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Editor-in-Chief, *The Southwester*

Field Trip: We Landed on Earth!

Did you know NASA's headquarters are located in Southwest DC? Located on the corner of 4th and E St. SW, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration is in charge of U.S. science and technology that has to do with airplanes or space. The headquarters building is just one of 10 NASA centers located across the United States. What's important to this story is the large information display screens on the front of the building. That's where I saw a tweet from @NASASocial saying (in less than 140 characters) to apply to meet NASA Social in Cape Canaveral, Florida, to watch the next NASA and SpaceX rocket launch. I applied immediately, for journalism's sake, mind you. (Fun fact: I studied astrophysics in undergrad and am a major space nerd.)

The mission was simple: Launch a rocket into space to resupply the International Space Station (ISS) with cargo, all while safely returning the rocket back to Earth by vertically landing on a launch pad for future reuse. The why is pretty simple: Save money by reusing rockets. The how,



A time-lapse photo of the launch and landing of the Dragon 9 rocket. (Photo credit: SpaceX)

however, is not.

The Dragon 9 rides atop the Falcon 9 and is designed to deliver both cargo and, in the future, people to orbiting destinations (this time the ISS). SpaceX describes the Falcon 9 as "a two-stage rocket designed and manufactured by SpaceX for the reliable and safe transport of satellites and the Dragon spacecraft into orbit." Falcon 9 was designed to be fully reusable and has landing legs, which are used to land the rocket safely on Earth after takeoff. Too easy, right? Not exactly. This had only been tried once before and let's just say none of the parts or science projects aboard made it.

While I would like to say it was a childhood dream of mine to watch a launch at Cape Canaveral, I cannot. I only got into looking beyond this planet in high school and college when I was president of the space club, employee at the planetarium, and teaching assistant at the observatory—all were hidden beneath my cool guy persona on the college basketball team. (It didn't last long.) Needless to say, this was a dream come true.

After landing in Orlando and making the one-hour commute east, I checked in for a behind-the-scenes tour with my fellow NASA

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What's in a Name: A Series on Shakespeare, SEU, and Southwest, Part 4

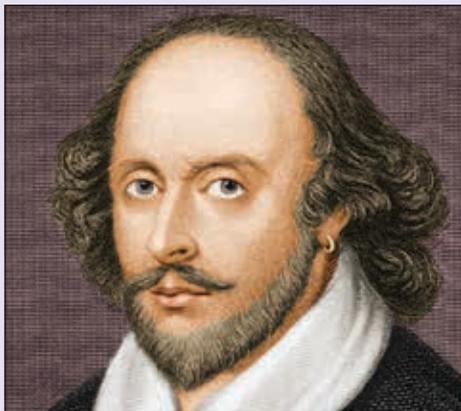
By: Katelynd Mahoney

Author's note: This is part four of a series on the redevelopment of the old Southeastern University site in Southwest. These articles will serve to provide information for the greater community, and not to take a side on the development debate.

This series, started in Sept. 2015, continues to focus on the site at 501 I St. SW, for which plans were submitted to create a mixed-used development by a joint venture between Shakespeare Theatre Company (STC) and Erkiletian Development Group. This project was named "The Bard" after William Shakespeare. The Planned Unit Development (PUD) submitted for The Bard, originally submitted on Feb. 3 of this year, had sought to rezone the parcel of land from R-3 "Institutional" to "SP-2." The building would range in heights from 73'2" (seven stories) at the corner of 5th and I Streets to 41'11" (four stories), along the 6th St. SW side as well as a portion of the H St. SW side of the development. The proposed development would be 2.29 floor area ratio (FAR) denser and 33 feet taller than what is permitted by the site's current R-3 zone.

Two major developments have occurred since the last article of this series: First, an amendment was submitted to the original PUD offering more community benefits and Inclusionary Zoning (IZ) units. Second, the PUD was withdrawn in its entirety, with the intention of resubmitting in fall of 2016.

On June 29 2016, an amendment was submitted, and would change the PUD to



William Shakespeare

provide for additional community benefits and increased IZ units to 11 (up from nine), which represents 8% of the total number of units in the building, for those households who earn 80% or less of the Area Median Income (AMI); two units for top teaching and leadership at Amidon-Bowen Elementary School and Jefferson Academy Middle School at 40% AMI for period of 10 years, with these units being in addition to the 11 IZ units; a long-term curriculum for both schools, which will be created by STC, including two live performances a year at each school and also after school programming twice a week; and STC will provide a production and transportation for up to 100 students and teachers to one STC production each year at no cost, and will include a preperformance workshop, teacher preview performance, and professional development in advance of the performance (PUD pages 1-4).

In response to a request for comment on the new benefits, Lucy Rojansky, Amidon-Bowen PTA president, said, "STC and Erki-

letian have committed to some major, tangible investments in the future of Amidon-Bowen and Jefferson Academy by offering two apartments at 40% off market rate, and \$10,000 per year for six years into each school's PTA account." Rojansky also noted that the partnerships with the local schools on "curricular enrichments and cultural opportunities" is an opportunity for local students who may never otherwise have access to this type of programming and experience. "I've been very impressed," Rojansky continued, "with the president of Erkiletian's commitment to education and I think The Bard would be a boon for our neighborhood and our schools, and could serve as a model for the city for how development can make a positive difference for our kids."

