# Letters to the editor

## Cancer reporting hit

The prominently displayed and biased review of Dr. Sattilaro's book "Recalled by Life." which you published Nov. 4, is a disservice to cancer patients and those who care for them.

I have read Dr. Sattilaro's book and

found it one-sided, scientifically unand sensationalized. fortunately, the reviewer read it with an uncritical eye and simply regurgitated it for your readers.

The inaccuracies in this review alone are too numerous to counter here, and I doubt seriously that anything I could say would reverse the damage that has

already been done.

Despite the fact that the present overall cure rate for cancer in this country is approaching 50 percent, it remains one of the most feared diseases of mankind. Cancer patients and their families are continually subjected to claims and counter claims and easily fail prey to charlatans and quacks. Uneditorial policies appear only to foster that tendency.

The present article asserts that "prostatic cancer is incurable" (false). "diet causes cancer" (inaccurate), "the causes cancer" (no. "macrobiotics cure cancer" (no evidence), "toxins cause cancer" (over simplified), and "the scientific community has not investigated the role of diet" (felse). Unfortunately, this is not an isolated example of your editorials

policies.

Two weeks The News-Post ago, carried an article about a dentist with no medical training who asserts that he can cure everything from acne to cancer by analyzing the vitamin and metal levels in the patient's hair (at least you had the decency to print this particular article on the comics page!) Furthermore, you treely advertised this somewhat dubious

services by printing his name, address, and phone number.

Before that, you published articles about outmoded approaches to breast cancer surgery (taken out of context), an untrained woman who can "cure" by massaging the feet of her "patients," and a karate expert who is a "miracle worker" and better than all the decime worker" and better than all the doctors.

As a practicing encologist who has lived here for some seven years, I am dismayed by your lack of judgment and fairness. If one were to believe all that has been published in the last six months, it could only be concluded that your with a major illness should be. anyone with a major illness should ig-hore his doctors, eat brown rice, and find someone to rub his feet or back.

One of your senior editors has long een an active and highly valued volunteer for the local American Cancer Society. While I doubt that he has any

I do wish that The News-Post editorial policy matched the selfless devotion of those who are employed there.

At one time, The News-Post carried an excellent and inspiring column by one of our courageous neighbors who ultimately died from her cancer. I am sure that if Karen could review these later articles, she would answer far more eloquently than I.

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## Teenage problems

The problems of drug abuse, sexual premiscuity, behavioral problems, and criminal activity among children and teenagers are increasing sharply over the last fifteen years. These problems are common among teenagers that I can consider them epidemies.

Thurmont. 1 шш at least teenager in five indulges in drugs, behavioral problems (such as anorexia, bulmia, binge-purge, etc.), and/or sexual promiscuity on a regular baris. I think the following things need to be done to control these problems:

First, parents and school officials should not take the attitude that "my kid First, parents and will not indulge in drugs, sex, or any of that stuff." A more realistic attitude toward drugs, sex and behavioral problems with teenagers on the part of the parents, schools and communities is desparately needed.

Second, parents, schools and com-munities should stop blausing one another and start working together as a

team to control the problems mentioned. Drug abuse, for example, not only has effects on the teenagers themselves, but has effects on those around the teenagers.

Parents and schools should get tough on drug abuse by forcing regular abusers to seek help with such groups as Straight Inc. The other problems I mentioned should be cracked down by similar measures on the parts of schools and parents. Communities should be more involved in cracking down on drug abuse, behavior problems, sexual promiscuity and crime by young people by not hesitating to report such incidents to appropriate authorities.

Third, there should be activities for teenagers which will replace situations which teenagers indulge in behavior problems, drugs, sex, and/or antisocial activities. Schools should set tougher academic standards and toughen discipline. Parents should be more in-volved in their childrens' school ac-tivities and make sure homework assignments are done as well as set

tivities of their children and teenagers outside school (such as curiew hours, what to watch on TV, where and when they can go to certain places, e.c.,

Parents should be more involved in se selection of courses for their children and teenagers in school and expect their children and teenagers to do well in these courses.

Finally, the ultimate solution is car-ing. Caring enough about our chidren and teenagers to discourage drug abuse sex, behavioral problems and antisocial activities on the part of children and teenagers. I hope towns and cities will hold meetings concerning these issues. I can imagine the damage that drugs, sex, behavioral problems — and other "evils" have on tomorrow's citizens if these were to continue.

