our now urban environment.

I think riding a bike, walking and running are great ways to contribute to our community. Even such means require responsibilities, though. If only Arlington had planned for these when I was a kid!

Loren Booda
Arlington

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The Connection welcomes views on any public issue.

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Lexi, Rick and Laura Franklin and Angela Franklin with her husband Dennis Gunder and Takako at the yard sale last Saturday morning in South Arlington.

The MSisBS Team

The Franklin family was busy setting up the second-to-the-last effort Saturday morning to fund-raise for the October Walk MS. The MSisBS (Multiple Sclerosis Is Beatable Someday) team in Arlington set a goal to raise \$10,000 for National MS Society. One of the young Franklins was diagnosed with MS. This is the family's first year in the Challenge race and out of 40 teams

they are ranked 6th, as of Sept. 1. The family is participating in the walk and Lexi plans to be part of the Super Crew that provides hospitality at the roadside stops. For more information on the Arlington team www.msisbs.wordpress.com

For more information about the walk, visit CapitalChallengeWalkMS@MSandYou.org or call 1-800-FIGHT MS.

Volunteer for Doorways Helps Families into Their Homes

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to our clients' new homes."

In the first six months with the program, Wood moved 13 families. She is quick to express her gratitude to others: Leo, the owner of Budget Truck Rental in Gaithersburg who gives her special pricing on the trucks, Mark Mainardi and his sons, Petey and Alex, who help on moving day.

Wood also acknowledges Kramer who has given her full support: "If it weren't for her, I wouldn't be able to do what I'm doing."

When asked what has been the most gratifying aspect of the work, Wood said, "The humble realization that a child could be so happy to see that he now has his own bed to sleep in."

Barnes says that in addition to the furni-

ture and moving assistance, Wood will often provide bottled water in the fridge or decorative touches to welcome the families to their new home. "Recently Teresa made a delivery to a woman who does not speak English. The woman was so grateful for the assistance that she tried to express her feelings by placing her hand over her heart while smiling and then touching Teresa's

shoulder."

Wood suggests doing a semiannual assessment of the things people have in their homes. "If you're not using it and it's just taking up space, there's somebody in the Doorways Home Start program that could use that every day and truly appreciate it," she smiled as she added, "I can take it, I can move it, I can store it."

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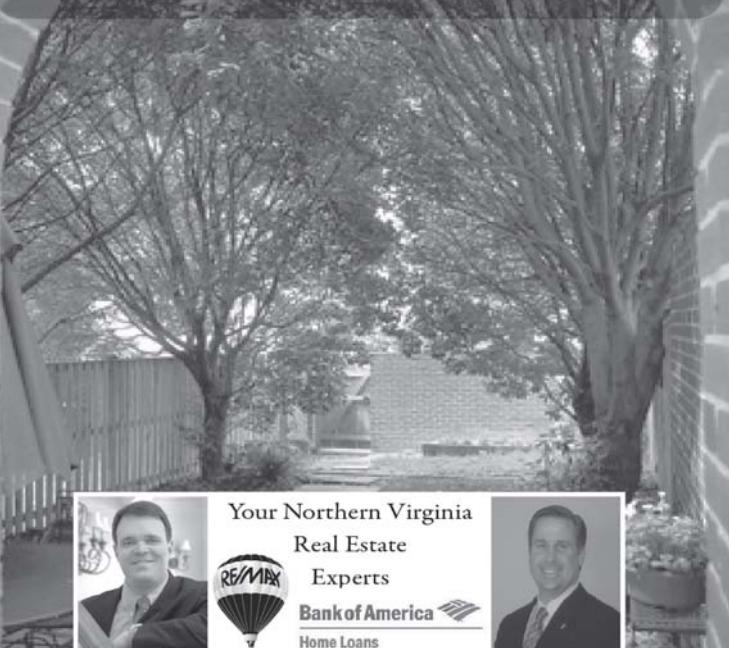
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Author Brings History to Life

Jacqueline Jules writes about the summer of 1787.

