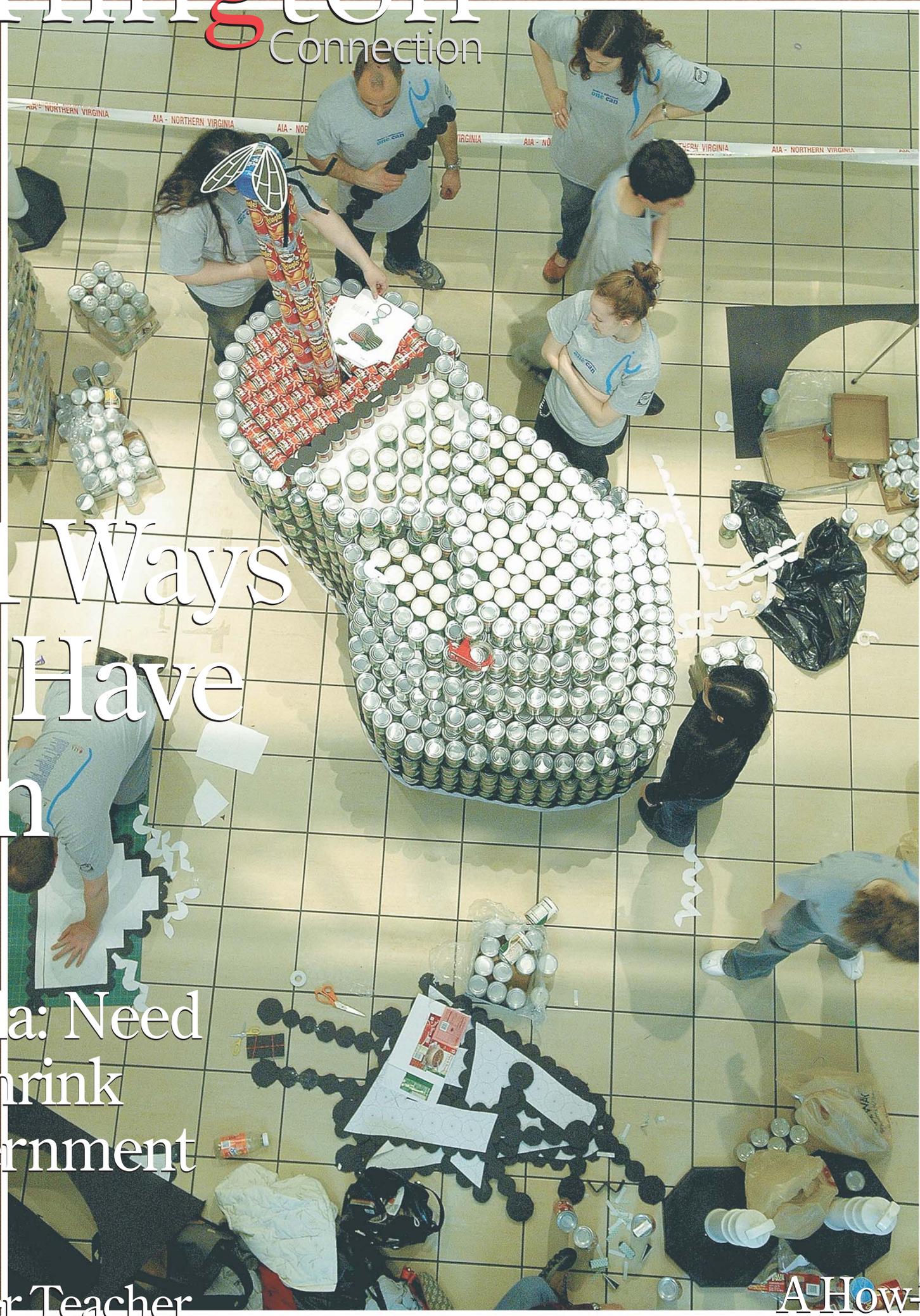


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Favola Unveils Agenda

New County Board chair says local government must be downsized.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

This is the first in a three part series on County Board Chair Barbara Favola's 2009 agenda.

In a speech laying out her agenda for 2009, County Board Chair Barbara Favola (D) called for a downsizing of local government and emphasized economic and cultural sustainability.

With Arlington currently facing a trying financial situation, she said that all non-essential services could be on the chopping block as the County looks to fill a \$35 million hole in its \$486.6 million budget. "To achieve a sustainable Arlington, everyone needs to pitch in and do his or her part," Favola said.

To fill the gap in the County's budget caused by precipitously declining real estate values, Favola proposed foregoing scheduled pay increases and other forms of compensation for County employees. She also proposed offering County employees voluntary severance packages and early retirements.



County Board Chair Barbara Favola (D)

Favola said that these measures might allow the County to fill the budget gap without making layoffs. "This is a request that the County Board does not take lightly," she said, "But it is necessitated by economic conditions."

In an interview with the Arlington Connection, Favola said that the County would also consider other measures, such as unpaid furloughs, to cut costs. "Our primary goal is to ensure that we don't lay people off and keep as many services as possible," she said in the interview. "To do that we may have to do some different things this year. ... We may have to have a short furlough."

If Favola's proposal passes, County employees will receive neither a cost of living increase in pay nor a step increase in pay for those who are eligible. Marcy Foster, the County's Director of Human Resources, said that this is the first time in her decade with the County that Arlington employees would be denied the step increases.

FAVOLA'S agenda also focused on sustaining what she described as the caring and inclusive culture of the County.

In recent months, funding has plummeted for non-profit organizations — groups that often provide the community's social safety net — just as demand for their services has spiked. Favola proposed the creation of a special fund that would aid these charitable organizations that are struggling to make ends meet.

"Providing a safety net for the most vulnerable among us does not come cheaply," Favola said. "But the value of dollars spent on keeping individuals and families from falling off the edge comes back to society many times over."

Favola also said that the money for this

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On Her List

Here are the major items that County Board Chair Barbara Favola (D) proposed in her Jan. 1 speech:

- ❖ No pay increases for County employees
- ❖ Creation of a special fund consisting of private dollars that would aid struggling non-profit organizations
- ❖ Launching of a coordinated program to reduce the rate of teenage binge drinking
- ❖ Extending goals for reducing carbon emissions into the private sector
- ❖ Expansion of the County's recycling services
- ❖ Creation of more affordable housing along Columbia Pike
- ❖ Encouraging developers to design homes that are accessible for disabled people
- ❖ Implementation of the recommendations of the Diversity Dialogue Task Force
- ❖ Expansion of programs to integrate older adults into community

Former Teacher Sentenced to One Year in Jail

He solicited sex with minor in Arlington via Internet.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Matthew Edward McGuire has already served the year in jail to which he was sentenced, shortly before Christmas. But perhaps the worst punishment of all for this former Chantilly

High teacher is the fact that he'll no longer be able to follow his chosen profession.

For nine years, McGuire, now 30, taught Spanish and helped coach boys and girls in track and cross country at Chantilly. But on Jan. 9, Fairfax County police arrested him for soliciting sex via the Internet with a girl named Jessica who said she was 13.

