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WINTER FUN

Indoor Winter Fun with Children

Ideas for entertainment when Jack Frost appears.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Winter weather often means limited open air playtime for some children. "It is very important for children to get as much outdoor activity as possible, but there are times when it is not safe for them to be outside for an extended length of time, or any time at all, because it is too cold," said Shannon Melideo, chair of the Education Department at Marymount University in Arlington. "There are many other things that children can do besides sledding and ice skating."

While experts say many parents fear that too much time spent inside can lead to cabin fever, they add that there are a myriad of ways to have winter fun without leaving the warmth of your home. "There are numerous creative opportunities for children to express themselves indoors. Parents can sneak in educational experiences when the children don't know it," said Melideo, who lives in Reston.

Paula Keyes Kun, spokeswoman for the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAHPERD) and the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE) offers activity ideas that are geared for outdoor play, but that can easily be adapted for indoors. "Pretend you are at a zoo. Identify an animal: Move and sound like that animal. Pretend to be a growing flower:



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Experts say that writing can be a fun and educational indoor activity.

First you are a tiny seed in the ground, and then grow into a big flower."

Other imaginative indoor play ideas Kun offered include asking children to pretend to be a balloon, first without air, then being blown up, floating around and finally being popped. Asking a child to pretend to move like different foods, such as melting like a popsicle or popping like popcorn, is also fun and creative.

Put a pen to paper, say experts. "Because of texting and email, many children don't spend time writing 'snail mail,' said Christie Westermann, a fourth grade

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A view of the Vornado/Charles E. Smith proposed PenPlace property from the 6th floor of the Marriot Resident Inn that borders the property.

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State's Model For Nazis

Bipartisan team seeks compensation for victims of forced sterilization.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Nobody knows how many people are survivors of Virginia's forced sterilization program, which targeted people with mental illness, mental retardation or epilepsy. But a bipartisan effort now under consideration in Richmond would hand each and every one of them a \$50,000 check from the people of Virginia. According to one calculation, that could mean as much as \$73 million.



Del. Patrick Hope (D-47)

"I would ask that we not run away from this issue," said Arlington Del. Patrick Hope (D-47) "Instead of taking the lead in an area that we are regretful for, let's be a state that takes the lead to right a wrong."



Del. Bob Marshall (R-13)

The effort has created an unlikely alliance — Hope has joined forces with conservative Del. Bob Marshall (R-13), who has introduced House Bill 1529. If approved by the General Assembly and signed by the governor, the bill would provide compensation to persons involuntarily sterilized by the commonwealth of Virginia between 1924 and 1979. A research project conducted by the University of Vermont estimated the number of individuals sterilized in Virginia at 7,325.

"Virginia provided the model for the Nazi sterilization program," said Marshall during a recent floor speech about the bill. "We provided the fulcrum for what became the Final Solution because we devalued life so much we thought these people were trash."

THE HISTORY OF EUGENICS in Virginia dates back to the early 20th century. Although states such as Indiana and Connecticut were the first states to adopt legislation, Virginia's law was based on a model created by the Eugenics Record Office in New York. After the General Assembly adopted the law in 1924, eugenicist Harry Laughlin worked with other states to adopt similar

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How High Is Too High?

Neighbors oppose proposed projects in South Arlington.

BY NICHOLAS HORROCK
THE CONNECTION

South Arlington citizens told two members of the Arlington County Board on Wednesday, Jan. 23, that they oppose a plan to build a 300-foot tall building near the Pentagon and they think county officials conducting hearings on the proposal are favoring the developer Vornado/ Charles E. Smith.

Despite the two-year effort of the residents to get attention to concerns with the size of the buildings, the density being sought by Vornado and a planned 2,235-space parking garage that would induce 6,800 car trips a day on streets already clogged by traffic, Vornado has made no consequential adjustment of its plan, members of the audience said. It has also offered no amenities to the South Arlington community where parks and children's play areas are needed.

There have been some 16 public meetings with Planning Commission subcommittees as the plan has been evaluated and discussed, the latest in early January. The proposal could go before the Arlington County Board as early as March. The county residents said they are not allowed to talk at these meetings and are told that they can make their feelings known later.

Both J. Walter Tejada, chairman of the board, and Mary Hughes Hynes, seemed taken aback by the fervor of the audience. Tejada said the length of the review period was of concern, but the "process" would allow for citizen input later on.

Almost immediately a condo resident of the area, Dennis Miller, attacked the process. He said that there are people on the planning subcommittees "who feel that even though Vornado bought the property under zoning that existed, they feel now constrained that they have to agree with Vornado." He said the subcommittees seem unwilling to get Vornado to make significant changes. He said they seem to think "that they have to reach approval with Vornado because they and Vornado have to agree at the end of the process. I'm sorry that's not how it works. They bought the plan under zoning they agreed to when they bought it." The standing room only audience of some 200 residents broke into sustained applause.

Miller said that there is already terrible traffic impact from the Mark Center built on Seminary Road in Alexandria that may not be corrected for three to four years. "Now we're getting a Mark Center in our own neighborhood?" Again there was a round of applause. Several other residents

About This Series

This is the first of a series of occasional articles on the redevelopment of South Arlington, the area of the county that stretches south from the Pentagon along the rail tracks and National Airport to the Alexandria City line. It is bounded on the west by Shirley Highway (Route 395) and encompasses two major older developments, Crystal City and Pentagon City. In 2005 South Arlington suffered a major economic blow when after the 9/11 attacks, the Defense Department decided that the government offices in Crystal City should be moved to more "secure buildings" in Alexandria and Fairfax. Earlier, the U.S. Patent Office vacated Crystal City to move to Alexandria.

said the planning review committees "do not represent our interests."

Another resident said he was a member of a focus group that was paid by Vornado several years ago to evaluate its plan. He said the group told Vornado they hated the whole plan. "Where is the university, where is the zoo," they asked and suggested Vornado give them a "blank piece of paper"

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County Board Chairman J. Walter Tejada addresses South Arlington residents last week concerning development proposals in their area.



PHOTOS BY MONTIE MARTIN/THE CONNECTION

Claire Hanorsky, Jermy Waybright, Tim Bower, and Michelle Rivera of Alexandria and Arlington sample Port City brews at the Synetic Theater in the Crystal City Shops. The group of friends was in no rush to complete the race course, and were happy to linger in the comfortable setting of the Synetic Theater lower lobby. "We're not winning, not losing, but we still have a long way to go," said Jermy Waybright of Alexandria.

Winter Fun with a Beer Walk Chaser

Participants of the 2013 1k Beer Walk at the Crystal City Shops enjoyed micro beers Jan. 26 and 27. Close to 50 brews were available for sampling at 11 different stations located at shops along the way. The Beer Walk, hosted by the Washington Wine Academy, exposed racers to the abundant activities at the underground shops in Crystal City. From art galleries that feature local artists to fine dining, the underground shops at Crystal City are a go-to location for fun when the winter weather sets in.

Shakespeare At the Shops

For winter fun, consider the upcoming performance of "The Tempest," at the Synetic Theater, with showings Feb. 21-March 24. For more information visit synetictheater.org.

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Sandi Parker, co-director of the Northern Virginia Art Center at the Crystal City Shops, hosted a beer station at her gallery for the 1k Beer Walk, held Jan. 26 and 27. "It's great to get people in here," said Parker. "This place is rocking, it's buzzing." The art center has been open since July, and features local artists with price points in the \$300-\$1,000 range. For more information about local artists on display visit: novaartcenter.org.

Winter Fun with Food

Easy and tasty ideas for winter meals.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

The stove is fired-up, a sauté pan is sizzling and the thud of a steel knife blade hitting a wooden chopping block fills the air along with the woody aroma of fresh thyme. The temperature outside is frigid, but the kitchen feels like an inferno as Chef Kristen Robinson drives a knife through a fennel bulb, kale leaves and a tough-skinned butternut squash with staccato succession.

