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To Look Back

or To Look Forward?

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About that fire near Kings Crossing

By Carole S. Appel

A fire on Saturday, February 8, at the construction site near Kings Crossing – a few blocks south of Montebello – was easily seen by many Montebello residents from their apartments on different floors of our buildings. The first thought of many of us was, “Are embers landing on our roofs? How safe are our own buildings if a fire from another building reaches our four towers?”

A message from Marco Mendoza, assistant general manager, issued during the fire, let residents know that the Association’s Safety and Access Control personnel were patrolling our grounds on the lookout for any signs of embers or other debris from the fire. Engineers

closed all building vents and regularly inspected the rooftops, he said.

No burning embers or anything connected to the building that was on fire were found. The patrollers did find pieces of charcoal from the fire throughout the property and on the roofs, Mendoza told this *Voice* reporter this past Wednesday.

“They did find pieces of charcoal from the fire throughout the property and on the roof,” he said. “Pieces of wood will float when they are hot, but they fall when they are not burning,” he said.

Inactive pieces were found on Montebello tennis courses, on rooftops, and on the parking lots. The concrete roofs of our buildings are covered with a top

layer of gravel. The air conditioning units are all metal.

“If we had found embers still on fire, employees were prepared to extinguish them,” Mendoza said.

All Montebello buildings are constructed of metal and concrete; there is no wood used in the floors or walls other than wood flooring that might be installed by individual apartment owners on top of their concrete floors. The wall studs within units are made of metal. 🏠

On the cover: artwork from the current AiM show in the café by Nancy Vogt, John Tolleris, Bonnie Jacob, Joel Miller, and Linda Brownlee



Pianists Lingxuan Zhang and Sasha Beresovsky performed a sublime program of Sergei Prokofiev, Mozart, Franz Schubert, Johann Sebastian Bach, and Antonin Dvořák. The concert was hosted by the Montebello Music Club on February 16.

Photo by Dian McDonald

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on fire



Artist's rendering of South Alex (Combined Properties image)



Remains of South Alex after the February 8 fire. Photo courtesy of Covering the Corridor

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Photo by Linda Brownlee



Photo by Joel Miller



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At 10:38 a.m. on Saturday February 8, my husband called me to look out the window in that voice that meant “no questions.” My first photo was taken then. Video was sent and used as raw footage on NBC 4, internet. Debris flew toward Montebello that seemed to be the size of a tin roof that landed short of our woods. Birds were noisily flying away except for one very large hawk or eagle circling like the helicopter, at a safe range. At 4:05 p.m., the firefighters were still shooting massive water guns at the shortened structure, no longer visible from the 11th floor. – *Linda Brownlee*

history lesson

Why Italy?

By Joe de Angelis

The name Italy is at least 3,000 years old and is believed to have originated in the southern part of the Italian peninsula and only applied only to that particular area. But the European peninsula known today as Italy was inhabited by various peoples and civilizations throughout its history. Of particular note were the Etruscans, whose civilization flourished in central Italy from the 12th to the sixth century BC. During the eighth and seventh centuries BC, the Greeks began to settle in southern Italy, which became known as Magna Graecia (8th–3rd c. BC). Then of course there was Rome, founded in 753 BC by **Romulus and Remus**, and whose empire covered the entire Italian peninsula and most of the known western world (753 BC to 476 AD). Why then is Italy the name applied to this particular peninsula and not say, Etrusca, Magna Graecia, Latium or Rome? The answer may be lost in the fog of history; however, there are two prevailing theories.

The name Italia or Italy may have been derived from the name of an Oenotrian King named Italus. According to Roman legend, Italus was the father of **Romulus and Remus**, the founders of Rome. In his *Fabularum Liber*, **Gaius Julius Hyginus** (64BC to 17AD) recorded that Italus was the son of **Penelope and Telegonus**, **Odysseus** and Circe's youngest son. This of course links Italus to Troy and Homer's *Odyssey*. The **Oenotrians** were among the earliest recorded inhabitants of the Italian peninsula, inhabiting southern Italy from **Paestum**, a major ancient Greek city (circa 600 BC) on the coast of the **Tyrrhenian Sea**, to southern **Calabria**. But by the sixth century



BC, the Oenotrians had been absorbed into other so-called Italic tribes.