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### Hood concerts

Hood College and its Department of Music are to be commended on their current series of faculty concerts. Both Oct. 12 concert with Roseann Markow, violinist, Eric Edberg, cellist, and Noel Lester, pianist, and the Nov. 2 concert with flutist Sharon Wales McMichael, Mr. Edberg and harpist Molly Hahn were beautifully performed and enthusiastically received.

The people of Frederick are fortunate to have musicians of this caliber working and performing in our community.

The next concert will be Nov. 22 at 8:30 p.m. in Brodbeck Hall, featuring pianists Iva Rauch and Amy Plamondon. One would hope that continued community support will result in an ongoing series of concerts.

NORMA L. DODY. 801 Magnolla Ave., Frederick

### Thanks for help

This is an open sector of the nembers of the New Market District Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company, the New Market United Methodist Church, the LAYAA Cheerleaders and their parents, many local area merchants and all of you wonderful people who came and supported the Eyre family benefit spaghetti dinner held Saturday, Oct 29 at the New Warket fire hall.

Oct. 29, at the New Market fire hall.

Thanks to your love, support and prayers, our dinner was a tremendous

success!

May God richly bless each of you!

PEGGY EAST Mount Airy

> The only thing faster than Pac-Man gobbling dots is the way the game machine gobbles quarters.



## JACK ANDERSON

The Washington Merry-go-round

## Federal workers punished for citing radiation perils

WASHINGTON — You might think that employees who worry about the danger of the government's radioactive sterials being snewed into the atmosphere or being dumped willy-mily into inadequate disposal facilities would get respectful attention at least. But you'd be wrong.

Two employees of the Los Alamos National Laboratory who worried about the facility's safety measures wound up being fired or forced to quit. Here's their

story

Meliton Garcia was an industrial hygienist at the northern New Mexico laboratory. His job was reasonably straightforward: He was supposed to make sure that the air-filter systems in areas where radioactive material is pro-

cessed actually worked

But when he blew the whistle on potential health problems, Garcia says, he was harassed and passed over for promotion. His office furniture was dumped in a hallway and he was moved to an un-neated trailer. He eventually quit in frustration.

When Garcia went to work at Los Alamos in 1978, he soon discovered that many of the filter systems designed to catch minute particles or radioactive material had not been given the annual inspections required by government and

"A raview of the history shows that many of the filter banks that are potentially loaded with plutonium, other radioactive substances and carcinogens have not been tested as required . . . for many years," Garcia wrote in an internai 1978 memo.

Los Alamos, Garcia wrote, "would be found negligent . . . d any of these sys-tems were to release highly toxic conteminants through the exhaust stacks. in fact, García wrote, a leak had already occurred, and one exhaust system had to be shut down due to a radiation leak around a faulty filter.

Garcia's forthright memo didu't my associate John Dillon that mobody disputed his factual data. Instead, the laboratory officials ordered him to rewrite his memo.

The rewritten version of Garcia's cary memo contained the same factual information, but it deleted references in the original to lab negligence and the absence or near absence of any testing

during the past eight years."
Garcia's study was still embarrassing to the brass at Los Alamos. He noted that, while federal standards required annual checks of the laboratory's 434 filter hanks, only 32 had been inspected in 1977 — and that was the best year.

"They got upset because I pointed out something they were very negligent in, said Garcia, who now teaches at the University of Arizona. "If I had gone there and just laid low — signed my name to everything — I'd still be there. and they'd still be exposing people" idloactive roaterial **in the** air.

The other conscientions Los Alamos employee who got fired for trying to do her job is Margaret Anne Rogers, a geologist who was hired in 1973 and was assigned the task of figuring out how safely the laboratory had disposed of its tons of radioactive garbage.

She did her job councientiously conscientiously, as it turned out. She checked into laboratory records dating back to World War II and fom d that, in some cases, radioactive waste had been dumped indiscriminately and in poor locations. As a result, some areas were contaminated. Rogers recommended swift corrective action.

Instead of acting on Rogers' recom-

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Handmade rugs and wallhangings, ceramic teapots and mugs, handblown wine goblets and silver spoons, as well as artwork for your friend's new apartment are among the gifts you will find at this week's holiday fairs and festivals.