On July 23 in Arlington County Circuit Court, he pleaded guilty to attempted indecent liberties with a minor and use of a computer to solicit sex with a minor. And before he was sentenced, Dec. 19, he stood and addressed the court.

"I made a terrible mistake," said McGuire,

with voice breaking. "I'm disgusted by how egregious my behavior was and how I ruined what was a rewarding life."

At school, McGuire tended to his job and was a well-liked teacher. But in the privacy of his home at 31 W. Myrtle St. in Alexandria, another activity occupied his time.

For 10 months, beginning in early 2007, he and Jessica chatted online and, eventually, their conversations became sexual in nature. At some point, they exchanged photos — followed by Web cams of McGuire.

But unbeknownst to him, "Jessica" was no teen-age girl. Instead, "she" was actually an Arlington County police detective

assigned to the regional Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force. And in January, McGuire was busted.

WHEN HE ENTERED his pleas in July, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Patrick McDade explained the case against him. "From March 9, 2007 to Jan. 8, 2008, the defendant used the Internet via AOL and Yahoo chat rooms to chat with someone he knew as Jessica," he said. McDade described her as a 13-year-old girl who lived with her aunt in Arlington and also went to school

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Police Uncover Plot To Murder Students, Teachers

A 14-year-old Arlington boy is behind bars after State Police uncovered his plot to murder teachers and students at his former school.

The boy was a former student of the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in Staunton, Va. He, along with another former student from Augusta County, Va. who was

also 14, are being charged with conspiracy to commit murder of more than two people.

State Police Lieutenant Joe Reder said that his office was first alerted to the plot on Sept. 24 by officials at the school. They informed the police that two former students, both of whom are hearing impaired, "had been talking about returning to the school ...

to harm both the students and the faculty," Reder said.

Reder said that the students had been sent home "at least a few days" prior to this but would not say what prompted the school to take this action.

On Sept. 24 and the following day, State Police conducted an investigation, which included interviewing the two former students

at their respective homes, and concluded that the threats were credible, Reder said. "They talked about the method of causing harm and how they were going to do it and when they were going to do it," he said. "In this day in time, you can't go around having these conversations and not expect them to be taken seriously. You'd be a fool not to take everyone seri-

ously."

The former students were not detained at this point, Reder said, but State Police "eliminated any threat to the facility ... They couldn't [have] just come onto the grounds to shoot people." Reder wouldn't comment on what methods the police used to eliminate the threat.

After consulting with Staunton City Commonwealth's Attorney, charges were filed against the two former students on Dec. 15. State Police are not releasing the names of the suspects because they are minors.

— DAVID SCHULTZ

Favola

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fund would come from the private sector.

Another item on Favola's agenda this year is the preservation of affordable housing along Columbia Pike. In recent years, the pace of development along this South Arlington corridor has rapidly accelerated and many new luxury dwellings are either in planning or are in construction.

"The next generation of development in this County will take place along Columbia Pike," Favola said. "The loss of affordable housing along the Pike is almost certain if measures are not undertaken soon."

Favola called for a study to be conducted that reexamines the County's land use policies along the Pike. Jim Whittaker, the executive director of the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization, welcomed this reexamination.

"I think it's definitely time to do it," he said. "As it comes to the Pike, [redevelopment is] likely to push up property values. It's smart to get out ahead of that before that situation gets worse."

EACH YEAR on Jan. 1, the incoming County Board Chair gives a speech outlining his or her priorities for the year. The position of County Board Chair rotates from year to year and is chosen by the five members of the County Board. The chair's duties are to set the agenda for all County Board meetings and to act as the public face of the County.

Favola is an 11-year member of the all-Democratic Board. In November, she won reelection with more than 70 percent of the vote. Favola has previously been the Board Chair in 2000 and 2004.

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Break-In Occurs at Wakefield High

The Arlington County Police Department is investigating a break-in at Wakefield High School that occurred last week. No items were stolen as a result of the break-in but several office doors were broken and empty cash boxes were overturned.

The break-in occurred after a high school basketball tournament that ended on Dec. 30. Tony Bentley, the coach of Wakefield's varsity boy's basketball team, said that when he returned to work on Jan. 2 he discovered that the door to his office was broken. The door to the office of Wakefield Athletic Director Noel Deskins and the door to the referee dressing room were also broken, Bentley said. All three rooms

are located within the Wakefield gymnasium. Bentley said that cash boxes in his office were overturned. The cash boxes had been used to collect money from the tournament but were empty when the break-in occurred, Bentley said. Other than the boxes, nothing else in his office was disturbed or stolen, he said.

Arlington County Police spokesperson Crystal Nosal said that the alarm on the Wakefield building was not set off at any time last week.

"Whoever did it had to be someone I know or [who] knows how we do things," Bentley said. "It just put a damper on a great tournament."

— MARK GIANNOTTO AND DAVID SCHULTZ

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CRIME 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.

MALICIOUS WOUNDING-ARREST, 1600 block of N. George Mason Drive. On Dec. 27 at 8 p.m., a combative patient at the hospital bit a nurse in her finger. A female, 42, of Arlington,

charged with malicious wounding. She was held without bond.

MALICIOUS WOUNDING, 1100 block of S. Hayes St. On Dec. 27 at 7:30 p.m., two men were approached by three people while walking through the mall. The group pepper sprayed the two men, and then assaulted them. The pepper spray also affected several people in the general area. The three suspects are

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ONGOING ITEMS

Poets over the age of 18 can submit poems by Friday, Jan. 23 by mail or e-mail. Six poems will be chosen to be exhibited on buses. Visit www.arlingtonarts.org or 703-228-1854. Open to all who live within the Metro's transit zone.

SATURDAY/JAN. 10

Talk, "How Statistics Are Misunderstood in the Media and Society" at the National Science Foundation, Room 110, 4201 Wilson Blvd., at 1:30 p.m. Free. Visit www.ncas.org or 301 587-3827.

SUNDAY/JAN. 11

Falls Church: PFLAG Meeting, 3 p.m. at Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland St., Falls Church. Support meeting. Free. Visit www.pflagdc.org or 703-615-3834.

MONDAY/JAN. 12

Talk, 3 p.m. at Arlington Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Learn about mortgages and the effects on housing. Free. 703-228-2144.

FRIDAY/JAN. 16

Application Deadline. The Virginia Master Naturalist program trains volunteers that gain certification through state-approved natural history courses and a commitment to volunteer service. The Arlington chapter of Master Naturalists will be holding its spring classes from Feb. 24 through June 9. Applications are due by Jan. 16. Visit www.armn.org.

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LOOKING AHEAD

The Questions of 2009

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Here are eight questions, the answers to which will go a long way in determining the direction of the County. At the end of the year, The Connection will look back on these questions to see how they turned out.

Who will be the next superintendent of Arlington Public Schools?

The answer to this question could determine the future of the local school system for the next decade and beyond.

Arlington Public Schools is currently searching for a new chief who will take the helm at the end of this school year. The School Board has enlisted a private headhunting firm — Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates out of Illinois — to conduct a nationwide search for a new superintendent.

The firm will be seeking public input on the qualities that the ideal Arlington superintendent should possess.

