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Veterans and supporters listen as Vice President Mike Pence delivers remarks at the Veterans Day Ceremony Nov. 11 at Arlington National Cemetery.

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Future Quest Designed for Students with Disabilities

Event will feature 40-plus workshops and exhibits.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

Future Quest, a free college and career conference that attracts thousands of local middle and high school students with disabilities, will be held at George Mason University on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. It features more than 40 workshops and exhibits related to successful life after high school and is organized by GMU and the Northern Virginia Transition Coalition.

Future Quest is a resource fair and networking event held every two years where people can interact with representatives from different agencies and colleges from all over the country, as well as organizations that assist young adults. The organizer, the Northern Virginia Transition Coalition, helps youth with disabilities successfully transition from high school to the next stage of their lives.

The event is spearheaded by Deborah Hammer, 47, of Alexandria, an autism specialist with Arlington Public Schools, along with co-chairman Leanne Kidwell. "The goal is to help as many students and families and professionals as we can to understand the opportunities and resources that are available. We want to provide speakers who can educate our target population on a variety of topics related to transition, including funding for college, what kind of supports are available, and careers that don't require college because not all of our students will go to college," said Hammer.

Future Quest specifically targets students with any disability. They include the blind or visually impaired, deaf or hard of hearing, learning disabilities, orthopedic disabilities, intellectual disabilities, traumatic brain injuries, or other health impairments and emotional disabilities. Students who attend come from all over



PHOTO BY STEVE HIBBARD
Deborah Hammer, co-organizer of Future Quest 2017.

Northern Virginia, Maryland, the District, and West Virginia.

"We want all of our students with disabilities to know there are many possibilities for them as they transition into adulthood and we want them to take advantage of



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED
A team-building exercise from the 2015 Future Quest held at GMU.

the opportunities that are available," said Hammer. "Our goal is to help connect our students to those resources."

THIS YEAR'S KEYNOTE SPEAKER is Joshua Anton, a self-advocate who has an ADHD learning disability. He has a business degree from the University of Virginia and developed his own successful app company.

Hammer said they want students and families to start planning as early as possible for their transition into adulthood. "We have young adults who have already graduated high school who attend as well," she said.

The event will feature different universities that have programs for students with disabilities that might be a bridge between high school and college that provide additional levels of support, said Hammer.

There will be 44 concurrent sessions in the resource fair, about eight at a time, and people can choose what interests them specifically. There are different strands related to topics to make the event meaningful for all individuals, such as autism or self-advocacy. This includes strands specifically for youth, like living with a roommate, or for parents, like financing college.

"We will have agencies and organizations that will assist students with everything from transportation to assistive technology to financial aide to leisure activities like therapeutic recreation. So there will be a wide variety of vendors," she said.

Some of the confirmed sessions include the following: Successful Transition from High School to College for Students with Learning Disabilities; Finding the Career that Matches Me; Organize Your Life with Google; Adulting for Life: Five Tips for Success; and Estate Planning and Guardianship for Individuals with Disabilities.

In addition, there will be a Book Fair inside the Johnson Center Book Store with a special display related to transition, careers and college. Some of the accommodations if they are required include braille programs, interpreters or



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Honoring Veterans

Pence leads ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE CONNECTION

Representatives from countries around the world gathered Nov. 11 at Arlington National Cemetery to participate in Veterans Day ceremonies honoring the men and women who have served in the armed forces and to mark the 99th anniversary of the end of World War I.

Vice President Mike Pence, the son and father of U.S. service members, delivered remarks at the cemetery's Memorial Amphitheater after participating in a wreathlaying at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

“Our nation owes a debt to our veterans and it’s a debt we can never fully repay.”
— Vice President Mike Pence

“Veterans Day is the day when all across America we pause to remember those who served,” Pence said. “For nearly a century, since the guns of the First World War fell silent, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the American people have observed this day, first as Armistice Day and now as Veterans Day. Our nation owes a debt to our veterans and it’s a debt we can

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Representatives from Veterans Service Organizations carry their respective flags into the Memorial Amphitheater Nov. 11 to open the Veterans Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

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Australian Army Brigadier Shane Gabriel, right, and Major General Stephen Porter prepare to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns during the Veterans Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.



Michelle WinSook, center, of the Korean War Women's Veterans Association, places her hand over her heart during the singing of the U.S. National Anthem at the Veterans Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. This year's ceremony gave special recognition to Korean War veterans.



Representatives of the Virginia American Legion prepare to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during the Veterans Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.



A soldier of The Old Guard prepares to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns during the Veterans Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.



Vice President Mike Pence addresses the crowd in the Memorial Amphitheater during the Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11 at Arlington National Cemetery.



Army of the Potomac Living History Society at the unveiling of a plaque honoring the Battle of Arlington Mills.



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Peter Vaselopulos tells the story of the Battle of Arlington Mills.

Remembering The Battle of Arlington Mills

New plaque honors forgotten piece of Arlington's Civil War history.

BY VERNON MILES
THE CONNECTION

Overnight, Northern Virginia had suddenly become enemy territory. Less than one day after a vote in Virginia had ratified the state's intention to secede, Union troops poured into Arlington and Alexandria to secure the region. A series of clashes rippled across the area, including one skirmish at Arlington Mills that resulted in one Union soldier killed. But while the two fatalities at the Marshall House in Alexandria and the battle of the Fairfax Court House have historic markers, the story of the Battle of Arlington Mills was largely unmarked until Nov. 11.

On Veteran's Day, 156 years after 21-year old Henry S. Cornell from the 11th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment was killed by a Virginia militiaman, Arlingtonians gathered to unveil a plaque commemorating the brief encounter.

"It was a week after Virginia had seceded, so Lincoln was compelled to send U.S. troops into [what was then called] Arlington Heights," said Peter Vaselopulos from the Army of the Potomac Living History Society. "Arlington County was the epicenter of the Civil War at that point, the front lines one week in."

It was more than a symbolic assertion of control, however. Arlington was a major transportation hub and would serve as a staging ground for future progress into the state. The Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire rail line, a predecessor to the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad, ran along Four Mile Run and was heavily used

during the war. Arlington Mills was built at the intersection of the run and Columbia Pike, which Vaselopulos described as the I-66 of its day. Vaselopulos said at the time the mill, which burned down in the 1920s, was a local landmark.

A company of the 11th New York Infantry, the same unit whose Col. Elmer Ellsworth had been killed removing a confederate flag from the Marshall House, was posted to the mill to relieve a company from the 1st Michigan Infantry. At 11 p.m. on June 1, Virginia militiamen crept up towards the mill and opened fire. One Union soldier was wounded and Cornell was killed. The Union troops returned fire, wounding one Virginian, and driving the attackers away. The attack, along with other scattered skirmishes, were a prelude to the Battle of Bull Run a month later. Cornell and Ellsworth's deaths were only the first tragedies for the unit. The 11th New York Infantry suffered extensive casualties at Bull Run and was disbanded afterwards.

"It's the type of history people forget," said Vaselopulos. "Many of the details came from diaries, giving us access to their stories."