Thucydides (circa 460-400 BC), in his *History of the Peloponnesian War* depicts Italus as the eponym of Italy (*Italia*). The legend of Italus is also addressed by **Aristotle** (384-322) in his *Politics*. According to the historians one of the settlers there, a certain Italus, became king of Oenotria, and from him they took the name of Italians instead of that of Oenotrians, and the name of Italy was given to all that promontory.

The **Greek** historian **Dionysius of Halicarnassus** (circa 60 to 7 BC) in his *Antiquitates romanae*, (Roman Antiquities), also relates the legend that Italy was named after **Italus**, and that this was also mentioned by **Aristotle** and **Thucydides**. He also cites **Antiochus of Syracuse** (circa 420 BC) who stated that Italus was an Oenotrian by birth and that Italia was named after him. However, Dionysius also provides

another account depicting the name Italia as being derived from a word for “calf.” The relationship between the word calf and the name Italia is also addressed by **Timaeus** (345 to 250 BC), **Varro** (116 to 27 BC), and **Festus** (2nd century AD).

Aside from King Italus, there is another theory as to the origin of the name Italy. The name Italia may also have derived from the Oscan word *fite-liv*, which is usually expressed as a cognate of *vitulus* meaning “calf.” Thus, it is often interpreted as “land of young cattle” or “land of young bulls.” Simply put, the word Italy evolved from the Oscan (𐌆𐌒𐌚𐌛 *Viteliú*) an extinct Indo-European language of southern Italy that was spoken by a number of tribes inhabiting the Italian peninsula from approximately 500 BC to 100 AD. Oscan is also considered a sister language of **Latin** and **Umbrian**, both of which were spoken by the

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peoples of the Italian peninsula. *Viteliū* entered the Ancient Greek language as *Ἰταλία* (*Italiā*) and was incorporated into Latin as *Italia*, meaning Italy. However, the term was not applied to the entire peninsula until the 1st-century BC during the reign of Augustus (27BC to 14 AD) when he extended to include the whole geographical region under Roman rule. Under Emperor Diocletian (284-305 AD) the Roman region called Italia was further enlarged with the addition of the three big islands of the western Mediterranean Sea: Sicily (with the Maltese archipelago), Sardinia and Corsica. From Latin the word Italia, meaning Italy, was used in Old English and eventually evolved as Italy in Middle English.

So why was the southern part of the Italian peninsula called the land of young bulls? Even though the bull was a symbol of the southern Italic tribes and was often depicted goring the Roman wolf as a defiant symbol of a free Italy during the Social War (91-88 BC), Italy has never been noted for its cattle and especially not bulls. This association with the bull however is thought to stem from the Greek legend of Hercules and his seventh labor: The Capturing the Cretan bull. After capturing the bull and offering it to the goddess Hera, who refused the offering, Hercules picked up the bull and tossed it high into the sky where it became the constellation Taurus. An alternative ending is that the bull landed in southern Italy where it continued to terrorize the southern Italian peninsula. Thereafter that area became known, among the Greek settlers as the land of young bull.

Does the historical record speak louder than the myths? You be the judge, but Italy will forever be Italy. 🐂



Bachata classes at Results Gym

Montebello's resident Bachata dance instructor, Peter Blackledge, is offering classes at Results (formerly Gold's) Gym on Rte. 1 at 7770 Richmond Hwy.

Bachata Motion will take place from 2:30 to 3 p.m. on Saturdays, followed by Bachata Motion Dance Social from 3 to 4 p.m.

Classes are free to Results members and \$10 for non-members. For additional information, contact Peter at longtalltexan@icloud.com.

— Submitted by Peter Blackledge

DMV office hours

The DMV Mobile Office will be at the Sherwood Regional Library on February 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on March 19, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to provide all DMV transactions.

— Submitted by Guin Jones

board candidates q & a

Bill Frank

How did your parents choose your name?

That one is easy. I'm a second generation Greek. The Greek tradition dictates (not so much any more though) that the first born son is named after the father's father. My grandfather was named William ergo, so am I.

Where did you grow up?

Decatur, Illinois (lived there for the first 20 years of my life).

What songs did you dance to at your high school prom?

Oh my gosh, that was soooo long ago. The only song I can recall is one that was popular at the time by The Carpenters. Karen Carpenter sang it and it was titled We've Only Just Begun.