According to representatives of the headhunting firm, it's highly likely that the public won't know the identity of the next superintendent until after he or she has been hired. Henry Bangser, the CEO of the headhunting firm, said that the search would be strictly confidential.

One thing is for sure: the new hire won't be Robert Smith, Arlington's current superintendent, announced several months ago that he would retire in June. During his 12-year tenure, Smith has received numerous awards for his efforts towards reducing the achievement gap between white and minority students.

What's on the County's chopping block?

If the tax rate stays the same, Arlington County's budget for 2009-2010 will be \$35 million smaller than this year's budget. County officials have said they are unwilling to fill this gap solely through a tax rate increase.

That means that something needs to be cut. But what?

County Manager Ron Carlee has rejected making across-the-board cuts. County Board Chair Barbara Favola (D) said in her Jan. 1 speech that public health and safety departments such as the Police and Fire Departments should be spared. Favola also said that public school funding is a priority.

This means that all the various organizations and interests in the County will have to lobby hard for funding as the County Board considers the budget this spring. Already, human service groups have come before the Board to warn of the consequences of their funding being cut. "[They] will directly affect the health and welfare of the County's most vulnerable," local activist Erica Wood told the Board.

"Serious budget challenges will dominate the first four months of 2009," County Board Member Jay Fisette (D) said. "I believe these challenges will become more severe, not less, as the year progresses."

Where will money be found for Wakefield, Yorktown, Long Bridge and the Columbia Pike Streetcar?

Arguably, these four are the biggest capital projects currently on the County's docket. With the County facing declining revenue and with the bond markets nose-diving, it seems more and more likely that at least one of these projects will be delayed or abandoned.

When addressing the County's budget shortfall earlier this fall, County Manager Ron Carlee said that any capital projects the County hasn't already paid for could be subject to review.

Of the four projects, the construction of a new Yorktown High School seems like the least likely candidate for a delay because it is already partially funded. The installation of a streetcar along Columbia Pike also seems unlikely to be cancelled because



The construction of a new Yorktown High School may be delayed if the County's budget situation worsens

several million dollars in state transportation funding has already been allocated for the project.

That leaves the construction of a new Wakefield High School or the construction of an athletic and aquatics center at the Long Bridge site in Crystal City. The Long Bridge project relies on a land swap with a private developer that could go sour if the County delayed the project.

But the Wakefield project has an army of passionate and motivated parents and teachers backing it.

Who will be representing the 47th District in the House of Delegates next year?

It's been almost two months since Del. Al Eisenberg (D-47) got thrust into a fight for his state seat. A few days after Election Day, 31-year-old political blogger Miles Grant announced that he would run against Eisenberg for the Democratic nomination in his North Arlington district.

At the time, Eisenberg refused to say whether he would run for reelection against Grant or whether he would step down. Almost two months later, he still won't say.

Even if he decides not to run, Eisenberg has already cemented his legacy in the pantheon of Arlington politics. He was first elected to the General Assembly in 2003 and was reelected in 2005 and 2007 by wide margins. Prior to that, Eisenberg worked in the Clinton administration and was a 15-year member of the Arlington County Board.

Grant, a first time office-seeker, faces an uphill battle if he is to unseat an incumbent. But if Eisenberg decides not to run, several other local political activists are waiting in the wings to enter the race. And if Eisenberg's seat becomes open, it could represent the best opportunity in years for local Republicans to gain some traction.

But until Eisenberg makes up his mind, all local political junkies can do is wait.

Will elementary school boundaries be changed?

The issue of elementary school overcrowding is one that just won't seem to go away for Arlington Public Schools. Schools officials have been grappling with this issue for at least a year now and have been unable to find a permanent solution to the rapidly growing enrollment numbers for North Arlington elementary schools.

Superintendent Robert Smith initially proposed a plan that would have changed the home schools for more than 600 students. That plan was rejected after it was met with widespread outrage from parents.

Smith came back with another plan this fall that would have moved 176 students out of Nottingham, Long Branch and Oakridge Elementary Schools. Smith also proposed using the Wilson building, a vacant Schools-owned property in Rosslyn, as a new elementary school.

Before adjourning for the year, the School Board rejected this plan as well, instead opting to use trailers at overcrowded schools. The Board also decided to examine future middle school overcrowding.

All of this maneuvering on the overcrowding issue has left some parents feeling unsatisfied with the School Board's leadership. "This whole process has



Superintendent Robert Smith recommended that the Wilson building, shown here, be used as an elementary school to ease overcrowding.

spiraled into an emotional and political morass," public school parent Ronald Molenti said.

Will any of Arlington's leaders move to the other side of the Potomac River?

When Barack Obama takes office later this month, he will have the power to appoint thousands of his allies to positions in the federal government. It's not inconceivable that some of those allies could come from here in Arlington County.

Political appointees have come from Arlington in the past. President Bill Clinton appointed former County Board Member Al Eisenberg to a position in the U.S. Department of Transportation.

If a member of the County Board, the School Board or the General Assembly were to get a new job in Washington, D.C., that could start a chain reaction of local politicians vying to fill each other's seats and could add more intrigue to what is already shaping up to be a dramatic season in local politics.

Will Arlington's economy continue to be spared?

As the nation has spiraled down into a full-blown recession in the last year, Arlington's economy has been, for the most part, spared.

The County's unemployment rate hovers below three percent. And its foreclosure rate is among the lowest in the Washington D.C. area.

John McClain, an economics professor at George Mason University who closely follows the Northern Virginia region, said that Arlington is in a uniquely beneficial position during these times of economic turmoil. "Areas that are close to the Metro and have access to jobs will be fine," he said.

At a recent speech to the Arlington Chamber of Commerce, McClain predicted that the Washington region would gain more than 25,000 jobs in 2009, many of them related to procurement by the federal government.

"Arlington is better positioned than most localities to deal with an economic downturn," County Board Chair Barbara Favola said. "Our largest employer — the federal government — is still in business, even during recessions."

What role will Libby Garvey play on the School Board?

When the Arlington School Board convenes its first meeting of 2009 later this month, Libby Garvey will be its most senior member. Garvey has served more years on the Board than all four of her colleagues combined.

Garvey was first elected to the School Board in 1996. By contrast, Ed Fendley joined the Board in 2006, Sally Baird in 2007, Abby Raphael in 2008 and Emma Violand-Sanchez came aboard earlier this year.

As other School Board Members grew older, they stepped down and were replaced by younger members with children currently in the school system. Only Garvey has remained as a bastion of institutional knowledge amid this swift generational change.

How this will affect Arlington Public Schools policy, however, is anyone's guess. Fendley, Baird and Raphael are close allies on the board and tend to vote in a bloc. But newcomer Violand-Sanchez was closely aligned with Garvey during her election campaign may tend to side her way.

These political alliances will be crucial as the School Board tackles some of its most crucial issues in 2009, such as elementary school boundaries and the selection of a new superintendent.



Smith



Eisenberg



Garvey

CRIME

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known to the victims.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY-ARREST, 3100 block of Wilson Blvd. On Dec. 21 at 1 a.m., three subjects and a bouncer got into an argument when the bouncer was escorting them from the bar. Two of the subjects assaulted the bouncer. The third subject was intoxicated in public. A female, 25, of Lancaster, Pa., was charged with resisting arrest, assault and battery and drunk in public. She was held on a \$3,000 bond. A male, 27, of Falls Church, was charged with assault and battery and drunk in public. He was held on a \$3,000 bond. A male, 27, of McLean, was charged with drunk in public and was held in booking until sober.