Surrounding neighbors, however, had a differing opinion than that of the PTA president. Peter Eicher, whose townhouse overlooks the development site, called the benefits "far less than meets the eye." He notes that the benefits related to the production and transportation to the production is already offered by STC. In fact, on their website, STC has a section devoted to education and theater benefits for DC public and public charter high schools. This program is currently offering the same benefits to 8-12 graders within the DC Public Schools system. STC's proposed benefits would extend this program to the local elementary and middle school.

Eicher also notes that the two additional units for the 80% AMI brings the project up to the minimum 8% requirement under DC

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Jamie Ewing

New STEM Teacher at Amidon-Bowen

Jamie Ewing is a National Board certified teacher who has been recognized nationally and internationally for the way he inspires learning. Jamie is the 2015 Henry Ford Innovative Teacher of the Year, 2014 MOHAI Teacher of the Year, and the 2013 National Academy of Arts and Science in Education Innovative Teacher of the Year. He is on the Teacher 2 Teacher Advisory Board for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. He represented the United States at the 2013/14 Microsoft Partners in Learning Global Forum in Prague and Barcelona, Spain. He is featured in the www.Code.org video alongside Bill Gates, Mark

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17 Southwest Students Awarded College Scholarships

By: Audrey Hinton, Co-chair, SWNA Education and Scholarship Task Force

On Sunday, July 10, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's (SWNA's) Education and Scholarship Task Force (ESTF) awarded 17 Southwest youths with college scholarships. The event, "Celebrating 42 Years of Awarding College Scholarships," was also a reunion of alumni scholarship recipients.

In her opening remarks, Thelma D. Jones, mistress of ceremonies and chairperson of the SWNA Youth Activities Task Force (YATF), said that she felt honored to be the emcee of the program having worked closely with some of the scholarship recipients since they were 12 years old or younger in the YATF Computer-for-Kids program. "To see the youth come full circle speaks volumes about SWNA and the community support from generous individuals like you

and local businesses," she said.

Kirstin L. Jones, a task force member and alumna, brought a warm welcome to the 60 attendees at Westminster Church and thanked the task force for awarding her with a scholarship five years ago. "I am happy to serve on the task force now and give back to my community just like the task force gave to me," she said.

Bruce A. Levine, president of SWNA, gave a brief history of the scholarship program, noting that almost 200 students living in DC zip code 20024 have received awards to attend colleges or technical institutions over the program's 42-year history. He stressed the importance of an education as the best way for young people to achieve a successful and rewarding life and emphasized that of all the work SWNA and its various task forces do, nothing is more important than what the ESTF does to help SWNA fulfill its mission of enhancing the quality of life for residents in Southwest DC.

Current scholarship recipients shared their talents with the audience during the program. Jada B. Miles, a 2016 graduate of Duke Ellington School of the Arts and a 2016 scholarship recipient, performed a rousing tap dance that earned applause from the audience several times. She will major in business management at Dean College in Franklin, Mass., and aspires to pursue a career in dance.

Kiana B. Livingston presented a poem that she was inspired to write in the wake of the recent police killings of young African-American men. The poem voiced her fear that any day the life of one of her cousins or best friends could suddenly and senselessly be taken away and questioned whether the police see the values of



2016 scholarship recipients (front row L to R): Nicolas Moses, Alysha Berry, Haili Blassingame, and Kiana Livingston. (Back row L to R): Tantanina Brown, Gary Hill, Tiffany Livingston, and Phillip O'Sullivan. (Photos courtesy of Perry Klein.)

black lives. Kiana is a 2015 and 2016 scholarship recipient and a rising sophomore at SUNY Purchase in Purchase, NY.

Task force member Delmar Weathers presented SWNA Alumni Reunion (SAR) Awards to Rhonda Hamilton and Benjamin C. Sands, Jr. Rhonda Hamilton received an award for her years of persistent and prolonged service in the Southwest community. She is a resident of Syphax Gardens and president of the Syphax Gardens Resident Council, a position previously held by her mother. She has spent the last 10 years as a strong advocate for voiceless Southwest residents, tirelessly helping to improve their quality of life. Ever concerned about Southwest residents, Hamilton is currently a leader in addressing environmental issues that negatively impact the Southwest community and is a force to be reckoned with in her position as a well-respected ANC6D commissioner.

Benjamin C. Sands, Jr. is a musician, music educator, and visual artist who has also made major accomplishments in acting, theater, and play writing. He received recognition from the task force for teaching, mentoring, and nurturing young people in the DC community. He entertained the audience with saxophone and piano performances of his original compositions and credited the scholarships he received 1975-1977 for helping finance his college education and making it possible for him to buy a saxophone.

Thelma D. Jones praised both Hamilton and Sands as "...wonderful examples of the sound investment the community has made in them, as they've never stop heeding our calls or giving back generously to the

community." Other alumni members in attendance were Jamal Jones and Mary Early. N'Dieye Gray Danavall, a digital media artist who lives in Jonesboro, Ga., sent greetings in a video presentation.