- \* DESIGNER Craftsmen, holiday open house, Nov. 20 and 21, Annapolis. Handmade furniture, pottery, batik wall hangings, ceramics, calligraphy and silkscreens.. Location: 1505 Circle Dr., Winchester on Severn, Annapolis. Hours: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
- \* AUTUMN CRAFTS Festival, Nov. 19-21, Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg, Md. Sponsored by Sugarloaf Mountain Works with 200 craftspeople and artists. Hours: Friday, noon to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (301) 831-9191.
- \* ARTCADE, Nov. 20 and 21 at Washington Plaza, Reston, Va., sponsored by the League of Reston Artists. The show includes pottery, photography, fiber art, paintings and pastels. Artcade takes place in the store formerly occupied by "Dockside." Hours: Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 4:30 p.m. Call 437-7336.
- \* CHRISTMAS Shopping Fair, Nov. 20 and 21, State House, St. Mary's City, (southern) Maryland. Potpourri pillows, pine needle baskets, quilted ornaments and cornhusk dolls will be sold as well as pottery reproductions of items found during archeological digs in St. Mary's City, site of Maryland's first capital. Hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (301) 994-0779 or 862-1634 for directions.
- \* DOLLHOUSE and Miniature Show, Nov. 21, Sheraton Inn, I-270, Frederick, Md. Hourly workshops and demonstrations. Admission: adults, \$3; children, \$1. Call (301) 432-5532 or (301) 432-5628.
- \* CHRISTMAS Bazaar, Nov. 21, noon to 5 p.m., Embassy of Finland, 3216 New Mexico Ave. NW. Handmade Christmas ornaments and traditional Finnish gift items. Call 451-0036.
- \* CHRISTMAS SHOP, Nov. 16-Dec. 22, Beall-Dawson House, home of the Montgomery County Historical Society. Handmade ornaments, small antiques, miniatures and craft items. Beall-Dawson House, 103 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville, Md. Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Call 762-1492.
- \* COLONIAL Christmas Open House, Nov. 21, noon to 4 p.m. at the 1819 Charles County Courthouse, Port Tobacco, (southern) Maryland. Call (301) 645-2693 for directions.
- \* HOLIDAY CRAFTS Bazaar, Nov. 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Henson Valley Montessori School, 7007 Allentown Rd., Temple Hills, Md. Call 449-4442.
- \* RUSSIAN BAZAAR, Nov. 20 and 21, St. Nicholas Cathedral, 3500 Massachusetts Ave. NW. Handmade crafts and imported works. Hours: Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 3 p.m. Call 971-1220 or 938-1417.

- \* HOLIDAY Bazaar and Craft Show, Nov. 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Rock Terrace High School, 390 Martins Lane, Rockville. Call (301) 762-2211.
- \* CHRISTMAS CRAFT Show, Nov. 21, Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, Md. Hours: noon to 5 p.m. Call 445-4500.
- \* HOLIDAY Express Boutique, Nov. 20 and 21 at historic St. Mary's Church, 5222 Sideburn Rd., Fairfax. Handmade items and a Dutch Colonial dollhouse.. Hours: Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 425-5762.
- \* FALL SHOW and Craft Fair, Nov. 20 and 21, Good Luck Recreation Center, 8601 Good Luck Rd., Lanham. All works by Prince George's Artists Association. Hours: Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. Call 277-9384.
- \* TURKISH BAZAAR, Nov. 19 and 20, Turkish Embassy, 1606 23rd St. NW. Handcrafted items, carpets, copperware and more. Admission: \$1. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Call 362-0997.
- \* CRAFT FAIR, Nov. 20, Frederick County Square Shopping Center, Rte. 40 West and Baughman's Lane, Frederick, Md. Benefit for the Christ Lutheran Church. Silk-screen prints, handmade toys, pottery, dried and silk flowers will be displayed. Chair-caning and rug-braiding demonstrations will also be held. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 663-0534.