POSSESSION OF COCAINE-ARREST, 1100 block of N. Highland St. On Dec. 28 at 1 a.m., police were called to a restaurant/bar for suspected drug use by a patron. A subject was found to be in possession of cocaine. A male, 40, of Annapolis, Md., was charged with possession of cocaine and released on his own recognizance.

UNLAWFUL ENTRY-ARREST, 800 block of N. Highland St. On Dec. 27 at 10:45 a.m., a woman entered a residence without permission of the homeowner. When she was confronted, she left. Police located her shortly afterward. A female, 53, of Arlington, was charged with unlawful entry. She was held on a \$15,000 bond.

INDECENT EXPOSURE, 2900

block of S. Glebe Road. On Dec. 30 at 4 p.m., a woman was approached by an unknown male driving a four door green car. The man spoke to her in Spanish and asked her to get into his car. He then exposed himself to her. The suspect drove away when the woman mentioned calling the police. The suspect is described as a white Hispanic male, 30, wearing khaki pants and a long sleeve blue shirt.

BURGLARY, 3200 block of S. 9th St. On Dec. 27 at 4:30 a.m., a man attempted to enter a residence through a window. The suspect was known to the home owner and warrants were issued.

BURGLARY, 2200 block of N. Somerset St. Between 5 a.m. on Dec. 24, and 1 p.m. on Dec. 26, an unknown sus-

pect forced open the front door to a residence, causing the frame to break. No items were taken. There is no suspect description.

BURGLARY, 4400 block of N. Henderson Road. Between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Dec. 28, an unknown subject stole items from a locked bedroom. There is no suspect description.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY, 1800 block of N. Fort Myer Drive. Between 12:30 a.m. on Dec. 25, and 3 p.m. on Dec. 26, an unknown suspect gained access to a business suite and stole a television. There is no suspect description.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY, 700 block of N. Oakland St. Between 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 26, an un-

known subject tampered with the deadbolt on the victim's front door. Entry was not gained. There is no suspect description.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY, 300 block of N. Oakland St. Between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Dec. 28, an unknown suspect attempted to enter a house by breaking the glass window of the rear door. Entry was not gained. There is no suspect description.

LARCENY FROM AUTO (SERIES), 600 block of N. Glebe Road. Between 3 p.m. on Dec. 24, and 8 a.m. on Dec. 26, an unknown subject entered nine vehicles. Items were stolen from inside each vehicle or the vehicle was damaged. There is no suspect description.



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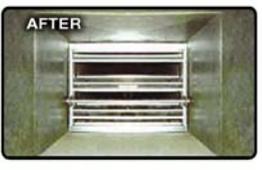
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101 WAYS TO HAVE FUN IN ARLINGTON

What to do, what to do? No plans, no prospects, and every channel on cable seems to be participating in a "Movies I've Already Seen 10 Times" marathon. This list provides dozens of entertainment, dining and learning options for any day of the week, in and around town. Some entries are family-friendly, some are a great way to meet new people, and others are just annual rites of passage. Over the next four weeks, we will include in the section fun things to do in and around Arlington. Read on, and then get out and enjoy life.

Compiled by David Schultz, Louise Krafft and Rebecca Halik. Photos by Louise Krafft.

Ladies' A Cappella Potomac Harmony Chorus

The Potomac Harmony Chorus is a four-part harmony, barbershop-style chorus. It performs at the Arlington County Fair in August, has holiday performances and performs at Lubber Run Amphitheater in Arlington. Call chorus agent Linda Schwartz at 703-379-6470.

Jammin' in the Woods

Potomac Overlook Regional Park
2845 N. Marcey Road

Every other Saturday night in the summer local musicians rock out on the outdoor stage at Potomac Overlook. Concerts are free, but donations are requested. The park also holds an annual open house and heritage festival on the first weekend in May with entertainment and food. Call 703-528-5406.

Enjoy Open-Air Jazz

Rosslyn Jazz Festival
Gateway Park
N. Lynn St. and Lee Highway
www.rosslynva.org

Great jazz doesn't have to be confined to a dark, smokey bar room. This annual free event, held every September, features an afternoon of music from a variety of jazz influences. Last year's event was rained out



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but it will be back again in 2009. Call 703-2-Rosslyn for more information.

Arrive Early At Iota

IOTA Club and Café
2832 Wilson Blvd.
www.iotaclubandcafe.com

Is the room small? Sure, but that's the point: IOTA offers a singular music experience in Arlington, with familiar names (Drive-By Truckers, Juliana Hatfield) punctuating the club's musical lineup of alt-country, roots rock, jam bands, indie and alt-rock local and national acts. Open Monday through Sunday, 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. The club features a full bar and a bistro-style with American and International flavor. There is no advance ticketing to the club, which offers seating on a first-come basis. Call 703-522-8340.

Ring in Summer With Carillon Bells

Netherlands Carillon Concerts
Carillon, Route 50 and George Washington Memorial Parkway

Beginning in early June and through the summer on Saturdays, enjoy guest artists playing the 50-bell Carillon in free concerts. Concerts are held from 6-8 p.m. The Carillon, a keyboard instrument that uses a range of bells, was given to the United States during World War II, in appreciation for the liberation of Holland on May 5, 1945. Concerts are free. Call 703-289-2500.

Fun On Ice

Pentagon Row Ice Skating Rink
Pentagon Row Plaza
1201 South Joyce Street
www.pentagonrowskating.com

Shopping and ice skating. What else do you need? The ice skating rink at Pentagon Row is a yearly tradition in South Arlington, especially on snow days when schools close early. For more information call 703-418-6666.

Master Artistic Craft

Lee Arts Center
5722 Lee Highway

This fully equipped professional studio offers workshops every season in ceramics, printmaking, and other artistic forms. Earlier this year, the center offered classes on porcelain vase-making, silkscreen printing on clay, and non-toxic methods used in trans-



Potomac Overlook Park has a variety of events throughout the year, including family activities, music and more.

ferring text and photo imagery onto paper. These in-depth classes are a highlight for the center, which also includes a gallery that features regular exhibitions of the works of resident and national artists. Call 703-228-0560.

Catch an Off-Beat Flick

Cineplex Odeon Shirlington 7
2772 South Randolph Rd.

A perfect place for film buffs — bring a date to see one of the theater's mainstream movies, and then trick him or her into watching one of the indie films that fill out the cinema's schedule. And if the date needs a little "smoothing over" afterward, hit the various restaurants right down the street in the Shirlington Village area.

Get Silly at Slapsticon

Rosslyn Spectrum
www.slapsticon.org

A four-day festival that celebrates the pioneers of cinematic comedy, featuring tributes to such legends as Buster Keaton, Charlie Chaplin, Harold Lloyd, Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle, Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy. But what makes Slapsticon a special event is its commitment to recognizing lesser-known artists from the development of film comedy as well as the stars. Every July, the festival features screenings of rarely seen comedies as well as memorabilia from

the silent and early sound eras. There are also thematic workshops, like this year's "Stan or Ollie: The solo films of Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy." Keep an eye on www.slapsticon.org for details on the 2009 festival.