Vaselopoulos said Arlington saw extensive limited engagements throughout the war, with another skirmish taking place in Bluemont. One of General Robert E. Lee's first orders was to steal two of the three locomotives off the rail line in Arlington, completely removing them from the tracks and pulling them away with oxen.

Vaselopoulos has been doing historical reenactments for five years and others at the unveiling said he was instrumental in getting the plaque established.

"Peter [Vaselopoulos] was the driving force



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From left: Peter Vaselopulos, David Welker, and Chris Swanberg from the Army of the Potomac Living History Society.

behind getting the skirmish recognized," said David Farner. Farner credited Vaselopulos and the Civil War Trails Organization for doing the research and uncovering information about the Battle of Arlington Mills. Farner also said Del. Alfonso Lopez assisted with the project. The project was funded by Arlington County for \$2,600 as part of the county's efforts to do more Civil War interpretation.

"This was one of our major civil war events," said Vihstadt. "Especially on Veteran's Day, it's important to remember this significant event in the nation's history right here in Columbia Pike."



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Plaque honoring the Battle of Arlington Mills

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Toll Day on I-66 Nears

Starting Dec. 4,
EZ-Pass required
for rush hours.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE CONNECTION

On Monday, Dec. 4, drivers on I-66 inside the beltway during morning and evening rush hours will need an EZ-Pass or EZ-Pass Flex to travel on the highway, in accordance with the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) newest tolling option to improve the traffic in Northern Virginia.

"Our goal here is to move more people through the corridor," said VDOT Commissioner Charlie Kilpatrick at a meeting in the VDOT Northern Virginia District Office. The exact date hadn't been established up until then, but the plans were unveiled to officials and media outlets at the meeting Nov. 9.

The toll plan was called "the key to the heart of unlocking Northern Virginia," added Nick Donahue, Deputy Secretary of Transportation, who was at the meeting in place of Virginia Transportation Secretary Aubrey Layne.

For those traveling on I-66 inside the

beltway, tolls will be in place for single-occupancy cars on eastbound lanes in the morning and westbound lanes in the afternoons. It will be toll-free for vehicles with at least two passengers but they will need the EZ-Pass Flex that has a switch to indicate the HOV mode.

This toll plan is operated by VDOT and not a third-party, so all the tolls that are collected will be used to improve transportation on I-66 inside the beltway corridor. Kilpatrick mentioned some improvements that are already planned, including a ramp from I-66 to the West Falls Church Metro station, an additional eastbound lane on I-66 from the Dulles Toll Road to Fairfax Drive, new bus lines and elevating the current bike trail



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Virginia Transportation Commissioner Charlie Kilpatrick talks about the I-66 plan for inside the beltway.

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OPINION

'Romeo and Juliet' Set in 1940's New York

BY KAITLYN O'CONNOR
LANGLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" chronicles a forbidden love between two young teenagers from warring houses ultimately leading to their fatal downfall. In a tragically beautiful performance, Bishop O'Connell High School put on a well-received and pleasurable production of "Romeo and Juliet" in which they tackled the challenging emotional characters with poise and maturity while adding their own twist.

This classic tragedy follows two star-crossed lovers Romeo and Juliet, and their two families, the Montagues and the Capulets. The two families despise each other and, as their children fall in love, tensions rise but in the end the two lovers die in a scene both romantic yet heartbreaking where both houses reconcile their differences.

Bishop O'Connell took on the very difficult task of diving deep into the emotional characters that this play requires and each actor put on a high energy performance which engulfed the audience into every line they spoke. With unique character gaits, mannerisms, and even vocal inflection that made each actor on stage different from the other and fascinating to watch keeping the audience engaged with every movement.

A dreamy, impulsive, and hopeless romantic, Romeo Montague (Jeffrey Hales) sets his heart towards the beautiful Juliet Capulet (Kyleigh Friel) even though he knows that their love is wrong in the minds of their families and he will be put to shame if anyone were to find out. Although he is aware of the consequences he falls incurably for Juliet. Coming on stage with a purposeful walk each time whether it was whimsically dreaming of Juliet or a swagger gait meant to intimidate, Hales captured the essence of Romeo in his intentional character shifts and heartwarming passion for Juliet.

Contrasting Romeo, Juliet is a strong-willed young woman who is abandoned by her family, beaten by her father, and fooled by the Friar



From left: Anthony Soccaras, Elithia Arif, Andrew Oliveros, Donald Gallagher, and Grace Rafferty in Bishop O'Connell High School's production of "Romeo and Juliet."

ultimately leading her to find herself choosing death with Romeo. By developing a deep connection with her mother, Lady Capulet (Elithia Arif) and the Nurse (Ava Coffin), Friel not only brought the audience the occasional comedic relief but also made the betrayals and the death that much more heartbreaking.

Alongside Romeo, Mercutio (Rosemary Paulson) offers Romeo sage advice until he and a foe, Tybalt, get into a fatal brawl leaving him dead. With a boasting walk, Paulson complemented Romeo (Hales) by providing a comic punch with witty timing and gestures, which Hales had to fight back at which developed into a believable friendship onstage.

Although at times, the microphones remained on backstage so the actors could be heard, while they were onstage, the microphones were clear and crisp making for a pleasurable experience.

Written back in the late 1500s, "Romeo and Juliet" has become one of the most widely stud-

ied plays but something unique about Shakespeare's work is that the themes are still relevant today.

Since "Romeo and Juliet" has a universal theme of young lovers, which can take place in any time, Bishop O'Connell used that to their advantage and set their production in a 1940's New York, which added a new dimension to their performance making it even more relatable for the audience. In utilizing metal scaffolding for Juliet's balcony, putting Marilyn Monroe posters in Juliet's room and even the small detail of the metal trash cans, The O'Connell Players Tech Crew (Anne Marie Wolf, Michael Black) created a set that teleported Romeo and Juliet from the 1500s to modern day 1940's New York which allowed for a fluid connection that made the performance that much more enjoyable.

"Romeo and Juliet" is a difficult piece for high school which Bishop O'Connell put on enjoyably.

the Class of 2018 will take place between the Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball games vs. Herndon on Jan. 19, 2018.

Pentagon Row, 1101 S. Joyce St.

Those wishing to donate toys but unable to attend the Fill the Cruiser events can drop off donations at Police Headquarters located at 1425 N. Courthouse Road until Dec. 15.

Washington-Lee's 2018 Athletic Hall of Fame

The Washington-Lee High School has announced the Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2018. The six recipients of are:

- ❖ Henry Kerfoot Jr. (1952)
- ❖ Ronald Deskins (1963)
- ❖ Robyn Johnson (1964)
- ❖ Dave Morgan (1970)
- ❖ Walter Palmer (1986)
- ❖ Crawford Palmer (1988)

The annual Washington-Lee High School Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony for

NEWS BRIEFS

Fill the Cruiser Holiday Toy Drive

Help make the holidays bright for Arlington County children in need by donating to the third annual Fill the Cruiser Holiday Toy Drive. The Arlington County Police Department is asking community members to donate new, unwrapped toys to bring holiday cheer to children ages newborn – 17. Donations will be distributed by the police department throughout the month of December.