What songs still make you get up and boogie?

Nanette and I will cut a rug anytime to The Twist by Chubby Checker. Another favorite is YMCA by the Village People. A few years back we caught them in person and sure enough, they sang YMCA. And wouldn't you know it, we were not the only folks boogieing to their rendition.

Do you know any languages besides English? (Klingon counts)

Don't know Klingon but I'm moderately fluent in the Greek language. In fact I'm told that I didn't even start speaking English until I was about three years old.

Did you ever live abroad? If so, where?

Yes, twice. First time was in Stuttgart, Germany from June 1990 to December 1992. Second (and third time) was in Honolulu. Now you will say "wait a minute, Hawaii is one of the 50 United States." True, but in the Department of Defense, Hawaii is considered an overseas assignment. So, by that definition,



we have lived outside the Continental United States a total of eight years.

How did you pick your major in college? (Four of you served in the military. Please tell why you joined.)

I had several majors in college – the first was pre-medicine and the last major was hospital administration. I realized I wasn't cut out to be a doctor but I loved administration and being a hospital administrator was the perfect blend for a guy like me. I joined the Navy in 1974 mainly to earn benefits for the GI Bill. It took me all of about six months in the Navy to discover that I had found my calling in life. And indeed, for 41 of the last 46 years, I have been employed

in some capacity, either in uniform or as a civilian, as a member of the Department of the Navy. And if I could, I would do it all over again.

What would you tell your 18-year-old self?

Easy. I would tell myself to get my education before doing anything else. I did not and it was a hard road to hoe for a long time.

What was your first job?

I was a grocery stocking clerk in my father and uncle's grocery store back home.

What was your favorite job?

From 1996 to 1999 I was the Navy Surgeon General's Principal Consultant for Medical Plans, Operations, and Medical Intelligence. At the same time, I was the leader of that community which consisted of 160 Navy Officers. Fact – today, two (in addition to me) of the members of our community back then are retired Navy officers living right here at Montebello (that's what is known as a small world).

Do you have any special talents or skills?

Yes. I get tough jobs done, on time and under budget. For much of my Navy career, I was one of the guys that Navy Medicine Leadership called on to take the tough jobs in Navy Medicine that no one else wanted and got them done. I took those jobs and excelled at those assignments. And on three separate occasions, two Four Star Admirals and one Four Star Marine General thought so, too, because they awarded me the Legion of Merit for my performance during those tours of duty.

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What were your parents right about? Do you ever hear yourself sounding like your parents?

Answer to part two is no. My mother always told me that I would regret giving up the piano. I disagreed with her and quit. And to this day am sorry I did.

Do you have any children? Grandchildren?

Nanette and I are the proud parents of two sons and three grandchildren. Our oldest son is a Navy F18 aviator in command of a fighter squadron in Lemoore, Ca. Our youngest son spent six years as a Navy Officer and now works for Northrop Grumman in Redondo Beach, Ca., as a Project Lead for the F35 fighter program. Our oldest grandson is the senior class president of his high school class and headed to Purdue this coming fall.

Did you play any sports — high school, college, ever?

I was a point guard on our high school JV team. Didn't score a lot, but I led our team in assists. I was also on our high school varsity golf team but never played one hole of golf in competition. Go figure.

Tea or coffee?

Oh my gosh, that one should be very obvious. I spent 31 years in the Navy so the answer is simple, *coffee, black*.

Dark or milk chocolate?

Dark

Mac or PC?

PC

Sweet or savory?

Sweet

GPS or paper map?

GPS (I'm a techy at heart)

Have you ever had a paradigm shift?

Yes, when I had my first job in Command, I learned how to think in a whole different way about leading people that included being far more empathetic, far more in tune with the concerns and emotions of others and far more benevolent.

Do you have any pets? If yes, type and names.

Thank you for asking this. We have absolutely the cutest and most adorable six pound Maltipoo (Maltese mother and Toy Poodle father) named Alexandra – we call her Lexi.

What are your news sources? (TV, internet, newspapers)

Washington Post, Politico, Wall Street Journal, Buzz Feed and Bloomberg News are my staples

What book(s) are you reading now or would recommend?

I am a *huge* fan of Daniel Silva and right now am in the middle of House of Spies.

What TV or streaming shows are you enjoying?