"One of my favorite things to cook in winter is potpie with beef, kale and potatoes or squash," she said.

While many people lose culinary inspiration during the winter, Robinson, a self-admitted "food nerd," relishes the chance to create cold-weather meals with fresh, seasonal bounty. She and other local chefs say that even though the days are shorter, the temperatures colder and energy levels lower, winter meals can be just as inspired as fare served during more temperate times of the year.

"Some people find cooking in winter challenging because a lot of people are focused on eating tomatoes and tomato salads in the dead of winter when those vegetables are not in season," said Robinson, an Arlington resident and culinary instructor at the Art Institute of Washington. "There are a lot of vegetable options like kale, butternut or acorn squash and potatoes."

In the Alexandria kitchen of nutritionist Bonita Lillie of Arlington's Marymount University, a chill in the air heralds the arrival of piquant broth-based soups brimming with whole grain penne, cannelloni beans and kale, and showered with flakes of Parmesan cheese.

"I take advantage of all the vitamin-packed winter produce," said Lillie. "I start building my meals around the vegetable,



PHOTO COURTESY OF KRISTEN ROBINSON

Arlington-based Chef Kristen Robinson says winter meals can be just as inspired as fare served during more temperate times of the year.

then I'd probably have lower fat turkey sausage and maybe a side of beans. Cheese and beans also make good, hearty meals."

Arlington-based culinary instructor Andie Nelson says her biggest cold-weather culinary hurdle is that her vigor drops along with the temperatures: "Like most people, I have less energy in winter," said Nelson. "So I spend one day making satisfying a meal that I can eat for a few days."

On her list of winter must-haves is a stew made with beef that she marinates overnight, Asian-style soups and shepherd's pie with ground turkey instead of beef. "Other simple ideas are root vegetables like carrots, parsnips and sweet potatoes that I roast with sea salt and olive oil," said Nelson. "I also make crispy kale where I remove the leaves from the stems, sprinkle the leaves with sea salt and olive oil and roast for about 20 minutes. They make a great snack."

Indoor Winter Fun with Children

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teacher at Norwood Elementary School in Potomac, Md. "Children can decorate blank postcards, learn how to properly address a piece of snail mail and write special notes to friends and relatives."

Melideo agrees that writing can be a fun and educational indoor activity, and suggests writing thank-you notes for holiday gifts as well as making Valentine's Day cards for family and friends. She says this is an ideal way to incorporate writing skills with fun: "You have to ask yourself what your child can do developmentally," she said. "If they can write their name, then they can make the rest of the card with stickers. Children can make two or three each day and they will have something they are proud of, and family members always need to be told they are loved."

Fourth grade teacher Alysha Akbar, a

graduate student in the education program at George Mason University in Fairfax, adds, "While the winter weather has prevented my fourth graders from enjoying outdoor recess, the cold has not kept their hands idle," she said. "Many of my students enjoy making beautiful, three-dimensional snowflakes. We hang them from the ceiling and they are very simple to make. The children also keep busy indoors playing with Lego blocks, drawing and, of course, reading."

Westermann adds that students can practice math skills while whetting their taste buds by choosing a favorite dish to prepare: "Have your children dream up something yummy to eat [like] cookies, brownies or cinnamon rolls, then look online for a kid-friendly recipe," she said. "Children can hone their math skills through measuring. Monkey bread is a fun, easy and yummy recipe for children."

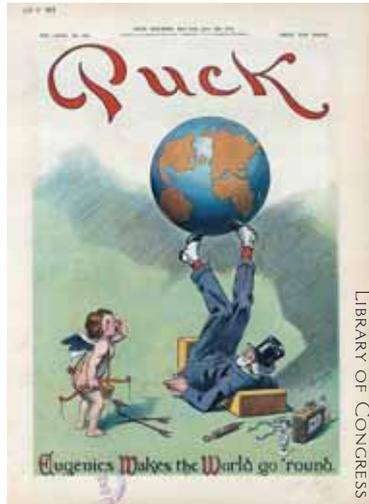
Compensating Victims of Forced Sterilization

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legislation.

"The worry was that Laughlin and other proponents of eugenics thought the individual state laws getting based on their ideas were going to be easily overturned," said Andrew Light, assistant director of George Mason University Center for Philosophy and Public Policy. "They were potentially unconstitutional. And so Virginia was one of the first states to create a law based on the model."

The law applied to interracial couples and those labeled "feeble-minded, insane, idiotic, imbecile or epileptic." And it didn't take long to create a legal challenge. The first documented case of forced sterilization was Carrie Buck, a Charlottesville teenager who became pregnant after being raped. Her family committed her to the Virginia State Colony for Epileptics and Feeble-minded, where she was sterilized against her will. A legal challenge to that sterilization went to the U.S. Supreme Court, which upheld Virginia's law in a case known as Buck versus Bell in 1927.



This 1913 cover of Puck Magazine features a well-dressed man balancing the earth with his legs. A cherub weeps over the headline, "Eugenics Makes the World go 'round.'"

"We have seen more than once that the public welfare may call upon the best citizens for their lives," Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote in the majority opinion. "The principle that sustains compulsory vaccination is broad enough to cover cutting the Fallo-

pian tubes."

THAT DECISION opened the door to five decades of forced sterilization. Although the theory behind the law was the creation of a better society, that's not how it was used in Virginia. In practice, the law was used to target a variety of shortcomings, including alcohol, syphilis and criminal behavior. The program ended in 1979, when the General Assembly removed the language from the state code. Even then, the program was alive and well.

"In fact, we sterilized two people in 1979," said Hope. "Virginia was ground zero."

Now, 85 years after the Supreme Court case, Hope and Marshall says it's time to find out who the surviving victims are and learn their stories. During a recent session of the House of Delegates, Marshall read from the 1924 law that described "defective persons" who would become a "menace to society" if allowed to procreate.

"I'm not reading some religious tract or eugenics tract," Marshall told his colleagues. "This is the code of Virginia, decided in this

building in this room by our predecessors in the General Assembly."

THE BILL has been referred to the Committee on Appropriations, where it was sent to a subcommittee on Health and Human Services. Supporters say the bipartisan team of Hope and Marshall could provide a powerful force, especially if they leverage the personal stories of survivors as was the case during a press conference earlier this month. Despite the economic cost of handing out compensation, political support for the bill could come from several directions.

"One of the great proponents of the eugenics movement was one Margaret Sanger, who was also the founder of the modern-day Planned Parenthood," said Todd Gilbert (R-15). "So I thank the gentleman from Arlington for his recognition of the horrors that occur when we as a society and a culture begin to devalue human life."

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More than 150 volunteers needed to survey chronic homeless three days in February.

The real solution to homelessness is housing. This week in Northern Virginia, a point-in-time survey will record all of the “literally homeless” individuals and families in the region. Last year, on Jan. 25, 2012, there were 1,534 people who were literally homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community; 697 of them were single individuals and 837 were people in families. A third of the total number of homeless were children. Nearly 60 percent of the adult members of the homeless families were employed.

Later in February, the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to End Homelessness will embark on a new, intensive approach to identify the nearly 300 people who are chronically homeless, living on the street or in the woods around the county. This is part of a national effort, 100,000 Homes.

Volunteers will create a registry, including names, photographs and personal stories of all individuals experiencing chronic

homelessness in the area. The information gathered will identify particularly vulnerable people, and help prioritize housing and support resources. The county’s goal is to get half of them in housing within three years.

The effort is not without precedent. Arlington’s registry week was in October 2011, and identified 153 homeless individuals, with more than half at risk of dying on the streets. Since then, more than 30 homeless people identified as vulnerable have been placed in permanent housing. Arlington’s campaign is on target to fulfill the goal of housing 100 people in three years.

The Fairfax effort, 100,000 Homes Fairfax, kicks off on Feb. 23 with Registry Week, a multi-day event where volunteers go out on the streets and gather information to create a name and photographic registry.