BY JEAN GEDDES
THE CONNECTION

Arlington author Jacqueline Jules is also a teacher, librarian and poet with an ability to turn history into an exciting adventure. In her latest work — she has 14 other books — “Unite or Die, How Thirteen States Became a Nation” celebrates the birthday of the U.S. government on Constitution Day, Sept. 17.

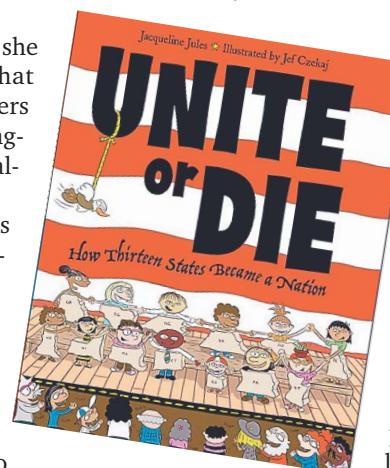
This summer, while families were at the beach, poolside or mountains trying to keep cool, little thought may have been given to the sweltering summer of 1787 when 55 delegates gathered at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, confronted with the problem that they did not have a functioning central government.

In the sizzling Philadelphia heat, locked in a room away from the rest of the world, the delegates fought like teenagers over river rights and boundaries.

Jules brings that time to life as she portrays the scene and notes that Benjamin Franklin called for prayers and George Washington looked haggard as he had not looked since Valley Forge.

In “Unite or Die” which began as a skit for elementary school children and soon evolved into a book, with characters illustrated by artist Jef Czekaj. Much praise is given the author by a friend, herself an author, Carla Heymsfeld, who said, “Jacqueline is certainly tuned into the needs of children today. Her images are excellent and her poetry highly accessible.” The two authors meet with other authors weekly at a local writers’ group to discuss their work.

The wife of U.S. Department of Justice attorney



Jacqueline Jules of Arlington has written “Unite or Die, How Thirteen States Became a Nation.”

Alan Jules, Jacqueline and her husband have two grown sons, one recently married. They have lived in Arlington for 14 years.

“My husband helps edit my work and has created my Web site,” said Jules, who begins a new job this year with Arlington County at Nottingham Elementary School. She has also taught for

Fairfax County for seven years and holds a master’s degree in library science from the University of Maryland. A native Virginian, Jules was born in Petersburg, Va.

Her love of words is apparent as she explains, “I always wanted to be a writer as my mind swirls with words like fireflies on a soft summer night. They dance in the darkness and dare me to chase them.”

Her poetry is also lyrical as when she praises Thomas Jefferson in her poem “Ink and Quill Dreams.” In the last line she writes: “His ink and quill gave us a dream that still sculpts our nation like an artist chiseling the strong, beautiful face of democracy.”

Jules’ book, published by Charlesbridge Publishing, is available at major bookstores.

Eisinger and Wnuk Wed in Bahamas

The marriage of Heather Ann Eisinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Eisinger of Fairfax Station, to Michael Jon Wnuk took place on June 22. Wnuk is the son of Daniel Wnuk of Lakeville, N.Y. and Linda Zoltowski of Rotonda West, Fla.

The wedding ceremony was performed at The Cloisters Garden Gazebo at The One & Only Club in Paradise Island, Bahamas. The dinner and dance reception followed at the Sheraton Nassau Beach Resort. Suzy Eisinger of Dallas, Texas served as her sister’s Maid of Honor. College friend of the bride, Shelly Botzenmayer of Charlotte, N.C., was a bridesmaid. The groomsmen were the groom’s stepbrother, Craig Zoltowski of Stamford, Conn. and college friend, Luis Castaneda of Arlington. Ring bearer was Michael Joyce, 3, son of the couple’s coworker. Cousins of the bride, Judy Jernigan of Winston-Salem, N.C. and Karen Dotson of New Market, read scripture and poetry. The newlyweds traveled to Jamaica for their honeymoon.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of West Springfield High School. She received a bachelor of architecture in 2004 from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. The groom received a master’s of architecture in 2001 from the University at Buffalo. Both the bride and groom are employed by Bowie Gridley Architects in Washington, D.C. They reside in Arlington.