I really enjoyed Game of Thrones. Other favorites include Jack Ryan, Billions, Homeland, and Bosch.

What are some of your favorite DC venues?

Kennedy Center, any one of the Smithsonian, any really good restaurant downtown.

How do you feel about “Okay Boomer”?

Ha! I feel like I still have *a whole lot to learn* in this life so I don't believe “Okay Boomer” applies to me.

If money were no object, what amenities would you add to Montebello?

Tough call. Either a nice in-house movie theater or an art/craft studio. We have sooo many artists here at Montebello.

Which Montebello events or activities do you attend?

Darn near all of them – from Guin Jones's speaker series to AiM, to Activities Committee events to even Bingo.

What is your favorite spot at Montebello?

That one is easy too: our sun porch. Read on to find out why.

Describe the view outside your window.

We have a breathtaking view of downtown to the north (including Nats Park, the Capital and the Washington Monument) and National Harbor to the east (including the MGM and that neat Ferris Wheel).

Most memorable trip(s) and place(s) you still hope to visit.

OK, here goes: Paris, London, Palma Majorica, Athens, Salzburg, Stuttgart, Heidelberg, Lauterbrunnen, Switzerland, the Italian Riviera, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Singapore, Honolulu, San Francisco, LaJolla, Garmisch, Germany and Amsterdam. Never been to Napa Valley or Sedona and would love to see them

If you could invite three people (past, present, or future) to dinner, who would it be and what would you serve?

Theodore Roosevelt, Ernie Banks (“Mr. Cub”), and Pearl Bailey. Filet mignon with risotto. Chocolate mousse for desert. With a nice 15-year-old Scotch to start off the evening. 🍷

board candidates q & a

Jane Anne Gleason

How did your parents choose your name?

My dad (Pierre Cady) named me after my mother, the love of his life!

Where did you grow up?

Rutherford, N.J., just outside NYC.

What songs did you dance to at your high school prom?

Lots of Beatles songs.

What songs still get you get up and boogie?

Anything I can get my husband to dance with me!

Do you know any know any language besides English?

I used to be pretty good at Spanish, but since I have not used it for over 20 years, I have lost it.

Did you ever live abroad? If so, where?

I have never live abroad, sadly.

How did you pick your major in college?

I was accepted to study to become a teacher/librarian but I spent my summer before college working as a nurse's aide and was hooked on nursing!

What would you tell your 18-year-old self?

I would tell my 18-year-old self to believe in myself and follow my dreams no matter how far-fetched they may seem!

What was your first job?

My first job at age 13 was being a babysitter in [my] neighborhood – at the rate of 50 cents an hour!

What was your favorite job?

My favorite job was and always will be being a labor and delivery nurse.



Do you have any special talents or skills?

My special talent is my ability to listen and learn.

What were your parents right about? Do you ever hear yourself sounding like your parents?

That God is in the midst of all things and we need to listen to God. Yes, I often hear my mother's words coming out of my mouth much to my surprise!

Do you have any children? Grandchildren?

I have 2 grown sons. Kenneth lives in Richmond and Matthew lives in Denver.

Did you play any sports — high school, college, ever?

I used to play volleyball in high school, I also swam. Today I do water aerobics and some swimming.

Tea or coffee?

I am a coffee drinker – one cup a day.

Dark or milk chocolate?

Dark chocolate, please!

Mac or PC?

Mac

Sweet or savory?

Both sweet and savory!

GPS or paper map?

Hard question as I no longer drive.

Have you ever had a paradigm shift?

No paradigm shifts, just life changes.

Do you have any pets? If yes, type and names.

We have 2 loving cats, Bebe and Dewey. Both are rescues from the same litter. They are now 1 1/2 years old and they rule our home!

What are your news sources? (TV, internet, newspapers)

Many sources, but read all on-line.

What book(s) are you reading now or would recommend?

Currently reading The Language of Flowers and the Book of Exodus in my Bible Study group.

What TV or streaming shows are you enjoying?

On Hulu I am currently enjoying watching an Austrian program, All Saints, about a hospital.

What are some of your favorite DC venues?

I have no particular favorite as I rarely go into DC.

How do you feel about “Okay Boomer”?

I have no idea what “Okay Boomer” is, I am out of the loop on that!

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If money were no object, what amenities would you add to Montebello?

