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Smith Weighs In

The Arlington Superintendent speaks about the boundary controversy, a North/South divide and his relationship with the School Board.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION



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**Arlington Superintendent
Dr. Robert Smith**

The Arlington public school system is grappling with over crowding issues, lagging capital projects, an achievement gap and many other difficult issues. Simultaneously, the School Board is in a state of great flux. Three members of the five-member Board have retired since 2006 and another – 24-year veteran Frank Wilson – is set to step down at the end of this year. At the center of it all is Dr. Robert Smith, Arlington's Superintendent of Schools. Since being hired in 1997, Smith has enjoyed widespread support but lately, Smith has had to deal with many issues that have garnered criticism. Earlier this year, hundreds of parents publicly spoke out against his plan to redraw school boundaries. Days after proposing a much-anticipated capital improvement plan, Smith sat down for a wide-ranging interview on some of the most pressing issues Arlington Public Schools now faces.

Did you anticipate the reaction you got from your boundary proposal?

Sure. Yes.

Why did you propose what you proposed?

I thought that I was compelled to follow the guidelines and the direction that had been established by the School Board. The proposal that came from the committee initially I didn't believe followed that direction. So I gave them a starting point.

Were you surprised that the reaction was that intense?

No. People get really upset with boundaries.

How do you see the community involvement going forward?

Ultimately that's to the good. It's to our benefit. The strength of that involvement is that it's fueled by a regard for one school community. The people who are most engaged in the boundaries... are engaged because they're supporting their school communities. Or they don't want to leave their school community. That's a positive motivation and it indicates a high level of support for education. We don't hear people talking about how terrible their schools are.

Do you see that as being unique?

I think in general people don't like boundary changes. I've not known a community that does. Even in Loudoun that goes through them constantly because of the rapidity of growth there, they don't like them.

How did [the boundary issue] affect your relationship with the School Board?

It depends on which School Board member you're talking about. There were Board Members who said, "We understand why

Rob proposed what he did and that's exactly what he should have done and now it's up to us to decide if we want to change our direction." That's what they did.

I'm thinking of the chairman, Ed Fendley. At a public hearing he said that the proposal was "terrible." How did that affect your relationship with him?

That's his perspective on what the proposal was. He didn't agree with the direction that was set, I guess.

What's your relationship like with the Board right now and with him specifically?

It's Ok. I think it's professional. It's mutually respectful.

Has this been an easy Board to work with?

Any Board that goes through change is more difficult than a board that has already solidified and established its relationships. This board is changing. That makes it a little less certain. The dynamic is different.

Do you enjoy the support of the Board?

At the moment. *(Laughs)*

Let's say your contract expired tomorrow.

Would I be rehired? I don't know. How would I know that?

I would think if there's anyone who would know that it would be you. You're not sure?

"People get really upset with boundaries."

— Dr. Robert Smith

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NEWS



Jorge Areias as Diablo.

Celebrating Arlington

Arlington County's annual Neighborhood Day festivities were held this weekend. The main attractions of the day were a parade in the Clarendon area and a 10K run down historic Wilson Boulevard. Various local neighborhoods also held events celebrating the culture and history of their areas. Neighborhood Day is an annual event held by Arlington County to celebrate its variety of distinct neighborhoods.



Clifton Kubiak as the frog in Winnie the Pooh.



San Simon dancer Daniela Gonzales.



Washington & Lee students participating in the Latin American Student Association (LASA) paint each others faces before the start of the parade. Pictured are Glory Romera, Kristin Andia, Linda Montes and Brizeyda Arguenta.



Parents and staff from Mini Travelers Tot Class untangle the balloons on the banner before heading up in Saturday's parade.



Performing traditional native dances, the Bolivia Dancers move through the parade route.

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COMMUNITY

Reed-Westover Project Begins

BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

Despite torrential rains and muddy conditions, County and School officials broke ground last week on their newest construction project, a joint facility that will house several school programs and a library.

The project, which will combine the Westover Library with the Reed School, has been almost a decade in the making after disagreements between County and School officials, as well as concerns about the historic integrity of the existing building, caused delays.

"The day is finally here," County Board Chairman Walter Tejada (D) said at the ceremony to commemorate the beginning of construction. "A lot of people have been working a long, long time to make this happen."

The Reed-Westover project was initially conceived eight years ago as a joint facility but later morphed into two separate projects. After much negotiation between County and School officials, the two projects were reunited in concept two years ago and given final approval last summer.

"At one time this was thought to be a separate project," Tejada said, "But then we came together."

School Board Chairman Ed Fendley said that the project's long gestation time reflected the amount of thought and consideration went into it. "Here we are today to remind us that the planning and human power really does pay off," he said.

AT THE ground breaking ceremony, community members were overjoyed the finish line for this new facility is now within sight.

The Reed School was built in 1938 and closed as a permanent school in 1984. While the school is being entirely rebuilt, County Board Vice Chair Barbara Favola (D) said that parts of the new building "will be an acknowledgement of the old structure."

The new Reed building will be the future home for several other school programs such as a day care program for Arlington Public School employees, a teen parenting program and the Integration Station, a program for children with special needs that encourages interaction with other children.

Beth Calvo's daughter currently attends the Integration Station program, which operates out of the old Reed building. "[It] will continue to have a dramatic impact on the lives of Arlington parents every day," she said. "I can't think of a better use of my tax dollars."

The project also represents a significant upgrade for the Westover Library, currently



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Local officials and local students break ground on the site of the new Reed School and Westover Library.

located at North Lexington Street and 18th Street North. The size of the library will triple at its new location adjacent to the Reed building and a number of new amenities, such as a coffee lounge and free wireless Internet, will be included.

"Any time you can expand your space three times its fantastic," Arlington County

Libraries spokesperson Peter Golkin said. "People will be able to have a little more elbow room."

Director of Arlington County Libraries Diane Kresh acknowledged that this project has taken a long time in coming to fruition. But, she said, "Good ideas never go out of circulation."

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SCHOOLS

Caucus Vs. Them

BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

At this year's Democratic School Board caucus, John Antonelli faced a dilemma.

In Virginia any registered voter may participate in a caucus or primary. All voters participating in this caucus were required to sign a pledge that read, in part, "I am a Democrat; I believe in the principles of the Democratic Party."

A lifelong Republican, Antonelli couldn't stomach the thought of affixing his name to this credo. But he wanted to vote, knowing that whoever won that day would undoubtedly win the general election in November and ultimately become the next School Board member.

So Antonelli decided to make some creative alterations to the pledge. "I made editing marks under the big D in 'Democrat' to make it a little d," he said, "Because, of course, I support democracy. And I made the big D in 'Democratic principles' a little d because I support the principles of democracy."

After doctoring the pledge, Antonelli took it to the caucus staff who were processing incoming voters. "I gave it to them and they accepted it," he said.

Thus, Antonelli, one of the most vocal

opponents of the Arlington Democratic Party, was one of the 4,425 Arlingtonians who cast a ballot in this month's Democratic caucus.

HOW DID THIS situation come about?

In 1993, the Virginia State Codes were changed to allow direct election rather than appointment of School Board members. But the law stated that political parties were forbidden from nominating candidates for School Board. "There was a great deal of unease" about politics seeping into School Boards, Barbara Cockrell, director of the Virginia State Board of Elections, said.

In Arlington, initially, local political parties refrained from endorsing School Board candidates. Instead, a bipartisan group called Arlingtonians for a Better County conducted endorsements.

This began to unravel in 1999 after the group endorsed conservative lawyer David Foster, who went on to win that year's general election. Shortly thereafter, the Demo-

Republican raises questions about School Board Caucus.

cratic Party began endorsing its own School Board candidates, all of whom have gone on to win their respective general elections by wide margins.

Arlington Democratic Party chairman Peter Rousselot said that requiring the pledges is necessary because voters in Virginia do not register with a party.

"There is a risk of mischief and of having non-Democrats monkey around with our process."

— Arlington Democratic Party chairman Peter Rousselot

"This is the only way we can control having Democrats making our endorsement," he said. "Otherwise there is a risk of mischief and of having non-Democrats monkey around with our process... This is the Democratic Party and we want Democrats to choose our endorsed candidate."

Rousselot acknowledged that the pledges, which require voters to state that they "do not intend to support, endorse or assist any candidate who is opposed to a Democratic nominee or endorsee in the ensuing election," are "legally unenforceable."

But he said that "Most voters look at a pledge like this as a matter of conscience... We believe that most Democrats who sign

it will do it in good conscience."

EVERY YEAR around the time of the caucus, Rousselot said, a chorus of criticism arises about the caucus rules. But this year, after a hard fought campaign in which a field of six candidates drew a record turnout, that chorus may be getting louder.

An editorial on the Virginia politics blog Raising Kaine called the pledges "unfair" and said Arlington's endorsement caucus should be dropped. Reid Goldstein, one of the candidates who ran in this year's caucus, also said that he was opposed to requiring the loyalty pledges.

"I don't happen to think [they're] necessary," he said. "I don't happen to agree that it's necessary to keep people from the other side of the aisle showing up en masse and throwing the election."

