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Brittany Ham, a member of the National Organization for Women (NOW); Marj Signer, a NOW member and Arlington activist; and Barbara Haley, a resident of Alexandria, ran into another contingent of Arlington women and NOW members on their way from the Metro to the march on Saturday, Jan. 20.

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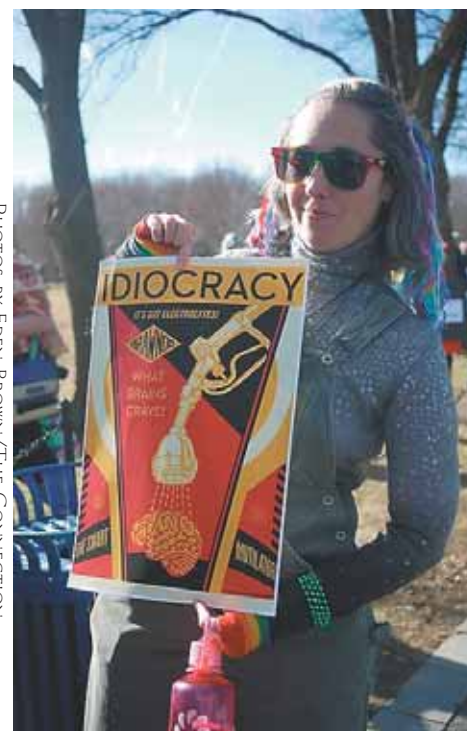
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Gail Burnaford of Arlington held up her tax return poster. She said, "I was here last year with this poster, and I will be here next year with this poster if I have to. To me, this is the issue."



From left: Arlingtonians Lori Masters, Cory Amron, and Diane Greenlee (with Sue Willson Brooks) hold the banner for Women Lawyers on Guard. Women Lawyers on Guard is a non-profit started in January 2017 by matching their network of (mostly, but not exclusively) lawyers with the diverse legal needs of other organizations, assisting nonprofits who have similar missions.



Caroline Pattie of Northern Virginia supports women's rights.

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Local Women March with Tens of Thousands on Mall

Themes for march range from Russian interference in election to sexual harassment.

BY EDEN BROWN
THE CONNECTION

The big difference between last year's women's march and the 2018 march was not the number of pink pussy hats, although they had proliferated. It was not the creativity of posters, which continued to be biting. It was the number of groups mobilized since January 2017, who came back to this march triumphant that their efforts over the past year had changed the political dynamic in their district or their state. They were ebullient: they had found so many like-minded men and women willing to donate their time to making change happen. And they were focused on the next goal: 2018 efforts were already in process. Some of these were Arlington groups: We of Action VA (WofAVA) and Women Lawyers on Guard (WLG), and local members of the National Organization of Women (NOW) or the League of Women Voters.

The presence of aspiring candidates for 2018 — and the diversity of speakers — made this march different. Speakers were less Hollywood and more grassroots political: Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA), U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), and a host of newly elected representatives from all over the country spoke about the need to vote in 2018.

Nadia Hashimi, who is running to replace U.S. Rep. John Delaney (D-MD) told the group she had marched last year in outrage, but this year, she stood before the group as a candidate. Hashimi, a physician in Maryland, hopes to be the first Afghan American woman elected to Congress; she said it would be nice if there weren't any more firsts: that the era of "first woman to be elected" would end and women holding



The crowd in front of the Lincoln Memorial at 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 20.



Michaela Pond, Gretchen Carter, and Jessica Gogen are members of the "We of Action Virginia" (WofAVA) group based in Arlington.



Stephanie Wong of Arlington holds up her poster.

office or running agencies would be the norm.

Emily's List was represented, and the filmmaker Kamala Lopez, of Equal Means Equal, spoke. Toni Van Pelt, president of NOW, and

Nadia S. Hassan, the Muslim activist, spoke. Speakers hailed the black women who turned around the Alabama election recently, and the number of women who had run and won in Virginia. Nocchi Currie,

another aspiring political candidate spoke, and Joanna Lohman, the professional soccer player and activist, revved up the crowd,

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Two Entrances; One Community

Parents of students with disabilities protest divisions in Wilson school design.

BY VERNON MILES
THE CONNECTION

When the Wilson building opens, most of the students will funnel into the building through one entrance. Three programs: H-B Woodlawn, the HILT program, and the Stratford Program will be housed in the same building starting in 2019. But at the final approval for the school design at a Jan. 18 School Board meeting, there were concerns that a second entrance designed for students with disabilities would keep some of the students segregated from the others.

The Wilson site has had a troubled development history, most of which centered around the fact that the building will temporarily be sharing part of its space with a fire station. But in the final approval of the building design, several parents and community members came forward to express their concerns about the separate entrance.

"The point tonight is not whether the Stratford Program should exist, nor questioning whether every entrance is wheelchair accessible; the design sends the message that it's OK for students with disabilities to use separate entrances and stay out of sight," said Tauna Szymanski, the parent of a child with significant support needs. "The design prevents natural interactions between students with disabilities [and their peers]. Special facilities make people feel stigmatized and inferior, it's why we don't allow separate drinking fountains for African-American students or separate bathrooms for transgender students. Why do we think it would be acceptable to have separate entrances for disabled students?"

Several parents spoke at the hearing, many saying they've seen the school system gradually keep students with disabilities more and more isolated. Michele Best has three children with disabilities, her middle son battles a severe muscle disease.