Task force co-chair Audrey Hinton introduced the scholarship recipients and praised them for their exemplary character, leadership skills, scholarship, and commitment to family and community service. The students' proud parents and other family members were asked to stand to be recognized as the students were

applauded and presented with a laminated certificate of congratulations for their academic achievement. The 17 SWNA scholarship recipients for 2016 are: Haili Blassingame, Alysha Berry, Tantanina Brown, Roman P. Hamilton, Natchya Hardison, Gary T. Hill, Kiana B. Livingston, Tiffany R. Livingston, Lavance Parks, Jada Miles, Asha R. Marshall, Marlon Mitchell, Nicolas Moses, Najma A. Pettiford, Tsahai A. Pettiford, Attalah A. Shabazz, and Phillip O'Sullivan.

In her closing remarks, task force co-chair Vyllorya Evans expressed her appreciation for the support the ESTF has received from the Southwest community over the past 42 years. She acknowledged the people and organizations that have donated \$1,000 or more for the 2016 scholarships. They are: Friends of Southwest DC, JMA Solutions, Gangplank Association, and Camille Cook.

Co-chair Evans also gave special thanks for support to the Southwest Neighborhood Library, Westminster Church, the National Congress of Black Women, Inc., the Anacostia Community Museum, the Southwest Business Improvement District, task force committee members (Rick Bardach, Kendra Bellamy, Nanette Cothran, Cheryl Hansberry Moore, Peri Hamlin, Thelma D. Jones, Dale MacIver, Dena Walker, Delmar Weathers, Bianca Kersellius, Kirstin L. Jones, and Kathy Williams), and other volunteers.

In the end, Evans informed the audience that the task force is still accepting donations so that it can fulfill its goal of giving each of the 17 students a \$1500 scholarship. If you are interested in making a tax deductible donation to this worthy cause, please make your check payable to SWNA and mail it to: SWNA Scholarship Fund, PO Box 70131, Washington, DC 20024.



Scholarship alumni (L to R): Kirstin Jones, Jamal Jones, Mary Early, and Rhonda Hamilton.

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Benjamin Sands holding the original saxophone sponsored by his SWNA scholarship.

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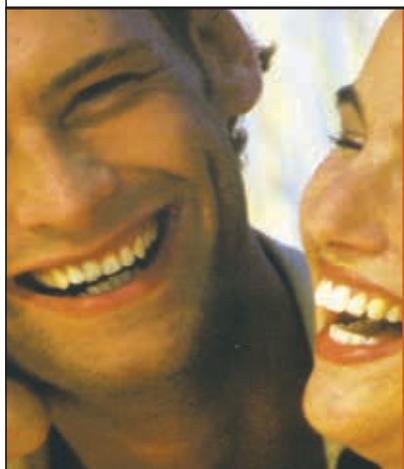
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Southwest's Komen Toastmasters Elects New Officers

By: **Christina Scheltema**

Komen Toastmasters—Southwest's friendly neighborhood toastmasters' club—elected new officers for the 2016/17 toastmasters year, which runs from July 1 2016 to June 30 2017.

Distinguished Toastmaster Vann-Di Galloway is serving as club president. Mr. Galloway has served in various leadership roles both in Toastmasters District 27, which covers Southeast and Southwest DC, parts of Prince George's County Maryland, and Northern Virginia and District 36, which covers Northeast and Northwest DC and Montgomery County Maryland. Galloway has served as club coach, division governor, area governor, district chief judge, and instructor at the biennial Toastmasters Leadership Institute. Marlene Fultz, Komen's immediate past president and neighborhood resident, continues to advise the club.

Regina Curry, Komen's new vice president of education (VPE), will be expanding our education program to include a series of talks about public speaking and leadership. "As VPE, I am committed to helping Komen members improve

their speaking and leadership abilities by taking advantage of the speaking and leadership opportunities available to them as members of Toastmasters," she said. In addition to her role with Komen, Ms. Curry currently serves as a division director for Toastmasters District 27, and oversees about 20 clubs.

Berkeley Hirsch, another neighborhood resident, is now serving as vice president of membership. He previously served as vice president of education. Mr. Hirsch will greet you if you visit Komen, with Karen Becks, the new sergeant-at-arms.

Josh Ghaffari, newly elected vice president of public relations, plans to expand the club's presence on the web and social media, including Facebook and Meetup. Mr. Ghaffari also resides in Southwest.

Komen Toastmasters meets on the first and third Saturday of the month in the basement conference room of the Southwest Neighborhood Library. Meetings run from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Visitors are always welcome. At the next meeting on Aug. 6, Berkeley Hirsch will be speaking on "Ten Ways to Overcome Your Fear."

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law for new residential development projects of 10 or more units for IZ units. The Office of Planning, in a memo concerning the office's recommendation on the project released June 30, said something very similar: "The applicant is now complying with the IZ requirement for determining the minimum IZ square footage." (It is worth noting that the PUD as originally submitted calculated 8% of the total number of units available to the public for rent, which is 93, rather than the total number of units within the project, which is 136, as 34 units are for actor housing.) The new number of units, 11, brings the total number of 80% AMI units to 8% of the total project.