Antonelli called the Arlington Democratic Party "the only game in town" and said that requiring loyalty pledges for all voters disenfranchises Republicans and independents. "The people who won this caucus are the people who are going to be the School Board members," he said. "That's why it's so important that they allow everybody to vote."

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PEOPLE

Getting to Know ... Alex Yesnik

This policeman just completed a long bike ride.

The Police Unity Tour is an annual 250 mile bicycle ride that raises money for the families of slain police officers. In this year's tour, which took place May 10 through 12 and was scheduled to take the riders from Portsmouth, Va. to Washington, D.C., more than 1,000 police officers participated.

Unfortunately, the final leg of this year's tour from Stafford, Va. to Washington

was cancelled due to flooding. Five Arlington County Police Department officers – John Donaggio, Bethany LeFrancois, Tom Jessup, Alex Yesnik and Eric Bonetti – participated in this year's Police Unity Tour.

In previous issues of the Arlington Connection, we have profiled other Police Unity Tour bikers. This week, we ask Auxiliary Officer Alex Yesnik about why he's taking

the ride, what he's doing to prepare and what he'll do after he crosses the finish line.

Why did you decide to participate in the Police Unity Tour?

I want to do my part to ensure that fallen officers are honored and remembered. I believe riding in the Police Unity Tour is a great symbolic way to do that.

How long have you been training for this event? What kind of things have you been doing?

For the past several months, I have been putting in more hours on bike patrol throughout Arlington and doing my own training rides on the weekends. Last week, I participated in a bicycle ride sponsored by the Virginia Police Chiefs Foundation in Williamsburg where I met and rode alongside other officers who were training for the Unity Tour.

What kind of supplies will you be bringing with you on this bike tour?

Fortunately, the volunteer orga-

nizers of the Police Unity Tour have been great about arranging all of the logistics. I do not need to bring much more than my bicycle. One thing I will carry with me, though, is the patch for the New York City Auxiliary Police to remember their two officers who were killed last March.

How long have you been cycling? How did you first begin cycling?

I began cycling recreationally as a kid growing up in Arlington. I remember going on weekend bike rides with my father on the W&OD trail and biking to Ballston before I got my divers license. I have been biking on the trails in Arlington ever since then, although now I spend most of that time in uniform.

In your opinion, what part of the tour do you think will be the hardest?

I expect the ride itself to be a challenge, but I think the hardest part will be facing the reality that everyone on the Tour is riding in memory of a colleague who is no longer with us. I imagine that will be agonizing at times.

What part of the tour are you most looking forward to?

I am looking forward to the camaraderie - riding as a unified group with a common purpose. I am especially looking forward to biking through Arlington and then into to the Memorial on the last day.

What does completing this tour mean for you?

Personally, as an auxiliary officer, I am sobered by the fact that, sometimes, those officers who make the ultimate sacrifice are volunteers who have dedicated their time to make their communities safer. I am proud to be part of an effort to honor and remember all fallen officers.

What advice have you received from your fellow police officers who have done the tour in the past?

Everyone I met who has participated in the past has described the Police Unity Tour as a powerful and moving experience. I have



PHOTO COURTESY ALEX YESNIK

Police Officer Alex Yesnik

been warned that once I do the ride, this will not be my last year.

What is the first thing you will do after completing the tour?

Unfortunately, I will only have time for a very short nap before I have to catch a flight to South Carolina to speak at a conference for the Department of Justice. Work continues! As soon as I have time, though, I plan to thank my friends and family who have supported me on the ride.

— DAVID SCHULTZ

Boy Scout Helps Out Foster Children

After months of planning, dedication and countless trips to oversee the donation boxes he had setup up around the community, Arlington Boy Scout Daniel Moore is now one step closer to completing his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project and ultimately achieving the coveted rank of Eagle Scout.

His final hurdle was to figure out how to get the mountain of backpacks and suitcases he had collected, each filled with coloring books and art supplies, to the Arlington County Foster Care/Adoption Program.

A major requirement on his "Trail to Eagle," Daniel had to identify a need in the community and then use and apply the skills, values and principles he has learned during his nine years in Boy Scouts of America to address it.

Knowing that he wanted his service project to benefit children in some way, he

began his service project by contacting child welfare organizations to see if they would be willing to work with him.

Daniel found that children are placed with foster families when they cannot stay in their homes because of abuse, neglect or other family problems. They need a safe and loving temporary home. When the foster children leave their homes, often times they do not have anything private and personal to carry their belongings in. Usually items are placed in plastic bags.

Thanks to Daniel's efforts, the Arlington County Foster Care/Adoption Program will be able to provide a backpack for each child that comes into care as well as children currently in care who are in need of a backpack.

To find out more about the program, contact 703-228-1550.

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Daniel Moore delivers 65 backpacks to the Arlington County Foster Care/Adoption Program.

SCHOOL NOTES

To have school information listed in *The Arlington Connection* write an e-mail to arlington@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is 2 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Call Rebecca Halik at 703-917-6407.

Seven Arlington students received recognition at the National Scholastics Art Competition in New York City on April 15. The seven students won 10 awards out of the 39 awards given to Virginia students.

Yorktown seniors **Austin Calhoun** won the Gold award in the drawing category and **Taylor Behney** won the prestigious American Vision award for his installation piece entitled "Best Friends Forever." Behney also won a Silver award for his portfolio.

Washington-Lee students were awarded three Gold awards; **Britni Martin** in printmaking, **Nick Kelleher** in sculpture and **Ryan Harding** in painting. Silver Awards were also awarded to Martin in sculpture and

Harding in painting.

Yorktown's **Dalby Rhone** also received a Silver award in painting and H-B Woodlawn student **JoJo Emerson** was awarded a Silver award for photography.

Arlington students in grades 9-12 have an opportunity to begin, continue or enhance their **learning of either Arabic or Chinese language** and culture. Classes will be held at the Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) Center located at 4600 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington,

and are scheduled to begin July 10 and run through July 31. Students must apply through NVCC and take a placement test before admission. The registration and transportation forms can be found on the APS Web site, at a high school counselor's office or the APS Foreign Language Office. Forms can be submitted to the foreign language office via e-mail at bcox@arlington.k12.va.us, by fax at 703-228-2874 or by dropping it off at a school counselor's office. Registration ends May 30.

Christine A. McLean of Washington-Lee High School is Arlington's 2008 National Merit Scholarship Corporation winner. The Arlington senior won a National Achievement Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) Scholarship.

Sean Hickey of Bishop O'Connell High School was selected to receive a \$1,000 Players Trust college scholarship in recognition of his outstanding community service work.

OBITUARY

Ruben Vartanyan Dies

Ruben Vartanyan, 70, Music Director of the Arlington Philharmonic and internationally known maestro, died at his home in Arlington on Wednesday, May 7. The cause of death was a cerebral hemorrhage.

Maestro Vartanyan had been an Arlington resident since arriving in the area in 1988. He had served as the music director of the previous Arlington Symphony for 13 years, and took the helm of the Philharmonic when it was created in 2005.

Born in St. Petersburg, Russia to musical parents, Vartanyan spent his early childhood in Armenia. At the age of ten, he enrolled in the Central Music School in Moscow, and later entered the Moscow Conservatory of Music where he earned a degree in piano performance and a Ph.D. in Opera and Symphony Conducting. From 1980 through 1988, Maestro Vartanyan was the conductor of the renowned Bolshoi Opera in Moscow, leading more than 500 performances.

During his international career, in addition to his time as Bolshoi



Ruben Vartanyan

Opera conductor, Vartanyan was also the music director of the National Symphony of Bolivia. He was the first assistant conductor-in-training under the legendary Herbert von Karajan at the Vienna State Opera and Vienna Philharmonic Opera.

More recently, in addition to his tenure with the Arlington Symphony, Maestro Vartanyan was the music director of the National Lyric Opera Company in Washington, D.C. and conducted the Williamsburg, Va. Symphonia. He has held conducting seminars at the Shenandoah Conservatory and at George Mason University, and has taught a number of private students in the D.C. area.

The last concert he conducted was with the Arlington Philharmonic on March 9th, 2008. He became a U.S. citizen, and once expressed that "[T]his is a country that I love immensely. This is my country forever."

He is survived by a sister, Karina Vartanyan, who resides in Moscow.

Caucus

FROM PAGE 5

Antonelli has proposed a resolution in the Arlington Civic Federation calling on the Democratic Party to discontinue its caucus. "I have not heard this level of unhappiness before," he said.

ROUSSELOT DISAGREES.

"Based on my experience talking to voters [at the caucus] about this issue," he said, "The total number of people who raised a question about the pledge was in the range of 30. About half ended up signing and half didn't."

He added that criticism of the caucus rules has been "Pretty consistent over many years. There are always people who complain." Roussetot also said that there has been no discussion among party officials about changing the rules of the caucus or of doing away with it altogether.

Over the course of his campaign, Goldstein said that he encountered many people who were critical of the caucus and told him that the candidates shouldn't participate in it. But Goldstein said that those people are "barking up the wrong tree."

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OPINION

Trouble with VDOT

Taking down acres of trees with no warning and no good reason.

It's possible that it happened on Earth Day, but it was definitely sometime within a week of that day.

The Virginia Department of Transportation, without notice, bulldozed more than five acres of trees in at least three locations as part of preliminary work on widening the beltway for HOT lanes.