It will require the work of more than 150 volunteers countywide. Most will help conduct surveys with homeless individuals on the

streets for three days during registry week. Others will help with data entry and other support roles.

It’s a big commitment but also an opportunity to be a part of real change for some of the area’s most vulnerable people. Volunteer efforts on those days will most certainly lead to saving lives.

Survey volunteers make a four-day commitment, a half-day of training plus working three mornings (4-7 a.m.) in teams of four to interview homeless individuals for the registry. The same team of four must survey the assigned geographical area all three days. Survey volunteers will need to be available: Saturday, Feb. 23, overview and training, noon-4 p.m.; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 25, 26, 27, team survey, 4-7 a.m.

The Registry Week will wrap up with a presentation to the community on March 1.

Other volunteers will help set up for the volunteer training and/or assist at headquarters each survey morning by setting up food, helping with cleanup and answering volunteer questions. You can register online and learn more at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/100khomes/registry-week.htm>

EDITORIAL

LETTERS

Support Low Income Citizens

To the Editor:

Having spent a couple of days in Richmond last week advocating for the extension of health coverage to 400,000 low income Virginians, I am encouraged that the benefits outlined in your editorial (“Expanding Medicaid Good for

Virginia,” Jan. 23-29) have found a receptive audience, even among Republican members of the General Assembly, who are predisposed to resist anything having to do with the Affordable Care Act, a.k.a. “Obamacare.”

It’s hard to argue against a program that will largely cover the working poor (those making the equivalent of \$7.50 per hour) and underemployed seniors not yet old

enough for Medicare, especially since the federal government will pay 100 percent of the cost of coverage for the first three years and 90 percent after that.

One objection I did hear (in addition to some muttering about the “undeserving poor”) had to do with the financing of the Affordable Care Act and the Federal deficit. The first thing to remember is that the Affordable Care Act (ACA)

is fully funded by tax increases (mostly on the wealthy) and cost savings (due, in part, to the elimination of the charity care that hospital emergency rooms are currently required to provide). But even if you don’t believe the Congressional Budget office that the ACA is fully funded, is it the job of the Virginia General Assembly to balance the federal budget? Like it or not, “Obamacare” is the law of the land, and Virginia should not deny health coverage to its low income citizens just to make some sort of symbolic point about national policy.

Rob Abbot
Arlington

Did Someone Forget Something?

BY MICHAEL MCMORROW
THE CONNECTION

As last summer waned, Arlington residents of an area straddling 8th Street, South were left wondering. Frames were in place for a concrete pour of new curbs and gutters and a replacement roadway. Oddly, a utility pole stood in the middle of a soon-to-be sidewalk at the Walter Reed Drive end of construction.

The builders are finished. Their equipment is gone. The pole remains, solidly set as if to barricade the freshly laid sidewalk. Neighbors remain befuddled. When the builders and power company were questioned, one small piece of concrete was cut away to ease passage, somewhat.

An explanation was provided by a spokesperson for Dominion



Then ...

Virginia Power. The construction contract touched upon interests of six different parties: The county, owner of the street; the construction company hired by the county; Dominion, which owns the pole; a telephone company and two cable networks which hung wires on the pole, and the adjacent homeowner with trees and landscaping that will not escape impact no matter where a pole might be placed. Coordinating all those parties to move pole and wires was, and is, the hard part.

The other factor was expense. It



... and now.

cost less to build all the frames for several blocks and pour all the concrete at once, than to ignore the pole and return at a later date both to install framing and to order trucks back with concrete. The former choice simply meant deferring relocation of the pole and easily patching the small hole it would leave in the new sidewalk.

What seems odd at first glance turns out to be both efficient and economical. One day the sidewalk will be clear. Meanwhile, walk along 8th Street, South with care.

The Other Side

To the Editor:

In the Jan. 23-29, 2012 edition, there are two gun control stories, “Marching for Gun Control” and “Detaining People and Guns.” Both stories advocate for gun control and confiscating personal property (guns) if necessary. Neither story mentions the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and the right to bear arms. Do I sense a bias on behalf of the Arlington Connection and your 14 other newspapers? When will we read about the other side of the story?

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OPINION

Redistricting Shenanigans

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STATE SENATOR (D-30)

From gun safety and uranium mining to electoral reform and redistricting, the General Assembly is dealing with a wide range of issues this year in our fast-paced 46-day session.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Three Constitutional amendments that I co-sponsored passed the Senate easily – to restore voting rights to non-violent felons who have served their time (passed 30-10), to establish a bipartisan redistricting commission (34-6) and to allow governors to serve two consecutive terms (25-15). I argued that a governor seeking reelection is more accountable to the voters who would evaluate whether they kept their promises. It could also provide for more continuity in budgeting, projects, and state agencies. The amendments will now be considered by the House of Delegates.

REDISTRICTING

You have probably heard about the controversial redistricting measure (HB259) that was abruptly pushed through the Senate on Martin Luther King Day. Senate Republicans waited to vote on the bill until Inauguration Day when a key Democrat, Virginia civil rights icon Sen. Henry Marsh III, was attending the President's inauguration. What began as so-called "technical adjustments" to House districts unexpectedly morphed into legislation dramatically changing all 40 Senate districts, and it was

shoved through the Senate without any public discussion or analysis. (In contrast, in 2011 Virginians had the opportunity to hear about and weigh in on the redistricting plans for over six months.) Furthermore, Virginia's Constitution clearly states that redistricting shall take place "in the year 2011 and every 10 years thereafter," and just last year the Richmond Circuit Court ruled off-year redistricting unconstitutional. I was shocked by the actions taken by my Republican Senate colleagues to redraw the district lines in such a blatantly unconstitutional and divisive manner.

MY LEGISLATION

On a bipartisan note, I am pleased to report that many of my bills are successfully working their way through the Senate. SB701, a bill codifying the state's nondiscrimination policy and include protections on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, passed the Senate 24-16. SB871, dealing with asbestos worker safety, unanimously passed the Senate, and a modified version of SB965 regarding the reporting of lost or stolen firearms to law enforcement passed 36-4. My bill SB969 to repeal the Reconstruction-era law against unmarried adults cohabitating passed the Courts committee unanimously and now heads to the floor. While U.S. and Virginia Supreme Court decisions make it clear the law is unconstitutional, it still needs to be removed from the Code of Virginia. After all, the reality of today is not the reality of 1877. To read more about what I'm up to, visit www.adamebbin.com.

LETTERS

FROM PAGE 6

No Playing Tag

To the Editor:

I enjoy your paper and read it weekly. I wanted to comment on two articles in the Jan 16-22 edition. Both Michael Lee Pope's article on Revoking Recess stated,

"Recess isn't just playing tag anymore", and Marilyn Campbell's on the Importance of Recess noted,

"Can a game of tag boost preschoolers social skills?" Both mentioned what I think most rational people would consider an integral activity of childhood, namely playing tag.

Your readers may find it interesting to know that in many Arlington elementary schools children are not allowed to play tag. I found that fact astounding when my son, a kindergartener at our school, told me this last year. I can't think of a more cherished childhood pastime that teaches so many life lessons: you can't always win, watch where you are going, if you fall down brush off and get back in the game, etc There has been such an emphasis from the First Lady down on combating childhood obesity that I couldn't imagine anyone would out-law such a stable or early childhood social development that has the added benefit of rigorous exercise without the necessity of any expensive equipment. My wife and I even

went as far as to meet with our son's principal to discuss this. We have tremendous respect for his principal as an educator and administrator and greatly appreciate the work she does. She is a principal par excellence whose accomplishments we greatly admire.