Despite these additional community benefits, however, the Office of Planning did not recommend that the case be set down for a public hearing with the Zoning Commission, an important step to this project coming to fruition. In the same memo released the day after the amended PUD, the Office of Planning noted: "The proposed PUD is inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan, with respect to both use and density. It is also inconsistent with the Southwest Small Area Plan approved by the Council of the District of Columbia in July, 2015." The Office of Planning recommend

that STC continue to discuss the use of the land "through the Comprehensive Plan review process, as recommended in the Southwest Neighborhood Small Area Plan." The Office of Planning also noted the continued concerns of the community and nearby residents as to why this parcel was not included in the recommendations for land use changes for the Southwest Neighborhood Small Area Plan.

Seven days after this memo was released, STC and Erkiletian Development announced their decision to withdraw the PUD in its entirety. In a joint press release by STC and Erkiletian Development, and submitted to a request for comment by *The Southwester*, Chris Jennings, managing director for STC, said: "The Shakespeare Theatre Company and Erkiletian Development is committed to staying in the District of Columbia and Southwest DC, and will continue working with community leaders and neighbors on a building that meets the requirements articulated through the planning process". STC and Erkiletian Development plan to resubmit a new PUD in the fall, according to the same press release.

The Office of Planning's memo and recommendation is leading many to wonder just how different the new PUD will be, and what changes, if any, will come to the community benefits. *The Southwester* will continue to follow the story and provide updates as they come forth.

be the first cargo mission to do so. Nearly eight minutes later a bright light appeared overhead, the Falcon 9 rocket re-entered the atmosphere and was hurtling toward us. Or so we thought. It was actually a controlled descent toward the landing pad a few miles from where the rocket launched. As it got closer to Earth you could hear the collective holdings of breath. "Come on...come on...come on," I said. Just before touching down three loud sonic booms shook the sky. Next thing you know the landing pad glowed as speakers announced the Dragon 9 had landed! (See a short video of my view of the landing.)

Thanks to NASA Social and Space X for an unforgettable experience. For more information on NASA Social, visit: <https://www.nasa.gov/connect/social/index.html>.

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Social winners. We were taken to multiple areas and even on live TV as we interviewed some of the scientists in a segment on NASA TV called "What's on Board the SpaceX Dragon?"

Later that evening we arrived back to the media site to board the bus to go view the launch from "The Causeway" (the best public viewing location). As 12:45 a.m. struck we heard the countdown come over the live speakers, "10...9...8..." My heart raced. The engines roared. And there it was: my first launch. A beautiful yellow fire plume pushed the Falcon 9 higher and higher. The crowd cheered as the rocket pushed through the clouds and into outer space.

...But we all were waiting on Act 2: the return and landing, which, if successful, would

STEM

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Zuckerberg, and other industry leaders. STEM + design think + problem-based learning + 21st century skills = 21st century education! Mentor, innovator, coach, believer: Students come first.

This is what he says about his new role: "I am excited to be joining the Amidon-Bowen family as the new STEM instructor. Together with Principal Sykes's lead and the Amidon-Bowen staff, I will be helping transform Amidon-Bowen learning to be a true STEM experience for our students. We are looking at many different ways to engage all students, pre-K to 5th, in new and exciting ways of exploring STEM. We are also looking into ways

to carry this vision into after school. I am really excited about being part of bringing this vision to life and working with the Amidon-Bowen staff, students, families and community."



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Nats Host WHHA for Herbert Hoover Day

By: Shannon Vaughn
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On July 3, the Washington Nationals hosted the White House Historical Association (WHHA) to commemorate the 31st president of the United States, Herbert Hoover. The day started with a Hoover bobblehead for the first 25,000 fans and was further highlighted by the presence of two of the former president's grandchildren. Grandson James Hoover joined Nationals Manager Dusty Baker to exchange lineup cards while granddaughter Margaret Hoover, a former resident of 355 Eye St. SW, got the game started



James Hoover chats with Nationals Manager Dusty Baker before exchanging lineup cards.



Former Southwest resident Margaret Hoover gets the game started with a rowdy call to "Play ball!"

to win \$1000. Two Southwest youths were selected for their storyboard on 26th President Teddy Roosevelt. The challenge will be repeated again next year.

The game itself was fun, too. Danny Espinosa continued his amazing grand slam of the week, while Bryce Harper added another home run. As Hoover's grandson James Hoover said, "[President Hoover] always preferred offense over defense. Today he'd have both."

Noting the great play on both sides of the ball, McLaurin said, "This could be Hoover luck. We might have to have more Hoover days." We could go for that!

with a rowdy call to "Play ball!" They were joined by Gregory M. Dean, the DC fire chief, who threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

The game is only one part of a three-year partnership between WHHA and the Nationals. A cornerstone of this partnership is the White House history challenge. The WHHA history challenge takes place at all 81 home games during the regular season as fans answer a history trivia question for a chance to win the official White House Christmas Ornament.