Appreciate the Arts At AAC

Arlington Arts Center
3550 Wilson Blvd.
www.arlingtonartscenter.org

"The goal is to increase awareness, appreciation, perception, and involvement for the public here in Arlington County and throughout the area," according to the Center's Web site. Founded in 1976 and housed in the historic Maury School, the Center offers seven galleries with work from regional artists. It also has dozens of classes for different levels of artists and extensive children's workshops that offer everything from crafts to comic book art. Classes typically run between \$60-\$125 for multi-week sessions. Call 703-248-6800 or visit the Web site.

Appreciate Art, Al-Fresco Style

Arlington Arts Al Fresco
Various Locations in Arlington

This summer, arts celebration features performances at locations around the city from the genres of dance, music and theater. Schedules can be picked up at public libraries and local recreation centers or by calling 703-228-1850 and requesting one by mail. Or visit www.arlingtonarts.org for a complete schedule.

Study in the Studios

Thomas Jefferson Art Studios
3501 S. 2nd St.

These art studios offer classes in photography, woodworking, jewelry and ceramics. Classes can run as long as nine weeks — two-and-a-half hours each week — and cost around \$60 and up. Call 703-228-5925.

Collect Some Art

The Art Market in Ballston
www.arlingtonarts.org/art_comm/artmarket.htm

Artists from around the area offer original art, photography, quilts, giftware, clothing and jewelry at the Art Market and Ballston. The market is the second Saturday of each month between May and October. The artists rotate each session, making each market different from the next. Music and special promotions are also present. Call 703-228-0560.

Take a Sip, Watch a Flick

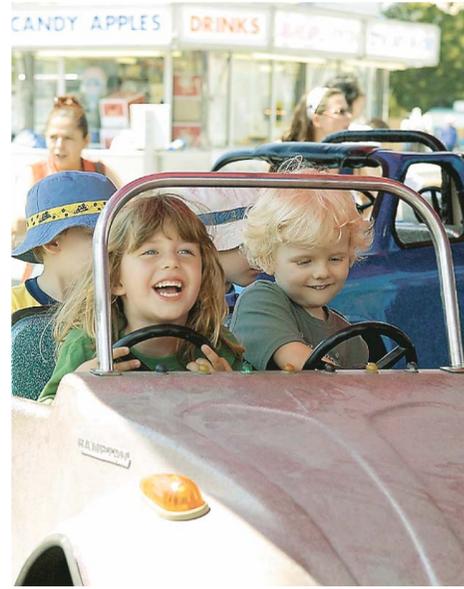
Arlington Cinema 'N Drafthouse
2903 Columbia Pike
www.arlingtondrafthouse.com

The theater is old, the movies are second-run and there are always people walking up and down the aisles. Yet for some reason, watching a film at the Cinema 'N Drafthouse is better than watching one at the local megaplex. Food ranging from pizza to popcorn is available before and during the movies, as is a steady flow of beer in pitchers and glasses. Smoking is allowed in parts of the theater, which features tables, chairs, and some long counters for patrons to relax on when the lights go down. Movies run all week in the evening. Other events include stand-up comedy, live music and wine tastings. Call 703-486-2345 for more information.

Hang at Whitlow's

Whitlow's on Wilson
2854 Wilson Blvd.
www.whitlows.com

Many bars boast a proud history;



Take a trip to the Arlington County Fair

Whitlow's actually has one. It began on the corner of 11th and E Street in the District, opening in 1946 before closing in 1989 — the first time in 18 years the bar was closed outside of Christmas and for the filming of a scene for the Oscar-winning "Broadcast News." In 1995, Whitlow's reappeared in Arlington, featuring some souvenirs from the old location (a stove they used to cook turkey dinners) and from around the region (chairs from the old Arlington Courthouse building). Great cheap eats and an award-winning brunch highlight this popular spot, which also has frequent live music acts. Call 703-276-9693 for more.

Dance at the Ballroom

Clarendon Ballroom
3185 Wilson Blvd.
www.clarendonballroom.com

This gorgeous art deco ballroom usually gets booked for special events, but it is also open to the public on Thursdays and Fridays. Check the Web site calendar to find out what style of music (club or swing) or type of music (live band or DJ) will be featured. But one of the real appeals of the club is its rooftop deck, which features some great views and its own bar. The deck, where smoking is permitted, is open 5 p.m. to midnight on Wednesdays and then concurrently with the ballroom on Thursdays and Fridays. Dress to impress. Call 703-469-2244.

Whoop It Up with Hooligans

Soccer at Summers
1520 N. Courthouse Rd.
www.summers-restaurant.com

Summers Restaurant has become famous as the home for international soccer fans eager to watch matches on the sports bar's multiple TVs. The bar is packed during major soccer events with fans sporting face paint and colorful patriotic garb. The atmosphere is casual dining. Call 703-528-8278.

Shoot Pool in an Old Garage

Carpool
4000 Fairfax Drive
www.carpoolweb.com

There are 12 pool tables in this Ballston bar, made up to resemble an old service station. Carpool has a great ambiance, a lively young crowd and a solid selection of beer on tap. Pool tables are on a first-come

basis. The bar is open from 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. from Monday to Friday, noon to 2 a.m. on Saturdays, and noon to 1 a.m. Sundays. Call 703-532 7665.

Explore the Galaxy

Galaxy Hut
2711 Wilson Blvd.
www.galaxyhut.com
www.myspace.com/galaxyhut

"Cozy" is the word for Galaxy Hut, a club that features 20 brews on tap, 30 styles of beer in bottles and live music on Sunday and Monday nights. If the intimate setting of the club isn't your thing, grab a table on the patio outside. The club's booking policy brings in local stars and interesting bands from across the country and Canada. Recent bands include Yell County, The Shirks and Jeff Wells. Call 703-525-8646.

Enjoy the County Fair

Arlington County Fair
Thomas Jefferson Community Center
3501 South 2nd St.
www.arlingtoncountyfair.org

The Arlington County Fair is one of the biggest annual events in Arlington. The fair boasts such attractions as carnival rides, international cuisine, pony rides, pig races, a petting zoo and a rock-climbing wall. The creative talents of Arlington residents are also showcased at various booths, showing off ceramics, photography, food, creative writing and much more. In case transportation is an issue, the fair offers complimentary shuttles every 30 minutes that pick up at the Ballston Metro, Arlington Career Center, 816 South Walter Reed Dr. I-66 Parking Garage, and the corner of North Quincy and North 15th St.

Sunset Serenade

Marine Corps Sunset Parade
Iwo Jima Marine Corps Memorial

The famous Silent Drill Corps performs with U.S. Marine Bugle and Drum Corps every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the summer at the Iwo Jima Memorial — weather permitting, of course. There is lawn seating, which means concert-goers can bring blankets and food. Parking is at Arlington Cemetery, and shuttles bring people to and from the memorial for the event. Call 202-433-6060.

For more 101 Ways, see next week's issue, or visit www.arlingtonconnection.com for the full list.