Heather Eisinger and Michael Wnuk

SENIORS

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington's Office of Senior Adult Program, Sept. 20-25.

One-on-one employment counseling. Monday, Sept. 21, 10 a.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th Street. Meet with Haile Woldu, Arlington Employment Center. Free. Call for appointment, 703-228-0955.

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Artist John Singer Sargent's portray-

"FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

als of the sea will be examined, Monday, Sept. 21, 1 p.m., Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18th Street. Presented by art educator Joan Hart. Cost is \$6. Register early by calling 703-228-5722.

Northern Virginia pickleball competition. Monday, Sept. 21, Tuesday, Sept. 22, 9 a.m., Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd Street. Free. Details, 703-228-4721.

Free blood pressure and glucose screenings. Monday, Sept. 21, 10 a.m.-noon, Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Drive. Fast two hours before glucose test. First

come, first served. Details, 703-228-4403.

Michael Baron, associate director, Signature Theatre, will discuss the history and future of Signature, Tuesday, Sept. 22, 11 a.m., Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway. Free. Call to register, 703-228-0555.

New digital hearing technology to be explained plus hearing screening and minor hearing aid repairs, Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1 p.m., Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Drive. Call to register, 703-228-4403.

Using and abusing **prescription medications** by seniors will be dis-

cussed Tuesday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th Street. Program. Conducted by Dr. Ron Wynne, clinical psychologist and consultant, Arlington Substance Abuse Program. Free. Call to register, 703-228-0955.

Wii bowling tournament between Goodwin House Baileys Crossroads and Langston-Brown Senior Center, Wed., Sept. 23, 1 p.m., Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N., Culpeper Street. Free. Details, 703-228-5321.

Learn how to use the **networking game**, conducted by employment counselor Jack Dunne, Thursday, Sept. 24, 1 p.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909

S. 16th Street. Free. Call to sign up, 703-228-0955.

Comedy Club reliving oldtime classic radio and television shows, Friday, Sept. 25, 10:30 a.m., Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18th Street. Free. Call to sign up, 703-228-5722.