A larger indoor pool for lap swimming!

Which Montebello events or activities do you attend?

Many of the Saturday evening events – dances, music, etc. I attend committee meeting both as a member and as an observer.

What is your favorite spot at Montebello?

My favorite spot in MB are the pools, both indoor and outdoor.

Describe the view outside your window.

We look out on the trees behind Building 1. I love seeing the trees change with the seasons!

Most memorable trip(s) and place(s) you still hope to visit.

My husband, Kevin, love going up to my family home in Little Compton, R.I., (now owned by my brother). It is my place of peace and has been in my family now for 4 generations.

If you could invite three people (past, present, or future) to dinner, who would it be and what would you serve?

I would invite Elizabeth **Cady** Stanton, Susan **Brownell** Anthony (both distant relatives of mine – my maiden name is Cady, my mother's was Brownell), and Clara Barton. Kevin would make a fabulous meal as I no longer cook! 🍴



Building 4 party

Photos by Sue Allen

board candidates q & a

Tom Harrelson

How did your parents choose your name?

Unknown origin, but original was William Thomas Harrelson and my father had it legally changed when I was seven to Thomas William Harrelson so I would not miss mail call when I eventually went into the Army (he learned the hard way in WWII).

Where did you grow up?

Eastern North Carolina until age 17, then I boarded a bus for New York with \$20 in my pocket to attend the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

What songs did you dance to at your high school prom?

1950s rock and roll.

What songs still make you get up and boogie?

1960s rock and roll.

Do you know any languages besides English?

I was asked that question by an Australian when I was in Vietnam. I replied, "Regretfully, I only speak English." He laughed and said, "No, you bloody don't. You speak American!"

Did you ever live abroad? If so, where?

I have traveled all over the world working on ships and on business trips, but never longer than a few weeks in any one place.

How did you pick your major in college?

At the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy there were only two choices of curriculum – maritime logistics or marine engineering. I chose logistics. I originally sought a Congressional appointment to the Academy because we were too poor to attend a civilian college. Best decision I ever made.



Do you have any children? Grandchildren?

Two daughters and six grandchildren.

Did you play any sports — high school, college, ever?

Basketball. Best memory after college was playing on a company softball team when I made an unassisted triple play while playing second base but the next year I could not catch the ball if you handed it to me! Ah, glory is short lived.

Tea or coffee?

Coffee.

Dark or milk chocolate?

Both.

Mac or PC?

I have and use both.

Sweet or savory?

Both.

GPS or paper map?

Both.

Have you ever had a paradigm shift?

In my early years I was interested in verbal and literary skills but over time it shifted to the sciences and math. Now I like to think it has shifted to the center, embracing all.

Do you have any pets? If yes, type and names.

Not currently. Used to have dogs and then cats.

What are your news sources? (TV, internet, newspapers).

Newspapers, magazines, internet, television news programs.

What would you tell your 18-year-old self?

"To thine own self be true and thou canst not then be false to any man." (Shakespeare)

What was your first job?

Age seven making rose trellises (material cost \$1.50) and selling them to neighbors for \$5.

What was your favorite job?

Sailing the world as a ship's officer on passenger, tanker, and dry cargo vessels, seeing different nations and cultures plus blue skies, blue waters and stars at night along with a few hurricanes and typhoons for excitement.

Do you have any special talents or skills?

No. I am still hoping to find one!

What were your parents right about? Do you ever hear yourself sounding like your parents?

Always be honest and help others. [Sounding like parents?] Have to ask my children.

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What book(s) are you reading now or would recommend?

World War II At Sea: A global history by Craig Symonds; The American Story edited by David Rubenstein; lots of mystery and adventure fiction also.

What TV or streaming shows are you enjoying?

None. We rarely watch TV other than news with occasional sports casts.

What are some of your favorite DC venues?

Library of Congress, the Mall, various museums

How do you feel about “Okay Boomer”?

It is a negative remark. We should not mock or dismiss input from anyone.

If money were no object, what amenities would you add to Montebello?

Whatever the majority of residents would like.

Which Montebello events or activities do you attend?

Cup of Joe, various committee meetings, bridge groups, tech club, board meetings, café, etc.

What is your favorite spot at Montebello?

My balcony overlooking the Potomac River and National Harbor lights at night.