These trees were cleared in McLean, Tysons Corner and Springfield.

Apparently these trees were clear cut in order to make way for "staging areas," that is to say a place to park their equipment.

It's an example of the kind of reasoning that takes place at VDOT, and apparently there is more of it to come.

"The construction is going to start by us tearing down trees," said Nick Nicholson of VDOT at a public meeting about the HOT Lanes on April 30.

There is no shortage of parking lots anywhere around the Beltway. With a little cre-

ativity, and a little notice, VDOT could probably have leased an already-paved "staging area." The loss of the trees is no small thing, especially in consideration of widening a road like the Beltway.

A single tree with a 26-foot canopy can absorb the emissions of a vehicle driven 11,500 miles every year. Or so said Fairfax County officials in October 2007 when they launched the laudable goal of blanketing 45 percent of the county with tree cover by 2037. The county will plant 400 trees a year on county property to reduce pollution and energy costs.

EDITORIAL

Too bad the county apparently has no say on what VDOT does with property it "owns." VDOT officials should realize that property "owned by VDOT" actually belongs to the residents of Virginia. The tree cutting last month for "staging areas" probably set Fairfax County's efforts back by more than a year. And we'll note again that VDOT says there's more to come.

"We have held meetings five times in McLean and each time we mentioned the staging area. Did we say we would be clearing trees to construct that staging area? No," Nicholson admitted.

Those trees would also have had the effect of buffering residential and business areas from

the noise and view of the Beltway traffic and construction. Three acres alone were across from a middle school, where the trees could have helped clean the air from hundreds of thousands of vehicles a day passing by on the Beltway.

The additional tree canopy envisioned in Fairfax would have the capacity to absorb more than 10 million pounds of carbon dioxide annually, which could eliminate the need for \$1 million in greenhouse gas reduction services each year.

VDOT officials should undertake an immediate analysis of the way it operates. It must communicate better with local officials and residents. And it must realize that trees have value and take steps to preserve them whenever possible. Even if these sites were the only possible "staging areas," which we do not believe, at least a ring of trees should have been left around the perimeter to act as a buffer.

Construction for the "high occupancy toll lanes" is under way. We can only imagine what surprises lay ahead.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Underground Operations

To the editor:

Day and night, as Virginians go about their business, streams of information about some of them are being gathered and analyzed in the basement of Virginia State Police headquarters in Richmond. The VSP operates a Fusion Intelligence Center, like similar centers housed in other states, that constantly shares information culled from local, state, federal and international sources. It is staffed by state, local and federal employees.

The concept is not new. Soon after the attacks of September 11, 2001, retired Admiral John Poindexter touted the concept of Total Information Awareness — that we should mine data about our citizens from every possible source in order to preempt terrorist activity. His more extreme proposals were met with revulsion by a large segment of the public because they came too close to the sort of totalitarian nightmare we were taught to fear as children. Secret surveillance of the citizenry happened in old-style Soviet-bloc countries, in Communist China, and Saddam's Iraq, but not here.

Poindexter's vision lives on, as a bill introduced by Delegate Dwight Jones reveals. The legislation,

ironically numbered House Bill 1007, massively strengthens the hand of the Fusion Intelligence Center, and raises disturbing questions. Although the stated purpose of the legislation is to give federal agencies the assurance that secret information they share with the Virginia Fusion Intelligence Center will not be disclosed, the bill goes far beyond that.

First, the bill makes confidential all information housed at the Fusion Intelligence Center, including not only terrorism leads but "criminal intelligence information," a term so gauzily defined in HB 1007 that it literally means anything the government wants it to mean. For decades, the State Police and other law-enforcement officials operated successfully under broad exclusions from the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Now the law-enforcement community, having conflated the preemption of terrorists with the preemption of crime in general, wants to remove this vaguely defined cache of "criminal intelligence information," held by the VSP from any application of FOIA.

Second, the bill makes employees of the Center immune from subpoena. If you are charged by the State with a crime, and the charge is based on intelligence shoddily assembled by the Fusion Intelligence Center, your lawyer will never be able to cross-exam-

ine the people who collected and analyzed that information in a court of law.

Third, the bill encourages snitching of the worst kind. Anyone who wants to accuse a neighbor, or to curry favor with the government, is not discouraged from making false or malicious charges against you. HB 1007 gives him immunity from your lawsuit for defamation, invasion of privacy or negligence.

To question HB 1007 will elicit the predictable red-faced, tub-thumping of politicians who have profitably, albeit cynically, mined the rich vein of "learning the lessons of 9-11." Before they run that game on us again, get a copy of HB 1007 and read it. And say hello to Big Brother.

Ginger Stanley

Executive Director,
Virginia Press Association

Recycle Cell Phones

To the Editor:

There are more than 257 million cell phone users in the United States, and estimates show that more than half of those consumers will upgrade their phones this year. So, what happens to the 130 million perfectly usable cell phones given early retirement?

Unfortunately, when they're not thrown in the trash, they find new homes in junk drawers or glove compartments. There is, however, another option.

Many retailers have programs that make it easy for consumers to recycle their wireless phones and other electronics. For example, at Verizon Wireless, used phones in any condition from any service provider can be returned to any of our stores nationwide. Through the company's HopeLine program, the phones are either recycled or refurbished for resale and reuse with proceeds supporting victims of domestic violence. In 2007, HopeLine collected more than 1 million phones and donated more than \$1.7 million in cash grants nationwide, including support of local domestic violence prevention groups.

And, community groups aren't the only ones that benefit when consumers recycle their cell phones. According to the EPA, recycling 100 million cell phones would save enough energy to power more than 194,000 U.S. households with electricity for one year. As Earth Day is April 21, what could be easier than recycling your old cell phone?

Tami Erwin

Regional President of Verizon
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CRIME

Charge Goes to Grand Jury

Chantilly High teacher placed on unpaid administrative leave.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Normally, Matthew Edward McGuire would be busy teaching Spanish at Chantilly High and helping coach boys and girls in track and cross country. But since being charged in January with two sex offenses, he's been spending his time in the Arlington County jail.

Last Friday, though, he got to leave his cell to appear in Arlington County General District Court, where he waived his right to a preliminary hearing. If he's indicted, the case against him will be heard in that county's Circuit Court.

Students, teachers and administrators alike were stunned this winter to learn that Arlington County police had arrested the 29-year-old McGuire. They went to

his home at 31 West Myrtle St. in Alexandria, on Jan. 9, and charged him with attempted indecent liberties with a minor and use of a computer to solicit sex with a minor.

Fairfax County Public Schools immediately placed him on unpaid, administrative leave, and school-system spokesman Paul Regnier said there was no evidence McGuire ever did anything improper with anyone at school.

However, according to Arlington police, what he did on the Internet is another matter. His alleged activities there caught the eye of one of their detectives assigned to the regional Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force.

In a Jan. 9 affidavit for a warrant to seek possible evidence in McGuire's home, this detective

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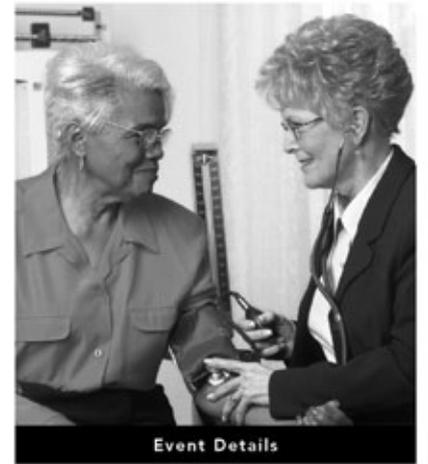


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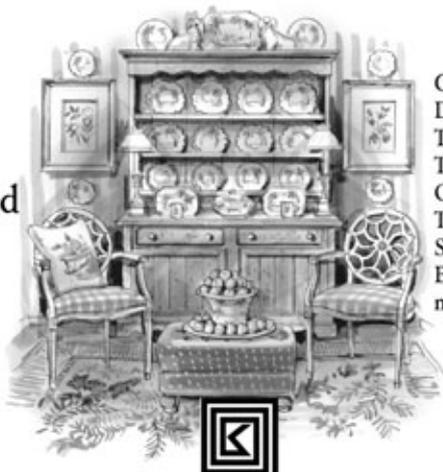
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CRIME

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detailed the case against McGuire. Centre View is not identifying him since he works undercover.

He wrote that, while doing so on March 9, 2007, he entered an AOL chat room and posed as Jessica, 13, of Arlington. He stated that, at 8:17 p.m., someone with the screen name, "Eric Avery," made contact with "her."

The detective wrote that "Avery"

identified himself as a 28-year-old Virginia man and requested a picture of Jessica. So the detective sent him pictures of a young, underage girl.

In return, wrote the detective, "Avery" allegedly sent "Jessica" a frontal photo of a naked, adult, white man wearing glasses. "A subpoena for the screen name, "Eric Avery," was submitted to AOL," wrote the detective. "The return information was for Matthew Edward McGuire, 31 W. Myrtle St.,

Alexandria."

"From March through December 2007, 'Eric Avery' had multiple IM conversations with [Jessica] in AOL and in Yahoo," wrote the detective. "During many of these conversations, Jess advised that she was 13."