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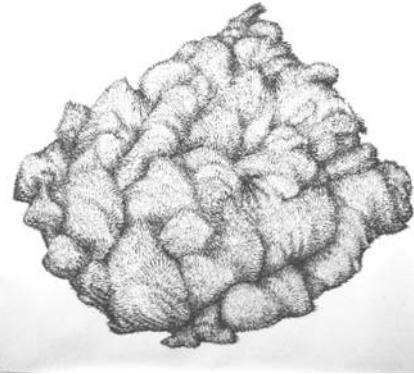
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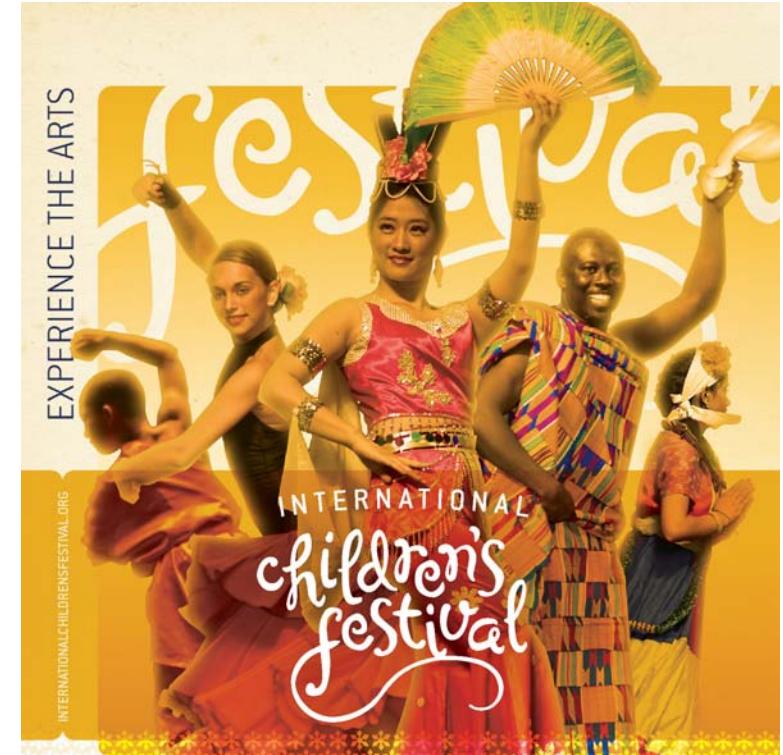
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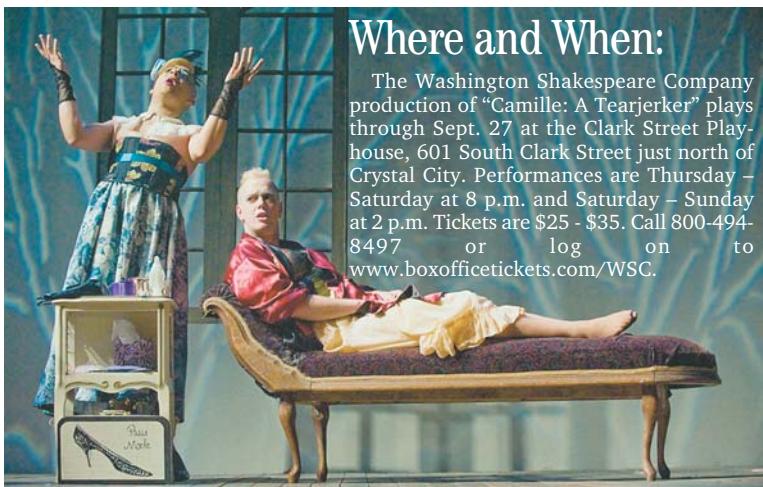
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Frank Britton and Jay Hardee star in "Camille: A Tearjerker."

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Tears in High Drag

Washington Shakespeare Co.'s "Camille" is a tearjerker.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE CONNECTION

The Washington Shakespeare Company's new production of "Camille: A Tearjerker" answers the question "Can one story accommodate the extremes of tragedy and comedy?" with a resounding "Yes, if it is extreme in the first place." What's more, they throw in the very theatrical elements of a drag show, with marvelous actor Jay Hardee in the title role.

The novel written in 1848 which became both a classic of the stage and screen with such memorable actresses as Sarah Bernhardt and Greta Garbo, and a classic of grand opera as Verdi's "La Traviata," makes a unique drag show that is fun and funny at one extreme and lives up to the promise of the subtitle "tearjerker" at the other.

The company didn't just decide one day to have the role of the beautiful but fatally ill prostitute played by a man instead of a woman. The approach is one of the most notable innovations of Charles Ludlam, the

author of that other classic of drag theater, "The Mystery of Irma Vep" who, with his Ridiculous Theatrical Company, produced this drag version of the tale in 1973 with Ludlam himself as Camille.

Ludlam subtitled his version "A Travesty on La Dame aux Camélias by Alexandre Dumas Fils" providing both the full title of the original novel and its author, the son (or "fils") of the Alexandre Dumas who had written such hits of the adventure-romance genre as "The Count of Monte Cristo" and "The Three Musketeers." There were no sword fights in the son's story, just a heart-touching tale of a love that couldn't succeed in the Parisian society of its time.

With Hardee as Camille, the production under director Christopher Henley takes on a heft that belies mere transvestitism or camp drag flippancy. That's not to say that the production isn't campy, it superbly fits the definition of "camp" as "humorously and outrageously utilizing exaggerated feminine behavior or attitudes." From outrageous costumes (designed by Jennifer Tardiff)

to over-the-top strutting and flouncing from actors like Kim Curtis, who makes some of the prose dialogue sound like spirited poetry, and Frank Britton, who lip-synchs nearly flawlessly to Lena Horne's recording of "Stormy Weather," the production doesn't shy away from excess. Indeed, the bare bottom of one actor caught in a spotlight is the opening image of the entire show.

