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The concept for the future appearance of Arena Stage, was displayed at a public meeting in August, 2002. Construction is expected to start in the summer of 2004, with an opening in 2006. No decision has been reached on where plays will be given during construction.

## ANC Supports Arena Stage Expansion

By Brian S. Heller, Arena Stage facilities project manager

Following up an initial presentation to Southwest's ANC 2D in July and a neighborhood open house at Arena's Old Vat in August, Arena Stage appeared before the October 21 meeting

of ANC-2D to discuss the theater's planned renovation and expansion.

Representatives of the theater briefly summarized the project, seeking ANC approval for required zoning variances.

After questions from the commissioners and audience, the Commission voted unanimously to support the variances. ■

## Zoning For Waterside Mall Nov. 28

The long-awaited request for zoning change for redevelopment of Waterside Mall has been made public. The application (36 pgs. Plus Exhibits) for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) will be explained at the Mon., Nov. 28, monthly public meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc. (SWNA), at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3rd & M St. S.W. at 7:30 p.m.

The explanation is expected to take 20 minutes, with an hour and a half for questions and comments from Southwest residents.

Controversial elements of the proposal include the nature of the extension of 4th St. S.W. through the site, and the eventual location of four new 112 ft. high buildings at the four corners of the site. They will require a zoning change from the present 70-foot height limit. The two east and west EPA towers, which are 130 ft. high, will be retained. ■

## Delay Zoning Change, Says ANC

The request to change zoning for the "Waterfront" redevelopment at 4th and M St. S.W. from the present C-3-B (heights limited to 70 ft.) to C-3-C (heights of 130 ft.) is strongly opposed by the Southwest Advisory Neighborhood Commission ANC2D.

In a letter to the D.C. Zoning Commission the ANC requested "that the applicant's proposed zoning map amendment from C-3-B to C-3-C be denied

consideration for a public hearing, and that the hearing date for the PUD be set at a future public meeting in approximately six months."

"Such delay will still enable the developers to be well along in implementing their proposed matter-of-right phase of this project and will give the community additional time to consider which elements of the requested increase in height and bulk for existing and new structures it can support." ■

**Bad Meat at Safeway - See Story Page 4**

## Art-O-Matic Draws Crowds

With music, poetry, theater and a cabaret as well as dozens of walls of art, Art-O-Matic has drawn the public by the hundreds to its three floors of former offices of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at the northwest corner on the I (Eye) St. side of Waterside Mall, 401 M St. S.W. (now called simply Waterfront).

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Admission is free. Open noon to midnight every day except Mon. and Tue. and Thanksgiving Day, through Nov. 30.

Their website is [www.artomatic.org](http://www.artomatic.org).

A weekly schedule of events is being printed in City Paper. ■



Hundreds of paintings, photos and sculptures—such as this dragon made of metal—and music, dance, and film are available at Art-O-Matic.

## Southwest Day At Art-O-Matic

Sun. Nov. 24 from 3 pm to 6 pm will be Southwest Day at Art-O-Matic, upstairs on the I (Eye) St. side of Waterside Mall.

Any Southwest resident who would like to perform in the Art-O-Matic Exit Fare Stage on the 2nd floor #14 between 4 and 5 o'clock should call Naomi Monk 479-0442. ■

## ANC 6D Votes

Voters in Near Southwest/Southeast at Precincts 127, 128, 129 and 131 gave the following votes for Advisory Neighborhood Commission candidates:

	(asterisk * marks winner)	
SMD 01	Edward J. Johnson	596*
SMD 02	Charles W. Hargrave	343*
SMD 03	Mary Williams	185*
SMD 04	Andy Litsky	351*
	Gene Solon	222
SMD 05	Roger Moffatt	353*
SMD 06	Ahmed Asssalaam	182*
	Nanette Z. Cothran	121
SMD 07	Robert (Bob) Siegel	162*

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minster Presbyterian Church, 400 I (Eye) St.  
S.W., 7 pm**

**Tues. Nov. 19, SW Chamber Players, St.  
Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th & Maine  
Ave. S.W. 7:30 pm**

**Wed. Nov. 20, 4th St. Group meets at Tiber  
Island 7:30 p.m.**

**Wed. Nov. 20 WWCA Harbor Patrol 600  
Water St. S.W. 7:30 pm – 9pm**

**Thurs. Nov. 21 NARFE, 240 M St. S.W.  
12:30 p.m.**

**Thurs. Nov. 21 PSA 110 on crime, Second  
Union Baptist Church, 1107 Delaware Ave.  
S.W., 7:30-9:00 p.m.**

**Sun. Nov. 24 Southwest Day at Art-O-Matic  
– 401 M St. S.W. I (Eye) St. side – free 3pm  
– 6 pm**

**Mon. Nov. 25 Southwest Neighborhood  
Assembly public meeting, St. Matthew  
Lutheran Church, 222 M St. S.W., 7:30 p.m.**