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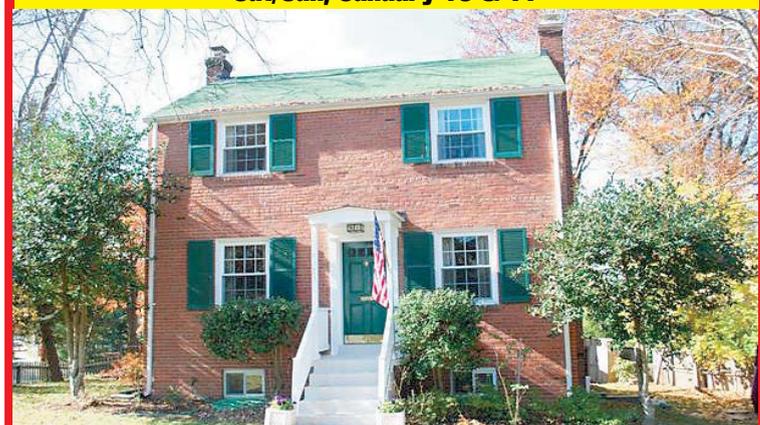
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For an Open House Listing Form, call Deb Funk at 703-518-4631 or e-mail debfunk@connectionnewspapers.com All listings due by Monday at 3 p.m.

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.

ART LISTING:

Arlingtonian **Teresa Oaxaca** has artwork on at Hermitage Design & Gallery, 6831 Tennyson Drive, McLean. The exhibit runs through **January**. Visit www.hermitagedesigngallery.com or 703-827-0066.

The **Arlington Artists Alliance** has a winter show from **Feb. 2 through Feb. 27** at Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Over 20 artists display oil paintings and more. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartistsalliance.com for more.

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.

THURSDAY/JAN. 8

It's OK to be Different. 10:30 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 3-5 can learn about why animals look the way they do to survive. \$3/child. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

Playing Possum. 1:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 3-5 can learn about these animals through stories, hike and more. \$3/child. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

Music Performance. 2 p.m. at Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18th St. Music by Speedy Tolliver and band Just Playin' Country. Free. Registration required, 703-228-5722.

FRIDAY/JAN. 9

Artist Reception. 5-8 p.m. Arlingtonian Teresa Oaxaca has artwork on at Hermitage Design & Gallery, 6831 Tennyson Drive, McLean. The exhibit runs through January. Visit www.hermitagedesigngallery.com or 703-827-0066.

Story Time Classics. 4:15 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Children ages 3-8 can learn about Old Mother West Wind and her animals. Free. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

Awesome Amphibians Campfire. Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children and their families can enjoy campfire activities, guests and more. \$3/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535 for time.

SATURDAY/JAN. 10

Intro to Birding Walks. 9 a.m. at Roosevelt Island. Adults and families with children ages 12 and up can learn the basics. Free. 703-228-6535.

Woodpecker Walk. 10:30 a.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Families can search for woodpeckers, put treats out for them and more. \$2/person. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

Are You a Worm? 10:30 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 4-6 can discuss worms through "Diary of a Worm" and activities. \$2/child. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

Dance Performance. 11 a.m. at Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18th St. Jane Franklin Dance will perform. Free. 703-228-0949.

Aviation Day. 1 p.m. at Long Branch

Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 5-10 can learn about animals that can fly and make a craft. \$2/child. Register at 703-228-6535.

Get Wise on Owls. 1 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families with children ages 5 and up can learn about these animals and meet them up close. Free. Register at 703-228-6535.

Wild Ones: Skulls and Teeth. 10:30 a.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Children ages 6-9 can learn about animals and their bones. \$2/child. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

Gold Mining in Virginia. 3 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families with children ages 8 and up can learn about the gold mines and pan for gold. \$5/person. Register at 703-228-6535.

Slither Hither. 10:30 a.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Children ages 3-5 can learn about these animals and look at ones up close. \$3/child. Register at 703-228-3403.

Mysteries of the Titanic. 3 p.m. at Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18th St. Hear a discussion. Free. 703-228-5722.

Shirlington Screens. 2 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Watch "Pride and Prejudice." Free. 703-228-0322.

Gemstone Club: Ruby. 5 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Children ages 7-11 can learn about this gemstone and take one home. \$5/child. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

Who's Got Milk? 3 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families with children 5 and up can learn about mammals that produce milk and meet some. \$2/child. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

Flying Squirrel Lore and More. 5 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families can watch these animals glide in for dinner. \$4/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

SUNDAY/JAN. 11

Winter Birds. 9 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 5-7 can learn about winter birds and then warm up inside. \$1/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

Winter Walk. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Lubber Run Recreation Center, 300 N. Park Drive. Adults and teens ages 15 and up can hike Sky Meadows State Park. \$12/person. Registration required 703-228-6535.

Dance of the Honeybee. 3 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Children ages 3-5 years can learn about the honeybee. \$3/child. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

Turtles. 3 p.m. at Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Drive. Learn how to take care of turtles or learn about them. Free. Registration required, 703-228-4403.

From Sheep to Shirt. 1 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Children ages 9-12 can learn about making a cardboard loom. \$15/person. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

Best Dads. 1:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Learn about fathers in nature. Children 3-5. \$3/child. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

Nature for Beginners: Top Ten Mammals. 3 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Adults can learn about the top ten mammals. Free. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

Wild Ones: Stream Extreme. Noon at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Ages 6-9 can

splash through tunnels and more to the source of Long Branch. \$2/child. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

Flying Squirrel Lore and More. 5 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families can watch these animals glide in for dinner. \$4/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

Welcome Winter Campfire. 5 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families can enjoy campfire activities, guests and more. \$3/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

MONDAY/JAN. 12

Author Event. 7 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Liza Mundy discusses her biography of Michelle Obama. Free. 703-228-6321.

TUESDAY/JAN. 13

Birding Trip. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Lubber Run Center, 300 N. Park Drive. Adults can walk Piscataway's boardwalk and more. \$15/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

Tiny Tot. 10 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 18-35 months can enjoy crafts, stories and more. \$3/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

Blue Moon-Blue Cheese. 10 a.m. at Langston Brown Community Center, 2121 N. Culpepper St. Learn about the lunar myths and more. Free. 703-228-5321.

Playing Reading Group. 10 a.m. at Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 S. 16th St. High school students and seniors can discuss "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder. Free. 703-228-0955.

Author Event. 7 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Kevin Merida will discuss text and photos in "Obama: The Historic Campaign in Photographs." Free. 703-228-6321.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 14

Talk. 7 p.m. at Arlington Career Center, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. "Arlington's Social Safety Net in Bad Economic Times: How is it Holding Up?" Free. 703-536-8270.

Mother & Infant Program. 1:30 p.m. at Potomac Crescent School, 923 S. 23rd St. Mothers and babies can enjoy activities and meeting new friends. Free. Visit www.potomaccrecentschool.org or 703-624-1309.

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Sex Solicitation Yields Jail Time

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there.

"There were more than 50 Internet chat sessions, and he learned almost immediately that she was 13," said McDade. "He said he was 28 and asked if he was too old for her. She sent her photo to him, and he sent a photo of himself, nude."