Officers will be collecting toys at the below locations on Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 6 to 8 p.m.:

- ❖ Lee Harrison Shopping Center, 2425 N. Harrison St.;
- ❖ Shirlington Village, 2700 S. Quincy St.;
- ❖ Our Lady of Lourdes, 830 23rd St. S.

Officers will be collecting toys at the below location on Tuesday, Dec. 5 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.:

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HOLIDAY FUN

NOV. 14-15

Dominion Guild Holiday Boutique. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday at the Knights of Columbus, 5115 Little Falls Road. Twenty-five vendors will be at the event, \$25/\$15. Visit www.thedominionguildva.org for more.

SATURDAY/NOV. 18

Healthy Thanksgiving Recipes. 10 a.m.-noon at Walter Reed Community & Senior Center and Park, 2909 16th St. South. Nutrition educators will share recipes to create and take home. \$8. Call 703-228-4747 for more.

Nutcracker Storytimes. 11:30 a.m. at Barnes & Noble Clarendon, 2800 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 500. Costumed dancers read the story of the Nutcracker to children, followed by a mini-performance of Nutcracker dances. Presented by Ballet Nova. Visit www.BalletNova.org for more.

SUNDAY/NOV. 19

Pageant Registration Opens. Various times at St. Mary's Arlington, 2609 N. Glebe Road The pageant tells the story of Jesus's birth and serves as the liturgy of the Word for the Sunday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, 3 and 5 p.m. services. Visit stmarysarlington.org/ for more.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 22

Black Friday Sneak Peak. 8 a.m.-10 p.m. at Pier 1 Imports, 1717 Clarendon Blvd. Learn to set the Thanksgiving table, pick out a hostess gift or give tree trimming tips. Visit www.rosslynva.org/go/pier-one-imports for more.

NOV. 30-DEC. 3

Nutcracker Theatre Performances. Thursday and Friday 7:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 and 5 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road. Presented by Ballet Nova. Advanced Sale: \$15-\$38, additional \$3 at the door. Visit www.BalletNova.org for more.

THURSDAY/NOV. 30

Toys for Tots Happy Hour. 6-9 p.m.



Holiday Music

Rosslyn Carols Holiday Concert on Thursday, Dec. 14, 5-10 p.m. at the Central Place Plaza across from the Rosslyn Metro station, 1800 N. Lynn St. Enjoy holiday games, food and special winter drinks in addition to a life-size snow globe that attendees can step into and bring home a holiday picture card. Visit www.rosslynva.org/do/rosslyn-carols-holiday-concert for more.

at Tortoise & Hare Bar and Grille, 567 23rd St. S., near the Crystal City Metro Station. Food, drink and bring an unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots. The toy cannot contain any food item or resemble any weapons. Presented by Le Chic Geek and Tagging Miles. Call 703-979-1872.

DEC. 1-23

Holiday Hansel and Gretel. Thursday-Friday, 11 a.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Syntetic Theater, 1800 S. Bell St. During the bustle of holiday crowds, Gretel tries to keep her brother, Hansel, out of trouble while their unengaged babysitter leaves Gretel to

fend for them both. Visit syntetictheater.org/ for more.

SATURDAY/DEC. 2

Holiday Wreath Workshop. 1-4 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Music, refreshments, basic instruction and enough materials for each participant to make at least two wreaths. Participants should bring hand pruners or wire cutters if available and any extra materials or special decorations needed. \$30. Ages 12 and up. Call 703-228-3403, or email gulfbranchnaturectr@arlingtonva.us for more.

DEC. 2-3

Petite Nutcracker. Saturday and Sunday, 1 and 3 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road. Presented by Ballet Nova. Advanced Sale: \$16-\$26, additional \$3 at the door. For 3-5 year olds. Visit www.BalletNova.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 6

Winter Storytime. 10:30-11 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Stories and signs of winter will be the topic. Free. Ages 2 and up. Call 703-228-6535, or email longbranchnaturectr@arlingtonva.us

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SATURDAY, NOV. 18

Fall Colors Walk. 10-11 a.m. Meet at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Explore the colors of fall during an easy walk on the trails around the nature center. Ages 6 and up. Call 703-228-6535 or email longbranchnaturectr@arlingtonva.us.

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National American Heritage Month. 2-3 p.m. at at Aurora Hills Branch Library, 735 18th St. S. Mark

for more.

SUNDAY/DEC. 10

Candlelight Christmas Concert. 7 p.m. at the Mount Olivet United Methodist Church, 1500 North Glebe Road. Featuring the Mount Olivet Choir, Brass and Timpani. Call 540-539-3731 or email cindynewcomb27@gmail.com for more.

SUNDAY/DEC. 11

Nutcracker Tea at the Ritz. 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City, 1250 S. Hayes St. Presented by Ballet Nova. High tea and pictures with the Sugar Plum Fairy, crafts, raffle prizes and a mini-performance of excerpts from The Nutcracker. Adults: \$75, Children under 12 - \$44. Visit www.BalletNova.org for more.

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SATURDAY/DEC. 16

National Chamber Ensemble Concert. 7:30 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. Soprano Rebecca Littig joins National Chamber Ensemble in "Holiday Cheer." Visit www.uucava.org.

SATURDAY/DEC. 30

Winter Bird Walk. 10-11:30 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. What birds are around in the winter? Some are familiar, year-round friends but others are winter-only visitors such as Winter Wrens and Brown Creepers. Beginners welcome and loaner binoculars are available. Free. Ages 6 and up. Call 703-228-6535, or email longbranchnaturectr@arlingtonva.us for more.

CALENDAR

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

"Peter Pan" on Stage. Through Nov. 19, various times at Syntetic Theater, Crystal City, 1800 S. Bell St. Take flight to Neverland with Peter Pan, his Lost Boys and the Darling children. Ages 7+. \$35 and up. Student tickets start at \$15. Senior citizens and military receive \$5 off. Call 866-811-4111 or www.syntetictheater.org.
"Crazy for You." Through Jan. 14, various times at the Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. A musical comedy with Gershwin tunes including "I've Got Rhythm," "Someone to Watch Over Me" and "Nice Work If You Can Get It" fuse with tap dancing. Visit www.sigtheatre.org.

Arlington Farmer's Market. Every Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon at the corner of N. 14th Street and N. Courthouse Road. A weekly celebration of local food including fresh produce, meats, dairy, cheese, baked goods, free range eggs, specialty items, cut

flowers, plants and herbs. Email csingiser@cfwdc.org or call 917-733-6402.

FRESHFARM Market. 3-7 p.m. on Tuesdays at 1900 Crystal Drive. Shop from local farmers and producers with seasonal fruits and vegetables, fresh-cut flowers, container plants and herbs, farm-raised eggs, all-natural meats, artisan baked goods, and specialty foods. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

THROUGH DEC. 1

Local Artist Exhibition. Various times at Long & Foster, Real Estate's office, 4600 Lee Highway. Local artist Stanley Piotroski has exhibition titled "Piotroski New Works," on display at newly renovated office through Dec. 1. Call 703-998-3111.

DEADLINE NOV. 15

Nominate A Tree. Various times with Arlington Urban Forestry. Nominate a tree that is notable due to its size, age, history, uniqueness or neighborhood significance. Call 703-228-7747.

