

est player to win a Masters title since Djokovic himself, in 2007. I asked Kyrgios whether Zverev's win motivated him. "I'm incredibly happy for him," he said, and it was obvious that he meant it. "But I don't know if it motivates me. I didn't feel as soon as he won, Man, I'm going to go train, or anything. He won a tournament. It's good, but it's more weeks on the road where we're going to play tennis matches, and that's it."

most point off Georgia's coast, where the sea air is believed to heal the sick and canopies of Spanish moss gracefully drape live oak trees, is where Nkechi Oisemeka, a Nigerian-born graduate student at NYU and a special events manager, and Kevin Mitchell, a consultant at Accenture who grew up in Redmond, Washington, chose to marry. The couple met in 2001 at an orientation mixer for freshmen from Atlanta's Spelman and Morehouse colleges. The meeting, Keyin says, "felt as right as rain. I knew she was going to have a profound impact on my life." Nkechi still holds on to a yellow Post-it note Kevin gave her that day with his full name (including his middle name and nickname), three phone numbers, and an e-mail address.

On August 26, 2009, exactly eight years to the day after they met, Kevin proposed with a solitaire-cut Leon Mepe ring at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. He had made a point of procuring the stone from Israel, where Nkechi lived for five years when her father Ignatius Oisemeka was Nigeria's ambassador to the country. Months

we're being up front about that," she says. "We need to get people out of their cars and transit and have people working and living the base. The answer isn't building more."

Alameda will grow over the next decade with or without the base, and traffic will a concern wherever the growth is, she says. The advantage of concentrating the new development on Alameda Point is that it is the city room to expand without comprising existing neighborhoods.

Ott has worked on the future of Alameda Point for the past 10 years, the last four as a point person for the city. She worked there



There are still many details to be worked out, but she is optimistic that for this project, the third time will be the charm.

"I'm excited to be getting closer to getting a new community in Alameda and doing it responsibly and seeing the community's vision implemented," Ott says. "After 20 years, I'm looking forward to just talking about it anymore, but actually doing it. The city has spent lots of time and energy working with the community to make sure our plans reflect their vision for the site. Hopefully this will minimize the uncertainty for the developers."

Bosso says he hopes both Alameda and Oakland have found their way past the false starts and civic dreaming that have stalled attempts to convert the bases thus far. "Oakland had a difficult experience with base-reuse process for a lot of the same reason that Alameda did," he says. "Expectations were created through the BRAC process that were not grounded in economic reality. There is a tendency for people who want to make change and highly so to want to make change in the world because they feel like things are not as they should be—to look at every project as an opportunity to solve every problem. But that's not how economic development works."



## Tower of power