Describe the view outside your window.

We have a “J” unit so we see the Potomac River and National Harbor on

one side and Picnic Hill on the reverse side.

Most memorable trip(s) and place(s) you still hope to visit.

One more trip to Scotland and Ireland to play more of their golf courses.

If you could invite three people (past, present, or future) to dinner, who would it be and what would you serve?

George Washington, Franklin Roosevelt, and Alfred Thayer Mahan to discuss the founding of our nation, the economic changes that have and will shape it, and how to rebuild and maintain a strong U.S.-flag maritime industry. I would offer fish and beef with fresh vegetables, but the food is secondary to the educational conversation. 🍴



Members of Art in Montebello at the recent opening. Featured artists: Joel Miller, Bonnie Jacob, Linda Brownlee, Dian McDonald, Harriet Duval, Mikhailina Karina, John Tolleris, Christine Blair, Joan Burg, Guido R. Zanni, and Carole S. Appel. Photo by Norman Lindeblad

board candidates q & a

Douglas J. Kennett

How did your parents choose your name?

As the last child of five and the only boy, my Scottish-born mother looked at me with my red hair and blue eyes and said Douglas has to be his good Scottish name.

Where did you grow up?

I was born in Canada but emigrated with my parents to New York City when I was five and we settled in New Jersey where I grew up and went to college. So the nation is safe, as I can never be the President of the United States.

Do you know any languages besides English?

I can speak a little conversational Spanish and thank goodness that our café owner José is kind enough to put up with me as I order in his native language.

How did you pick your major in college?

In college I joined Air Force ROTC because I wanted to serve as an officer and use my skills learned in journalism and advertising as an officer serving in public affairs. I loved serving and helping to keep our servicemen and women informed and just as importantly, the American people as well. The Air Force sent me for tours of duty three different times overseas. First to Korea, and then later on two different assignments to England.

What was your favorite job?

My favorite job ever was my final one in the military, when I ran the Pentagon press office on behalf of the secretary of defense. I also traveled with the secretary as his spokesman on occasion and that was a true honor.



Do you have any pets? If yes, type and names.

Since moving to Montebello in 1986, we have enjoyed having four different dogs as part of our lives here, but never more than two at once! As a charter member of the Pet Club, I know how special it is to have a pet here.

What are your news sources? (TV, internet, newspapers)

Because of my professional background, I am a total news junkie. Each morning I read the Washington Post and the New York Times, scan the Internet, and finish the day watching all sides of the news commentary in the evening.

How do you feel about “Okay Boomer”?

When I hear the term “OK boomer,” I am reminded that many in my generation were much harsher in their treat-

ment of their elders, as in “never trust anyone over 30!”

Which Montebello events or activities do you attend?

We have a great Activities Committee and we try to participate in as many of their events as time and schedule allows.

What is your favorite spot at Montebello?

Other than sitting on our balcony and looking out on the Potomac at Old Town, our favorite spot at Montebello is sitting in the café enjoying the company of our fellow residents. It’s an amenity no other condominium has in the greater Washington DC area.

If you could invite three people (past, present, or future) to dinner, who would it be and what would you serve?

They would be Winston Churchill, George Washington and Julia Child. I would not cook any food myself but would ask Julia if she would be gracious enough to cook for us! 🍷

Meet all five Board of Directors candidates at the public forum on Sunday, February 23 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center

board candidates q & a

Jack B. Quick

How did your parents choose your name?

You can imagine I get this question quite a bit. So here goes: My first name came from an uncle named John that went by Jack. My middle name that starts with a B was from a family doctor friend. My last name was already decided.

Where did you grow up?

My dad was in the Air Force and I was in the Army. Until 1977 when I came to Virginia, I never lived anywhere more than 4 years. My favorite city in the country is Charleston, S.C.

What songs did you dance to at your high school prom?

Proud Mary, Sweet Caroline, Can't Help Falling in Love, My Girl, Oh, What a Night.

What songs still make you get up and boogie?

Proud Mary, Celebration, Dance to the Music.

Do you know any languages besides English?

No, but my girlfriend in high school was taking Spanish and told me the only thing I ever needed to know in Spanish was *te amo*.

Did you ever live abroad? If so, where?

I had an all-expense paid trip to Korea for a year courtesy of the US Army.