However, she confirmed that for various reasons, e.g. injuries, violation of their no-touching policy and (my assumption) over litigious parents that indeed our school has a no tag policy. I've heard other elementary schools in Arlington also enforce this policy but can't confirm if this an APS wide policy. I somewhat understand the safety concerns as our overcrowded school has a tiny play ground which from mid-November to March is 80 percent covered by a tarp to protect the expensive, Bermuda grass (again another policy that doesn't seem to quite fit with our war on childhood obesity...). This leaves little area for the children to run at recess other than blacktop. Unfortunately I feel the general message we are sending is one of fear and over-regulation of a constructive, natural childhood instinct. I'm sure if this policy were revoked that the first day my son would be the first kid to run right into a pole and break his nose. However, I think he'd learn a good lesson and that's sort of the point, isn't it?

Andrew Graser
Arlington

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ONGOING

Food Truck Thursdays. In the surface parking lot at the corner of Crystal Drive and 18th Street.

Line Dancing Class. Fridays, 10-11 a.m. Line dancing with Barbara Allen. Covers the basic steps, then combines them to music for a gentle aerobic workout. More experienced line dancers are welcome as they can assist newer dancers. At Aurora Hills Senior Center. Call 703-228-5722.

Family Skate Opening Night. Saturdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., through March 30. Thomas Jefferson Center, 3501 2nd St. Fees: \$2 entry, \$3 skate rental, \$2 re-entry for students attending both family and teen skate. Cash only. Save time in line by bringing skates. Visit www.arlingtonva.us.

Flying Squirrel Lore & More. For families and children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Flying squirrels are found throughout the wooded neighborhoods of Arlington, but are seldom seen. Learn about these nocturnal acrobats. After an indoor presentation, go outside to see them glide in for an evening meal. Call 703-228-6535 to register. Meet at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road.

* Saturday, Feb. 2, 6-7 p.m. Program #622953-J.

* Sunday, Feb. 3, 6-7 p.m. Program #622953-K.

Photo Exhibit. See "Paris by Day, Paris by Night: Photos by Kevin Kasmai" at Cherrydale Library, 2190 Military Road through April 2. Free. 703-228-6330.

Young Choreographers

Competition. Dancers 14-18 years old can enter BalletNova's competition. Applicants must submit a 3-5 minute videotape featuring 3-8 dancers, a short essay and a recommendation from their teacher. Five finalists will be chosen by judges and then the public can vote for their favorite. Through Feb. 17. For more information and applications, contact info@BalletNova.org, or go to the website at www.BalletNova.org.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 30

Author Talk. 7 p.m. at One More Page, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. E.J. Dionne, Jr. will discuss his book "Our Divided Political Heart." Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or 703-300-9746.

FRIDAY/FEB. 1

Charity Wedding Gown Sale. 6-9 p.m. at Sheraton Pentagon City, 900 S. Orme St. \$35 gets two people VIP entry into the event; \$10 for each additional guest. Browse through designer wedding gowns and bridal accessories at up to 85 percent off. Proceeds benefit Brides Against Breast Cancer. Visit www.bridesagainstcancer.org or 877-721-HOPE.

Concert Series. 7:30 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church, 4201 N. Fairfax Drive. Violinists Monika and Armine Chamasyan and pianist Marina Chamasyan will perform music from Rachmaninov, Tchaikovsky and more. Free. Reception follows. Visit www.cumballston.org for more.

Theater Performance. See "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by Mount Olivet Players at 7:30 p.m. at Mount Olivet UMC, 1500 N. Glebe Road. Free, but voluntary collection will benefit youth mission trips. Visit www.mtolivet-umc.org for more.

SATURDAY/FEB. 2

Winter Tree ID. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For adults and teens age 14 and



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older. The leaves are all gone, the buds are starting to grow but we can still identify what tree it is without the easy leaf to show us clues. Learn to identify the trees of Arlington parks by their bark and shape. Wear cold weather clothes, we will be outside the whole time. Call 703-228-6535 to register. Meet at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. (\$5 fee due upon registration. Program #622943-L.

Dance. 4 p.m. at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Children can watch a 30-minute performance inspired by Frank Dormer's "The Obstinate Pen." Tickets \$10-\$15. Visit www.janefranklin.com or 703-933-1111.

Dance. 7 p.m. at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Hear music and see a live performance where recyclables become landscapes. \$20 ticket. Visit www.janefranklin.com or 703-933-1111.

Charity Wedding Gown Sale. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Sheraton Pentagon City, 900 S. Orme St. Brides can browse through designer wedding gowns and bridal accessories at up to 85 percent off. \$5/bride; guests free. Proceeds benefit Brides Against Breast Cancer. Visit www.bridesagainstcancer.org or 877-721-HOPE.

Drawing Workshop. 2-4:30 p.m. at Arlington Public Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. D.C. Anime Club will host a manga drawing workshop. Free. For people 13 and up. Visit dcanimeclub.org for more.

Theater Performance. See "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by Mount Olivet Players at 7:30 p.m. at Mount Olivet UMC, 1500 N. Glebe Road. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. and is \$12/adult; \$6/child. Free, but voluntary collection will benefit youth mission trips. Visit www.mtolivet-umc.org to reserve a spot for dinner.

Civil War Discovery. 10 a.m. at Fort C.F. Smith Park, 2411 N. 24th St. Children ages 7-11 can learn how to set up camp, do winter marching and more. \$5 due upon registration. 703-243-4342.

Theater Classes Start. Encore Stage & Studio presents classes for students in grade K-12. Held at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, 125 S. Old Glebe Road. Register online at www.encorestage.org or 703-548-1154.

THROUGH FEB. 2

Art Exhibit. See "Eye of the Beholder" at Northern Virginia Art Center, 2100 Crystal Drive. Browse through sculpture, fused glass, jewelry and more. Free. Visit www.novaartcenter.org for more.

Theater Performance. The American

Century Theater presents "The Show Off" by George Kelly at Gunston Performing Arts Center's Theatre Two, 2700 S. Lang St. Showtimes are Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. with Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. Buy tickets at americancentury.org or 703-998-4555.

SUNDAY/FEB. 3

Field Trip. 1-4 p.m. at Hemlock Overlook Regional Park. Wear good shoes and bring lunch or snacks and water. Free. RSVP to vnps.pot@gmail.com.

FEB. 3 THROUGH MARCH 3

Theater Performances. Signature Theatre, with Artistic Associate Joe Calarco, presents "Shakespeare's R&J." Performances are Tuesday through Sunday. Tuesday and Wednesday performances are at 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evening performances are at 8 p.m.; Sunday evening performances are at 7 p.m. Matinee performances are Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets start at \$40. Tickets are available by phone at 703-573-SEAT, online at signature-theatre.org, or in person at the Signature Box Office at 4200 Campbell Ave.

FEB. 4 THROUGH MARCH 2

Art Exhibit. See Marina DiCarlo's exhibit "Inside/Outside" at Northern Virginia Art Center, 2100 Crystal Drive. The inside of the body is the inspiration for each of the paintings. Free. Visit www.novaartcenter.org for more.

TUESDAY/FEB. 5

Dance. 10:30 a.m. at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Older adults will enjoy a show featuring performers past the age of 40. \$5. Visit www.janefranklin.com or 703-933-1111.

Art Showcased. 6-9 p.m. the artwork of students from Claremont Elementary School will be on display at three venues: Shirlington Public Library, Signature Theatre and Busboys and Poets. A reception will start at 7 p.m. at Busboys and Poets.

Crystal Couture. 6-10 p.m. at 251 18th Street office building. Browse clothing on the rack or while models walk down the runway. Enjoy makeovers, music and more. 703-412-9430.

IHOP's National Pancake Day. Participating local IHOPs celebrate by giving away one free short stack of pancakes to all who dine throughout the day. A much-anticipated event, all proceeds that day benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's National Capital Area Chapter, with

Winter Hike

Field trip to Old-Age Hemlock Forest at Hemlock Overlook Regional Park, Fairfax County on Sunday, Feb. 3, 1-4 p.m. Field trip co-sponsored by the Potowmack Chapter-VNPS and the Botanical Society of Washington and led by Rod Simmons. Field trip is free and open to the public. RSVP to vnps.pot@gmail.com.