Hardee joins in the spirit of humor and high energy vamping for the lighter scenes of the play, but manages to shift to a heart-tugging sadness as his/her character's illness turns terminal and the romance appears hopelessly undermined by society's expectations. Hardee takes the show to a higher level of emotional impact.

Also impressive are two non-campy performances, those of James Finley as Camille's lover who hasn't the fortune she needs to support her life style and John C. Bailey as the lover's father who begs Camille to break it off before the relationship ruins his son's reputation beyond repair.



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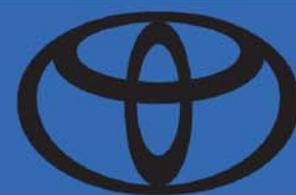


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Wakefield Drops Season Opener to Lee

Warriors hold Lancers scoreless in second half.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Facing fourth-and-nine in the fourth quarter, Wakefield quarterback Vincent Roberts kept the football on an option right, spun away from a Lee defender and scampered for 25 yards and a first down.

Four plays later, Roberts again kept the ball, this time on a quarterback sneak from the Lee 1-yard line, and surged across the goal line for a Warriors touchdown.

The good news for Wakefield: Roberts' runs highlighted an 11-play drive, which produced six points and included three first downs.

The bad news for Wakefield: The fourth quarter drive produced the Warriors' only points and first downs of the evening.

Wakefield struggled on both sides of the ball Friday.

MEANWHILE, Lee buried the Warriors with five second-quarter touchdowns en route to a 38-6 victory at WHS during the season opener for both teams.

Offensively, Wakefield was limited to 64 yards, 59 of which came on its final drive. Roberts led the team in rushing with 29 yards on three carries. Starting quarterback Drew Powell, a sophomore, completed 6 of 20 passes for 21 yards and was intercepted once. Powell had several passes dropped by receivers.

Defensively, the Warriors (0-1) allowed 38 first-half points.

The Warriors have 13 seniors listed on their 47-player roster leaving coach Keith Powell with little in the way of experience to help turn around a struggling program.



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Wakefield lineman Daniel Voigtsberger (78) and his Warrior teammates dropped their season opener against Lee on Friday.

Wakefield has won fewer than four games in each of the last five seasons.

Opening the 2009 season against a talented Lee team didn't make things any easier for Wakefield. The Warriors held the Lancers (1-0) scoreless in the second half, but Lee coach Rob Everett had already pulled quarterback Greg Lopez and running back Idreis Augustus out of the game. Lopez completed 7 of 8 passes for 143 yards and three touchdowns, while Augustus rushed for 125 yards and two touchdowns and caught three passes for 81 yards and two scores.

Powell said he told his players: "They played a better second half. They showed a little pride. They didn't lie down. They kept fighting, so that was good."

Powell said the junior Roberts, who scored the Warriors' lone touchdown after taking over at quarterback, has come a long way.

Roberts is a "phenomenal kid," Powell

said. "He was a kid just last year that the team didn't believe in him at all. Now when he comes in [as the second] quarterback ... they believe in him, so that's huge. I try to use those guys for what they do best. Vincent runs a better speed option than Drew."

WIDE RECEIVER/safety Dashawn Grady, a Wakefield senior captain, said the Warriors need to improve their first-half performance. On Friday, Lee scored a touchdown on its opening possession and scored four of its five second-quarter touchdowns on plays of more than 30 yards.

"It was real rough," Grady said. "We've got a lot of young guys. We were kind of lost, not really sure what we were doing. ... We need to have the intensity in that first half instead of trying to bring it up in the second half. That's what the old Wakefield normally did. We let the first half slide away

and try to pick it up in the second half and by then it's too late."