**Mon. Nov. 27 Deadline for Southwester sto-  
ries and ads for January issue (to be distrib-  
uted Dec. 10)**

**Mon. Dec. 2 SWNA Board at Waterside Mall  
office, 7 pm**

**Tues. Dec. 3 Police Citizens Advisory Coun-  
cil, 415 4th St. S.W. 7 pm**

**Sat. Dec. 7 & 14 Baby Sitter classes, SWNA  
office, 401 M St. S.W. 10am – 2 pm**

**Mon. Dec. 9 ANC public meeting, Westmin-  
ster Presbyterian Church, 400 I (Eye) St. S.W.,  
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**S**WNA's S.W. Scholarship Committee has announced grants to help with books, fees and transportation for thirteen Southwest college students. The students (in alphabetical order) and the colleges they are attending during 2002-2003 are:

Quanicia L. Alston – University of Tampa; Fatoumata Bah – New York University; Dontria M. Brawner – Penn State University; Paris Davis – Hampton University; Joseph Johnson – University of the District of Columbia; Jamal Jones – Guilford Technical Community College; Enoch Long – Temple University; Alexander McMahan – Rutgers University; Winifred Najjuma – Salem State College; Eugenia Serita Norde – N.C. A&T State University; Gregory Rouse – Virginia State University; John Thompson – Winthrop University; Keith Thompson – Virginia State University.

This year grants ranged between \$400 and \$1,000 and were based on community service, grades and need. S.W. residents in zip code 20024 can apply each year for four years of undergraduate studies. Grants are made from funds donated to the scholarship committee, from residents of S.W. and others interested in youth making an effort at self-improvement.

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*Eight of the 13 Southwest college students who received grants from the Southwest Scholarship Committee are (top row, left to right) Quanicia Alston, Paris Davis, Fatoumata Bah, and Gregory Rouse (second row, left to right) Eugenia Norde, Jamal Jones, Dontria Brawner, and Enoch Long.*

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The D.C. Office of Planning brought four design professionals to Southwest for slide presentations on how 4th St. S.W. might look when it is reunited between M St. S.W. and I (Eye) St. S.W.

Jon Eisen of StreetSense Retail Advisors illustrated “Anatomy of a Good Retail Street.” Two of his slides appear on this page.

Matthew Bell of Ehrenkrantz, Ekstur & Kuh Architects spoke on “Seven Principles for Retail Architecture.”

Richard Lake of Madison Retail Partners spoke on “Cars, Pedestrians and Retail Streets.”

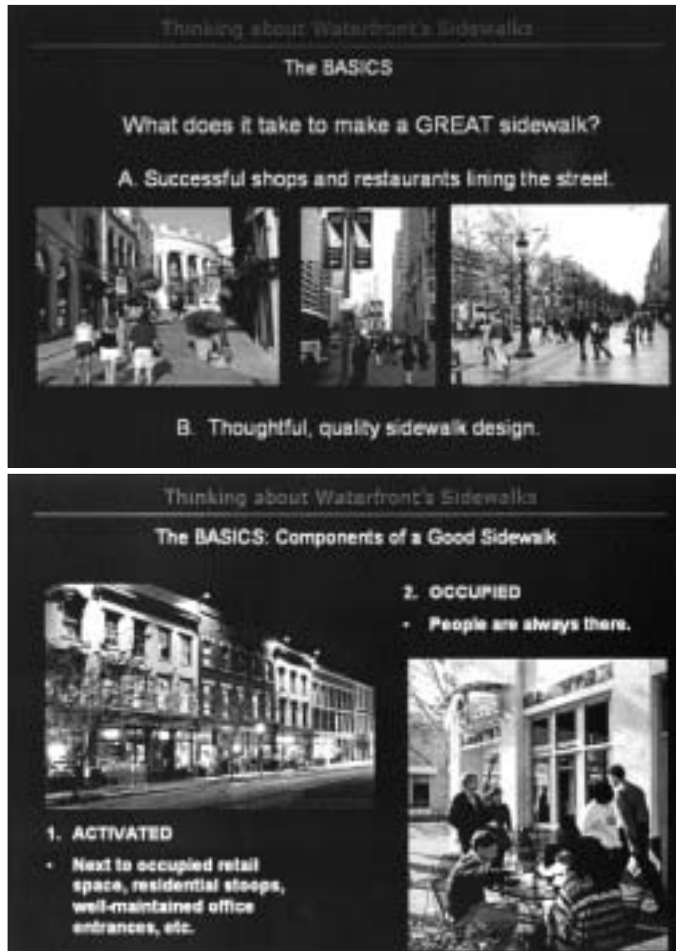
“A Profile of Pedestrian and Vehicular Retail Streets” was given by Maureen McAvey of the Urban Land Institute.