VNPS Potowmack Chapter field trip to Hemlock Overlook Park on Dec. 5, 2010.

the hopes that patrons will make a donation to LLS in lieu of payment for pancakes. Visit www.lls.org.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 6

Classes for Young Dancers. 2-6 p.m. at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Children ages 5-8 can enjoy the "Big Meow" half day camp. \$100/day. Register at www.janefranklin.com or 703-933-1111.

Bird Walk. 9-11 a.m. For adults. Free. Join members of the Northern Virginia Bird Club for an informal walk through Long Branch and Glencarlyn Parks in search of resident and migratory birds. Experienced and beginning birders welcome. Bring binoculars and field guides. Call 703-228-6535 to register. Meet at the parking lot at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Program #622943-F.

Gemstone Club. 4-5 p.m. For children age 7-11. Register children only. Budding geologists and gem lovers are invited to join for a year's worth of fun and collecting at the Gemstone



By Kevin Kasmai

Paris in Photos

"Paris by Day, Paris by Night: Photos by Kevin Kasmai" at Cherrydale Branch Library, 2190 Military Road; through April 2. Mon and Thu: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Tue and Wed: 1-9 p.m.; Fri and Sat: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Call 703-228-6330.

Club. Attend the Amethyst(session to learn about birthstones and the alternate stones. There will be polished gems and uncut crystals to examine. Find out about the geology, mining, legends, and literature for each gem. All participants will take home a beautiful gemstone in a protective display box. Collect a year's worth of gems, as well as an attractive color photo card to go with each month's birthstone. Call 703-228-3403 to register. Meet at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. (\$10 fee due upon registration. Program #622823-E).

Crystal Couture. 6-10 p.m. at 251 18th Street office building. Browse clothing on the rack or while models walk down the runway. Enjoy makeovers, music and more. 703-

412-9430.

Author Signing. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Scott Wallace will discuss and then sign copies of his book "The Unconquered: In Search of the Amazon's Last Uncontacted Tribes." Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for more.

THURSDAY/FEB. 7

Learn about Spotted Salamanders. 7:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Learn about the amphibians around the area. Free. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

Molars and Canines. 1 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, crafts and short hikes in a group. \$5 due at registration. 703-228-3403. Program #622813-T.

Crystal Couture. 6-10 p.m. at 251 18th Street office building. Browse clothing on the rack or while models walk down the runway. Enjoy makeovers, music and more. 703-412-9430.

FRIDAY/FEB. 8

Love/Art Reception. 5-8 p.m. at Northern Virginia Art Center, 2100 Crystal Drive. Features the art of "Inside/Outside" paired with wine and chocolate. Free. Visit www.novaartcenter.org for more.

Comedy Performance. Myq Kaplan will perform at 10 p.m. at Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. Kaplan has been feature on the "Tonight Show with Conan O'Brien," "Last Comic Standing" and other comedy shows. \$20. Visit www.arlingtondrafthouse.com.

Theater Performance. See "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by Mount Olivet Players at 7:30 p.m. at Mount Olivet UMC, 1500 N. Glebe Road. Free, but voluntary collection will benefit youth mission trips. Visit www.mtolivet-umc.org for more.

Survival Skills: Knot Know-How. 4 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children age 7-12 can learn how to get out of a tangle and then do a hands-on demonstration. \$5 due at registration. 703-228-6535. Program #622923-H.

Tiny Tot. 10 a.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Children 18-35 months can enjoy songs, crafts, mini-hikes and more. \$5 due at registration. 703-228-3403. Program #622813-I.

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Movie Night at the Planetarium. 7:15 p.m. doors open at David M. Brown Planetarium, 1426 N. Quincy St. Watch "Contact." \$3/child; \$5/adult. Visit friendsoftheplanetarium.org to purchase tickets. Donations will be used to purchase digital full dome programming to complement the library being developed by Arlington Public Schools.

THROUGH FEB. 8

Exhibit. Marymount University Barry Gallery, 2807 N. Glebe Road, will showcase "Manufactured Reality: Computer Generated Art" by Richard L. Dana, James Huckenpahler and Don Kimes. Free. Each piece of art will jolt the viewer with the unexpected.

SATURDAY/FEB. 9

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Feel the Heritage Festival. Noon-4

p.m. at Langston-Brown Community Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St. Enjoy music, dance performances, food, vendors and more. 703-228-3329.

Crystal Couture. 6-10 p.m. at 251 18th Street office building. Browse clothing on the rack or while models walk down the runway. Enjoy makeovers, music and more. 703-412-9430.

Screening and Talk. 7:15 p.m. doors open at David M. Brown Planetarium, 1426 N. Quincy St. Watch "Oasis in Space" and then enjoy an interactive star talk. \$3/child; \$5/adult. Visit friendsoftheplanetarium.org to purchase tickets.

SUNDAY/FEB. 10

Indoor Track Meet. 7:45 a.m.- noon. For walkers and runners of all ages and abilities. Free for children, \$3 for high school students, \$5 for adults. At Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St. Visit www.pvtc.org/indoor or 703-927-4833.

Invasive Removal. 2-4 p.m. For adults, families and teens. No registration required. Free. At Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road.

Volunteer Appreciation Day. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Lyon Park Community Center, 414 N. Fillmore St. Volunteers for Wheels of Africa can

enjoy a night of special guests, silent auctions and more.

Science Presentation. 1:15 p.m. doors open at David M. Brown Planetarium, 1426 N. Quincy St. Dr. SETHANNE HOWARD, USNO retired, will talk about some of the very first scientists in recorded history. \$3/child; \$5/adult. Visit friendsoftheplanetarium.org to purchase tickets.

Screening and Talk. 2:45 p.m. doors open at David M. Brown Planetarium, 1426 N. Quincy St. Watch "Oasis in Space" and then enjoy an interactive star talk. \$3/child; \$5/adult. Visit friendsoftheplanetarium.org to purchase tickets.

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WIP Gallery at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Free. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

ONGOING

Teen Produced Interactive Art and Dance Party. Teens can be introduced to Artisphere's creative opportunities and engage in programming and self-producing art and more. Weekly meetings with varying days. Through Saturday, March 9 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.artisphere.com for information and to register, e-mail slord@arlingtonva.us.

Yarn Bomb Meet-ups + Stitch Session. Wednesdays through Feb. 28, 6-9 p.m. Free. Create a yarn bombing temporary public art project in Rosslyn. Meet other knitters at Town Hall, 1901 N. Moore St. All ages and experience levels are welcome. Free. Visit <http://pinklineproject.com>.

Farmers Markets...

Clarendon Farmers Market. Year-round, has locally produced breads and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Also year-round on Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. at Clarendon Metro Station. Visit www.Clarendon.org. Call 703-812-8881.

Arlington Farmers Market at Courthouse. Adjacent to the Arlington County Courthouse Parking Lot, at the intersection of N. Courthouse Road and N. 14th St. in Arlington. This is a 'producer only' market with more than 30 producers. Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon, year round. No dogs are allowed in the market.

W3fi: A Digital Experience Revealing The Connections Between Our Online + Offline Selves. Free. At Terrace Gallery. Artists Chris Coleman and Laleh Mehran transform the Terrace Gallery into an immersive digital installation, using multiple projections mapped specifically for the space. W3FI animates the walls with ideas and real-time information gathered from Artisphere visitors and the region at large. Artisphere is located at 1101 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-875-1100 or visit www.artisphere.com. Through Jan. 20.

Art On The Art Bus: Hand Drawn Bazaar. Free. Elizabeth Graeber creates work for Art On The Art Bus at Works in Progress Gallery in Artisphere located at 1101 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-875-1100 or visit www.artisphere.com. Onsite residency hours are Wednesday and Friday from 5:30-10 p.m. through Feb. 3.