THURSDAY/NOV. 16

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FRIDAY/NOV. 17,

Fall Fungi 101 Hike. 1-3 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Get to know these ancient organisms and the basics of mushroom identification. \$10. Call 703-228-3403 or email gulfbranchnaturectr@arlingtonva.us.
Candle Making. 4-5:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Learn some new and old ways to make these luminaries. \$5. cALL 703-228-3403 or email gulfbranchnaturectr@arlingtonva.us.

NOV. 17-19

Artful Weekend. Various times at Ft. C.F. Smith Park, 2411 24th St N. 40 top Arlington-based artists feature

ENTERTAINMENT

Signature Theatre Stages 'Crazy for You'

Musical includes the magic of the Follies, slapstick comedy, and charm.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

Signature Theater in Arlington is staging the romantic comedy musical, "Crazy for You," now through Jan. 14, 2018. The show is about a musical-loving banker who is sent to foreclose on a small-town theater but decides to revive it instead with the magic of the Follies, some slapstick comedy, and a lot of charm. Flush with mistaken identities, a love story and 1930s' glamour, "Crazy for You" radiates with playful humor and high-energy show-stopping numbers. Some of the famous Gershwin tunes include: "I've Got Rhythm," "Someone to Watch Over Me," and "Nice Work If You Can Get It."

With music by George Gershwin, lyrics by Ira Gershwin, and book by Ken Ludwig, the show won the 1992 Tony Award for Best Musical. In it, Cole Burden plays the role of

Lank Hawkins, who is the proprietor of the Lank Hawkins Saloon and Hotel.

"He is unusually manic and is described in the script as 'blessed with a vision that no one else quite shares,'" said Burden. "He is the antagonist, I suppose. He truly believes he knows what is best for the town of Deadrock, Nevada ... and he has asked Polly (the leading lady) to marry him 15 times."

He added, "He's quite human. He believes in his philosophy and he fights for it. He fights for it so hard that he can't see better opportunities right in front of him."

One of his favorite lines that really sums up his pig-headed vision is "Don't be stupid. Who would come to Nevada to gamble," he said.

He added, "We all know a Lank Hawkins. He is that visionary that never quite sees his vision come to fruition. He has opinions on everything under the sun but they are in fact just distractions that keep him from becoming a truly conscious being."

He believes that audience members who see "Crazy for You" will be thoroughly entertained. "I hope it will be a step back to a time when popular music was jazzy and complex, when lyrics were poetic and still deep and meaningful, when characters were so swept away by feeling that they just had

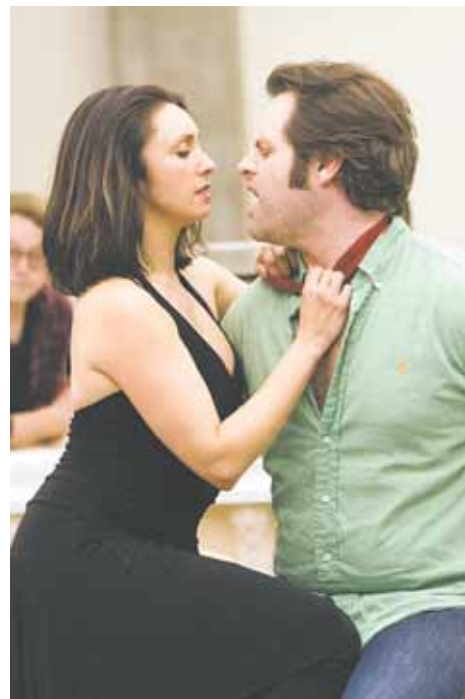


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Natascia Diaz and Cole Burden in rehearsal for "Crazy for You" at Signature Theatre.

to break out into a six-minute tap number."

He said the show transports the audience back to that stunning age of musical com-

edy that is so important to remember because it is historic but also "lifts us up, makes us laugh, and sends us home believing that there is joy in the simple things," he said.

In speaking for himself, he said he found it challenging at times to not play "funny." "I wanted to sort of inform the audience that I was trying to land a joke. It can feel like a wink-wink, nudge-nudge is the right solution to 'sell it' when, in fact, just looking at my scene partner and playing Lank's truth is what is going to be most relatable and hopefully the most funny."

He added, "I have not mastered this yet. Like all comedies, I am anxious to get our audiences. It is all for them, after all"

Signature Theater in Arlington is staging "Crazy for You" now through Jan. 14, 2018. Tickets are \$40 to \$113. Show times are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.; and Sundays at 7 p.m. Specialty Nights are Discussion Nights on Nov. 29 and Dec. 5; Pride Night on Dec. 1; and Open Captioning on Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. The venue is located at 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington. Call the Box Office at 703-820-9771 or visit the website at www.sigtheatre.org.

CALENDAR

Road. Learn about Arlington Food Assistance Center, Arlington Street People's Assistance Network, and So Others Might Eat. Visit stmarysarlington.org/.

R.I.P. - Remove Invasive Plants. 2-4 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Keep the park free of destructive invasive plants. Free. Call 703-228-6535 or email longbranchnaturectr@arlingtonva.us.

Pageant Registration Opens. Various times at St. Mary's Arlington, 2609 N. Glebe Road. The pageant tells the story of Jesus's birth and serves as the liturgy of the Word for the Sunday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, 3 and 5 p.m. services. Visit stmarysarlington.org/.

Russian Concert. 3 p.m. at the Kenmore Performing Arts Center, 200 South Carlin Springs Road. Soloists will be Peter Omelchenko, until

recently with Moscow's Osipov Orchestra, on the domra and WBS Concertmaster Andrei Saveliev on the balalaika. . Adults, \$25; seniors, \$20; students, \$15; children under 12, free. Visit www.balalaika.org.

SUNDAY/NOV. 26

Opera NOVA. 3 p.m. Arlington Woman's Club, 700 South Buchanan St. Opera arias, art songs and numbers from popular American musicals. Two young singers will participate as part of the new Young Artists Program. \$10 for adults, \$7 for members and free for children. Call 703-536-7557.

TUESDAY/NOV. 28

Meet the Artist. 6-8 p.m. at the Courthouse Plaza Lobby, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. A look through the

lens of Frank Hallam Day and Anne Rowland. Event sponsored by Arlington Arts and Arlington Transit. Visit www.arlingtonarts.org/ or www.arlingtontransit.com.

THURSDAY/NOV. 30

Local Pop-Up Shops. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Plaza Library Shop, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., 1st Floor Lobby. Jules Jewels will be at a pop-up retail market dedicated to, wearable and edible products from innovators and artisans in Arlington. Visit www.arlingtoneconomicdevelopment.com.

Nutcracker Theatre Performances. Thursday and Friday 7:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 and 5 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road. Presented by Ballet Nova. Advanced Sale: \$15-\$38, additional \$3 at the door. Visit www.BalletNova.org.

Toys for Tots Happy Hour. 6-9 p.m. at Tortoise & Hare Bar and Grille, 567 23rd St. S., near the Crystal City Metro Station. Food, drink and bring an unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots. The toy cannot contain any food item or resemble any weapons. Presented by Le Chic Geek and Tagging Miles. Call 703-979-1872.