#### TOURS/LECTURES

- \* DECORATOR HOUSE Tour, Nov. 20-Dec. 5, 7015 Partridge Place, Hyattsville, Md. Area merchants have decorated this colonial house to give visitors ideas for their own homes. Sponsored by the University Park Elementary School. Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Closed Nov. 24 and 25. Call (301) 927-1970.
- \* ALEXANDRIA walking tours, through Nov. 29. The 90-minute tours cover the city's historic district. Mondays and Saturdays beginning at 10:30 a.m. Fee: \$2. Call 549-0205 or 548-0100.
- \* KIRK-STIEFF master silver craftsman Joseph Student will discuss his work, Nov. 18, 19 and 20 at the R. Harris-D.P. Paul store, Springfield Mall, Springfield, Va. Call (703) 971-0550.
- \* ROYAL COPENHAGEN artist and designer Sven Vestergaard will discuss Royal Copenhagen porcelains with customers, Nov. 22 and 23, Garfinckel's, F Street store. Vestergaard is the designer of the new Motherhood plate series. Call 628-7730, ext. 462.
- \* LLOYD HOUSE tour and reception, Nov. 20, 1-3 p.m. The Lloyd House is a museum/library specializing in Virginia and southern history. Location: 220 N. Washington St., Alexandria. Call 838-4577.
- \* ENGLISH BAROQUE Architecture of Wren, lecture, Nov. 30, 6 p.m. at the Mayer House, 41 E. 72nd St., New York City. Continuation of the Royal Oak Lecture Series. \$6.50. Call (212) 861-0529 for reservations.

#### **CERAMICS**

\* PAINTED STONEWARE and glazed porcelain by Eva Vibert, opens Nov. 14, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at FW's Finewares (formerly The Craft Studio), 7040 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park. Through Thanksgiving. Hours: Tuesday-Sturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 2-5 p.m. Call 270-3138.

#### **TEXTILES**

\* TRIBAL WEAVINGS of the Moroccan Berbers, opens Nov. 20, the China Coast Gallery, 3003 P St. NW. Through

- Dec. 25. Antique and contemporary pile rugs, flat-woven tent hangings, saddle bags and cushions from Lois Brubeck's collection. Antique jewelry designs by Betty Battle will also be shown. Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 338-5458.
- \* HOOKED RUG exhibit, "Minnesota Celebration," Nov. 23-Jan. 3, Textile Museum Shop Gallery, 2320 S St. NW, focuses on the work of artist/rugmaker Dorothy Sauber. Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Call 667-0441.

#### **PRINTS**

\* THREE CENTURIES of wood block prints, opens Nov. 20, Full Circle gallery, 317 Cameron St., Alexandria. More than 100 prints by the grand masters as well as more moderately priced ones (about \$100) will be shown. Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays (through Christmas) 1-5 p.m. Call 683-4500.

#### MIXED MEDIA

- \* PORCELAIN, Glass and jewelry exhibit, Nov. 21-Jan. 5, Plum Gallery. Catharine Hiersoux's porcelain vessels and plates, Dudley Giberson's handblown glass vessels and glass necklaces; and Friar Jerry Hovanec's recent glass work. Hiersoux will give two ceramic workshops: Nov. 20, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Montgomery College, Rockville, and Nov. 21, 10 a.m. to noon, the Renwick Gallery. Plum Gallery, 3762 Howard Ave., Kensington, Md. (301) 933-0222.
- \* FINE CRAFTS exhibition, Nov. 19-Dec. 31, Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Juried by Renwick Gallery director Lloyd Herman. Functional and non-functional ceramics, glass work, fiber art and wood work will be shown. Call 524-1494/1596.
- \* FIBER AND CLAY exhibition, Nov. 14-Dec. 19, Benchmarks, 3135 Highland Place NW. Featured artists: Nancy Herman's wall hangings, Hye-Sun Lee's batik paintings, Hae Sook Cho's sculptured ceramic forms, Leslie Jay Orenstein's porcelain vessels and Lynette King's porcelain with celadon and red glazes. Open by appointment. Call 966-6396.
- \* WOVEN WALL HANGINGS, ceramics, drawings and paintings, Nov. 22-Dec. 18, Columbia Visual Arts College. Includes large stoneware party platters, teapots and bowls, covered boxes and more. The college is at 6100 Foreland Garth, Columbia, Md. (301) 992-3933.
- \* WOODCUT rubbings, collages, weavings, ink drawings and more, D.C. Slide Registry of Artists, Lansburgh Cultural Center, 420 Seventh St. NW. Through Jan. 3. The registry is a clearinghouse on the visual arts in Washington. Call 789-2985.
- \* HANDTHROWN POTTERY, handwrought ironwork and jewelry, Nov. 22-Nov. 28 at The Berry Patch, 113 E. Main St., Berryville, Va. Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (703) 955-4614.
- \* ROCHESTER FOLK ART Guild exhibition at the Renwick Museum Shop, Renwick Gallery, Pennsylvania Avenue at 17th Street NW. Handmade bowls, toys, musical instruments, teapots, glassware, textiles and more. Through Jan. 2.
- \* CERAMICS, prints, photography, paintings and drawings, Nov. 18-Dec. 10, Dimock Gallery, George Washington University. All work is by GWU undergraduate and graduate students. Dimock Gallery is off the lower lounge of Lisner Auditorium, 21st and H streets NW. Hours: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 676-6460.
- \* PHOTOGRAPHS, prints, paintings and sculpture in the Armory Show of **1982** open Nov. 19, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Armory Place, 925 Wayne Ave., Silver Spring. The artists previously exhibited at the former Canal House Gallery. The show runs Nov. 20 and 21, noon to 6 p.m. Call 649-3553.