SATURDAY/FEB. 2

Music. Canzoniere Grecanico Salentino performs at 8:30 p.m. in the ballroom at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. There is a social hour at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. \$22. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

Movie. Watch Quentin Tarantino's "Reservoir Dogs" at 8 p.m. in the Dome Theatre at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. \$8. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

Energy Game. 1 p.m. at Washington-Lee High School, 1301 N. Stafford St. The Arlington Initiative to Rethink Energy has created the Energy Journey Game on a life-sized board. Learn how to enhance the local environment through smart transportation choices, water conservation and waste prevention. The competition starts at 1 p.m. with the last game at 4 p.m.

THROUGH SUNDAY/FEB. 3

Art Exhibit. See "Hand Drawn Bazaar" by Elizabeth Graeber. She has created a flea market of her original work in the

TUESDAY/FEB. 5

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WEDNESDAY/FEB. 6 THROUGH SUNDAY/MARCH 24

Exhibit. "Infestation" by Carolina Mayorga is a multimedia project that will slowly invade Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., in the same way that vermin do. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

FRIDAY/FEB. 8

Music. Carrie Rodriguez performs at 8 p.m. in the Dome Theatre at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. She is a violinist-turned-fiddler, singer and songwriter. \$15. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

SATURDAY/FEB. 9

Pedrito Martinez Performs. With special guest Sin Meido at 8 p.m. in the ballroom at

Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. \$20/advance, \$25/door. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

THURSDAY/FEB. 14

Movie. Special Valentine's Day screening of "Pillow Talk," with Doris Day and Rock Hudson. 8 p.m. at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. \$8. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

SATURDAY/FEB. 16

Series Finale Screening. Watch "Orange Juice in Bishop's Garden" and then chat with the creators. 8 p.m. at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Free. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

THURSDAY/FEB. 21 - SUNDAY/MAY 19

International Design Festival. Look around "The Next Wave: Industrial Design Innovation in the 21st Century" at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Free. Features pieces from Spain, Italy, Belgium, Scandinavia and more. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

Juxtaposed: An Interactive Photo Contest. Participants can send in a photograph that blends objects that convey wit, symbolism and/or deeper meaning. Contest runs in conjunction with "The Next Wave: Industrial Design Innovation in the 21st Century" exhibit. Upload photos to www.flickr.com/photos/apartmentzero1. Free. Visit www.artisphere.com for more.

THURSDAY/FEB. 21

Opening Reception. 7-10 p.m. at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Look around "The Next Wave: Industrial Design Innovation in the 21st Century." Free. Features pieces from Spain, Italy, Belgium, Scandinavia and more. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.



Allison Bianco, Gram's Beach House, 2009, silkscreen on chipboard, muslin, fiber foam, 8 x 12 x 4" in INTERWOVEN

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Art Exhibit. Arlington Arts Center will showcase the finalists for "Interwoven: Art. Craft. Design" at AAC, 3550 Wilson Blvd. See a range of media, including video, murals, photography and more. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org.

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FRIDAY/FEB. 22

Music. C.J. Chenier and the Red Hot Louisiana Band performs at 8:30 p.m. with dance lessons at 7:30 p.m. in the ballroom at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. \$20. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

THROUGH SUNDAY/FEB. 24

Exhibit. Korean-born artist Si Jae Byun

Industrial Design Field." A reception follows. Free. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

THROUGH SUNDAY/MARCH 3

Exhibit. MGMT. design created 50 new flags based on the current conditions of a changing nation. They use data visualization in a heraldic form to reveal facts about our country. Free at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

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Movie and Discussion. 7 p.m. at Artisphere Dome Theatre, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Watch "Design is One: Lella and Massimo Vignelli" and then have a discussion with filmmakers Kathy Brew and Robert Guerra. Free. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

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Exhibit. See "Delicate/Violent (Delicado/Violento)" by David Amoroso at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Features a series of portraits of local rappers and reggaetoneros depicted in violent postures juxtaposed against delicate backgrounds. Free. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

SATURDAY/APRIL 20

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addresses the relationship of nature and architecture in a series of works in Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., that juxtapose images and structures associated with the construction of a city apartment with those of nature and even the human body. Free. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

SATURDAY/MARCH 2

Panel. 5-6:30 p.m. at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Enjoy a conversation on "Who's Hot, Who's Not: The Role of Women in Today's Male Dominated

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Neighbors Oppose Proposed Projects in South Arlington

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and “we will tell them what we want.”

Later, when Hynes explained that Vornado could contribute money to the building of the county’s Long Bridge Park and “transfer” density to its buildings on Army Navy Drive, the audience reacted angrily. “It is no secret,” she said, “that PenPlace has been talked about as a receiving place for that density.” She said Vornado can “buy” density from other places, “potentially Long Bridge Park.”

Stanley Morrison, who said he had lived in South Arlington for “74 of his 76 years,” called the notion that the “county was selling density” from Long Branch Park which county voters were building with a bond they supported “despicable ... that’s very close to bribery.” He drew overwhelming applause from the audience.

IN SEPTEMBER 2010, Vornado/Charles E. Smith filed a plan with the county to build 1.9 million square feet of office, hotel and residential space called “PenPlace” on a 9.2 acre lot on Army Navy Drive across from the Pentagon. The lot had been vacant for some years and was often the site for circuses and horse shows. There is a Marriot Residence Inn at one corner of the site. This is one of about a dozen development projects proposed or underway in South Arlington.

The current zoning regulations limit the height of office buildings outside of Crystal City to 12 stories, or about 150 feet tall. But the Vornado plan is seeking a zoning exception for four buildings with at least two buildings to be 300 feet or 22 stories in height. This would be about twice as high as the Marriott Inn next door and would become the highest build-



Protest signs in the front yards of homes in the Arlington Ridge and surrounding communities.

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ings in South Arlington.

The residents in the area said this is a violation of earlier plans designed specifically to protect their homes and community from erosion by offices’ commercial activities.

Later, the residential portion of PenPlace as moved south to MetPark partially owned by Vornado, which left PenPlace an office and hotel complex.

Mitch Bonanno, senior vice president for development at Vornado, said, “You want to put your density in walking distance to a Metro, a VRE line, a transit line. This site is also proximate to 395; to HOV lanes” and later will be served a street car system now being planned by the county. He acknowledged that the extraordinary view of Washington from the site is good selling point to prospective tenants and said the greater height allows more ground space, as well.

As far as height goes, he said, Vornado’s plan “is in the context of what has already been approved for that area.” He said that a 20-story building has been approved for a site two blocks from Vornado and “we are just a little bit taller.”

In the summer of 2008, the county approved a site plan for Pentagon Centre, to build a 20-story office building, an eight-story office building and a seven-story above ground parking garage. These buildings would rise on a 16-acre site which now houses Costco and several other tenants.

The main building will rise over the Pentagon City Metro Station. Costco has years to run on its lease for part of the area and the project is expected to start in phases. It is owned by Kimco Realty Corporation of Bellevue, Washington

The Vornado plan has been designed to allow flexibility for a variety of tenants, including those with security requirements, Bonanno said. Up to two of the buildings could accommodate GSA/DOD anti-terrorist standards including 82-foot “set backs” from the street. But Bonanno said Vornado has no tenants for the project at this time and until the tenant’s needs are known specific details of the security planning

cannot be completed.

It is also seeking 2,235 parking spaces and Arlington County estimates 6,800 daily trips to and from the site by car. The site is near several transportation services including Metro stops at Pentagon City and Crystal City; the Virginia Railway Express which stops in Crystal City, bus service, and major roads including I-395, RT 1, and RT 110 which will handle the vast majority of such trips.

In the intervening two years, the proposal has been opposed on several issues by the two main homeowners groups in the area: the Arlington Ridge Civic Association (ARCA) and the Aurora Highlands Civic Association, which represent some 5,000 residences and thousands of apartment dwellers. ARCA has said Vornado’s effort to increase density rules would allow Vornado to build other high-rise buildings on the River House site which it also owns. ARCA has printed signs opposing PenPlace which are displayed on hundreds of homes and apartment in South Arlington and has issued news releases and distributed thousands

of neighborhood alerts about the project.