NOV. 30-DEC. 3

Lions Club Fruit Sale. Various times at St. Mary's Arlington, 2609 N. Glebe Road. Fruits and nuts for sale. The proceeds from the sale benefit community non profits supported by the Lions Club. Visit www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/arlingtonva or call 703-598-8266 or 703-862-5956.

DEC. 1-23

Holiday Hansel and Gretel.

Thursday-Friday, 11 a.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Synetic Theater, 1800 S. Bell St. During the bustle of holiday crowds, Gretel tries to keep her brother, Hansel, out of trouble while their unengaged babysitter leaves Gretel to fend for them both. Visit synetictheater.org/.

SATURDAY/DEC. 2

Holiday Wreath Workshop. 1-4 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Music, refreshments, basic instruction and enough materials for each participant to make at least two wreaths. Participants should bring hand pruners or wire cutters if available and any extra materials or special decorations needed. \$30. Ages 12 and up. Call 703-228-3403, or email gulfbranchnaturectr@arlingtonva.us.

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BY SHIRLEY RUHE
THE CONNECTION

A steady stream of cars drives through the parking lot at Our Savior Lutheran Church on South Taylor Street, dropping off donated white bags of nonperishable items for Scouting for Food on Saturday, Nov. 11. Then the assembly begins.

Volunteers sit on the cold concrete amidst bags and boxes sorting out the canned goods from the cereal. An Eagle Scout weaves his way around the piles with a box loaded with cans. Volunteers inside the church sort the canned goods into tomato and other categories, and carts loaded with stacked containers roll through the parking lot toward the truck.

David Carlson, one of the coordinators for the Chain Bridge District for 18 years says, "See that truck over there? It's going to Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) in a few minutes. It's full of cereal." He adds that a lot of people provide the items they requested such as cereal, peanut butter, cooking oil and canned meat, "but some of them give us that can of smoked oysters that they intended to eat but never did."

Carlson says they have at least 100 Scouts working at the church and thousands across the district collecting the food. He says they started collecting food about 8:30 a.m. and estimates they will be finished about 1 p.m. when about 15-20 truckloads full of donations have been delivered to AFAC. Lily Duran from AFAC says when the trucks arrive and are unloaded, everything will be weighed and sorted over a period of days.



PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE/THE CONNECTION

Cub Scout Troop 641 volunteers, in 23-degree temperature, collect food as part of the annual national Scouting for Food drive. This is their second year of participating as part of the Scout Slogan "to do a good deed daily." Their collection area covers Albermarle, Chesterbrook and Glebe Road.



Scouting for Food donations at Our Savior Lutheran Church on South Taylor Street.



Volunteers sort cans for delivery to Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC).



Eagle Scouts roll stacks of cans to be loaded on truck.

"FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs for Nov. 20-23.

Senior centers: Lee, 5722 Lee Hwy.; Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St.; Walter Reed, 2909 S. 16th St.; Arlington Mill, 909 S. Dinwiddie St.; Aurora Hills, 735 S. 18th St.

Senior trips: Department of Interior tour, D.C., Tuesday, Nov. 21, \$9; Dutch's Daughter restaurant, Frederick, Md., Thanksgiving lunch, Thursday, Nov. 23, \$66. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

Senior Centers will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24.

NEW PROGRAMS:

Seated exercise class begins Monday, Nov. 20, 10 a.m., \$20/5 sessions, Fairlington. Register, 703-228-4771.

Senior Boot Camp begins Monday, Nov. 20, 8:30 a.m., \$25/5 sessions, Walter Reed. Register, 703-228-0955.

Pilates class begins Monday, Nov. 20, \$22.50/5 sessions, Arlington Mill. Register, 703-228-7369.

Tai Chi Level 1, Monday, Nov. 20, 2 p.m., \$27.50/5 sessions, Walter Reed. Register, 703-228-0955.

Dance fitness class begins, Monday, Nov. 20, 9 a.m., \$22.50/5 sessions, Fairlington. Register, 703-228-4771.

Current events discussion of local and world news, Monday, Nov. 20, 10 a.m., Walter Reed. Details, 703-228-0955.

Just Playin' Country musicians, Monday, Nov. 20, 11:15 a.m., Lee. Details, 703-228-0555.

Zumba class for all fitness levels begins Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2:15 p.m., \$31.50/7 sessions, Lee. Register, 703-228-0555.

Rubber Stamp workshop, Tuesday, Nov. 21, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Lee. Details, 703-228-0555.

Let's Get Fit low impact dance and sculpting exercise class, Wednesday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m., \$28/7 sessions, Fairlington. Register, 703-228-4771.

60 minute full body workout class begins Wednesday, Nov. 22, \$35/7 sessions, Arlington Mill. Register, 703-228-7369.

Open rehearsal of The Rocking Chairs, grown up rock-n-roll band, Wednesday, Nov. 22, noon, Lee. Details, 703-228-0555.

Walter's Walkers, 30 minutes, Wednesday, Nov. 22, 8:30 a.m., Walter Reed. Details, 703-228-0955.

BUSINESS NOTES

Email announcements to arlington@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

The National Chamber Ensemble has announced the appointment of **Mary Anne Swiger Ellifritz** and **Amy Reich** to its board of directors. An award-winning strategic marketing, communications, and PR consultant specializing in non-profits, arts and tourism, Ellifritz is co-owner of Intermezzo Travel and The Charleston Travel Company, and has held leadership positions at USATourist, LLC, The Maryland Symphony Orchestra, Potomac Classical Youth Ballet, FirstEnergy, and Dominion Energy. Her previous board appointments include the West Virginia Choral Arts Foundation, United Way of Harrison County, Easter Seals Adult Day Care, and Utility Communicators International. She holds an MBA, has been designated a Certified Travel Industry Executive, and is a doctoral candidate in Business Management at UMUC.

Reich most recently served as Chief Security Advisor at Microsoft. Previously appointed to critical leadership positions at Cisco and DoD agencies, she supported Shaukat Khanum Hospital (Pakistan), the Clinton Global Initiative, the World Economic Forum, Cisco's "Community Connection" (Matching Gifts/Volunteer Registry/Product Grant System), and Microsoft's "Give" Philanthropic Campaign. In the local community, Reich actively works with Mobile Hope, the Children's National Medical Center, and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology. She is a graduate of The College of William and Mary and of the Senior Executive Fellowship Program at Harvard University. Visit www.NationalChamberEnsemble.org.

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NEWS

Arlington Blue

Democrats maintain hold on elected offices in Arlington.

Last week across the state, Democrats managed to hold on to key offices like Governor and Lieutenant Governor and turn over a few local elections. Arlington was no different, with roughly 80 percent of the county supporting the Democratic candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and House of Delegates.

The local elections were a little more divided, but still went entirely to Democrats or Democrat-backed candidates. Erik Gutshall,

the Democratic candidate for County Board, won with 62 percent of the vote over independents Audrey Clement with 24 percent and Charles McCullough with 12 percent. Gutshall will take over a seat vacated by outgoing County Board member Jay Fisette. In the School Board race, Democrat-endorsed Monique O'Grady won 71 percent over M.D. "Mike" Webb with 18 percent of the vote and Alison Dough with 10 percent.