Don Edwards of Justice & Sustainability began the evening and Andrew Altman, Director, DC Office of Planning gave the introduction and listed “Next Steps,” in considering the new 4th St. S.W.

The D.C. Department of Transportation will present its traffic study and recommendations.

The public will have input into the Zoning Commission analysis of the developers’ Planned Unit Development (PUD) that would permit exceptions to existing Zoning requirements for height and bulk.

Here are two of the slides used by John Eisen to illustrate his talk on “Anatomy of a Good Retail Street.”



# Bad Meat At Safeway

If you bought hamburger at Safeway in Waterside Mall a while ago on Tues. or Wed. Nov. 12 or 13, it may be poisoned with the deadly e-coli bacteria, the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture says. The package would have a sell date of Nov. 13, and the label “GR BF NOT LESS THAN 90% LN VPC, Safeway, Inc. and store number 1425.

Check your refrigerator or freezer and return this meat for a refund to Safeway at 401 M St. S.W. (Waterside Mall, now called WATERFRONT)

The problem was discovered when the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture made a routine inspection of the Safeway store on Nov. 12 and took samples of the ground beef. It took from Nov. 12 to Nov. 17 for USDA to test the meat and send out the alert.

Cooking the meat to a temperature of 160 degrees would kill all bacteria, according to the USDA., but you need a thermometer and can't tell by the color of the cooked meat.

Consumers can get information from Carole Wilson of Safeway Headquarters, (301) 918-8902.

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## Sparks Fly At Candidate Forum

Electon rhetoric came in all sizes and forms – including passionate and loud – at the candidate forum in S.W. the week before the election – sponsored by the local ANC and S.W. Neighborhood Assembly.

Southwester reporter Maurice Boyd gave this report:

“The usual issues, mainly revolving about neighborhood development, housing, and safety inevitably made their way to the forefront. As usual there were no hot controversies, but blasts of cold air at the forces perceived to be in charge of all the things no one likes but soft-pedals.

“The demeanor of the candidates ranged from loud, super self-confident, one might almost say demagogic, to tentative, moderate.

“Perhaps the most lively interchange of the evening came from Statehood Green Party at-large council candidates Michelle Tingling-Clemmons and Debby Hanrahan. (In the interest of full disclosure I confess I am campaigning for this party). They were coming on as the “truth squad” for better or for worse, as they leveled accusations against the big boys in local politics.”



ANC candidates at forum: (top row) Gene Solon, Mary Williams, Charles W. Hargrave, (middle row) Edward Johnson, Nanette Z. Cochran, Roger Moffatt, (bottom row) Andy Litsky, Ahmed Assalaam, Robert Siegel.

### Art-O-Matic May Get Mayor's Award

Art-O-Matic 2002, D.C.'s largest volunteer-driven arts event, has reached the finalist stage in the Mayor's Arts Awards under the category of "Innovation in the Arts." The 18th Annual Mayor's Arts Awards Gala and Reception will be held on Monday, December 9, 2002.

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Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Candied Yams

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# Thompson Directs "Ma Rainey"

By Wallace Babington

Try to think of three words that aptly describe Tazewell Thompson, director of Arena's current production, "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom." How about multi-talented nice guy? It fits.

Mr. Thompson is a director of proven ability and is in much demand across the country. He is no stranger to Arena Stage and the Washington theater community. He has been nominated for more than 30 Helen Hayes awards. He is also a playwright of record. Arena recently produced his play "Constant Star", a production that received well earned applause and praise. He has been commissioned to write plays for Arena Stage and South Coast Repertory, so we will be hearing from him as both director and playwright in the years to come.

Mr. Thompson has also established himself as a director of opera in locations as varied as La Scala, New York City Opera and San Francisco Opera.

Directing opera productions is no small feat. The opera world is known for temperamental, high-strung performers who try the patience and skill of even the best and most accomplished directors. But Mr. Thompson has built a solid reputation in this field and has received considerable recognition. He



Tazewell Thompson, director of "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom" at Arena Stage's Kreeger Theatre through Dec. 29.

has not, however, become involved in movies or television. He explains that he prefers the immediacy and creative demands of theater and opera stages.

I attended a preview performance of "Ma Rainey" and spoke to Mr. Thompson at the end of the show. I said that "Ma Rainey" was a powerful and provocative experience. He asked that I tell this to friends and acquaintances.

I just did. ■

## "Voices of Now" – Drama For S.W. Youth

Do you love to be on stage? Do you love to express yourself? Are you interested in writing or acting?

You can still be part of Arena Stage's free weekly program in the theatre arts for Southwest teenagers. Each Tues. from 4 pm to 5:30 pm at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church on M St. S.W. professionals from Arena Stage give free training to a dozen teenagers in writing and performing for the stage.