Vornado is the largest owner of commercial properties and office buildings in Arlington County and has major holdings in Roslyn and Crystal City.

Vornado/Charles E. Smith is a division of Vornado Realty Trust, which is a New York real estate investment trust (REIT) with a portfolio of 100 million square feet of offices, commercial buildings and residual sites, according to its website.

Vornado’s holdings in South Arlington are the product of purchase and acquisition rather than development. The PenPlace lot is part of an acquisition of land belonging to the Cafritz Family, a major real estate enterprise in Washington from the 1940s through the 1980s. This gave Vornado the River House residential complex to the west of Pentagon City and building sites south of PenPlace.

Vornado’s acquisition of Charles E. Smith made it the major commercial land owner in Crystal City with 24 separate buildings.

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Basic Literacy tutors are needed to help area English-speaking adults learn to read and write. A \$40 training fee contributes to the cost of books and materials. All tutor training workshops take place at the James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Road in Falls Church from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., but the tutoring will take place in a library or community center in the tutor’s neighborhood. Email volunteers@lcnv.org or call 703-237-0866 x111.

Open House. Arlington Unitarian Cooperative Preschool, 4444 Arlington Blvd., will hold an open house from 10 a.m.-noon for

prospective parents. Free.

Spring Course Preview. 9 a.m. at GMU-Arlington, Founders Hall, 3351 N. Fairfax Drive. Instructors will present short talks about upcoming courses, membership to Encore Learning, formerly ALRI, and more. Open to members and those interested in joining who meet the basic age requirement of 50. Visit www.EncoreLearning.net or 703-228-2144.

SUNDAY/FEB. 3

Lecture. 5 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Leslie Jones will discuss the differences between the White House during Lincoln’s presidency and the present. Free.

O'Connell Boys' Basketball Thriving After Losing Season

Knights improve to 10-0 in WCAC.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Bishop O'Connell sophomore Roy Butts, listed at 6 feet 7, reached a long arm in the air and blocked an opponent's shot attempt without leaving his feet during the third quarter of Sunday's 75-49 victory against St. Mary's Ryken at Bishop O'Connell High School.

Much like Butts' effortless defensive play, the Knights have been dispatching opponents with relative ease this season. Sunday's victory improved O'Connell's record to 17-3, including 10-0 in the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference. Thirteen of O'Connell's victories were by at least 10 points and eight wins came by at least 18 points.

But things haven't always been simple for the Knights, whose success comes one season after posting a losing record.

Butts started as a freshman on last season's Bishop O'Connell boys' basketball team that finished with a 14-18 mark. The Knights were a young, talented group that lost 12 games by nine points or less, with eight defeats coming by six or fewer points. One year later, O'Connell's starting lineup includes three juniors and a sophomore, but the Knights' experience is paying dividends. Factor in the contributions of 6-foot-7 senior transfer Junior Etou and O'Connell is playing like one of the top teams in the Washington, D.C.-metro area.

O'Connell is ranked No. 1 in the latest Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association's top 10 poll and No. 2 in the



Bishop O'Connell senior Junior Etou dunks during a game against St. Mary's Ryken on Jan. 26.



Bishop O'Connell sophomore Roy Butts scored 20 points against St. Mary's Ryken on Jan. 26.

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Washington Post's top 20. The Knights' three losses have come against teams from Illinois and Pennsylvania.

"I really compliment these kids," O'Connell head coach Joe Wootten said after Sunday's victory. "Rather than do anything else, they just learned from [last season's struggles]. They grew from it and they're better because of it."

A major reason for O'Connell's success is the play of junior guard Melo Trimble, who is committed to the University of Maryland. According to stats from the Washington Post's Web site, Trimble is averaging a team-high 19.1 points per contest. After back-to-back 30-plus-point performances against

Cathedral and Good Counsel, Trimble finished with 11 against St. Mary's Ryken, but Wootten was pleased with how Trimble shared the basketball, crediting him with nine assists.

"Melo's had [consecutive games] of 30 points and I thought he was so unselfish tonight," Wootten said. "He just gave it up. ... He just did an unbelievable job on that."

Trimble said this year's team is "more coachable and more mature" and has a different thought process.

"Last year, when we were losing, that's all we thought about was losing," he said. "We didn't think about winning."

Butts is third on the team at 9.8 points

per game, according to the Washington Post. The left-hander scored a team-high 20 points against St. Mary's Ryken.

"He started last year [and] took his lumps as a freshman," Wootten said, "but [he] really came on and made all-tournament at the Beach Ball [tournament in Myrtle Beach, S.C., in late December] and has really played well since then."

The addition of Etou has also helped the Knights. The senior transfer is averaging 15.6 points per game, according to the Washington Post, and finished with 14 against St. Mary's Ryken. He's also a rebounding and shot-blocking force at the defensive end of the floor.

"He loves to play. He's a competitor. Just from the intangible aspect, that's been huge for our team," Wootten said. "He's a leader. Those three things, it was a perfect infusion with the guys that we had returning. Obviously, from a skill standpoint, [he's a] great shot-blocker, can score around the rim and [is] just an unbelievable defender and rebounder."

On Jan. 22, deadspin.com reported that Junior Etou, originally from the Republic of Congo, is 20 years old, which would make him ineligible to play for the Knights. Wootten denied the report in an interview with the Washington Post, saying O'Connell has legal documentation proving Etou is 18. After Sunday's game, Wootten called it a "dead issue," adding "we all knew the truth."

Etou said this season has been a pleasant one at O'Connell.

"They're good teammates," Etou said. "... I really enjoy playing with this team."

O'Connell hosted Archbishop Carroll on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Knights will travel to face Paul VI at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1.

Yorktown Boys' Basketball Falls to Chantilly

Yore and Pietropaoli each score 11 for Patriots.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Chantilly boys' basketball team trailed the Yorktown Patriots late in the first quarter on Jan. 24 when senior guard DeAndre Harris drove to the basket and scored.

Liking what he saw, head coach Jim Smith yelled "all day" from the Chargers bench.

"Tonight, we came out [and] we shot a lot of jump shots early," Smith said. "Finally, [Harris] puts it on the floor and gets to the rim. It was 'all day,' both to communicate that he could do that, but also to get our kids to know we need to start attacking the basket more and not to be so quick to settle for jump shots."

Harris finished with 13 points, including a pair of penetration-created field goals in

the fourth quarter, and Chantilly snapped a three-game losing streak with a 52-46 victory at Yorktown High School.

Harris also showed his perimeter range by burying a deep 3-pointer in the second quarter.

"He's quick, he can blow by you, but then if you play off, he has the ability to knock down 3s. That's a tough matchup," Smith said about Harris. "His biggest enemy over the years has just been his confidence. Now he's confident, he believes in himself. Last year, if he missed a couple shots, he'd back away from the game. Now he just keeps playing."

Chantilly led by three with 21.2 seconds remaining in the contest when Harris went to the free-throw line and knocked down a pair to give the Chargers a two-possession lead at 48-43.

"I always try to get started early," Harris said. "I always try to make sure my first shot is a good shot. I try not to take tough shots too early so I can get in a rhythm and eventually start [hitting] more shots later in the game."

Harris was one of three Chargers to reach double figures. Senior guard Brian Sydnor led the way with 15 points and senior forward Sean Huelskamp finished with 12 points.

The victory snapped a three-game skid for the Chargers, who improved to 13-4 after starting the season 12-1. Chantilly won its first nine games before losing to Mountain View in the semifinals of the Pohanka Chantilly Classic holiday tournament. The Chargers bounced back with a win against South County and Concorde District victories against Westfield and Oakton. That's when Chantilly hit a rough spot, losing district games against Herndon, Robinson and Centreville.

Smith said the Chargers' recent struggles should have kept the team from overlooking Thursday's non-district opponent.