WHHA President Stewart McLaurin said he hopes the partnership will continue as he said, "It's all about education. Teaching kids and adults about our history, the Washington Nationals is a great way to do just that." Earlier this year, the WHHA wrapped up their first contest focused toward kids in the DC, Maryland, Virginia region fishing the "Presidential History Challenge: White House at Bat!" where kids were tasked with creating storyboards for 50-second history videos



White House Historical Association President Stewart D. McLaurin with President Herbert Hoover. (Photo courtesy of the White House Historical Association.)



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WED 3, 6 P.M. Consumer Protection program with the DC Office of the Attorney General. SW Library.

SAT 6, 10 A.M.-4 P.M. Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall announces its next quarterly Public Open House of Grant Hall's historic third-floor courtroom, located on the Fort McNair side of the Joint Base in southwest Washington D.C. The courtroom is the site of the military tribunal, held from May through June 1865, of those thought responsible for the plot to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.** Members of the public are invited to the Public Open House, which is free to attend. Guests without a Department of Defense (DoD), Federal or AIE (Automated Installation Entry) ID are required to register to attend. Please access the following link online to complete your registration: <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=301930&k=016143007857> Or go to the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Facebook Events Page at https://www.facebook.com/events/151850835226900/?active_tab=posts, then click on the "find tickets" tab to access the reservation site.

SAT 6, 10 A.M.-2 P.M. SOUTHWEST FARMERS MARKET, 425 M Street SW will be hosting a **WIC Outreach Day**. There will be children's activities, cooking demonstrations and a DJ.

SAT 6, 10:30 a.m.-Noon KOMEN TOASTMASTERS. Berkeley Hirsch will be speaking about "Ten Ways to Overcome Your Fear." SW Library's basement conference room.

SAT 6, 3:00 P.M. LEGO Club. Children ages 4-12 are invited to design, create, and build structures with LEGO bricks. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

SUN 7, 2-4 P.M. Personal Digital Archiving Basics. SW Library.

WED 10, 4:30 P.M. Create Club. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us for arts & crafts activities. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

WED 10, 7:30pm Dancing Mindfulness uses meditation, movement and music to bring individuals into a space of self-awareness. SW Library.

SAT 13, 9 A.M.-2 P.M. COMMUNITY YARD SALE, featuring clothing for all ages starting at birth and household items. **Christ United Methodist Church**, 900 4th St SW. Open to all. Vendor Table space \$15. Call Sharon 202.360.0484

SAT 13, 1-2:30 P.M. YOGA NIDRA for the Self-Healing at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I (eye) Street, SW. Pamela Wilson guides a very deep, conscious relaxation, including a focus self-healing. No experience in Yoga or meditation necessary. A donation of \$10 is suggested. For more information call 202-746-6654 or email: wilsonpj108@verizon.net.

SAT 13, 3 P.M. GARDEN CLUB. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us for hands-on fun in the library's outdoor garden. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

SAT 13, 7 P.M. Faith & Film "Galaxy Quest" 7pm pizza/7:30 movie followed by discussion. Westminster Presbyterian Church

SUN 14, 2:30 P.M. P.A.L. (People Animals Love) Dog Visit. Children ages 4-12 are invited to read aloud to a P.A.L. dog. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

Community Calendar

View our on-line calendar at www.swdc.org/calendar.

Submit Calendar events to calendar@thesouthwester.com by the 15th of the month preceding the month it is scheduled.

MON 15, 3:00 P.M. D.C. Central Kitchen's Truck Farm. Children ages 6-12 are invited to learn about good nutrition and how fruits and vegetables are grown. Visitors get the opportunity to plant seeds and sample foods grown on the truck. SW Library.

WED 17, 4:30 P.M. LEGO Club. Children ages 4-12 are invited to design, create, and build structures with LEGO bricks. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

WED 17, 7 P.M. Personal Digital Archiving Basics. SW Library

SAT 20, 10:30 a.m.-Noon KOMEN TOASTMASTERS. Berkeley Hirsch will be speaking about "Ten Ways to Overcome Your Fear." SW Library's basement conference room.

SAT 20, 10 A.M.-2 P.M. SOUTHWEST FARMERS MARKET, 425 M Street SW. We are also planning a **Back-to-School themed market**. We will again be having children's activities, art/performances and live music.

SAT 20, 3:00 P.M. End of Summer Olympics Party. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us for fun, Olympic-themed activities to celebrate the end of the Summer Reading program. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

SUN 21, 3:00 P.M. Restorative Yoga. Please join us for a weekly restorative yoga practice. Instructors from Yoga Activist will lead the class, incorporating yoga props such as blocks, blankets, and bolsters for support. Come to the mat to relax, stretch, and strengthen. All levels welcome. SW Library

WED 24, 3:00 P.M. Wii Club, Children ages 6-12, are invited to join us to play Wii games. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

WED 24, 7:30pm Dancing Mindfulness uses meditation, movement and music to bring individuals into a space of self-awareness. SW Library.