\* STONEWARE, porcelain, weavings and photography, Open House, Nov. 21, noon to 5 p.m. at 5211 Worthington Dr., Bethesda. Call 229-3418.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

\* "FOUND OBJECTS/Familiar Things," through Dec. 8, at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Five area photographers will show their work, chosen as best of show in a juried exhibition co-sponsored by the Atheaneum and the Arlington Arts Center. Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Call 548-0035.

#### **CRAFT CLASSES**

- \* SANDBLASTING sheet-glass workshops, Nov. 20 and 21 with Mark Anderson at his Alexandria studio. Includes stencil preparation, deep carving, frosting and blasting of flashed and mirror glass. Hours: Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. \$25. Call 768-2076 or 920-6824.
- \* MAKING POINSETTIAS of taffeta, Dec. 5 with artist Judith Hogan. Participants will learn how to make taffeta poinsettias. Two sessions: 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Smithsonian Associates. Members, \$22; nonmembers, \$27. Call 357-3030.
- \* CORN HUSK ornaments and doll making, Dec. 4 with Jocelyn Mostrum. Smithsonian Associates. Members, \$17; nonmembers, \$22. Call 357-3030.
- \* WEAVING classes this month at The Weaving Depot, 8008 Norfolk Avd., Bethesda. Morning and evening classes on two harness looms. Call 652-7080.

#### HOME WORKSHOPS

- \* HOUSE PLANTS, basic house-plant-care workshop, Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Rd. Covers potting soil, watering, fertilizing, and pest control. Call 345-5800.
- \* CUSTOM FRAMING workshops, now until Dec. 25. Holly Ross of Fantastic Frame-ables will present framing workshops in your home. Call 941-6522.

#### **COLLECTIBLES**

- \* AMERICANA collection on exhibit, Nov. 19-24, Thieves Market, 7704 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria. The collection will be auctioned off Nov. 25, 10:30 a.m. Fine English and Oriental furniture, silver, oriental rugs, paintings and more will be sold. Call 360-4200 for reservations.
- \* ANTIQUE SHOW and Sale, Nov. 18-20, St. Ambrose Church, 3901 Woodburn Rd., Annandale, Va. Lectures and appraisals will be given. Donation: \$2.50. Sponsored by the Fairfax County Medical Society Auxiliary to benefit **Straight** Inc., a **drug** rehabilitation center for adolescents. Hours: Thursday and Friday, noon to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 620-3604.
- \* OLD LANCASTER Antiques Show, Nov. 19-21, 323 N. Duke St., Lancaster, Pa. More than 25 exhibitors plus lectures on repairing objects of art and Victorian jewelry and appraisals. Hours: Friday, noon to 9 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 8 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. Admission: \$4 at the door (\$3 before show). Call (717) 392-4843.
- \* NEW YORK ARMORY Antiques Show, Nov. 18-21 at the Seventh Regiment Armory, Park Avenue at 67th Street, New York City. Approximately 100 exhibitors from 15 states will show: 17th-, 18th- and 19th-century items including: formal and country furniture, rugs, clocks, porcelains, silver, quilts, toys, hearthware, decoys, folk art and others. Hours: Nov. 18-20, noon to 9 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. Admission: \$4. Call (914) 834-8270.

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A summary of the last week's major news and sports events in Northern Virginia:

#### News:

Liberty Baptist College in Lynchburg, founded by TV evangelist Jerry Falwell and dedicated to teaching the "scientific basis for Biblical creationism," won provisional approval for its biology graduates to teach in Virginia public schools.

Virginia's fuel assistance program, which has subsidized the heating bills of low-income residents for the past four winters, closed its doors to new applicants because the state no longer has enough money to help them.

A federal appeals court ruled that undercover police officers operating at Washington National Airport may not detain passengers for questioning simply because police consider their behavior "nervous" or "distraught." The ruling came in a case involving a 35-year-old man who was convicted on a **drug** charge following his arrest at the airport.