Wakefield's Boubacar Diallo rushed seven times for 23 yards and Luca Cagianese caught three passes for 13 yards.

Leading 6-0, Lee took the game over during the second quarter. Augustus scored on an 8-yard run to open the quarter, giving the Lancers a 12-point advantage. After Wakefield missed a field goal, Lee got the ball on its own 20; Augustus exploded up the middle of the field for an 80-yard touchdown run.

Lopez found Augustus for a 32-yard touchdown pass on Lee's next possession, giving the Lancers a 24-0 lead.

Lee fumbled the ball away on its next possession, but wouldn't be denied for long. Facing third-and-19 during the Lancers' next possession, Lopez connected with a wide-open Augustus for a 37-yard touchdown.

LOPEZ AND AUGUSTUS "are the best out there — anywhere," Everett said. "The great thing about them is that they have the ability to make something out of nothing."

Lee added a 38-yard touchdown pass from Lopez to Mikquan Johnson on the last play of the first half.

Jazmier Williams rushed 12 times for 74 yards and a touchdown for Lee.

Wakefield hosts Dominion at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Dominion is off to an 0-2 start, losing to Loudoun Valley and Ballou by a combined score of 87-9.

Powell said the Warriors are aiming for a 5-5 record in 2009, which would be a two-game improvement from last season.

"When we looked at the schedule, we just felt like there's five teams that we should be able to beat if we perform — Robert E. Lee wasn't one of them," Powell said. ... "We're going to keep our heads up and keep playing. This is [my third year as head coach]. We're just bound and determined to turn this program around."

"We're going to be all right."

Delp Wins State Golf Championship

He goes for green in two on par-5 18th.

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN
THE CONNECTION

Lorton's Laurel Hill Golf Club hosted the Virginia Public Links Championship Aug. 28-31. A field of 78 amateur players was cut after two days of medal play, with the low 16 golfers entering match play on the third day.

In the finals on Aug. 31, Arlington's Jimmy Delp won his first state title by beating medalist Jason Copeland from Virginia Beach, 1-up.

"This is first big title that I've won in a long time," he said afterward.

And he won with considerable style. Leading 1-up going into the par-5 18th hole, he elected to go for the green in two. He hit a 6-iron from 210 yards to within 15 feet of the cup, while Copeland chipped his third to within 14 feet. When Delp's putt settled inches from the hole, Copeland conceded the match.

Delp had built a 4-up lead by the ninth hole in the finals, but his lead dwindled. Suddenly only 1-up on the par-3 14th, Delp made matters worse when his tee shot leaked into a greenside bunker.

"I made the best up-an-down of my life on that hole," he said.

He and Copeland halved the hole, Delp regained his momentum, and Copeland stayed in the match through 18 only with great scrambling around the green.

A 2002 George Mason graduate, Delp, 30, lives in Balston and works for the facilities management division of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Two Fairfax players reached the semifinals, Jeffrey Topp and Tom Adrounie, but lost to Delp and Copeland, respectively.

In the early days of American golf, players had to belong to private clubs in order to be eligible to play in national championships. Faced with a growing number of public-course players, the U.S. Golf Association, which has conducted the U.S. Open and Amateur since 1895, established its first men's public links championship in 1922. The Virginia State Golf Association started its men's public links championship in 2004, but does not offer a women's event. USGA held its first national women's public links tournament in 1977.



Arlington's Jimmy Delp won the 2009 Virginia Public Links Championship August 31 at Lorton's Laurel Hill Golf Club.

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Closing the Loophole

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enough information that you speculate as opposed to more concrete evidence and information that would give you a clearer picture of what the actual arrest was about."

In the case of Baker's arrest, for example, the summary created a story of its own. Because David Baker was identified as Paul Baker, some speculated that the Arlington County Police Department was engaging in a cover-up to prevent public disclosure of the arrest of Alexandria's police chief. One person who made that argument was Chip Watkins, an Arlington tax attorney who saw a copy of the document and speculated that the mistake was intentional.