Then, wrote the detective, on June 2 and 6, 2007, and again on Aug. 1 and Aug. 23, 2007, "Avery" allegedly "sent Webcam material of a white male masturbating. Police executed the search warrant

at McGuire's home, Jan. 10, seizing two computers, several iPod videos and six CD-Roms.

Last Friday afternoon, May 1, wearing the dark-blue jumpsuit of an Arlington County prisoner, McGuire appeared before Arlington General District Court Judge Thomas Kelley. His attorney, Peter Greenspun, told the judge that McGuire was waiving preliminary hearing on both charges.

The case now goes to the grand jury, May 22, for possible indictment.

POLICE REPORT

The following reports come from the Arlington police department. For the most up-to-date crime reports, visit www.Co.Arlington.Va.Us/police and click on daily crime report.

BANK ROBBERY, 800 block of N. Randolph St. On May 6, at 9 a.m., an unknown male entered a bank and demanded money. The suspect then fled the bank on foot. The male is described as a white Hispanic male, 5 feet 10 inches. The suspect has facial hair and was last seen wearing a light blue shirt with white stripes, tan pants, a black knit hat, and sunglasses.



OPEN FORUM PUBLIC HEARING Washington Boulevard (Route 27)/ Columbia Pike (Route 244) Interchange Modifications in Arlington County

Tuesday, June 17, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Project Presentation at 7:00 p.m. at:
Thomas Jefferson Middle School
125 South Old Glebe Road in Arlington (22204)

Find out about the proposal to replace the bridge on Washington Boulevard (Route 27) over Columbia Pike (Route 244) in Arlington and other related interchange modifications. The improvement area will begin 0.03 miles north of I-395 and end 0.29 miles north of Route 244 along Washington Boulevard and from South Quinn Street to South Orme Street along Columbia Pike.

Review the proposed project plans depicting the major design features and the environmental documentation, prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in the form of an Environmental Assessment, at the Design Public Hearing, at VDOT, Northern Virginia District Office located at 14685 Avion Parkway in Chantilly, (703) 383-2193 or TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to assure the appropriate personnel are available to assist you. Property impacts, right of way policies, and tentative construction schedules are available for your review at the above addresses and will be available at the public hearing.

Give your written or verbal comments at the hearing or submit them by June 27, 2008 to:

Mr. Doug Miller
VDOT Northern Virginia District Office
14685 Avion Parkway
Chantilly, VA 20151-1104

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Food from last year's event.

Tastes Like Arlington

The annual food festival returns for the 21st time.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

Few things bring people together like an abundance of food. Just ask Susan Garvey, the director of the annual Taste of Arlington festival.

The event, which is being held later this month for the 21st consecutive year, gives local restaurants a chance to showcase their wares and, Garvey says, promises to be a good time for all.

"I think it's going to be fun," she said. "You get an enrichment experience culturally as well as with cuisine. That's what makes Arlington unique."

This year's Taste of Arlington festival is being held on Wilson Boulevard in front of

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The Dance Must Go On

A dance troupe without a home puts on a performance.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

Center Dance Company, a troupe that operates out of Arlington, is holding its annual spring performance under precarious circumstances this year.

In February, the group's lease on its Wilson Boulevard headquarters ended and they were forced to leave without having secured a new location. "We've been struggling to get going again," Center Dance's administrative director Jan Bull said. "It's just so painful."

But for Center Dance, the show must go on. Their dancers are still rehearsing at various places around the County and the group's directors are hard at work securing a new location.

Nancie Woods, Center Dance Company's artistic director discussed the recent struggles and what to expect from its upcoming performance.

What's going to be happening at this performance?

We are going to be doing a piece we've never done before. It's a very traditional classical piece. Tutus, tiaras, that whole thing. It's the Swan Lake portion.

I heard that was very rarely performed.

Right. It's not included in many companies' performances anymore because the full-length versions can get very lengthy. Some of the things they've taken out over the years. But it's a nice little section for six ballerina-types. We've adapted it to stand on its own.

How is this performance going to be different than some of our other performances?

What I wanted to do is to try to reach out to a broader dance community but also at the same time illustrate part of our history. We've been performing in Arlington for close to twenty years now. So we're bringing back the choreography that was one of the original productions. Our founding director has come back in and is conducting rehearsals. It's kind of an exciting time as we branch forward and having grown and developed to look back and acknowledge what this organization has done.

When & Where

"Spring Forward," a dance performance by the Center Dance Company, is scheduled to be held at the Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre in Arlington on May 16, 17 and 18. The program will include a revival of "A Bluegrass Portrait" with choreography by Center Dance Company founder Kathryn Fredgren and colleague Pamela Stewart, "Fiancées Pas de Six" from "Swan Lake," and two other dances choreographed by Dana Tai Soon Burgess. Tickets cost between \$12 and \$20. For more information, visit Center Dance's Web site at www.arldance.org.



PHOTOS COURTESY CENTER DANCE COMPANY



Center Dance Company director Nancie Woods

I heard you had to leave your previous building and now you're in between locations. Is that true?

Yes that's true. We did

have to leave our former location on Wilson Boulevard in February of this year. At that time we had only just located the building that we are moving into which is over on Carlin Springs Road just outside of the Arlington County line. We like to say that if you fall over you're still in Arlington. It's

very accessible to our current patrons. Also it will be close to Alexandria and Fairfax County. We're in the building now but we're not open for classes. We're still in the middle of construction. Basically, we've been without a home since the beginning of February.

How has that affected your

business?

It's been very challenging. We have been very fortunate in that we can use the County-run facilities in Arlington. There's a wonderful studio in Kenmore Middle School that we've been holding our ballet classes in and also our rehearsals for the

show. That's been a big help for us. Also there's a studio at Gunston Middle School. So we've been scattered. It's been very challenging and it's not quite over yet.

And you are planning on moving into the new studio later this year?

Yes. We are hoping to be open sometime this summer. We're still waiting for final permits... We're really excited about our new place. It's going to be an amazing facility. We can't wait to open our doors and have the dancers come in.

What's one of the things that Center Dance does really well that other dance companies in the area don't do?

We are one of the few schools in the area that incorporates the Royal Academy of Dance into our training curriculum for students beginning age seven and up. It's a training syllabus that was formulated in England. That's one of the unique features of our school.

Also, it is my fervent philosophy that we are treating our dancers with mutual respect. The dance world is a hugely difficult world. It can be brutal mentally and physically. We do train our dancers with the tools they need to get into the professional arena. However, we try to do that in a caring and nurturing atmosphere while building their self-esteem. We feel that dance can enrich a child's life.

"We can't wait to open our doors and have the dancers come in."

— Nancie Woods

CALENDAR

Know of something missing from our community entertainment calendar? Send it to *The Arlington Connection*, e-mail it to arlington@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is 2 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Call Rebecca Halik at 703-917-6407 with any questions. Photos are welcome.

ONGOING:

The **Arlington Farmers' Market** takes place on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon year round. Located at the intersection of N. Courthouse Road and N. 14th Street. Visit www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com for more on the market and vendors.

Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road, presents "Unlocking the Secrets of Our Living Planet: A Guided Hike at Potomac Overlook" at 2 p.m. on **alternating Saturdays and Sundays**. \$3/person and reservations can be made at Potomac@nvrpa.org or 703-528-5406.

THURSDAY/MAY 15

Music Production. Teens can learn about the production of urban music at 4 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St. Free. Register at 703-228-7783.

Knitting Jam. 6-9 p.m. at Ellipse Arts Center, 4350 N. Fairfax Drive. Join Laure Drogoul for an interactive sound sculpture and knitting circle. Free. Visit www.arlingtonarts.org or 703-228-7710.

Arts al Fresco. Opens with a concert at 1401 Wilson Blvd from 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Free. 703-228-1850.

Toddling Twos. 10:15 a.m. at Cherrydale Library. Children ages 24-36 months can participate in songs, puppets and more. Free. 703-228-6330.

Twos & Threes Together. 11:15 a.m. at Cherrydale Library. Children ages 24-48 months can listen to stories, songs and more. Free. 703-228-6330.

Toddling Twos. 10:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. at Cherrydale Library, 2190 Military Road. Children ages 24-36 months with adult can enjoy a mixture of stories, songs and more. Free. 703-228-6330.

Caterpillar Crawl. 10:30 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Preschoolers age 3-5 learning about nature through stories, crafts and more. \$3/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

Movie Watch. 1 p.m. at Shirlington Branch Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Watch "Picture Bride" in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Free. 703-228-6321.

Library Showcase. 2 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Learn about the different uses of the library. Free. 703-228-5960.

Family Stories. 4:15 p.m. at Aurora Hills, 735 S. 18th St. Families of all ages can enjoy stories, crafts, songs and more. Free. 703-228-5715.

Movie Watch. 6:30 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Watch "Golden Venture." Free. 703-228-6321.

Book Discussion and Dinner. 6:30 p.m. at Busboys and Poets, 4251 S. Campbell Ave. Features over a dozen vegan dishes and then listen to the manager discuss the latest in his collections of books about food and gardening. RSVP to artemdi@yahoo.com. Visit www.busboysandpoets.com/about.