THURS 25, 7 P.M. ABC Committee, ANC6D. Alcohol license applications, renewals, enforcement, and other issues. SW Library. To be added to e-mail list for agenda & notifications contact: Coralie Farlee, Chair, ABC Committee, 202-554-4407, cfarlee@mindspring.com

SAT 27, 1:30 P.M. Southwest Book Discussion. Copies of this month's selection, "*The Merchant of Venice*" by William Shakespeare. are available for checkout at the information desk. SW Library.

SUN 28, 3:00 P.M. Restorative Yoga. Please join us for a weekly restorative yoga practice. Instructors from Yoga Activist will lead the class, incorporating yoga props such as blocks, blankets, and bolsters for support. Come to the mat to relax, stretch, and strengthen. All levels welcome. SW Library.

WED 31, 4:30 P.M. Origami Club. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us in folding paper into decorative shapes and figures. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

ADULT RECREATION, 10 A.M.-Noon, Saturdays, Ages 18 & up, King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St. SW. 202-645-7454

ADULT YOGA & TEEN, 6 P.M. Mondays, FREE. Mats available. Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center, South Capitol & "I" (eye) Sts SW.

AFTERSCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM, 4-5 P.M. Monday-Friday, Ages 6-14, King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 202-645-7454.

ANC 6D Monthly Business Meeting, 1100 4th Street SW, 2nd floor. Agenda at www.anc6d.org (No Meeting in August)

ARTS & CRAFTS, 5-6 P.M., Tuesdays, Ages 5-14

with Michelle Edmonds, King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

ARTY AFTERNOON, 3:00 P.M., Tuesdays through Aug. 16. Join us in the Children's Room for fun arts and crafts. For children ages 4-12. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

BABY/TODDLER STORYTIME 10:30 A.M., Mondays. Join us for fun songs, finger plays, baby bounces and rhymes as we work together to develop early literacy skills. Designed for children. Ages birth to 2 years and their caregivers. SW Library.

BINGO for SENIORS, 1-3 P.M., Mondays and Thursdays, ages 55 & up, Gary Williams, King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

BLUES MONDAYS, 6-9 P.M., Westminster Presbyterian Church. Various Blues musicians and singers featured each Monday. \$5. Food for sale. 400 "I" (eye) Street SW, 202-484-7700.

BOOK CLUB, 7 P.M. every second Thursday at River Park. Book to read: TBA. Contact Gale Dunn Kaufmann 202-484-8432 or Email galekaufmann@verizon.net

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30 A.M. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Fellowship Hall, downstairs, rear of Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th St SW. Children ages 3 and older are invited to join our loving and lively Sunday School where they are introduced to a loving God who welcomes and cares for all. Through biblical stories, art, music and holy play, our children are nurtured in their natural spirituality to grow as the "littlest members" of a community of faith.

COLOR CLUB, 7:00 P.M. Mondays, through Aug. 15. Children and their families are invited to join us for Color Club. We'll have special coloring sheets and supplies available. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

COLORING FOR GROWN-UPS, 2-4 P.M., Sundays. Can't get away for the summer? Give your brain a vacation at our Sunday afternoon adult coloring club. Pencils, markers, and coloring sheets will be provided, but you are also welcome to bring your own. Embrace your inner child and join the coloring craze! SW Library.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST, 9 -11 A.M. Every 3rd Saturday, Rear entrance of Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & I Sts SW, across from SW Library. \$5.00 donation.

COMPUTER CLASSES, 12 P.M.-2 P.M., Tuesdays, SW Library, 724-4752.
August 2 - DC Public Library Website
August 9 - Email Basics
August 16 - Microsoft Word
August 23 - Microsoft Excel
August 30 - Microsoft Powerpoint

COMPUTER TIME, 4-7 P.M., Monday-Friday. Open computer use. Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center.

DANCE CLASS, 6-8 P.M., Monday, Wednesdays, Fridays, Ages 14-19, Tiffany Keys. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

DIGITAL DROP-IN, 3:30 P.M., Tuesdays. Southwest Neighborhood Library staff will be available to answer questions about your devices and give step-by-step instructions on how to download books, music and movies from the library's website. SW Library.

DREAM OUT LOUD COMMUNITY MARKET (formerly Aya Community Market) 10: A.M. -2 P.M, every other Saturday. SW Waterfront location on 4th Street SW (Across from the Waterfront Metro Station). The farmers/community market will run through November 26, 2016.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLINIC, 1-4 P.M. Wednesdays, Westminster Presbyterian Church.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP, 6-7:30 P.M. Tuesdays. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

DRAWING: BASIC 101, 6 P.M. Tuesdays P.M. Ages 12-up. "For those who think they can't draw, but can." Supplies provided. Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center.

FRIDAY FILMS, 3:00 P.M., Fridays through Aug. 19. Children & families are invited to join us to watch a family-friendly film. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

GAME NIGHT AT RANDALL Community Center, Mondays, 6:30-7:30 P.M. Come and play Dominos, Checkers and Chess. Free for all ages. Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center.

HAND DANCING, 12:00-3:30 P.M., Saturdays with Mr. Zeke. All ages welcome. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

JAZZ NIGHT IN SW, 6-9 P.M., Fridays, Westminster Presbyterian Church. Various Jazz musicians and singers featured each Friday. \$5. Food for sale.