"Public officials who try to hide information never look good," said Watkins. "Either someone was trying to cover up for him or they were just sloppy."

ARLINGTON COUNTY Police officials acknowledged that the summary contained incorrect information, and that the original police report identified David Baker being arrested in 2009. But it's impossible

"I don't think that openness and public safety are in any way mutually exclusive."

— Del. David Englin (D-45)

to independently verify this because the Arlington County Police still won't release the police report. Arlington police officials denied they were engaging in a cover-up, and they defended the practice of suppressing the documents as a matter of policy.

"We want to keep a lot of this information from being released to the public to protect the integrity of the investigations," said Lt. Patrick Donahue. "In many cases, these reports contain details about the methods there were used to commit crimes that haven't been solved yet."

As currently drafted, Englin's legislation would force police departments to release incident reports. But it also would preserve exemptions for an array of information: complaints, memoranda, correspondence, case files, witness statements and evidence relating to a criminal investigation or prosecution. Supporters of the legislation say that would allow police departments to redact information that would jeopardize ongoing investigations. But it remains unclear how that would work in practice.

"Once you redact evidence relating to a criminal investigation, what's left?" asked Craig Fifer, a member of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council. "It's unclear to me that additional information would be released that wasn't already available in the summary."

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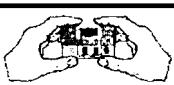
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Joe Wholey at Courthouse Crossings

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APAH Celebrates 20 Years

FROM PAGE 3

APAH soon would purchase its first properties on North Kenilworth and North Kennebec streets. With help from the County Board, the 17 units were acquired in 1991. They were named Fisher House I and Fisher House II, in memory of former County Board member and Rep. Joe Fisher, who took interest in affordable housing while serving on the County Board.

"Tom Leckey and Jack Sweeney were skilled," said Wholey, noting that the group put "some sweat equity" into rehabbing the buildings.

Rosslyn Ridge, a 22-unit complex on North Pierce Street, was purchased by APAH in 1994. A decade later, that was torn down to build the 238-unit Parc Rosslyn, a mixed-income high-rise that opened to renters in May 2008. Forty percent of Parc Rosslyn's units are set aside for moderate-income renters, and the rest are leased at market rates.

THE ORGANIZATION has grown rapidly in recent years with the addition of Parc Rosslyn and the purchase of Courthouse Crossings, consisting of 112 units, in 2006.

The recent acquisitions and renovations at other properties have kept APAH's name in the news.

That's a challenge that sometimes faces the organization, said outgoing Board of

Directors chairwoman Carolyn Settles, who is exiting at the end of this year after three years in charge. The new board chairman, William A. Fogarty, is a lawyer with the firm of Walsh Colucci Lubeley Emrich & Walsh PC in Courthouse Plaza.

Settles has given board members a card filled with key points to mention about the need for affordable housing.

"There's so many people that need affordable housing at all times, regardless of the economic times," said Settles, founder of Settles Associates Inc.

"We've tried to engage the county, both the staff and the board, engage them and acquaint them in greater detail with the organization and what we've accomplished," she added, "and to highlight some of our board members who are important members of the community."

The fundraiser aims to raise \$50,000 to continue APAH's work with affordable housing in the county.

The organization has also received a number of awards for its projects, receiving the 2009 Innovation Award from the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers, and being named Best Small Business by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce in 2008.

Parc Rosslyn also was the first multifamily development in Arlington County and one of the first in the county to receive a "silver" LEED ranking from the U.S. Green Building Council.