FRIDAY/MAY 16

Dance Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Theatre. Arlington's Center Dance Company collaborates with Dana Tai Soon Burgess & Co. \$17-\$20/adult; \$12-\$15/youth, senior. Visit www.arldance.org or 703-522-2414.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4000 Lorcom Lane. Hear music by The Chamber Choir of West Liberty State University. Free. Visit www.standrewsnet.org or 703-522-1600.

Bike To Work Day. 7 a.m. at Gateway Plaza, 1300 Lee Highway. Ride into the city with experienced convoys and meet at Freedom Plaza. Free. 703-228-0638.

Book Discussion. Discuss Edwidge Danticat's "Brother, I'm Ding" at 1 p.m. at Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18th St. Free. 703-228-5722.

SATURDAY/MAY 17

History Tour. Walk 1-12 miles (1-8 hours) visiting parks and historic sites in Clarendon, Ballston, Glencarlyn and surrounding areas. Meet at 9 a.m. at Clarendon Metro Station. Bring lunch, water and wear comfortable shoes. \$2/person. 703-243-0179.

Dance Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Theatre. Arlington's Center Dance Company collaborates with Dana Tai Soon Burgess & Co. \$17-\$20/adult; \$12-\$15/youth, senior. Visit www.arldance.org or 703-522-2414.

Performance. Hear music by the Metropolitan Chorus at 8 p.m. at Mount Olivet United Methodist Church, 1500 N. Glebe Road. \$17/adult; \$15/youth and senior. Visit www.metchorus.org or 703-933-2500.

Car Wash. The Yorktown High School Band and Guard Car Wash will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Shell Station, 5630 Lee Highway at Kensington. Donations.

Flea Market. Grand opening of the flea market at Nauck Town Square at the intersection of 24th Road, Kenmore Street and Shirlington Road. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. 703-486-0058.



The Encore Chorale will perform on Tuesday, May 20 at 7 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre. Free.

Story Hour. 11 a.m. at Aladdin's Lamp Children's Books, 2499 N. Harrison St., Suite 10. Free. For children ages 2-6. 703-241-8281.

Story Hour with Jackie Urbanovic. 11 a.m. at Aladdin's Lamp Children's Books, 2499 N. Harrison St., Suite 10. She will introduce her new book "Duck Soup." Free. For children ages 3-7. 703-241-8281.

Teen Cheer Dance Try Outs. 9 a.m.-noon at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St. Open to middle and high school students. Free. 703-228-7781.

Intro to Birding. 9 a.m.-noon at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Adults and families with children age 12 and up can learn the basics of birding. Free. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

90 Minute Yoga. 12:30 p.m. at Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Drive. Enjoy 90-minute Hatha yoga class. \$30/six-sessions. 703-228-4403.

Teen Resume Workshop. 1 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Learn how to write a resume and cover letter or come with one for review. Free. 703-228-6321.

Caterpillar Crawl. 1:30 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Preschoolers age 3-5 learning about nature through stories, crafts and more. \$3/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

Arlington Reads. 2 p.m., students can read their stories to the community and meet Rosalyn Schanzer at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Free. 703-228-6321.

Author Talk. Join Joel Carillet and editors Bowman and Nesreen Khashan as they talk about and sign

"Encounters with the Middle East: True Stories of People and Culture" at 3 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Free. 703-228-6545.

Crystallized Flowers. 3 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Families with children ages 6 and up can learn about edible flowers and then create crystallized flowers. \$15/family. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

Caterpillar Campfire. 6:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families of all ages can enjoy campfire activities, songs, games, and more. \$3/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

Teen Movie Night. 7-11 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St. Watch a movie on the big screen. Concessions will be open. Free. 703-228-7782.

SUNDAY/MAY 18

Dance Performance. 2 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Theatre. Arlington's Center Dance Company collaborates with Dana Tai Soon Burgess & Co. \$17-\$20/adult; \$12-\$15/youth, senior. Visit www.arldance.org or 703-522-2414.

Handbell Concert. 6:30 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. Hear music by three handbell choirs and other musicians. Free. Dessert reception will be provided.

Taste of Arlington. Noon-7:30 p.m. next to the Ballston Mall on Wilson Boulevard. Discount tickets available at www.TasteofArlington.com. Features food, music, activities and more.

Rose Falls Hike. 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at Lubber Run Center, 300 N. Park Drive.

Adults can view pools and cascades along a loop trail in Shenandoah National Park. \$20/person.

Registration required, 703-228-3403.
Children's Opera Workshop. 2 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Children age 4-11 will sing and learn about the opera "Hansel and Gretel." Free. Registration recommended, 703-228-0322.

Dance Performance. 2 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. See a variety of dances from Nepal. Free. 703-228-6321.

MONDAY/MAY 19

Music Production. Teens can learn about the production of urban music at 4 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St. Free. Register at 703-228-7783.

Square Dance Exhibition. 11 a.m. at Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Drive. Learn how to square dance. Free. 703-228-4403.

Meet the Artist. 7 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Molly Smith discusses new performances in the area. Free. 703-228-0322.

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. at Glencarlyn Library, 300 S. Kensington St. Discuss "Paths of Desire: the Passions of a Suburban Gardener" by Dominique Browning. Free. 703-228-6548.

Drop In Story Time. 4 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Story time for children ages 2 and up. Free. 703-228-6535.

TUESDAY/MAY 20

Music Performance. The Encore Chorales will perform a spring concert at 7 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road. Free. Visit encorecreativity.org or 301-261-5747.

Gettysburg Battlefield Tour. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at Lubber Run Center, 300 N. Park Drive. Adults can take a certified battlefield tour of Gettysburg. \$20/person. Registration required, 703-243-4342.

Music Performance. 7 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road. Hear music by the Encore Chorales. Free. Visit encorecreativity.org or 301-261-5747.

Dinner and Presentation. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Enjoy a vegetarian meal and presentation on how to protect the planet and animals. Free.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 21

Poesis. 7-9 p.m. at Pentagon City Borders, 1201 S. Hayes St. Features Barbara DeCesare, Brian Gilmore an Verneice Turner with music by Shep Williams. Free. 703-418-0166.

Music Performance. The Yorktown High School Jazz Ensemble will perform at 6 p.m. outside the YHS Auditorium for the 4th Annual "Jazz

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Peter of All-Trades

Burke resident Peter Cooper comes back to perform in Arlington.

East Nashville songwriter and music scribe Peter Cooper returns to Arlington to the IOTA, 2832 Wilson Blvd., on Sunday, May 25 for an 8:30 p.m. show. He'll be sharing the bill with the Karl Straub Combo and Eric Brace. Cooper will have just released his debut cd, "Mission Door," on fellow songwriter Brace's Red Beet Records. For ticket information, call 703-522-8340.

Introduce yourself:

I'm Peter Cooper, a singer-songwriter-journalist-professor-baseball fan.

How did you get your start in music?

Most of my music-making was of the underground variety until an artist named Todd Snider asked if I would go out and open some tour dates for him. Several hundred dominos later, I have an album out and I'm touring the world. Most of the time, my shows on the road don't feature a full band, but for the album, "Mission Door," I formed a group that included Steel Guitar Hall of Famer Lloyd Green, former Jayhawk Jen Gunderman, Jason & The Scorchers leader Jason Ringenberg, Todd Snider, Nanci Griffith and other great players.

How long have you been performing?

on the Lawn." Performances by the Jazz Ensemble and Jazz/Pop Vocals will kick off the "Yorktown Arts Festival," which runs from May 21 to June 15. Bring your picnic dinners. Free.

Story Hour. 11 a.m. at Aladdin's Lamp Children's Books, 2499 N. Harrison St., Suite 10. Free. For children ages 2-6. 703-241-8281.

Musical Adventure with Groovy Mr. Nate. 11 a.m. at Aladdin's Lamp Children's Books, 2499 N. Harrison St., Suite 10. Sing along and play rhythm. Free. For children ages 6 months to 9 years. 703-241-8281.

Tiny Tot. 10 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 18-35 months can learn about nature through stories, songs, crafts and more. \$3/child. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

Wild Ones: Fabulous Feet. 3:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 6-9 can learn with their feet as they enjoy a hike, learning about feet of animals and more. Free. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

Poetry Workshop. 6:30 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Read and write original poetry. Free. 703-228-6545.

Arlington Reads. 7 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Enjoy a discussion with actress Robin Miles.

I've been performing since I was in high school, which was at Lake Braddock over in Burke. I decided to concentrate on music over sports after watching my Lake Braddock classmate and future NBA star Hubert Davis play ball. I figured Hubert had the sports covered, but I could sing way better than he could.

What is it that you love about performing?

I love the impromptu moments that happen, where something gets communicated in a way that won't likely happen again.

What is your best memory when it comes to music?

Playing Mission Door for Tom T. Hall is the favorite (and most frightening) thing I've done in music. Second favorite, and second most frightening, was opening for Nanci Griffith at The Birchmere, which is the club where I used to go hear Nanci when I was in high school.

Where is your favorite place to play, either publicly or personally?

My favorite place to play is on Todd Snider's rooftop bar.

Best compliment?

The best compliment is when someone likes the show enough to buy a CD.

Free. 703-228-6321.