— VERNON MILES

NEWS BRIEFS

Open Air Market at Arlington Mill

After three years of trying to get a Columbia Pike farmers market off the ground, a new use permit is coming up before the County Board at its upcoming Nov. 18 meeting.

The proposal put forward by the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization would reestablish an open-air farmers market in the outdoor plaza of the Arlington Mills Community Center. The market would operate from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

A use permit for a farmers market at Arlington Mills was originally filed and approved in 2014, but according to the staff report after several weeks of operation it wasn't attracting enough customers to stay operational. Vendors began expressing concerns about the low number of sales, and after three months of operation it was closed.

If approved, the new farmers market will open in Spring 2018 and will remain open until October.

Residential Off-Street Parking Guidelines

Space is tight in Arlington, parking space doubly so, but new parking standards could make those spaces even scarcer. At the Nov. 18 County Board meeting, the board will review new parking guidelines for off-street multi-family residential projects. The guidelines will focus special parking exemptions along the Metro corridors, where new developments in recent years have frequently attained parking reductions because of their access to mass transit options. The new guidelines would impact new developments along the Rosslyn-Ballston and Jefferson Davis corridors. Similar guideline changes were made earlier this year in Alexandria, where parking requirements were reduced in areas with greater mass transit accessibility.

— VERNON MILES

BULLETIN BOARD

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

THURSDAY/NOV. 16

Volunteer Orientation. 1:30 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 North Quincy St. RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) is the region's largest volunteer network for people 55 and older and provides individualized support to seniors seeking service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria. The event is free and open to anyone

55-years-old or older. To register, email chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org or call 703-403-5360. To learn more, visit www.rsvpnova.org.

Talking to Kids about Death. 7-9 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. Brooke Johnson, LCSW, will lead a conversation about the best age-appropriate ways to approach the topic of death with children and things to avoid. Email rajaenami@yahoo.com or call 703-801-8651 for more.

Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Various times at St. Mary's Arlington, 2609 N. Glebe Road. Be a part of the parish outreach to collect 200 filled

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SALT Holds Annual Advocacy Conference

Social justice advocates told: “Go and do good.”

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

The agenda was full at the 2017 Social Action Linking Together (SALT) Fall Advocacy Conference. The annual forum was held at the Virginia International University in Fairfax on Saturday, Nov. 11 with a packed house in attendance.

SALT is a non-partisan faith-based network of individuals and organizations with the goal of bringing “the social and economic justice teachings of their faith to bear on public policy and legislation.” What started as eight socially conscious people about 20 years ago, has grown to a base of about 1,300, who educate themselves and the public on the facts surrounding social issues, and the actions that can be taken to address them.

“It’s education, it’s advocacy, building relationships with legislators, and bringing people together to strengthen the voices of all,” said SALT Founder and Coordinator John Horejsi, who is no stranger to the halls of the Commonwealth’s governmental chambers and offices in Richmond.

Each year, SALT selects new priority issues, or continues to address issues in progress, and rallies its troops to raise awareness and recommend actions. Horejsi was particularly pleased to announce that largely through the efforts of SALT members, many more Virginians in need will now benefit from the TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) program, simply by having consolidated the TANF categories.

Additional improvements to TANF, including an associated scholarship program is one of SALT’s priorities for the 2018 Virginia legislative session.

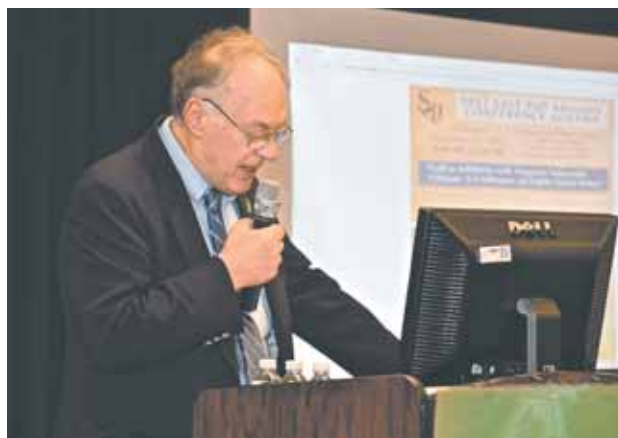
THE GROUP has identified several other priorities upon which they will focus their attention in the coming year, including:

- ❖ Ending school lunch shaming: SALT supports legislation that would prohibit identifying – and stigmatizing – children who are unable to pay for school meals.
- ❖ Legislation to provide video visitation services to inmates, and not to ban in-person visits where video visits are provided.
- ❖ Limiting, and ultimately eliminating solitary confinement in prisons.
- ❖ Opposing block grants for all human service programs opposing block grants for Medicaid.
- ❖ Supporting greater equity in Kinship Guardian situations, granting more funds to family members caring for children — where foster carers now receive, in some



PHOTOS BY ANDREA WORKER/THE CONNECTION

Sister Simone Campbell — often referred to as “the nun on the bus” for the bus tours she and other nuns undertake on their mission to bring about social justice — was the keynote speaker at the SALT conference.



Social Action Linking Together (SALT) founder and coordinator John Horejsi welcomes attendees to the organization’s 2017 Fall Advocacy Conference.

cases, almost five times the funds allotted to family carers.

To illustrate the scope of the needs of the citizens of Virginia, Horejsi recruited Sister Simone Campbell and state Del. Ken Plum (D-36) as speakers for the forum.

Sister Campbell, a member of the international Roman Catholic religious congregation Sisters of Social Service is often referred to as one of the “Nuns on a Bus.” As the director of NETWORK, a Catholic advocacy group for social justice, Sister Campbell leads a group of nuns who, since 2012, conduct bus tours around the country as part of their advocacy work, educating and leading discussions on a variety of issues, from healthcare to immigration, voter suppression to advocating for a “living wage” for all.

The need to provide a “living wage” was a central element in Sister Campbell’s keynote address on “21st Century Poverty.”

Sister Campbell advised the audience to throw away the old stereotypes of the “typically impoverished.” Today’s poor are increasingly “the working poor,” she said, recounting the story of a young woman she encountered at a special White House luncheon. The woman was filled with excitement for having been chosen to attend the

event, yet before the end of the meal, she confessed that despite having a “good, full-time job” at a well-known retailer, she lived at a homeless shelter because she couldn’t afford the high cost of rents in the D.C. area. Her dream was to work and save her way out of this dilemma.

Sister Campbell doesn’t believe that anyone working a full-time job – and some working more than one job – should not be earning enough to pay for a place to live and the means to exist.

“There’s something wrong here. We say we are a nation based on family, yet we do so little to support families and hardworking individuals.”

The “nun on a bus” expressed her scepticism regarding the tax reform

proposals currently being put forth on the Hill. “Trickle down does not work. We have already proven this, time and again. And you know the definition of insanity, right? Doing the same thing over and over, expecting a different result.”

Before concluding her remarks, Sister Campbell challenged the attendees to embrace certain “virtues,” including remembering to keep a “modicum of joy” in your efforts.