How did you pick your major in college?

My major was accounting and I knew I wanted to manage people and a run business. My high school counselor steered me into accounting because it gave an individual the detailed knowledge of the business. I joined the Army to determine if it might be a good career for me.



Tea or coffee?

Coffee

Dark or milk chocolate?

Dark chocolate

Mac or PC?

PC

Sweet or savory?

Sweet

GPS or paper map?

GPS

Have you ever had a paradigm shift?

Had to adjust to technology rapidly in the business world.

Do you have any pets? If yes, type and names.

No, but had a cat named Nimble at one time.

What are your news sources? (TV, internet, newspapers)

All

What book(s) are you reading now or would recommend?

Path Between the Seas by David McCullough about the Panama Canal.

What TV or streaming shows are you enjoying?

Sports mostly

What are some of your favorite DC venues?

Old Ebbetts Grill, Post Pub, Smithsonian museums

How do you feel about "Okay Boomer"?

Love it and happy to be a part of it.

What would you tell your 18-year-old self?

Stay focused.

What was your first job?

A paper route and then as an associate in a Sears store.

What was your favorite job?

Managing The University Club in Washington, D.C.

Do you have any special talents or skills?

I have an instrument rated private pilot's license and flew my own plane (Cessna) into major airports as well as Reagan National on two occasions.

What were your parents right about? Do you ever hear yourself sounding like your parents?

Balance Fun with Determination and Stay Focused on the Future. No.

Do you have any children? Grandchildren?

No.

Did you play any sports — high school, college, ever?

Baseball in school and Army softball

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If money were no object, what amenities would you add to Montebello?

Putting green, pickle ball, and amphitheater

Which Montebello events or activities do you attend?

Many parties, concerts, committee meetings, board meetings, and Cup of Joe.

What is your favorite spot at Montebello?

Montebello Café

Describe the view outside your window.

Overlooks the North, Arlington, Roslyn and Eisenhower complex

Most memorable trip(s) and place(s) you still hope to visit.

Memorable places were France and South Africa and hope to visit England and China.

If you could invite three people (past, present, or future) to dinner, who would it be and what would you serve?

Mother Teresa, grandmother, and mom. [Would serve] tomato basil soup, lemon chicken, Brussels sprouts, fingerling potatoes, and flan. 🍮



coming attractions

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MARDI GRAS

PRE- CELEBRATION

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY
22nd

6:30 PM - 9:30PM

EVERYONE WELCOME!

IF DINING PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AT 703-329-4850

MUSIC BY DJ MR. POTTER

Community Center Lounge
MARDI GRAS CLOTHING WELCOMED

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The Montebello Music Club
Presents
Piano Recital
By Young Artists



Sunday March 1, 2020
Community Center 3:00 p.m.



Free of charge, but donations toward future concerts graciously accepted.
Meet the artists at a reception following the recital.






Montebello Music Club
Presents
St. Patrick's Day Celebration
Montebello Community Center
Tuesday, March 17, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Music Club Singers
Irish Dancers
Audience Sing Along

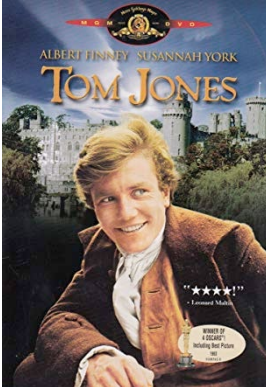


 and 

Invite you to our film & discussion



TOM JONES
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27 7:30 P.M. PARTY ROOM 2