Movie Discussion. 7:30 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Discuss "Snow Falling on Cedars," "The Joy Luck Club," "Better Luck Tomorrow" and others. Free. 703-228-6545.

Fashion Show. 7 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson High School, 6560 Braddock Road. Proceeds benefit "Autism Society for America" and "Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation." \$8/person.

THURSDAY/MAY 22

Music Performance. Levine School of Music New Horizons Band performs at 7 p.m. at Arlington Citadel of the Salvation Army, 518 S. Glebe Road. Free. Visit www.levineschool.org or 703-237-5655.

Music Production. Teens can learn about the production of urban music at 4 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St. Free. Register at 703-228-7783.

Tiny Tot. 10 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 18-35 months can learn about nature through stories, songs, crafts and more. \$3/child. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

Ribbon Cutting Celebration. 12:30 p.m. at intersection of N. Glebe Road and N. Pershing Drive for the



Peter Cooper

What is your favorite piece of music and why?

Some of my favorite songs are "Mission Door" by Eric Taylor (that's why I covered it on this album), "Here Comes That Rainbow Again" by Kris Kristofferson, "Souvenirs" by John Prine, "Homecoming" by Tom T. Hall and "Bells of Odilia" by Chris Richards. These are all examples of brilliant storytelling, and they are songs that use simple words to convey profound things.

Who would you love to play with? Why?

My "sing with your heroes" dance card has been punched enough that I don't want to push my luck. The person I wanted most to play with was steel guitar great Lloyd Green, who wound up co-producing my album and playing more steel on it than most people have heard in a long, long time.

Buckingham Streetscape Project. Free. 703-228-3535.

Naturalists' Collectors Club. 4 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Children ages 11-13 can learn how to create a hanging flower basket and collect a charoite cabochon. \$5/person. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

School Performance. Students at HB Woodlawn School, 4100 Vacation Lane, will perform "Holes" at 7:30 p.m. \$10/adult; \$5/student. 703-228-6362 for more.

FRIDAY/MAY 23

Art Benefit. 6:30-9 p.m. at Duality Contemporary Art, 2401 S. 26th Road. Browse through a variety of auction items with benefits going to Obama's Campaign. \$5 minimum at the door. Visit www.dualitycontemporaryart.com.

Salute to Soldiers and Veterans. Noon at Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18th St. Features Shrine Band, Junior ROTC color guard and more. Hot dog lunch is \$6. Pre-registration by May 21. 703-228-5722.

Queen of the Forest Campfire. 7 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families can enjoy campfire activities and food, such as music, treats and more. \$3/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

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Signature's 'Glory' Lasts One Day

Broadway doesn't take to intimate musical.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE CONNECTION

The four-character musical "Glory Days" which made history by transferring intact from the Signature Theatre in Shirlington to Broadway simply didn't capture the fancy of either the New York critics or the Broadway ticket buyers.

The show, which had its world premiere in January at Signature Theatre, was a one-act, one-set, four person show about the night when, after their first year of college, four young men who were buddies in high school reunite and discover how they have begun to grow apart as they mature at different rates. It was well received by critics and theatergoers alike during its scheduled one-month run here in Shirlington.

After two weeks of poor attendance at preview performances in the 623-seat the Circle in the Square Theatre in New York, the musical had its official opening on Tuesday evening, May 6 after which the producers, considering both the lack of ticket sales and a host of negative reviews, decided to close the

show.

The record books will document that the show had 17 previews and one official performance - the opening, which turned out to be the closing performance. It was the first Broadway credit for three of its four cast members, Steven Booth, Adam Halpin and Jesse JP Johnson. Andrew C. Call had previous credits including another short run musical, "High Fidelity," which lasted only two weeks on The Great White Way.

It was the second Broadway show for Signature Theatre's artistic director, Eric Schaeffer, who directed this production and also directed the revue of Stephen Sondheim material "Putting It Together," which ran for three months with Carol Burnett heading the cast in 1999.

"Glory Days" marked the Broadway debuts for its young writers from Montgomery County, James W. Gardiner who wrote the script, and Nick Blaemire who wrote the songs. Blaemire is also making his Broadway debut as a performer this season as a member of the cast of the musical "Cry-Baby" which opened at the Marquis Theatre just five blocks from the theater where "Glory Days" has now closed.

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FOOD & DRINK

Taste Of Arlington Coming Up

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the Ballston Common mall. More than 30 restaurants – featuring everything from Thai, Spanish, Lebanese, Italian, Asian and American cuisines – will be setting up booths and offering samples of their food for two dollars each.

Lesley Green was responsible for coordinating all the restaurants for the event. She said that, to get the most out of the Taste of Arlington festival, one must carefully strategize so as not to fill up on one type of food. “I would recommend folks to get a set of tickets and taste as much as they can until their stomachs fill up,” Green said.

The event will also feature kid-friendly activities and music from local rock band Gonzo’s Nose. The proceeds from the event will be going towards Community Residences, a non-profit group that provides housing for people with disabilities.

Alicia Lim, a coordinator for the event, said that this year there will be awards given to the most popular restaurants at the event and also to the restaurant that most satisfies the palettes of a panel of celebrity judges.

“It’s a community event that people just expect every year,” Lim said. “It’s a lot of fun and a lot of food.”



When & Where

The 21st annual Taste of Arlington festival is being held on Wilson Boulevard in front of the Ballston Common Mall on May 18 from noon to 7:30 p.m. Taste tickets can be purchased in advance online at a discounted price of \$20 for 12 Taste tickets. Food and non-alcoholic beverages cost 1 ticket each; Beer and wine cost 2 tickets each. Taste tickets cost \$2 each at the event. For more information, visit www.tasteofarlington.com.

The crowds from last year’s event (pictured right) enjoyed food from local eateries, such as these chocolate covered strawberries (pictured above).

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— Susan Garvey, Taste of Arlington director



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The Arlington Disability Advisory Commission is seeking applicants to interview for several vacant positions. The Arlington Disability Advisory Commission is a 13 member, County Board appointed advisory group comprised of individuals who live and/or work in Arlington, and who are interested in and knowledgeable about issues involving people with physical and sensory disabilities. People with disabilities, community leaders, and business people are urged to apply. Individuals interested in serving on the Commission or any of its committees should contact the Disability Advisory Commission staff at 703-228-7096 or via e-mail at amaynard@arlingtonva.us for more information or to request a copy of the Commission's Application Form. The form may also be found on the Arlington County Web site under "Advisory Groups."

The **Arlington Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW)** has established a new award this year for Excellence in the Arts in Arlington Public Schools. The recipient is Jeffrey S. Benson, Choral Director and Fine Arts Chair at the H-B Woodlawn Program. In the eight years Mr. Benson has been at H-B Woodlawn, he has greatly increased the number of students participating in music programs. In addition to the new award AAUW will honor the fol-

lowing: Educator of the Year (Madeline La Salle), Elizabeth Campbell Award for the Advancement of the Arts in Arlington (Firebelly Theater Company), The Campbell Award for Outstanding Community Arts Group (Washington Balalaika Society Orchestra), and The Arlington Branch Award for Notable Achievement in the Arts and Notable Support for the Arts (Ray Griewek).

Arlington County received an award of \$24,507 of federal funds through Phase 26 of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP). These funds will supplement existing food and shelter programs in the county. Non-profit agencies already providing these services to county residents may apply for these funds to supplement their current programs. The deadline for applications to be received is Friday, May 16. For more information and application forms, please call Indra Corea, Local Board contact at 703-979-3380.

The **American Association of Individual Investors (AII)**, Metropolitan Washington Area Chapter, will hold its next monthly meeting on **Saturday, May 17**, 9:30 a.m., at the Courtyard by Marriott, 4641 Kenmore Ave. There will be a presentation entitled "Introduction to ETFs and Fundamental Indexing" followed by a workshop on "Portfolio Performance Evaluation." For further details go to www.aaiidcmetro.com.

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Yard Sale. St. Peter's bi-annual yard sale will be from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. May 31 at 4250 N. Glebe Road. Browse through a variety of goods, sports equipment and more. There will be a hotdog lunch. Free.

General Buddhist Program classes, held in Arlington on Monday evenings, May 19, and 26 are designed for beginners. They go on for 90 minutes, and involve introductory lectures, and meditations. Contribution of \$12 requested. Held 7-8:30 p.m. at the The Griffin Center, Suite 5, 3800 Fairfax Drive. For more information, go to www.meditation-dc.org, or 202-986-2257.

The larger **Church of the Brethren** celebrates 300 years this summer. Our church community has collected over 300 cereal boxes for the South Arlington Food Bank. The 300 2x4 boards and nails will be presented to a rep. from Habitat for Humanity on Sunday June 1. Presentation will be made following 11 a.m. worship in front of the Church, 300 Montague St. 703-524-4100.

Strawberry Festival. 4-7 p.m. June 7 at Bethel United Church of Christ, 4347 Arlington Blvd. Enjoy strawberry shortcakes, ice cream, hot dogs and more. Visit www.bethelUCCVA.org for more.

Buddhist general program classes

are held Mondays, from 7-8:30 p.m. at The Griffin Center, 3800 Fairfax Drive, Suite 5. They last for 90 minutes, and involve introductory lectures and meditations. \$12 contribution. For more information, go to www.meditation-dc.org, or 202-986-2257.