KING GREENLEAF BOY BASKETBALL Season, Ages 5-6, 7-8, 9-10. And 11-12. Call to sign up. Contact Paul or Michael 202-645-7545. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

The KIWANIS CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT, 6:30-7:30 P.M., every first and third Monday. Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th St SW.

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS, 10:30 A.M.-Noon, Every 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month. We are a friendly community toastmasters club, dedicated to helping our members develop public speaking and leadership skills. Visitors are always welcome! For additional information, contact Vann-Di Galloway at (202)545-8155. Feel free to visit us to see our communications and leadership program at work. SW Library, Basement meeting Room.

MACHINE Pitch, 5-6 P.M., Monday and Wednesday, Michael Wilson, Ages 7-8, King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

OPEN MIC NIGHT -Every Friday, 5:30-7 P.M. hosted by Sasha Bruce Youthwork. Free open space for Spoken Word, Poetry, Music, Rap, and Monologues. Sasha Bruce at Randall Community Center. More information Email: rhutchinson@sashabruce.org

PAJAMA STORY TIME, Thursdays, 6 P.M. Join us for an evening story time where pajamas are encouraged but not required. These evening programs are designed to delight children of all ages. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

PICKLE BALL, Tuesdays, 10:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M., Ages 18 & up. King Greenleaf Recreation Center. 202-554-7945.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME, 10:30 A.M., Wednesdays. Join us for books, songs, rhymes, and finger plays as we continue to strengthen early literacy skills while enjoying stories together. An easy craft activity follows story time each week. Designed for children ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers. SW Neighborhood Library.

RESTORATIVE YOGA, Every Tuesday, 7pm. Please join us for a weekly restorative yoga practice at the Southwest Neighborhood Library. Instructors from Yoga Activist will lead this free class, incorporating yoga props such as blocks, blankets, and bolsters for support. Come to the mat to relax, stretch, and strengthen. All levels welcome.

SALSA DANCING, 6:30 P.M. TUESDAY - Steve Suri-na will be leading classes in the exotic and fun dance of Salsa. Bring a partner or come alone, everyone gets to dance. Sasha Bruce at Randall Community Center.

SEATED YOGA TWICE A WEEK at Westminster Presbyterian, **MONDAY from 11:00 A.M. - 12 noon** and **WEDNESDAY from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.** Pamela Wilson guides a gentle series of movements designed to free the joints and ease the mind. This is part of Westminster's Wellness program.

SENIOR CRAFTS, 6-7 P.M., Tuesdays with Michelle Edmonds, Ages 55 & up. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

SOUTHWEST DC FARMERS MARKET 10 A.M.-2 P.M. every Saturday thru Nov. 19, 2016 Location:



Southwest as Backdrop to Spanish Summer Camp

By: **Melissa Rohan**

Waterfront Academy's summer Spanish camp is a fun way for children to be immersed in Spanish. Children are not required to have pre-

The campers at Waterfront Academy are learning and practicing their Spanish at summer Spanish camp with Southwest as the backdrop to it all. Each week has a theme and new vocabulary for each theme. The vocabulary is then practiced as the children explore the Southwest neighborhood sites that are relevant to each theme.

The campers visited the Southwest Duck Pond during "Boat" week to feed the ducks. They visited the Southwest Library and children's librarian, Mr. Josh, during "Communications" week. The new Fire Department also got a visit from happy campers during "First Responders" week.

In addition to visiting special Southwest treasures, Southwest has come to the camp. J.D. Smith, children's book author and Southwest resident, read his book, *The Best Mariachi in the World*, to the children and spoke to them about the process of getting published and how to become an author.



vious Spanish experience. Camp runs through Aug. 19 with Sports, Arts, and Music themes.

Neighbors surely will see the campers in August going to Haines Point and touring Nationals Park. You can't miss them, they are the ones in the bright yellow safety vests.



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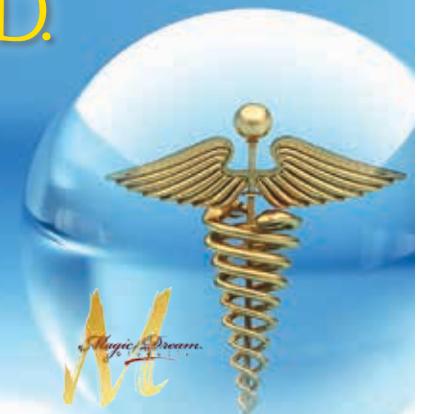
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Born for This: The BeBe Winans Story Comes to Arena Stage

By: Sheila Wickouski

BeBe Winans might well be tempted to break out in a song, "Look out Broadway 'cause here we come. ... Arena is bringing you a show that's true!" (with a nod to The Temptations' *Look out Baby*).

Born for This: The BeBe Winans Story is a memoir in music of how the six-time Grammy Award-winner remained true to his foundation in gospel music as he successfully crossed over into popular contemporary music (where there were those Temptations!).

Arena Stage's production is fueled by a high-energy cast who are all well on their way to winning theater awards for best performers in a musical.