Secondly, she added to “use your ‘holy curiosity,’ by asking people about themselves and their situations as the way to truly know the face of 21st century poverty. Practice “sacred gossip” by sharing the stories that you hear and encouraging others to take action, and finally, just figuring out what your part is and doing it.”

Sister Campbell cautioned against trying to “do it all” or needing to take charge. “Learn whether you’re the head, the feet, the hands, whatever you do best to contribute.”

She says it took awhile, but now she knows what she does best and where she fits in. “I am the stomach acid ... there to churn everybody and everything up.”

Plum followed Sister Campbell’s address, giving a mini-history of the Commonwealth,

particularly in relation to slavery, the birth of a culture of racism, and the reasons why he feels the issue of monuments to Confederate war participants is far from over.

“Virginia has more such monuments than any other state,” said Plum, “with 223, almost all of them built in either the early 1900s or during the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s. What’s the message there?”

Like Sister Campbell, Plum also addressed the issue of poverty and the widening gap between the wealthy and the less fortunate, using a series of charts and graphs that illustrated how statistics may not tell the whole story, unless you look a little deeper.

Despite always being categorized as one of the richest states in the union, Plum showed how the “real” numbers show one geographically small portion of Virginia, the “Golden Crescent” of Northern Virginia to Hampton Roads, having a median income of \$150,000. “For the rest of Virginia, that number is closer to \$40,000. What do we do with that information? We have to find ways to share economic opportunities and all that comes with it to rural Virginia, as well.”

LOOKING AHEAD to the 2018 legislative session, Plum thinks redistricting could be a hot topic — and that it should be. Fighting for more school funding and the expansion of Medicaid is also on his agenda. “\$10.4 billion by not expanding it. Who leaves that kind of money on the table, especially in ‘fiscally conservative’ Virginia?”

Plum warns that it “might not be pretty” when the session begins, as both parties readjust after the Democratic wins in the Nov. 7 election, but the delegate is hopeful that all the new faces bring fresh new perspectives and new solutions.

The final speaker at the forum was Gay Gardner, from Interfaith Action for Human Rights, (IAHR) speaking about her organization’s efforts to “make solitary confinement truly a last resort.”

Gardner cited numerous studies that attest to the physical and mental harm done by long-term solitary confinement.

Kimberly Jenkins-Snodgrass, a board member with IAHR spoke briefly about her own son, an inmate who has been kept in solitary for four years. Other prisoners they have contact with have been held in isolation for even longer, one for 14 years.

“Getting a straight answer as to why these men have been so confined is not easy,” Gardner said. Sometimes, solitary is employed as a response to an inmate who exhibits signs of mental illness or distress, “but solitary confinement only makes the condition worse.”

A question-and-answer session followed the speakers’ presentations. Horejsi noted that the energy in the room remained high, despite the almost overwhelming number of issues that had been brought to the table. “Must be that joy that Sister Simone told us to keep handy,” he said, before adjourning the forum and exhorting attendees to “Go and do good.”



PHOTOS BY MARK MOGLE/THE CONNECTION

A West Point cadet pays respects to the fallen in Section 60 following the Veterans Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

At Arlington National Cemetery

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never fully repay.”

Although the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on June 28, 1919, officially ended World War I, hostilities between the major powers ended on Nov. 11, 1918, when an armistice went into effect. Armistice Day was celebrated in the United States every year thereafter until President Dwight D. Eisenhower changed it to Veterans Day in 1954 to encompass the veterans of all American wars.

Veterans Day activities at Arlington National Cemetery commenced precisely at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, with a wreathlaying at the Tomb of the Unknowns by Pence. The ceremony continued inside the Memorial Amphitheater with a parade of colors by veterans’ organizations and remarks from Pence and other dignitaries. This was followed by a procession of wreathlayings at the Tomb of the Unknowns by individual national and international veterans and active military organizations.

Later that afternoon, a separate memorial service was held in Section 34 at the gravesite of General of the Armies John J. Pershing, hosted by the Military Order of the World Wars and attended by representatives of World War I allied nations. Representatives from more than a dozen countries placed wreaths at Pershing’s gravesite.

Pence concluded his remarks with a message from



The procession of Veterans Service Organizations makes its way through the Memorial Amphitheater Nov. 11 during the Veterans Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

President Donald Trump, who was traveling abroad.

“You were there for us, now we are here for you,” said Pence in delivering Trump’s message to veterans. “President Trump said this morning, in his words, ‘America’s veterans are this country’s greatest national treasure. You are the best role models for our youngest citizens, a constant reminder of all that is good, decent, and brave.’ To our veterans, on behalf of the President of the United States and a grateful nation, I say, thank you for your service.”



Members of the U.S. Military Veterans motorcycle club listen as Vice President Mike Pence delivers the Veterans Day address Nov. 11 at Arlington National Cemetery.

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News

Toll Day on I-66 Nears

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crossing at Route 29. "These are the physical improvements planned," Kilpatrick said.

In the next few weeks, drivers in Arlington will see some activity on the roads as VDOT prepares for day one of the new plan. On the morning of Dec. 4, there will be messages on the variable message signs 30 minutes in advance as to when the tolls are starting.

One question from a Prince William official's office had to do with rush hour in the evening. If a car without a EZ-Pass got on the lanes before 3 p.m. when the tolls started, would the rest of their ride be free? They would be in violation and receive a ticket. "It's not about when you get in the lanes, it is if you are in the lanes when it reaches the HOV hours," said Kilpatrick. David Caudill, VDOT Tolling Manager, stressed the importance of being prepared. "Make sure you have an EZ-Pass responder," he said.

Up until now, drivers going to Dulles Airport had an exemption for the restricted times on I-66 but that disappears with the new plan. "There are no exemptions if you are going to Dulles," said Grindly

Johnson, VDOT's Deputy Secretary of Transportation. Hybrids will be treated like all the other cars as well, and the state sent out special notices to hybrid drivers. "Hybrid drivers should have received notification," said Johnson.

According to VDOT, the I-66 toll plan has been in the news frequently, and its advertising campaign, "I Drive, I Carpool and I Ride," has already begun.

A worry that has come up in meetings over the last two years was the influx of drivers on the surrounding roads to avoid paying tolls. VDOT is aware of that concern, Kilpatrick said, and "we're going to be monitoring the adjacent roadways too."

This tolling on I-66 inside the beltway will be coupled with a plan for outside the beltway too where VDOT is working with a private party to build one lane in each direction for 22 miles from Vienna to Gainesville, and there will be two express lanes on each side, similar to I-495. This project, priced at \$3 billion, is expected to be done in 2022, and when they open, I-66 inside the beltway will be going up to HOV-3 to ride free, so all of I-66 express lanes will be the same.

BULLETIN BOARD

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grocery bags for Arlington neighbors in need this Thanksgiving. Visit stmarysarlington.org/ for more.

FRIDAY/NOV. 17

Design Competition Deadline. The Office of the Arlington County Treasurer invites high school students who reside or attend school in Arlington to participate in the 14th Annual Decal Design Competition at taxes.arlingtonva.us/decal-design/.