❖ **One Hundred Years of St. George's Episcopal Church: Growth of A Church Community In the Turbulent 20th Century** has been published as part of the church's centennial year. The booklet is well illustrated, and contains stories from many St. Georgians, as well as chronological and personal history gathered from the church's archives and from interviews. Copies are available from St. George's, 915 N. Oakland St., Arlington 22203.

Mount Olivet United Methodist Church, 1500 N. Glebe Road, introduces "The Well," through energetic and contemplative music led by worship band, relevant, thematic preaching, opportunities for questions about God and faith, time to connect with others and weekly communion. Contact Pastor Brad, bmc, 703-527-3934 or www.mtolivet-umc.org.

Faith, Food and Fellowship - Clarendon UMC, 606 N. Irving, offers twice monthly mid-week worship, meal and program on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. The worship service with inspirational music begins at noon, a hot meal follows at 12:30 p.m., and a program runs from 1-1:45 p.m. For more information, contact the church at 703-527-8574.

The Vajrayogini Buddhist Center continues to hold classes in Buddhist

thought and meditation on Monday nights from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Griffin Center, 3800 Fairfax Drive in Arlington (Suite 5). Beginners to Buddhism and meditation are invited to learn how Buddhist philosophy can help people cope with today's stressful times. Cost is a \$10 donation. Visit www.meditation-dc.org.

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St. Ann's Youth Group hosts a Tuesday Night Drop-In Night every Tuesday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The church hopes to make it a great space to do homework, listen to music, play on the computer, hang out, chat, watch movies, or maybe some TV shows and most importantly, just be in a communal sort of way. No need to be formal about it, just stop on in as time permits. Contact Toni at stansyouthminister@yahoo.com with any questions.

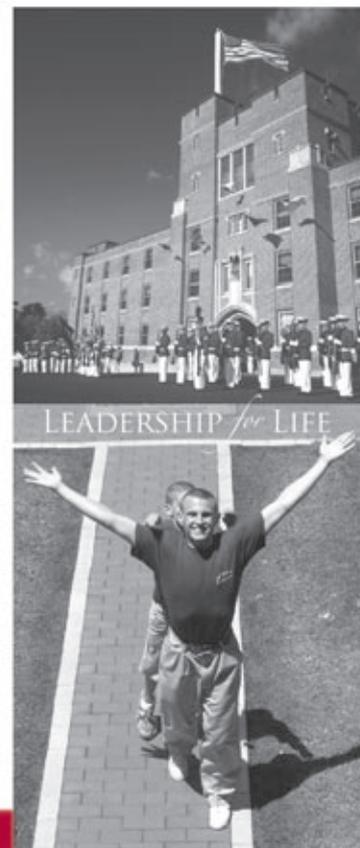
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SENIOR LIVING

THURSDAY/MAY 14

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Retirement. Retirement transitions counselor, Rachel Thompson, will conduct a three part series on personal life planning beginning 9 a.m.-noon, Madison Community Center, 3829 N. Stafford St., Arlington. No fee. Register early by calling, 703-228-4746.

Program. Central Library will recognize Older Americans Month with a two hour program showcasing its services and resources, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., 1015 N. Quincy St. No fee. Call for details, 703-228-5960.

Antique Appraisal. Jean Jackson, Antiques Associates, will meet with seniors to appraise antique objects, 1 p.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St., Arlington. No fee. Call for details, 703-228-0955.

Cell Phone Help. Seniors baffled by the features on their cell phones are invited to an instructional session, 10:15 a.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St., Arlington. No fee. Call to register, 703-228-0955.

Music Rehearsal. Daytime men's chorus, the Songfellows, looking for new members. Rehearsal, 10 a.m. - noon, Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Drive, Arlington. No fee. Call for more details, 703-228-4403.

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Challenging Moran from the Left

Falls Church attorney will face nine-term incumbent congressman in the June 10 primary.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Matt Famiglietti never let cerebral palsy slow him down, and he seems equally undaunted at the prospect of facing a nine-term congressional incumbent. Last November, Famiglietti announced his intention to unseat U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) during this summer's primary. The Falls Church lawyer is challenging Moran from the left, criticizing the congressman on a host of issues where he said Moran is

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— Matt Famiglietti

failing his constituents — everything from bankruptcy reform to free trade.

“Jim Moran has a small group of hard core supporters who keep him in office,” said Famiglietti. “I wouldn't say that he is an overwhelmingly popular congressman.”

Famiglietti said that Moran's vote for the Bankruptcy Act of 2005 was “not very compassionate” because he said the bill makes it more difficult for people to declare bankruptcy, a phenomenon he blamed for contributing to the recent meltdown of the credit industry. He is also critical of Moran's support for ousting Saddam Hussein, which he said was a strategic mistake because it created a leadership vacuum in the Middle East. In an April 11 open letter to the congressman, Famiglietti said that sending an impeachment resolution aimed at Vice President Dick Cheney back to the Judiciary Committee was “tantamount to continuing the Iraqi war.”

“He's too close to lobbyists, especially lobbyists for bankers and defense contractors,” said Famiglietti. “How can somebody be anti-war one minute and then turn around and accept thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from the defense industry?”

CAMPAIGN FINANCE records released by the Federal Election Commission in March



Matt Famiglietti

show a lopsided race for money in the race. The documents show that Moran has raised \$756,826 and spent \$435,676. According to an analysis by the Virginia Public Access Project, most of Moran's money comes from the defense industry and real-estate developers. Famiglietti's finances, by comparison are comparatively meager. The Democratic primary challenger has raised \$1,792 and spent \$560.

Democratic Challenger

Matt Famiglietti, 55: A native of Washington, D.C., Famiglietti received a bachelor's degree in political science from the College of Charleston in 1981 and a juris doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1985. He worked at a nonprofit organization as an advocate for children with severe disabilities before launching his own law firm in South Carolina. Famiglietti moved to the eighth congressional district in 1999 to work at the Department of Labor before launching his own Washington firm in 2002. His law practice specializes in disability and discrimination.

“Everyone has an opportunity to present their case to the voters,” said Susan Kellom, chairwoman of the Alexandria Democratic Committee. “But I can only observe that Mr. Famiglietti does not seem to have the kind of resources it takes to defeat an incumbent.”

The last time Moran faced a serious primary challenger was in 2004, when Andrew Rosenberg took 39 percent of the vote in Alexandria's Democratic primary. In an April 11 open letter to Moran, Famiglietti challenged the nine-term incumbent to “a series of debates to discuss the direction that our district and our country should be taking.” Famiglietti said he has already accepted an invitation to a June 6 debate hosted by the Northern Virginia Democratic Business Council.

“This is not personal,” said Famiglietti. “This is about policy.”

Smith: Relationship With Board Professional

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I haven't asked the question. I'll be having those discussions because my contract is up in another year.

So you haven't thought about it?

No, I have thought about it and we'll be having those conversations. We'll be having a meeting before the end of the fiscal year and we'll talk about my evaluation.

(Fendley, several days after this interview occurred, said that “Dr. Smith has my full confidence.”)

Do you see there being a North/South divide in Arlington?

I think there is much more made of that than is real. Some of the statements I see that the North gets everything and the South doesn't are just not true. If you look at the expenditure of dollars of the years and you look at the capital program, where we started being crowded was in the southern sector of the county. I see that as being overblown.

Is it just totally unfounded?

Clearly there is a divide, at least in some people's minds, because we keep talking about it. But I don't think that in

terms of substantive differences that people are talking about where one group of people are favored over another group of people, I don't think it holds water. People talk about it and people say they're not being treated well but I don't think that holds up.

From what I've heard, a lot of it comes from the Wakefield issue and that of the three high schools, Wakefield is the last to be rebuilt.

Let's go back and look at the high schools... From the studies that we did at that time, it was clear that Yorktown was crowded. The very first high school priority became... Yorktown. The second became the conditions at Washington-Lee. A study was done and it became clear that it would cost less to rebuild than to fix up. That became the next priority. It was in worse condition than either Yorktown or Wakefield.

People talk about Wakefield being older than Yorktown. It's not. Yorktown was an elementary school. It didn't become a high school until the 1960's. And it was an elementary school before Wakefield was a school. And Wakefield got pretty good reviews. It takes a while to get these things off the ground and in that time it became clear that Wakefield was a problem just as Yorktown had been.

How would you respond to some of the Wakefield parents who think that the Wakefield project is taking too long?

I'd say they have a good argument. It is taking long. But there's only so many dollars. But I'd say we're in a much better place than we were a year ago in terms of talking about what's going to be available.

What were you trying to accomplish with your proposal?

The three main things were, one, build Yorktown [High School]. Two, build Wakefield [High School]. And three, keep Wakefield, Jefferson [Middle School] and The Career Center going. And that's simply what we are trying to accomplish. The bond referendum for 2008 constructs Yorktown entirely. That's it. All three phases are included in that amount.

Are funds for Wakefield High School in this year's bond?

Wakefield is not in 2008. The big discussion is over where should it appear. I think there's a fairly strong sentiment that we need to go up on Wakefield to 2008 and put the design funds there. That's about \$11 million that would have to be added.