The announcement from Arena Stage says, "Participants will learn how to write and perform their own theater piece, incorporating words, images, hip-hop, dance, etc. This performance will express the experience of being a young person in America, in DC, and specifically in the Southwest. A premier performance will take place at Arena Stage in June."

Call Laura Zam, Director of Education, Arena Stage at (202) 234-5782. ■

## S.W. Artists At Art-O-Matic

Some of the artists with a connection to Southwest showing in Art-O-Matic. Look for SW marking at the show on Sun., Nov. 24.

Annie King Phillips - second floor t #11. Elegant framed collages. Annie lives in Southwest.

Judith Claire - second floor. Remembrances, political events 1963-2002. Donations to a good cause considered.

Millennium Art Center: Melt Down - second floor - Director Tim Tate, glass art.

Kiamsha - second floor - wire sculpture collection, "A Womanist Spirit."

James Brown, Jr. - second floor - woven tapestries and silk scarves.

Sheila Crider - second floor, and

Michael Platt - third floor - well known "established" artists of Washington.

"Art Enables" - third floor - Special artwork and cards by Southwest art-based training program at Millennium Art Center. Available for purchase.

Life pieces to Masterpieces, Inc. - third floor - sewn art by African American males, age 3-18.

Tewodross Melchishua and J.T. Melchishua - third floor - photos, music and narratives featuring the African and African American experience.

Ruth Cuestas, Tiber Island - third floor at "Federal Triangle," #24.

Kay Layne - third floor at "Dupont Circle" 19. ■

## A Note From Arena Stage

Tickets are going fast! *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*, the explosive emotional roller coaster, continues at Arena Stage in the Kreeger Theater through December 29. The production marks the first August Wilson play produced at Arena Stage in 12 years. *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* is the story of five Black musicians contending with the inequalities of the White dominated music industry in 1927 Chicago.

For ticket information, please call (202) 488-3300. ■

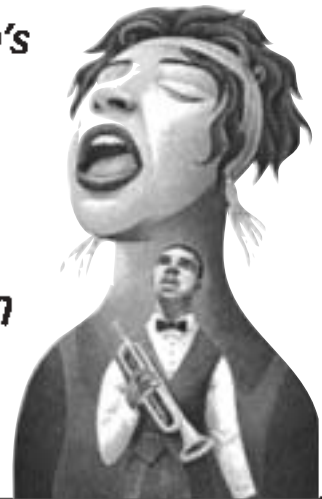


Ma Rainey, the head strong "Mother of the Blues" of the 1920s is portrayed by Tina Fabrique at Arena Stage's Kreeger Theater through Dec. 29.

August Wilson's monumental drama

ma rainey's black bottom

by August Wilson  
directed by Tazewell Thompson  
now through December 29



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lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II  
music by Richard Rodgers  
directed by Molly Smith  
previews begin December 8



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### Rev. Allen At Carron Baptist Deserves Credit

By Gloria Hamilton, SWNA Rep.

Pastor Lester W. Allen and his congregation at Carron Baptist Church 1354 First St. S.W. do not hesitate to offer their services or assistance to our residents in times of grief.

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Pastor Lester W. Allen of Carron Baptist Church.

### D.C. Agenda Trains Local Leaders

Four Southwest civic activists are taking classes in effective leadership and capacity building sponsored by the non-partisan group on K St. N.W. called D.C. Agenda. Classes are weekends or evenings for six months and will result in certificates of completion and a graduation ceremony.

In classes that started recently are

Tracey Hooks of the Greenleaf Extension Residents Council, David Brewer of S.W. Community House, Bob Siegel, ANC Commissioner, and Thelma Jones, former president of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly.

D.C. Agenda was created by the Federal City Council.

### Tracey Hooks In Carpenter Training Class



On Nov. 5 Tracey Hooks, president of Greenleaf Gardens Extension resident council, started her four year program training to be a carpenter.

In a 13 week pre-apprenticeship class she was salutatorian, not having missed any sessions.

The program is sponsored in 21 cities by American Community Partnerships (ACP) to provide long-term career opportunities in the construction industry for public housing residents.

### United Methodist Jazz Vespers



Vocalists Bonnie Harris and Dick Smith (shown here) performed at "An Evening of Joy, Jazz Vespers" at Christ United Methodist Church at 4th & I (Eye) St. S.W. Other jazz musicians on the program included: Wes Biles, bass; Paul Carr, saxophone; Ronald Compton, percussion; Vince Smith, piano and Sam Turner, percussion. The Reverend Joan H. Coates, officiated.

### Kiwanis Ends Its First Year

The Kiwanis Southwest Waterfront Club celebrated the completion of its first year with a dinner at Pier Seven Restaurant.

Kiwanis Division One Lieutenant

Governor Wayne R. Quick thanked outgoing club president Willie Robinson for an active year and congratulated the incoming president Wendell Campbell.

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