A Fairfax County judge ordered James Q. Stevens held for trial on nine counts of abduction and one firearms charge in connection with the November siege at Lake Braddock Secondary School. Stevens, 18, is accused of holding nine people hostage during a 21-hour ordeal at the county's largest school. Doctors at a Virginia mental hospital have said Stevens is competent to stand trial.

A 27-year-old Arlington County man was convicted in Arlington Circuit Court of raping robbing and maliciously youndinged county woman who testified she was so traumatized by the events that she couldn't recall them for nearly three months.

A Warrenton woman who last month allegedly shot and killed the manager of a neighboring farm was indicted by a state circuit court grand jury on murder and firearms charges.

Officials of **Straight** Inc., a **drug** rehabilitation operation being sued by a former patient from Fairfax County, termed as "reckless exaggeration" allegations that they brainwash patients. The officials are asking the court to prohibit four current patients from testifying.

Constance K. Bartholomew of Falls Church, whose accident outside the Seven Corners shopping center triggered a federal investigation of Ford Motor Co.'s automatic transmissions, will keep a \$16,500 award against the auto maker after a lower court decision was upheld by the Virginia Supreme Court.

Fairfax County police officer Paul O'Keefe rescued 13-year-old Ojena R. Cowan of 2118 Arlington Ter., who was trapped inside her burning house before dawn. O'Keefe, however, was unable to save Ojena's friend, 14-year-old DeQuincy J. Hamlet, of Waldorf, Md., who was spending the night at the home and who died in the blaze, fire and police officials said.

A Fairfax County committee recommended strengthening county police department procedures for arresting drunk drivers and said prosecutors should press for harsher seatences against offenders. The 29-member Task Force of Drunk Driving, created by the Board of Supervisors in response to public pressure, spent nine months drafting proposals intended to reduce drunken driving in the county.

The Fairfax Hospital Association unveiled an ambitious \$60-million plan to expand health care facilities in Fairfax County, including a proposal to build a new \$30-million hospital in western Fairfax County, near the intersection of Rte. 50 and I-66.

Virginia's old guard put on a \$50-a-plate, black-tie dinner in Richmond in tribute to retiring U.S. Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr., its most famous member and the symbol of its now-fading presence on the state's political scene. Among the 800 Byrd admirers to attend were Vice President George Bush, Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. and actor Douglas Fairbanks Jr.

Park Police said a Salvadoran immigrant whose body was found Nov. 28, a few feet from the eternal flame at John F. Kennedy's grave in Arlington National Cemetery, died after a heart attack. "What we don't know is if he fell into the fire and had a heart attack or had a heart attack and fell into the fire," said Park Police spokeswoman Sandra Alley. The Northern Virginia Medical Examiner's Office has ruled the death an accident, she said.

A committee studying ways the Alexandria School Board could reduce the curriculum of the city's only high school proposed a plan giving lowest priority to courses in advanced languages, intermediate music, advanced vocational education, specialized sciences and subjects that could be reclassified as extracurricular activities.

One man was taken into custody in Arlington County after a car chase that began near the scene of a police stakeout in Chevy Chase, continued through Rock Creek Park, past the Kennedy Center and over Memorial Bridge, and involved officers from three police departments, authorities reported.

A 23-year-old Oakton woman led 13 police officers from eight jurisdictions on a 70-mile high-speed car chase through the Virginia countryside as she apparently monitored police commands on a radio scanner in her car.

#### Sports:

Lake Braddock High School senior Andria Volpe finished fourth Saturday at the Kinney Shoe High School Cross Country Championships in Orlando, Fla. Volpe, the **1982** Virginia AAA 1600-meter outdoor champ and a High School All-American in that event, ran the 5000-meter course in 17:06.2. Volpe, who ended up 18th in the race last year, finished eight seconds behind the winner.

Alisa Harvey of Jefferson High School, who took second behind Volpe two weeks ago in the Southern Region qualifying meet in Durham, N.C., finished 28th in 18:21.6.

Two George Mason University athletes won their events Saturday at the inaugural George Mason Invitational indoor track meet. It was the first college track meet held in the George Mason's new field house.

John Parker, ranked the second-best high school sprinter in the country last year by Track and Field News, won the 300 meters in 34.1. Parker's time equaled the fastest indoor time posted by any college runner last year. Teammate Tom Pascoe put the shot 53-4 to win.

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