I think where we ended up was on pushing the design money for Wakefield into

2008 and pushing the authorization for Wakefield into 2010 but keeping the bond sales in the same place that they are so Wakefield would still be built on the same schedule.

Is it safe to say that in this proposal, getting Yorktown done was your first priority?

Yeah, that was the first priority. That had been set previous because we already had \$24 million going into that project. And then the priority after that, the Board said, was Wakefield.

Is there anything that's not on people's radars right now that you think is really important?

I think we need to continue to pay attention to our most important goals. When you get wrapped up in the boundary kind of stuff and you get wrapped up in the facility stuff, it kind of takes away from our most important business. The goals are] making sure that we continue to move toward eliminating the achievement gaps while all students are displaying rising achievement. The work that's going on in terms of trying to be a responsive organization that's responsive to kids' needs is extremely important. I think we continue to struggle with that.

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Social Club. Senior social club, The Fair Golds, will meet noon, Fairlington Community Center. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call for details, 703-228-5722.

FRIDAY/MAY 16

Walkers. The Lee Walkers, Lee Senior Center, will walk along Embassy Row in D.C., 10 a.m. Fee is \$2.50; newcomers welcome. Call to register, 703-228-0555.

Fast Walking. A fast paced walking group for seniors will meet at Aurora Hills Senior Center, 9 a.m. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call for details 703-228-5722.

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MONDAY/MAY 19

Exercise. Drop-in seated strength training class for seniors, 9 a.m., Madison Senior Center, 3829 N. Stafford St., Arlington. \$3.50 per class. Call for details, 703-228-0555.

Exercise Class. Full fitness exercise class for seniors, taught by Andrea Baumann, TJ Community Center, 10 a.m., 3501 S. 2nd St., Arlington. Drop-in. Cost is \$3.50 per class. Call for details, 703-228-4745.

Walkers. Dyke Marsh, is the destination of the Walter Reed Walkers, Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St., 9:30 a.m. Fee is \$2.50 for transportation to walking site; newcomers welcome. Call to register, 703-228-0955.

Dancing. Square dancing exhibition by seniors, 11 a.m., Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Drive, Arlington. Free; newcomers welcome. Call to register, 703-228-4403.

Games. Armchair bowling for seniors, 9:30 a.m., Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpepper St., Arlington. Free; newcomers welcome. Call for details, 703-228-5321.

Yarn Crafters. The Yarn Crafters of Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18th St., Arl., will meet Mon., May 19, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., to knit and crochet items for local charities. Yarn and patterns provided. Donations of washable yarn appreciated. Call to register, 703-228-5722.

TUESDAY/MAY 20

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I have never been a knight in shining armor. Nor have I ever been a man in uniform (Cub Scouts and organized team sports notwithstanding). Certainly I have been a fish out of water and on occasion, I will admit to having been a bit of a wallflower. I may not be the most memorable character you'll ever meet, but nor am I totally forgettable, either. I try not to take up too much space (figuratively speaking) and require very little attention as well. Left alone, I will not wither and die.

Basically, I need to be fed and watered daily, just like our mini rex rabbit, Chester; he seems fairly content to nibble his kibble, crinkle his nose, drink his water, inhale his kale, and toss his toys from side to side and seems not bitter at all when he uses his litter. When out and about (about 30 minutes a day), he hops and hops and chews everything in sight, and a few things we can't see so he needs to be monitored at all times (not unlike some people I know).

Left well enough alone, he will cause goat-like carnage in the house (he's an indoor bunny). He's already chewed Comcast cable wires, "Monster" brand stereo cables, newspapers and magazines, the fringe on Oriental rugs, upholstery and anything and everything he can get his buck teeth on. As simple and mundane as his routine/life appears to be, he seems content, so far as we know. I mean, we haven't received any complaints as yet, and he's been a member of the family going on five years.

It seems like the responsibilities I have — and fulfill — with respect to care-giving our animals (four at present; two cats, one dog and of course, Chester), are the closest I'll get to wearing shining armor. And yet, I'll likely never know if that's how my actions are perceived. Will a cat rubbing his hind quarters against my leg or curling his tail under my nose mean love, gratitude and appreciation? Or will he merely be scratching an itch and I'm the closest thing around? Does my dog Bailey's close proximity to my body indicate his love for me or am I simply protection from a nearby draft or is it a non-verbal queue to "treat" him as soon as I get up? Is Chester's licking of my hand yet another sign of love and affection or is it, as my wife, Dina, has suggested, merely his need for salt and moisture (a salt lick is a recommended in-cage necessity for rabbits)?

Obviously the animals can't talk to me (unless this was a Disney movie), but their actions speak volumes, right? I am their hero, their universe, their savior. Without me (and Dina, too) their life would be difficult, incomplete you might say. Their eyes, their focused glares, tell me all I need to know. And though they are not blood relatives, they are family nonetheless and providing their cradle to grave needs gives me a certain stature — and pride — that I don't think I would otherwise have, nor have ever had not having been in uniform — or armor — in my life (not counting Halloween, either).

Granted, there's more to life than animal magnetism, but given my modest demands and familial associations, I'm fairly content to walk quietly — and write weekly — as to my comings and goings, misgivings, faults and foibles and stick it to the man; that man most often being me. It's easy to take shots at others, anybody can do that. I'd rather stick to the subject matter I know best; me, myself and I. It may not be much but it beats the alternative.

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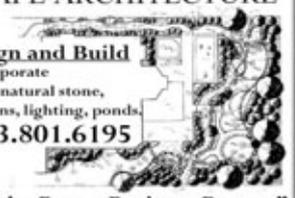
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- Fictional captain with an ivory leg
- Fishing rod attachment
- Oarsman
- Malcolm X, for Denzel Washington
- Where the President works
- Minute amount
- Jeans material
- Regarding
- Dick and Jane's dog
- Skipped the wedding
- Coin flips
- High-hatter
- Cockeyed
- Seldom seen
- Zoo inhabitants
- Ill temper
- Meyers of "Kate & Allie"
- Sewing groups
- L.B.J.'s successor
- Bed-and-breakfast

- Scrabble unit
- Yards in passing, e.g.
- Accepted doctrine
- Shrink—
- Yellowbelly
- Draw out
- Auto racer A. J.
- Sticky stuff
- Hole— (ace)
- "That hurts!"
- Camelot fixture
- Iwo Jima, e.g.
- Hot coal
- Study for finals
- Lustful look
- Park, Col.
- Makes bales for the barn

- Davenport
- Chubby Checker's dance
- Front of a sheet of paper
- Nabisco cookies
- Crops up
- Dress for Scarlett O'Hara
- Choir voice
- Tuckered out
- Harbinger
- "The Many Loves of — Gillis"
- Words of disrespect

- Lahr of "The Wizard of Oz"
- Humorous Bombeck
- "What — wrong?"
- Narc's bust
- Cartoonist Peter
- Wagner work
- Have work in Hollywood
- Lot
- Haute, Ind.
- Falcon feature
- Popeye's muscle builder
- May honoree
- Came down to earth
- Be in harmony
- Motel units
- Harbor suspicions
- Snake charmer's snake
- Dental filling
- Abounds
- Aluminum sheet
- River in England
- Where gramps jounces junior
- A.M.A. members

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OFFER EXPIRES C.O.B. 05/31/08.



**'08 XB
22 MPG CITY
28 MPG HWY***



**'08 XD
27 MPG CITY
33 MPG HWY***



**'08 TC
21 MPG CITY
29 MPG HWY***



FORTUNATELY, BETTER WAYS TO SAVE MONEY ON YOUR ELECTRICITY BILL ARE WELL WITHIN YOUR REACH.

Although we can't control global fuel costs, we're working hard to control the things we can.

Rising global energy costs are affecting everyone—including Dominion and the nearly 6 million Virginians we serve every day. That's why we're working hard to help customers reduce electricity usage and lower their monthly bills.

To learn more about these and other ways Dominion is helping Virginians lower their heating and cooling bills and manage the rising cost of energy, visit www.dom.com:

- Dominion's new online **Energy Calculator** provides customers with energy-saving information customized for their specific home or business.
- A unique discount program sponsored by Dominion offers **compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)** at substantial cost savings. CFLs use 75% less energy and can last 10 times longer than traditional incandescent bulbs. More than 1 million CFLs have already been sold.
- **Budget Billing** lets customers manage their energy costs by paying a fixed amount each month, eliminating seasonal fluctuations in bill amounts.
- A new **Business Advantage** program extends the benefits of budget billing to small- and medium-sized commercial customers and most non-profits. Eligible customers will be able to sign up beginning July 1.
- "More Than 100 Ways To Improve Your Electric Bill," published by the Edison Electric Institute, provides **easy-to-use tips** on practical ways to cut electricity use and save money. To download a copy visit www.dom.com (keyword: 100 ways).
- \$5 million in additional funding for **EnergyShare** to help elderly customers and families in need with heating and cooling assistance.

Global energy costs may be changing, but our commitment to helping customers maximize their energy dollars is not.



ENERGY-SAVING TIP #12

Install low-flow showerheads and faucets. They're inexpensive, easy to install and reduce energy and hot water use.

For additional energy-saving information, visit www.dom.com.