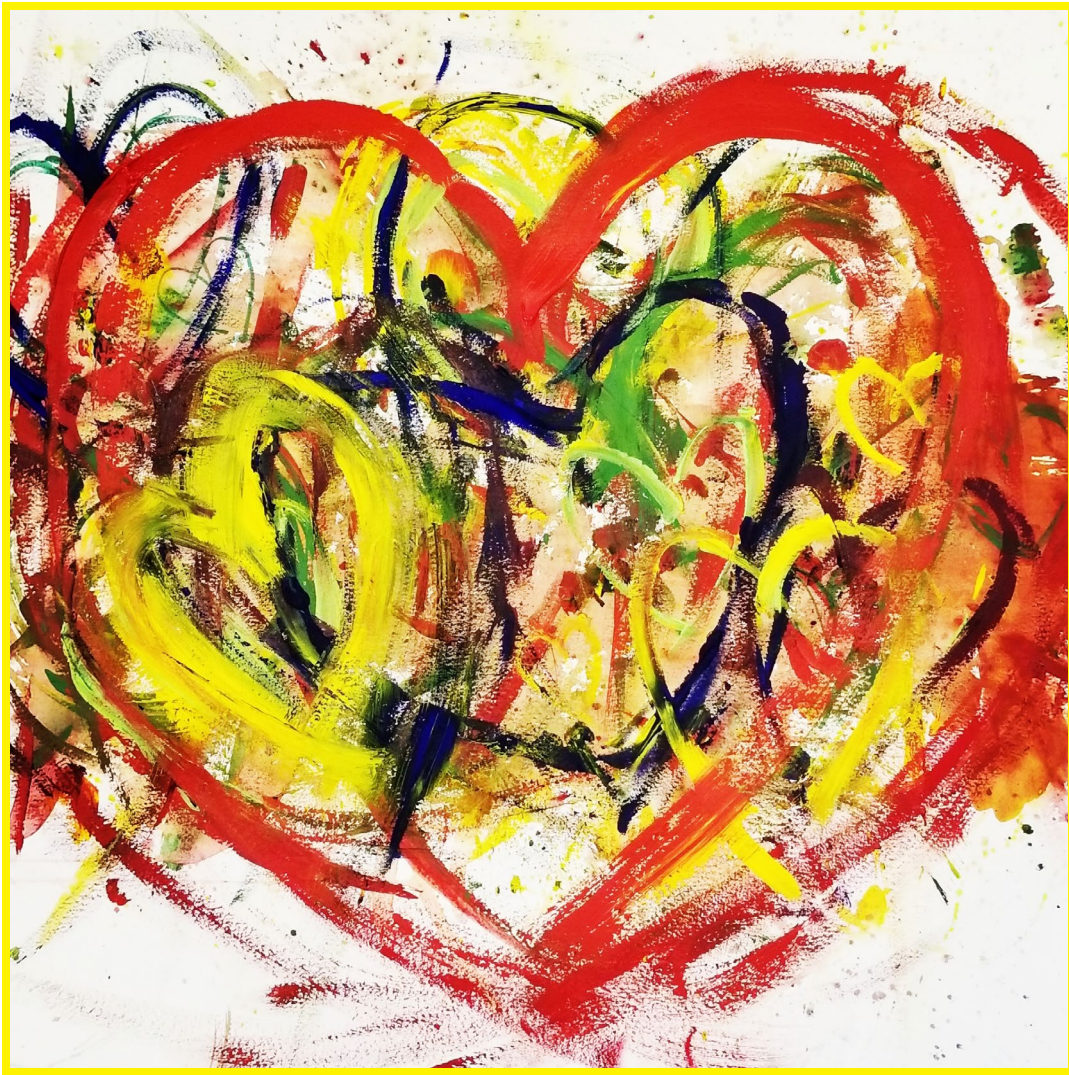


The film is a boisterous chronicle of the misadventures of Tom Jones, adapted from Henry Fielding's infamous 18th century novel. Albert Finney captures the spirited charm of our hero in this early defining role, supported by an extraordinary cast. Picaresque episodes are filmed in the glorious English countryside. Witty and fun, the movie won four Oscars in 1963, including Best Picture. Tony Richardson's irreverent masterwork became a worldwide sensation, featuring the most famous hunting and erotic eating scenes in the cinematic canon.

No titles available. Running time: 121 minutes

Caryl Curry will introduce the film and lead the post-movie discussion.

final glance



Love

Painting by Azita Mashayekhi

Love will find a way through paths where wolves fear to prey. – Lord Byron

Your task is not to seek for love, but merely to seek and find all the barriers within yourself that you have built against it. – Rumi

For one human being to love another: that is perhaps the most difficult of all our tasks, the ultimate, the last test and proof, the work for which all other work is but preparation. – Rainer Maria Rilke

And think not you can direct the course of love, for love, if it finds you worthy, directs your course. – Khalil Gibran

Let us forget with generosity those who cannot love us. – Pablo Neruda

Love is so short, forgetting is so long. – Pablo Neruda

There is always something left to love. – Gabriel García Márquez