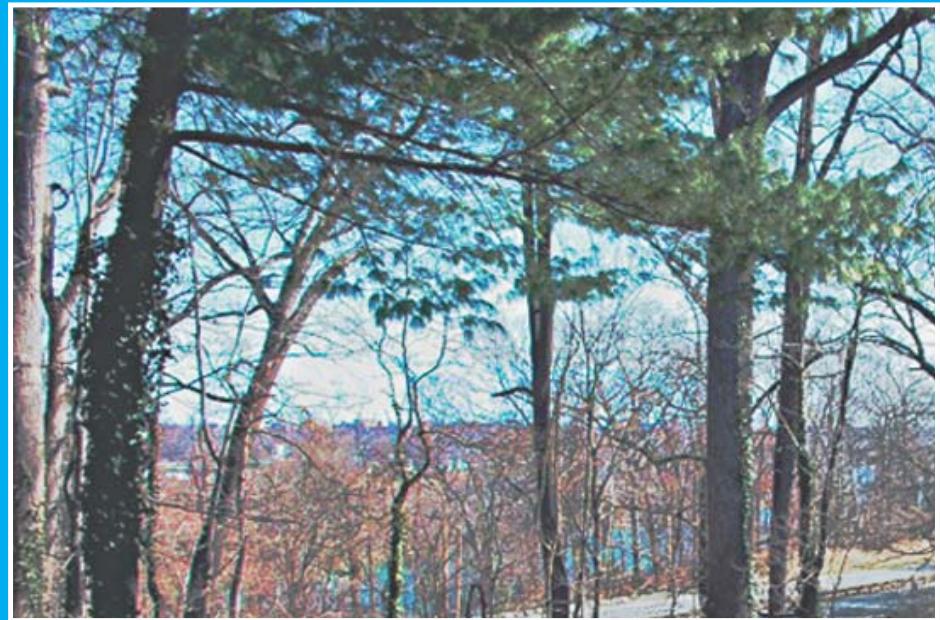
Timeline

- ♦ **Aug. 28, 1963:** Two of the founding members of the partnership — Joe Wholey and Tom Leckey — and their wives, Dolores Leckey and Midge Wholey, meet en route to the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, where Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech. The couples keep in touch. In later years, they meet regularly to discuss religion, psychology and social justice.
- ♦ **1989:** Inspired by a document released by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, "Economic Justice for All," the couples decide to examine what they could do to help find affordable housing units in the county. They are joined in their effort by two other couples, Bill and Rhoda Nary, and Jack and Jean Sweeney. A local Catholic church, Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, provides a donation to get what will be known as Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing off the ground.
- ♦ **October 1990:** APAH receives a grant for \$524,500 from the Arlington County Board to renovate apartment buildings on North Kenilworth and North Kennebec streets — about 42 percent of the cost to purchase and renovate the buildings. The units would become Fisher House I and Fisher House II.
- ♦ **1994:** APAH opens its second building, Rosslyn Ridge, with 22 units of affordable housing on North Pierce Street. Rosslyn Ridge would be torn down a decade later to make way for Parc Rosslyn.
- ♦ **1995:** APAH opens Fisher House III and Fisher House IV, for a total of 16 units. In the next five years, APAH would create more than 100 additional affordable housing units in the county.
- ♦ **2000:** APAH opens Leckley Gardens, a 40-unit building on North Woodrow Street, named after APAH co-founder Tom Leckley. He died in June 2003 at 69.
- ♦ **May 2008:** APAH opens Parc Rosslyn, a 238-unit building on the site of the old Rosslyn Ridge, with 96 affordable units in the complex.
- ♦ **May 2009:** The Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (HAND) awards APAH achievement awards for the best project in northern Virginia and innovation.
- ♦ **June 2009:** Parc Rosslyn is certified as the county's first multifamily property to receive a silver LEED ranking from the U.S. Green Building Council.

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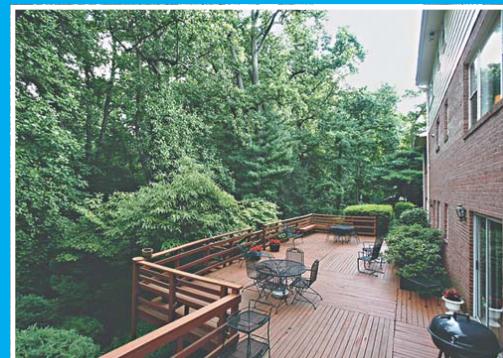
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