

HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

The D.C. Acoustic Underground and 219 Restaurant in Alexandria will hold a benefit Sunday for the Alternative House, a home for abused or homeless children and teens. Acoustic music will be performed by The J & B Blues Project, Jim Dugan and Michael Yugo. All ages are welcome, and admission is a \$5 donation to the Alternative House. For more information, visit www.thealternativehouse.org/althouse/wine.htm.



WHAT'S MAKING NEWS

WALL OF HONOR

Gloria Clodfelter wipes a tear as her husband, John, and Larry Sticklen, right, listen to remarks during ceremonies marking the opening of the Wall of Honor honoring Virginians who have died in the war on terrorism, at the Capitol in Richmond, Va., on Thursday. - AP

MORE TOP STORIES

CRIME

Fairfax County police shoot man on Richmond Highway

A Fairfax County police officer fatally shot an armed suspect in the parking lot of an Alexandria-area hotel Wednesday night.

Officers were serving search warrants at the Fairview Motel on Richmond Highway as part of an ongoing drug investigation when the shooting occurred, according to a police statement. A car entered the motel parking lot at about 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, with a man wanted by police in the back seat. The suspect did not comply with officers' commands and produced a gun, according to the statement.

Randall Leroy Rollins, 28, was shot several times by one officer and died at the scene. No other officers fired.

The officer, 33, is a member of the organized crime and narcotics unit. He is a 13-year veteran of the department but was not otherwise identified in the police statement. He is on administrative leave. - Maria Hegstad

UNSOLVED CRIME

Chandra Levy's mother meets with District police

The mother of Chandra Levy implored D.C. police Chief Cathy Lanier on Thursday to continue searching for her daughter's killer. Susan Levy met with Lanier behind closed doors at the police headquarters for about an hour and a half.



Levy

Chandra Levy's body was found in Rock Creek Park five years ago this week, 13 months after her disappearance. During the investigation, then-Rep. Gary Condit, D-Calif., admitted he had an affair with the 24-year-old congressional intern.

A man who is in prison for attacking two joggers in Rock Creek remains a person of interest in the case, according to police. Lanier said she wanted to make sure the Levys are comfortable with the department's handling of the case and to let them know the department is still working on it. - Scott McCabe

TODAY'S TOP STORY >> MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Airports prepare for rush of travelers

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As thousands of area residents fill the roads to drive to their weekend getaways, the region's three major airports are preparing for a busy Memorial Day weekend, as well.

The traditional travel weekend is a precursor to the airport's busy summer season, which begins when children finish school in June and lasts through August.

Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport expects to serve 71,000 passengers today, about 15,000 more than an average day.

"It is a busy weekend, and it unofficially kicks off the summer travel season," airport spokesman Jonathan Dean said.

The airport forecasts that after the school year ends, it will handle more than the 4.9 million commercial passengers who visited BWI last year between June and August.

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority predicts Dulles International Airport will serve more than the 6.1 million summer passen-



Bobbie Henry, left, and Ashley and Adler Howell get comfortable Thursday while awaiting their flight to Texas at Ronald Reagan National Airport. - Brig Cabe/Examiner

gers it saw last year. The authority also anticipates Ronald Reagan National Airport will surpass last summer's record 4 million passengers.

"We are advising travelers that their two most useful tools for summer air travel will be time and preparation," said Rob Yingling, a spokesman for the authority

that runs Dulles and National. "In terms of time, we're advising passengers to come to the airport two hours before a domestic flight and three hours before an international flight if the flight is going to be departing early in the morning and late in the afternoon, which are the peak times.

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"As far as preparation, passengers should be aware of the rules that apply to carry-on baggage, parking if they're coming to Reagan National and packing in such a way to ease their passage through the security screening checkpoints," he said.

Parking is not expected to be scarce this weekend at BWI or Dulles. At National, which has thousands fewer spaces than the other two airports, the economy parking lot could fill up by Friday and stay at capacity through Sunday.

"However, past history shows us the other parking facilities should have available spaces at Reagan National," Yingling said. "Daily and hourly parking have historically not filled up this holiday weekend."

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Fairfax Co. to step up Vienna election oversight, e-mails show

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Fairfax County elections officials plan to drop the long-standing tradition of letting Vienna select its own poll workers, e-mails obtained through the Freedom of Information Act show, a move that follows controversy over the small town's elections.

After news broke on alleged voter interference during the May 1 Town Council election, the e-mails show a private discussion between officials over how to keep news stories from appearing in the media and how to

"quietly" step up oversight of the town's electoral process. The county oversees Vienna's annual election.

"For reasons lost in the mists of time, we had a practice of deferring to the Vienna folks, whom we thought were sending us a slate of even-handed election officials," Fairfax County Board of Elections Chairman Robert Sparks wrote on May 10. "Turns out some of them were ill-informed about the rules, to put it nicely, and acted on that misinformation. The way we should work, I suggest, is to go to the Vienna folks quietly in the near future and let them know that the old days are over. We are going to be more actively involved in vetting those who serve as elections officers in future

elections."

The county Board of Elections on Tuesday verified the authenticity of the e-mails, which are posted at www.historicvienna.com, a local blog.

The contention is summed up in a complaint filed at the State Board of Election. It alleges a poll worker told a voter at the booth to "vote for three," a reference to the maximum number of candidates a person could cast a vote for. With only two challengers, filling the out three entries would have sent a vote to an incumbent, each of whom won by wide margins.

The poll worker was removed that day, though the state later faulted the county for not taking action fast

enough. The worker has since denied any wrongdoing.

"What came through [in news coverage] was that ... Vienna Town politics looks pretty shabby in print," Sparks wrote on May 7.

In an e-mail the following day, Sparks urged Fairfax County Board of Elections Secretary Maggi Luca, who had become the defacto spokeswoman, not to let a reporter "get you to say anything directly critical of Vienna."

"Anything critical (or seemingly critical) means he goes to them for comment, and the ping-pong game is on with the press writing a new story every day," he wrote.

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