BeBe (Juan Winans, BeBe's real-life nephew) and CeCe (Deborah Joy Winans, BeBe's niece) lead the way as best lead actor and actress in a musical.

BeBe and CeCe's mother (Nita Whitaker), who delivers the heartfelt ballad *Seventh Son*, and Pop Winans (Milton Craig Nealy) and his soulful *I Got a New Home* both deserve awards as supporting actress and actor for their roles in their show—and in life—which uphold the values of family and faith.

Jim Bakker (Chaz Pofahl), Tammy Faye Bakker (Kirsten Wyatt), and Whitney Houston (Kiandra Richardson)—can anyone ever forget these mega personalities, or the singers who play them in this production?

There is no theater award category for quartets in musical shows, but there are two sets in this show that deserve mention: BeBe and CeCe's brothers Ronald, Carvin, Marvin, and Michael/The Winans, and the PTL singers.

Although *Born for This: The Bebe Winans Story*, which opened at

Arena, has yet to garner any Helen Hayes or Tony awards, this spirited show makes every ticket holder a winner. The show is playing in the Kreeger theater until August 28.



Save the Dates for Southwest Nights at Arena Stage

By: Sheila Wickouski

Arena Stage has announced its new season, starting with Kathleen Turner in *The Year of Magical Thinking* (Oct. 7 to Nov. 20), *The Little Foxes* (Sept. 23 to Oct. 30), *Carousel* (Oct. 28 to Dec. 24), and *Moby Dick* (Nov. 18 to Dec. 24).

Productions for 2017 include *Roe*, *Watch on the Rhine*, *Intelligence*, *A Raisin in the Sun*, and *Smart People*.

For each production there will be selected Southwest nights when people who reside or work in Southwest DC can buy discounted tickets. The best way to get the latest information on the exact discount dates for each show is to check Arena's website at: www.arenastage.org/shows-tickets/single-tickets/savings-programs/.

CALENDAR

From p. 6

425 M Street SW across from the Waterfront Metro Station (green line). **Farmers/Vendor profile:** 12-15 vendors; diversified products from coffee, meat/eggs, baked goods, prepared foods, farmers.

THE SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT AARP CHAPTER #4751. The Monthly luncheon meetings will resume on **Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 12:00 noon.** Monthly Meetings are held every third Wednesday at 12:00 noon. Current AAR members, prospective members and visitors are welcome. Costs: \$5.00 for lunch. River Park Mutual Homes' President Betty Jean Tolbert Community Room, 1311 Delaware Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20024. For further information, contact Chapter Jones, bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901.

SOUTHWEST RENEWAL AA, group meeting, 7 P.M. **Mondays,** Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center.

SUMMER MEALS, served at 1 P.M.-2:30 P.M. Mon-Fri, July 5th–August 12th. Kids and Teens eat free. SW Library.

SW FREEWAY, NA, 7-8 P.M., Narcotics Anonymous group, Wednesdays, **Westminster Presbyterian Church,** 400 "I" (Eye) Street SW.

TEEN CLUB, 7-8 P.M., Every other Friday. Ages 14-19. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

TEEN GAME NIGHT, including Wii, 7-8:15 P.M., Thursdays, Ages 13-18. SW Library.

T-BALL, 5-6 P.M., Tuesday and Thursdays, Paul Taylor, Ages 5-6. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR'S CLUB, 7-9 P.M., First and Third Wednesday each month. Buy, trade and sell stamps. Refreshments. SW Library Community room (basement).

YOGA FOR ADULTS AND TEENS, Tuesdays, 7-8 P.M. Led by instructors from Yoga Activists, All levels, from beginning through advanced, are welcome. Mat provided - or bring your own. No Class on Tues May 24th or May 31th. SW Library.

YOUNG LADIES ON THE RISE, 5:30-7 P.M., Thursdays, Safiyah Aleem-Woods, Ages 6-14. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

YOUNG MEN FUTURE LEADERS, 5-6 P.M., Wednesday, Michael Wilson, Ages 6-12. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

ZUMBA, 6 P.M. Wednesdays, FREE, Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center.

ZUMBA, 7:30-8:30 P.M. Mondays- August 15. Come join the party! Instructor Roshanda Jenkins will lead this one-hour fitness and dance workout — all fitness levels welcome. The class is free and no registration is required. Dance your way to fitness!



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Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Vigil

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

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Thursdays: 4:45 p.m.

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Thursdays: 7 p.m. — Adoration;

7:40 p.m. — Talk/Discussion

UPCOMING EVENTS

FAITH & EARTH

Join us for the last two videos in a documentary discussion series on faith and the environment led by Fr. Hyacinth Cordell, OP.

Sundays, 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. (Half way up the block and down the stairs on E St SW). Vegetarian refreshments will be provided.

Part IV: Waste & Toxins

Aug 7 — Garbage! The Revolution

Aug 14 — Chimerical

FEAST OF ST. DOMINIC

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Sunday, August 7, 10:30 a.m.

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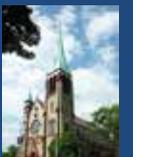
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Monday, August 22, 7 p.m. -

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