McDade told Judge James Almand that the teenage photos "Jessica" sent were those of a former Arlington County police officer when she was 13. And although McGuire corresponded with Jessica under the screen name, "Eric Avery," authorities were able to learn his true identity. They also seized computers, iPod videos and several CD-Roms from his home.

AT THE OUTSET of his Dec. 19 sentencing, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Kerri Steele said she and defense attorney Peter Greenspun had reached an agreement about McGuire's sentence. For each charge, he'd receive five years in prison, with four suspended, with the sentences running concurrently.

Following the recommendations in his pre-sentencing report, said Steele, McGuire would have to undergo sex-offender evaluation and treatment, polygraphs and any mental-health treatment recommended by his probation officer.

He could have no contact with anyone under age 18, no possession of pornography, no use of prostitutes and no use of computers with access to the Internet — unless approved by his probation officer — and, even then, subject to random search and seizure.

Greenspun amended one condition to no "unsu-

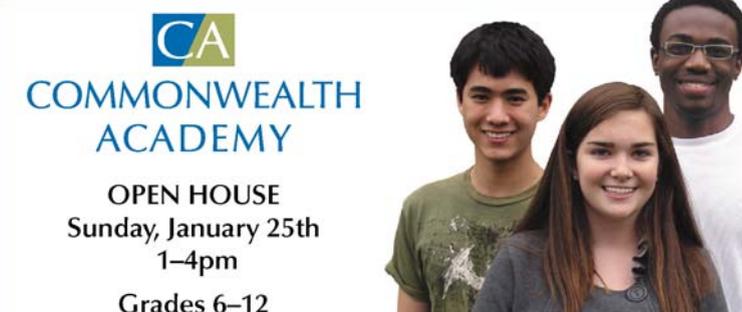
pervised" contact with people under age 18, and Steele agreed. "We understand there'll be no coaching or teaching, so he wouldn't inadvertently breach the terms of the agreement," said Greenspun. "But it would be difficult to uphold during family functions."

He also noted the "huge, support net" there in the courtroom for his client, adding, "He's going to need it." Then McGuire acknowledged his mistake and said, "I apologize to my family and everyone I hurt by my bad decisions."

Judge Almand declared the sentencing recommendations appropriate and imposed them, also placing McGuire on five years supervised probation. "You are to refrain from purchasing pornographic materials or sexual devices for pleasure, and you must register with the state police as a sex offender," said Almand. "You'll receive credit for time served, and good luck to you."

Afterward, in the hallway outside the courtroom, Greenspun spoke with the three dozen or so people who'd come there on McGuire's behalf. He thanked them for the letters they wrote to the judge about McGuire and said he appreciated their support. Since, with good behavior, Virginia prisoners serve 85 percent of their time, Greenspun said McGuire was likely to be released from custody, that afternoon.

"It's been difficult for him in jail, but he's learned a great deal from his incarceration," said Greenspun. "He knows that, given the restrictions he'll be under, it'll be tough being in the public sector. But he's committed to doing well, continuing his healing and making sure that nothing remotely like this ever happens again."



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A How-To for Holiday Hoops

There's a lot more to holiday basketball tournaments than meets the eye.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE CONNECTION

When he first began coaching the boy's basketball team at Wakefield seven years ago, the last profession Tony Bentley thought he'd be able to empathize with was that of a wedding coordinator.

But after schmoozing with guests, planning and then purchasing spreads of food, making sure there was a DJ on hand, hiring outside help like trainers and referees, and ensuring it was all within budget at last week's annual Wakefield Holiday Tournament, the coach couldn't help but wonder if a blushing bride would emerge from a locker room at some point.

"It is almost like planning a wedding," said Bentley during day two of the three-day tournament that featured eight Virginia boy's basketball teams, including Washington-Lee and Wakefield. "You're trying to please every coach, every school, all the fans, and you're working so hard from 9 o'clock in the morning, and after you put in all this work trying to put on a top flight tournament, I sit back and go, 'Oh we got a game in 15 minutes.'"

Nearly every Northern region boy's and girl's basketball team participated in some sort of tournament over the holiday break, but few people realize just how much goes into pulling them off.

MOST PLAYERS AGREE, the holiday playing slate provides a welcome respite from the seemingly endless amount of games against Northern Region teams during the regular season. Most tournament organizers around the area make it a point to try to have well balanced fields with both local and out-of-town teams.

"You always want to make sure you improve as a team every day and a tournament is a good opportunity to do that because you just play one game after another," said **Yorktown's** Simon Kilday, whose Patriots finished third in the 34th annual Mount Vernon Holiday Basketball Invitational at Mount Vernon High School.

Coaches like tournaments for the simple

matter of getting more time with their teams, rather than having them sit around all winter break.

"It's just a matter of getting in more games and maybe experimenting with different lineups that you might use once you get to league play," said Yorktown coach Rich Avila, adding his teams used to attend the Pohanka Chantilly Classic at Chantilly High School.

The Mount Vernon tournament is different from its Wakefield counterpart thanks to its long tradition and the work of Mount Vernon director of student activities, Bernie Forte, who has been running the annual holiday hoops get together since 1989. Forte's role allows Mount Vernon coach Alfonso Smith to focus solely on coaching his team.

When he first started his tournament six years ago, Bentley made it a point to ask Forte just how things were done. Forte emphasized the need to set up the right matchups, both for quality of play and crowd interest.

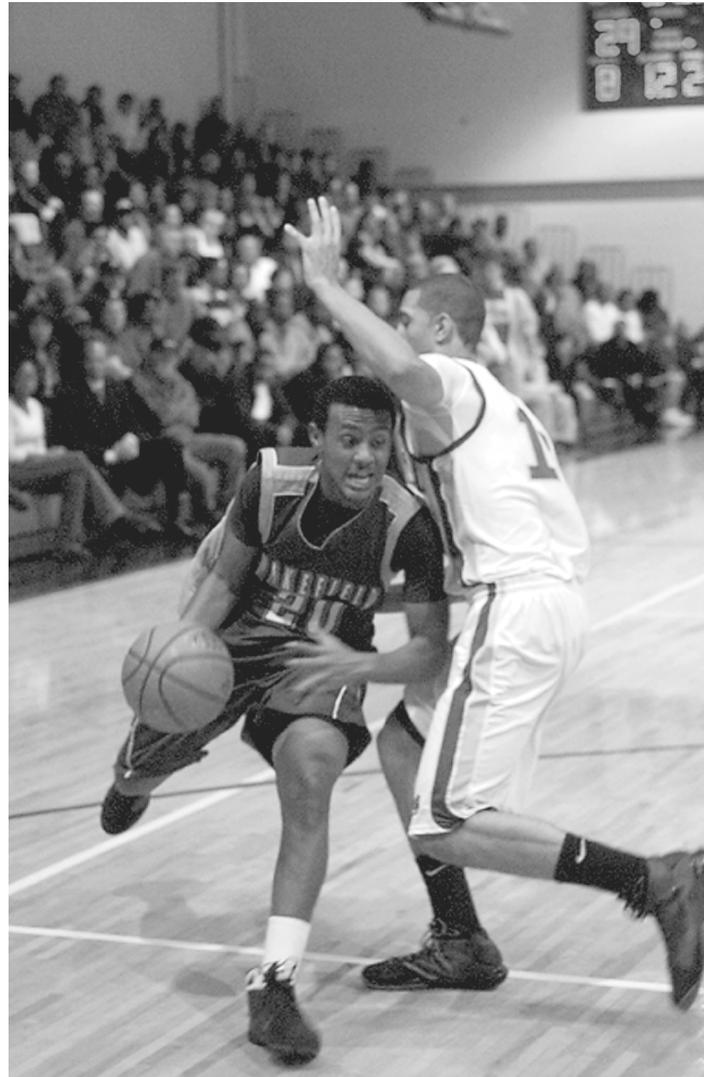
Bentley said work for this year's tournament began way back in January when he sent out about 125 invitations to schools across the Mid Atlantic. He starts by asking various coaches at quality basketball schools whether or not they liked the tournament they attended just a month earlier. If they didn't, the coach pounces and invites them to his.

