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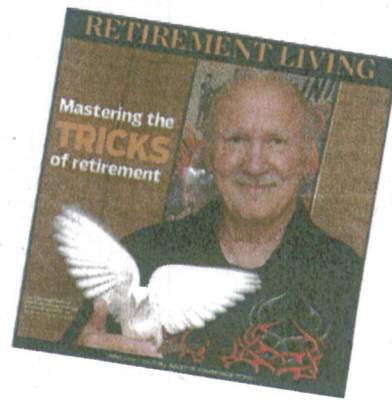
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Mastering the tricks of retirement

Annapolis lawyers deny allegations

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Annapolis officials refute allegations police officers used excessive force and violated the constitutional rights of a Hyattsville man who was detained while police were investigating calls for a man riding a dirt bike and brandishing a gun.

In a lawsuit filed in May, Towhee A. Sparrow Jr. alleged police officers Sgt. Christopher Kintop and Officer Robert Reese II threatened to kill him, called him

According to the city's response to federal lawsuit, events involving Towhee A. Sparrow Jr. happened differently

racial epithets, and pulled his pants down while frisking and detaining him in the search of the man brandishing a gun. Sparrow's suit alleges he was injured during the arrest when he was kneeed in the neck, head and back.

The city's answer to Towhee A. Sparrow Jr.'s complaint denies any wrongdoing on the part of the city and police officers when

they detained Sparrow on the 1000 block of Chesapeake Harbour Drive in June 2014. The officers acted appropriately and no excessive force occurred, according to the city's response.

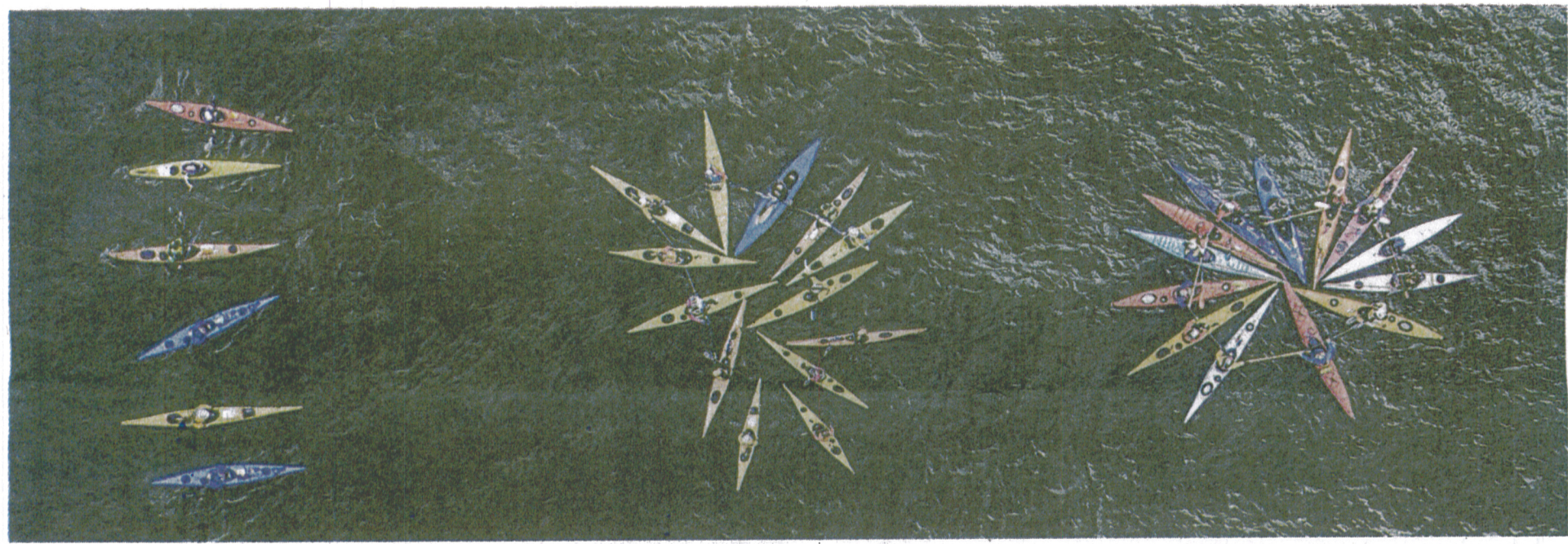
The city is asking the judge to dismiss the complaint and enter judgment in the favor of the city and the two officers. Annapolis' attorneys do not plan to settle the case.

"I'm totally fine with defending this case," said Gary Elson, assistant city attorney. "This was good police work, our position is none of the allegations of excessive force and use of racial slurs occurred."

The phrase "Defendants deny all of the allegations..." appears often in the city's 17-page response, which addresses each of Sparrow's allegations.

Sparrow's attorneys didn't immediately return a request for comment. See **LAWSUIT**, page A6

Marking centennial of National Park Service



COURTESY OF MID-ATLANTIC AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Members of the Chesapeake Paddlers Association and the Chesapeake Conservancy created this formation of "100" in kayaks at Sandy Point State Park near the Bay Bridge. The event marks the centennial of the National Park Service. This is also the 10th anniversary of the John Smith Chesapeake Trail.

To serve their country

High school graduates look ahead to service academies and military schools

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Gazing at the unique view, a dozen teens gathered this past week at the World War II Memorial near the Naval Academy Bridge. They are among at least 30 recent county

high school graduates who will be trained to become officers in the U.S. military.

Twelve are known to have received appointments to the Naval Academy. One will be attending the Air Force Academy, and three have opted to attend the Coast Guard Academy.

Another 13 are enrolled in service academy preparatory schools, foundation programs, or Army, Navy or Air Force ROTC programs.

Inspired by her father, a Coast Guard See **SERVE**, page A6



Local graduates who are attending military service academies. From left is Ethan Falsone, Henry Hutcherson, Sarah Smith, Caitlin Blanche, Alana Phillips, Victoria LeVack, Kayla

New concern voiced over public records

Former county attorney says charter change could limit transparency

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A proposed charter change headed to the ballot in November could limit access to public records, a retired Anne Arundel County attorney has cautioned County Council members.

In a memorandum, former County Attorney David Plymyer said charter changes recommended by County Executive Steve Schuh's administration and approved by the council could have "substantive effects on the types of information available to the public."

Plymyer's opinion echoes concerns raised last month by former County

the council from 2006 to 2014, and former Auditor Teresa Sutherland, who left for a private sector job in February.

Schuh administration officials, meanwhile, say the warnings are unwarranted and the suggested charter change is a housekeeping measure.

And a spokesman for Schuh has pushed back against Plymyer's decision to weigh in, alleging his memo was "unethical" as former counsel to the county.

The debate began last month, shortly after council members unanimously passed a resolution that proposes to consolidate two sections of the charter related to public records access into one.

Under the language in the charter, "any books, accounts, papers and records" are open to inspection except for criminal investigation reports, individual personnel records and documents