TUESDAY/NOV. 22

Fall Prevention Program. 1:15 p.m. in the first floor Arlington Central Library auditorium, 1015 North Quincy St. Arlington AARP Chapter #284 will meet for the program "Falls" presented by Gwendolyn Beck of the Virginia Hospital Center and the Commission on Aging. Free and open to the public. Contact Jim Morris at 703-819-5631.

HELP FILL THE CRUISER

The Arlington County Police Department is asking community members to donate new, unwrapped toys to bring holiday cheer to children ages newborn-17 with the third annual Fill the Cruiser Holiday Toy Drive. Donations will be distributed by the police department throughout the month of December.

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Tuesday/Dec. 5, 6:30-8 p.m. at
❖ Pentagon Row, 1101 S. Joyce St.
Those wishing to donate toys but unable to attend the Fill the Cruiser events can drop off donations at Police Headquarters located at 1425 N.

Courthouse Road until Dec.15.

THURSDAY/NOV. 30

40 Leaders Under 40. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Army Navy Country Club, 1700 Army Navy Drive. Leadership Center for Excellence is honoring 40 emerging leaders under the age of 40 who demonstrate impact personally and/or professionally. Admission is \$65 for the general public. To register and learn more about the event, visit leadercenter.org.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety. 10 a.m.-noon at Columbia Pike and South Oakland Street. The Arlington County Police Department's Special Operations Section will be promoting the 2017 Fall Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Awareness Program in the Lyon Park area. The program aims to change pedestrian, driver and bicyclist behavior while reducing the number of traffic related crashes and injuries. Officers will ticket motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians who violate traffic laws. Visit police.arlingtonva.us/parking/ for more.

FRIDAY/DEC. 1

Submission Deadline. Arlington County's biennial design awards program, DESIGNArlington, is now accepting submissions for great design in new construction, renovations, additions or adaptive reuse projects. Established in 2009, DESIGNArlington seeks to highlight excellence and diversity in the County's built environment. Residents, property owners, developers, architects and other members of the design community may submit an entry. Visit projects.arlingtonva.us/planning/urban-design/designarlington/.

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Future Quest

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listening devices for the deaf, and a calming room for sensory breaks.

"Parents may want to go because they may be anxious about what happens when their children graduate from high school," said Hammer. "Students will want to attend so that they can learn what options are available for college, what it's really like to be an adult with a disability, to be able to talk to other youth with disabilities, and feel empowered to make decisions for themselves."

Future Quest will be held Saturday, Dec. 2, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at GMU's Johnson Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. It is free and open to any student with a disability as well as their parents, teachers and other professionals. There is free parking in Lot K, or in the Mason Pond Parking Garage for \$8. Visit www.futurequestgmu.org to register. Hammer urges people to pre-register early. Email futurequestnova@gmail.com.



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Future Quest 2017 keynote speaker Joshua Anton.

News Briefs

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vehicle when the unknown male suspect approached her from behind and sexually assaulted her. Following the assault, the suspect fled the scene on foot.

The suspect is described as a black male in his 20's, approximately 5'06" to 6'0" tall with a thin build. He was wearing a white t-shirt at the time of the incident. He was last seen fleeing the area on foot, traveling southbound on 31st Street S.

Detectives from the Special Victim's Unit are investigating this incident. Responding officers established a perimeter, canvassed the area and spoke with possible witnesses. Arlington County canine units attempted a track of the suspect and the Fairfax County Police Helicopter Unit provided an aerial search with negative results. Officers will continue conducting extra checks in the area.

If anyone has information on the identity of this individual or details surrounding this incident, contact Detective N. Brooks of the Arlington County Police Department's Special Victim's Unit at 703-228-4169 or at NKbrooks@arlingtonva.us. To report information anonymously, contact the Arlington County Crime Solvers at 866-411-TIPS (8477).

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Not About Me, Mostly



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Recently, as in a few weeks ago, Mindy, who none of you regular readers know, died of lung cancer. She was my decade's long best friend's wife. And she was my friend too, going back almost 40 years. Married to my oldest friend (starting in 10th grade), Cary, for over 35 years, Mindy was originally classified as stage I five years ago. Cary didn't tell me for a year or so after because he didn't want to burden me with another piece of bad news, and Mindy being diagnosed with lung cancer would most definitely have been bad news. She had a lobectomy (part of the lung is surgically removed), back then and that's pretty much all I know about the beginning stages. After the surgery however, she was told she was cancer free.

Unfortunately, I wasn't able to attend Mindy's funeral. I had my own post-scan appointment on the Monday morning following the Sunday funeral and night-time shiva and the logistics of traveling back and forth from Washington, D.C., to Boston and back were unworkable. Two weeks later, last weekend in fact, I flew up to Boston and spent four days with Cary, just him and me in the house - without Mindy, of course. We shared an awful lot about Mindy and life, reminiscing backward and contemplating forward. One afternoon, along with Mindy's first cousin, Julie, Cary and I visited Mindy's grave, about 20 minutes from the house, where I was able to pay my respects and say a few words in private. After standing alongside the grave site for a few minutes, Cary took out his smart phone, bent over toward the ground and played "their" song, sniffling and wiping away tears in the process. A very touching moment. Another afternoon, I sat with Cary at their kitchen table and read through all the condolence cards with Cary explaining all the relationships to Mindy. One night, Cary and I went to dinner with his two sons, Jonathan and Jordon (along with Jon's girlfriend, Coleen and Jordon's wife, Lauren). At dinner, I shared two jokes with the boys that Mindy had told years ago, that to this day, I keep in my repertoire; they had not heard them before. One involved an elephant, another had to do with Jesus Christ becoming a bell ringer. Cary's third - and oldest son, Jeffrey, was not present as he had flown back to California on Tuesday where, after spending three weeks at home with his father and brothers watching his mother struggle to survive, he returned a few days after the funeral.

As for me, I teared up throughout the week-end. Over the years, especially after my parents moved to Florida, I didn't see Cary and Mindy as regularly as I had while my parents were still living in Massachusetts (four times a year, generally). From 1989 on, maybe we visited one another a dozen times in person: high school reunions, bar mitzvahs, a couple of Celtic's games and the odd occasion where the timing/opportunity presented itself. All the while, going on 45 years now, we spoke/speak every couple of weeks, picking up in conversation without ever missing a beat.

What was particularly/uniquely difficult for me - and I don't think it is as difficult as losing one's "soul mate," as Cary described Mindy, just as they were beginning to embark on their final journey together: retirement - was that I too have lung cancer. As such, it was a peculiar position in which I found myself. Not only was I grieving the loss of a close friend: Mindy, way too young; she was younger than me by a couple of years, and the effect it had on my best friend, Cary, I was also witnessing first hand, up close and extremely personally, the ravages and devastating impact of a lung cancer diagnosis, a diagnosis with which I am all too familiar. Of course, I felt bad for Cary losing his beautiful wife. Of course, I felt bad for the boys losing a fabulous, devoted mother. But there was a part of me that felt bad for me. As a cancer survivor, it's easy to pretend that this disease isn't killing you until you attend a funeral/spend time with the family of someone who has succumbed to this terrible disease. Then it hits home, with a vengeance. "Cancer sucks," as so many of us know, but life must go on, as difficult as it sometimes is.

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