"We desperately needed a win one way or another," Smith said. "We were, I think, battling ourselves and our confidence as much as we were battling Yorktown."

Yorktown trailed for most of the night but remained within striking distance. The

Chargers led 27-19 at halftime, but the Patriots opened the third quarter with an 11-3 run, tying the score at 30-30 on a bucket by senior post Nick Yore with 3:02 remaining in the period. A jumper by Yorktown's Ben Criswell tied the score at 36-36 with 6:02 remaining in the fourth, but Chantilly's Harris answered with a bucket 15 seconds later and the Chargers led for the remainder of the contest.

"I'm definitely pleased," Yore said, "we were able to play with them."

Yore and junior forward Matt Pietropaoli each finished with 11 points for the Patriots. Senior guard Ben Criswell scored eight points and junior guard Zack Esherrick had six.

Head coach Rich Avila said he wasn't pleased with the Patriots' decision-making in the first half, or their execution at the end of the fourth quarter.

The loss dropped Yorktown's record to 7-10. The Patriots, 4-5 in the National District, traveled to face Washington-Lee on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Patriots will host Mount Vernon at 7:45 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1.

HOME SALES

In December 2012, 180 Arlington homes sold between \$1,950,000-\$9,500. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$549,900-\$415,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

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5005 GEORGE MASON DR	4	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$515,000	Detached	0.22	22204 BARCROFT
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3720 2ND ST S	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$498,500	Detached	0.14	22204 GLEBE MANOR
1600 OAK ST N #1816	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$495,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22209 BELVEDERE
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4133 FOUR MILE RUN DR S #A	3	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$470,000	Townhouse		22204 WEST VGE AT SHIRLINGTON
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1021 GARFIELD ST #847	1	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$433,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22201 CLARENDON
1021 GARFIELD ST N #645	1	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$432,600	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22201 CLARENDON
2544A WALTER REED DR #1	2	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$430,200	Townhouse		22206 WINDGATE OF ARL
4323 36TH ST S	3	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$430,000	Townhouse		22206 FAIRLINGTON GLEN
718 VEITCH ST S	3	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$420,000	Detached	0.15	22204 ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
2524 WALTER REED DR #C	2	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$417,000	Townhouse		22206 WINDGATE OF ARL
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2100 LEE HWY #109	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$415,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22201 ASTORIA

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"FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington's Office of Senior Adult Programs for Feb. 11-16.

Arlington senior centers: Aurora Hills, 735 S. 18th St.; Walter Reed, 2909 S. 16th St.; Culpepper Garden, 4435 N. Pershing Dr.; Langston-Brown, 2121 N. Culpeper St.; Lee, 5722 Lee Hwy.; Arlington Mill at Fairlington, 3308 S. Stafford St.; also Madison Community Center, 3829 N. Stafford St.; TJ Comm. Center, 3501 S. 2nd St.

Senior trips: Friday, Feb. 15, Alexandria Black History Museum and lunch, \$29; Saturday, Feb. 16, "Our Town," Ford's Theatre, D.C., \$45. Call Arlington 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

Hubble Telescope images, DVD series, three one hour lectures beginning Monday, Feb. 11, 11 a.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Register, 703-228-4403.

The Life and Legacy of Abraham Lincoln, four part series begins, Monday, Feb. 11, 1 p.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Register, 703-228-4403.

Mary Kay makeover tips, Monday, Feb. 11, 1:30 p.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722.

Winter soups and stews recipes, Tuesday, Feb. 12, 11 a.m., Langston-Brown. Free Register, 703-228-6300.

Famous romances in history, Tuesday, Feb. 12, 11:15 a.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

Stargazing and discussion, Tuesday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

Downsizing tips, Tuesday, Feb. 12, 3 p.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Register,

703-228-6300.

AARP driver safety classes, Tuesday, Feb. 12, Wednesday, Feb. 13, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Lee. Cost \$14. Register, 703-228-0555.

Coping with hearing loss, Wednesday, Feb. 13, 10 a.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

Long term care options, Wednesday, Feb. 13, 1:30 p.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722.

Women's basketball program, Wednesdays, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., Langston-Brown. Details, 703-228-4771.

Arlington Writers Group, Thursday, Feb. 14, 10:30 a.m., Langston-Brown. Call for appt., 703-228-6300.

Rebuilding Together program, Thursday, Feb. 14, 1 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

How to save water and energy plus recycling reusable items, Friday, Feb. 15, 12 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

Fast-paced walking group, Fridays, 9 a.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722.

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A Simple Question



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I don't quite know how to start this column so I'll begin with its ending: "I'm fine." I am asked as much, if not more, than the next person how I am doing. It's a standard courtesy offered up every day between many unsuspecting askers and most often provides answers an opportunity to nonchalantly move the conversation along without too many fits and starts. For a cancer patient like myself, however, whose status, situation and story is likely known in advance (generally speaking) of most casual meetings that occur, the question/greeting, though well-intended, doesn't exactly fall on deaf ears, and certainly does not conjure nonchalance; at least not in my head, and that's where this problem really starts.

Of course, I want people interested in my health. Of course, I want people to be courteous and respectful to me. Of course, I want people to engage me and treat me like the non-terminal patient I'm not. I aspire to be normal so I want to be treated normally, and normally, being treated as such wouldn't bother me. And it doesn't bother me, really. What it does do however, is jump-start/remind my brain of my less-than-ideal health circumstances: stage IV non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC). Hardly the cross I wanted to bear beginning at age 54 and a half – after a life of not smoking, with no immediate-family history of cancer.

And given the fact that I semi pay attention to my surroundings and take notice of what I see and hear, when asked a question of health-related substance – sincerely, I am loathe to answer the question "monosyllabically." If I do control my responses and don't burden the questioner with a brief but humorous accounting of my most recent cancer-related anecdote, in my head I will have already gone there and done that: meaning, just because I don't say anything, don't presume for a second that my brain hasn't already considered how in fact I am doing and reviewed all the gory details. So whether anybody intended it – and I'm not sure anybody did, when I'm asked this most innocent of questions, my reaction is anything but. My reaction is a non-verbal, instantaneous re-living of the past four years, beginning with my visit to the Emergency Room on January 1, 2009. And as much as I think about my circumstances – on my own, what few breaks I allow myself are invariably cut short when someone, anyone has the good nature to inquire how I'm doing.

Still, being ignored is no good. Being treated with kid gloves is no good. Being cautious is no good. Being super-sensitive is no good. Being over-reactive is no good. Being pitied is no good. Being alone is no good. Moreover, being diagnosed with a terminal form of cancer is absolutely no good. As much as I want to live long and prosper and consider all the hope the future has to offer, cancer controls from within, often subconsciously. That's what I hate the most; the changes it causes in your head: your reactions, your assessments, your sense of proportion, your sense of self, etc. It's all different. I can live with it, but it does cause me to sometimes make mountains out of molehills and molehills out of mountains; with very little consideration of the mole.

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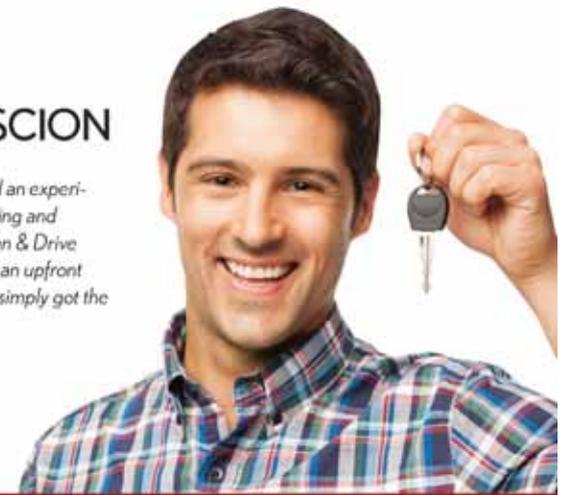
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