Bentley said he had to beg teams to come fill out the eight-team field in the tournament's infancy. This season he had to turn teams away.

But game after game means a whole lot of work for somebody once the final buzzer sounds.

Bentley has the help of about 15 volunteers, including his own assistant coaches, who sometimes work for nothing more than a thank you announcement at the conclusion of the tournament.

With school out of session, the Arlington County School system does not provide any money for the Wakefield tournament.



Wakefield's Robel Getu (left) helped the Warriors finish in the runner-up position as the host school at the Wakefield Holiday Tournament. Here he is pictured during an earlier game against Bishop O'Connell.

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Tournament Results

Yorktown (6-5 before Tuesday's game against Wakefield) finished 2-1 in the Mount Vernon Holiday Invitational, garnering consolation champion honors. The Patriots lost to McKinley (DC) 64-49 in their opening game but bounced back with wins over Marshall and Fairfax. Senior Simon Kilday was named to the all-tournament team.

Washington-Lee (1-10 before Tuesday's game against Falls Church) won its first game of the season during the consolation rounds of the Wakefield tournament, defeating Massaponax, 79-66. The Generals lost to T.C. Williams and Osborn Park as well.

Wakefield (9-2 before Tuesday's game against Yorktown) went 2-1 as the host school in its own tournament, defeating Massaponax and Annandale before falling prey to T.C. Williams in front of a sold out crowd. Seniors Johnathan Ford, Robel Getu, and Jerod Brown were all impressive throughout.

he either breaks even or pulls a small profit that goes back to the Wakefield team in the form of new equipment such as shoes. "There are just so many bills to pay and we just don't have that many sponsors."

THE LACK OF SPONSORSHIPS may change after this year's successful tournament. Bentley had set up the bracket so that his one-loss Wakefield

team would potentially face defending state champion T.C. Williams in the tournament finals.

After Wakefield defeated Annandale and T.C. Williams disposed of Alexandria rival St. Stephen's/St. Agnes in the semi finals, the dream game was set. With two neighboring schools that could end up facing one another again come regional playoff time, the Wakefield gym was packed to the brim, so much so that fire marshal rules prohibited the school from letting some people in the building.

"It was the matchup we were looking for," said Bentley after his Warriors lost 67-51 to finish as the tournament's runner up. "It's nice to know that people cared about what we set up."

Bentley relies on gate and concession money to pay for things like custodians, trainers, t-shirts, and awards for every participating team. He also had several local vendors on school grounds, all of whom gave portions of their profits back to Wakefield.

Unlike the Mount Vernon tournament, Bentley has never charged an entrance fee. One of the main reasons he originally decided to hold a tournament at Wakefield was because his team couldn't afford to pay to play. Next year, though, in order to cover expenses, Bentley thinks he'll start charging a minimal fee.

"If people want to do a tournament and think they're going to make a lot of money, it's not about that," said Bentley, adding that

SPORTS BRIEFS

Yorktown Swim and Dive

Both the Yorktown boys and girls swim and dive teams improved their dual meet records for the 2008-09 season to 3-0 by defeating the Stuart Raiders in a meet held Friday, Dec. 19, at the Providence Rec Center. The boys won by

a 178-136 score and the girls cruised to a 225-74 victory.

The boys swam to first place finishes in five individual events and two relays. Event winners included Matthew Essig (200 free and 500 free), Andrew Leach (100 fly and 100 back), and Jack Wilson (100 breast).

The girls won 11 of the 12 events and swept (took the top four places) in six individual events. Event winners included Abigail Ortmyer (200 IM

and 100 breast), Hilary Stetekluh (50 free and 100 free), Carla Vazquez-Ramos (200 free), Molly Merkel (100 fly), Kerry Sutherland (500 free), and Angela Slevin (100 back).

Yorktown returns to the pool Jan. 9 for a meet against Wakefield.

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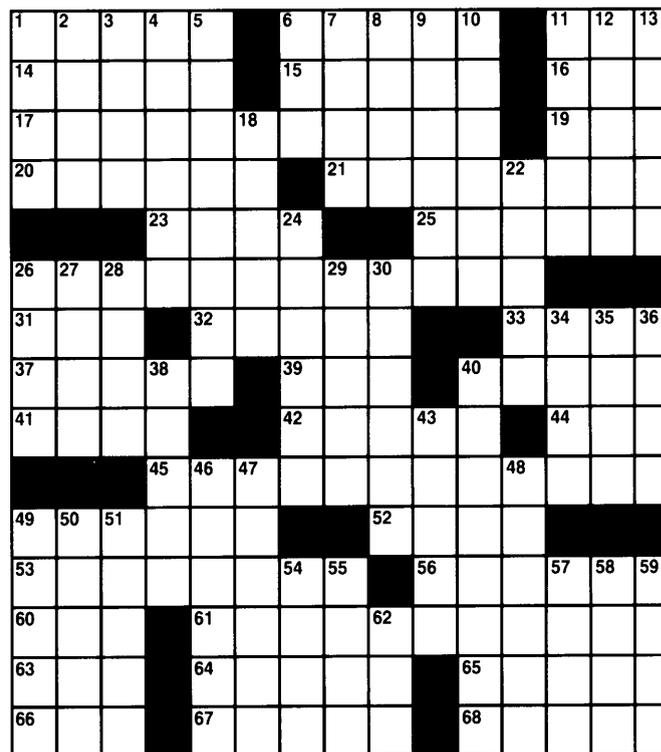
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- 26 Well-fed baby in a multiple birth?
- 31 "Shell and Head" sculptor Hans
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- 56 "Peer Gynt" composer et al.
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- 61 Shakespearean sunburn victim?
- 63 "Like, I get it"
- 64 Heart chambers
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- 66 — City (Saratoga Springs nickname)
- 67 Adjusts
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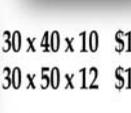
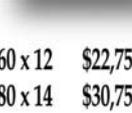
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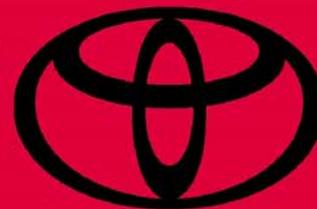
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