"No community is without members with



Map showing the location of the new Wilson school site in Rosslyn.

severe disabilities," said Best. "Getting past the disabilities and developing relationships with kids can be challenging. Having them hidden from the community by fully segregating them in separate programs with separate entrances doesn't help."

When the conversation turned to the school board, members seemed to sympathize with parents and said concerns about students with disabilities would be addressed as plans for the Wilson school progressed. Assistant Superintendent John Chadwick pointed to aspects of the school that were designed with students with disabilities in mind.

"We learned LED lighting allows some students with visual disabilities to read and see better," said Chadwick. "We also take great deal of care to make sure HVAC system doesn't make noise that would make it hard for any student to hear in the classroom. It's very much how we can think

about every aspect of the school so students aren't segregated and differentiated from each other." But some on the board said they wished more efforts had been undertaken to help integrate the needs of students with disabilities into the building design.

"I wish we had more aggressively used universal design principles in this building," said Nancy Van Doren, School Board member. "I wish we had one entrance, like we do at all of the other high schools. I would like to not have to be reminding of this all the time, but have it be our common practice. Inclusion and universal design not only makes it better for students on daily basis but makes us a stronger community."

School Board member Reid Goldstein said overall he was satisfied with the several year public process that led to this design, and noted that some things had changed to help integrate the student body.

"I was satisfied ... that this wasn't a one-

off discussion where they designated Stratford issues for one meeting, talked about it then ignored it," said Goldstein. "I'm told the building started out with two libraries, two cafeterias, two clinics, became one. It was apparent there were changes made as a result of input from outside groups and discussion."

Goldstein also warned that if the plans weren't approved, it could negatively impact the timeline for the school opening.

"We're on the cusp of approving the funding for this, after which we're moving full speed ahead for 18 months to open in September 2019," said Goldstein. "There's a large hole in the ground at that site, a significant delay would ensue if we were to change [the design]. We have so many more things contingent on this building opening on time in September 2019."

The Wilson school design was unanimously approved by the School Board.



The new Wilson school design.



Concept rendering for the new Wilson school.

OPINION

What's Wrong with This Picture?

Male, 60 percent; female 40 percent; less than 2 percent poor; less than 2 percent African American; less than 2 percent Latino.

If these are the demographics to something, you know it needs to be fixed, no matter what "it" is. Especially something paid for with public dollars.

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Less than 2 percent poor.

Less than 2 percent African American.

Less than 2 percent Latino.

These are the demographics of this year's freshman class at our Governor's school, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, known as TJ.

We also know that there are geographic disparities (some middle schools have many more students admitted than others; some have none).

State Sen. Scott Surovell represents a part of the county that tends to be under represented at Thomas Jefferson, and he is kicking off what no doubt will be a lively discussion by introducing SB787, Governor's Schools; enrollment, which would use both economics

and geography to change the admissions dynamics at Jefferson.

Summary:

"Requires any academic school Governor's School that has a focus on math, science, and technology and that has an overall enrollment of over 1,000 students to accept for enrollment (i) a sufficient number of students eligible to receive free or reduced price meals such that the total of such students is at least 50 percent of the weighted average of the participating divisions' percentage of such students in the previous school year and (ii) at least five students but no more than 15 students from each middle school in each school division eligible to matriculate students to such Governor's school who have completed at least two full years at such middle school."

The school divisions currently participating in TJHSST are: Arlington County, Fairfax County (includes City of Fairfax), Falls Church City, Loudoun County, Prince William County.

We've said this before, because these demo-

graphics have been trending in this direction for more than a decade.

Fairfax County Public Schools has a single elite magnet school, Thomas Jefferson, and TJ is frequently referred to as the top high school in the country. Dramatic disparity in the makeup of admissions at TJ is an indicator of disparity in early identification of students as gifted and talented, of access to advanced classes and enrichment, and in the basic education that the Fairfax County Public school system offers to all of its students.

School leadership can't continue to act like there are things they can't do anything about. Surovell deserves credit for giving an incentive to get started. Learn about the referral and screening and selection process for full-time (Level IV) and school-based (Levels II-III) Advanced Academic Programs at www.fcps.edu/registration/advanced-academics-identification-and-placement.

— MARY KIMM

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Long View on Legislative Proposals

BY ADAM P. EBBIN
STATE SENATOR (D-30)



The second week of the 2018 General Assembly session wrapped up last Friday and it feels like we're finally hitting our stride. As we cautiously celebrate the doors reopening at federal agencies in Washington and settle into a semi-regular rhythm, the hours are filled reviewing bills, discussing policy, hearing testimony, and sneaking in a quick lunch on the 100-year-old desks of the Senate floor. In between, I have had the pleasure of receiving many visits from constituents and am humbled by the dedication of those who drove over 100 miles to voice their perspective on upcoming legislation.

It's been a difficult start for those of us advocating for gun violence prevention. The Senate Courts of Justice Committee voted down my bill that would have addressed loopholes that allow people prohibited from purchasing firearms from a licensed dealer to obtain firearms from a "private seller." A glimmer of bipartisan progress emerged, however, as my legislation to ban bump stocks and other devices that make semi-automatics fire like machine guns (SB1) advanced for further consideration to the Senate Finance Committee. Machine gun possession is already heavily regulated at the federal and state level, and it makes sense to treat deadly firearm attachments, which turn semi-automatic weapons into de facto machine guns, with the same scrutiny. Five Senate Republicans joined all six Democrats to move the bill forward.

I serve on three committees, where I play a

part in deciding which legislative proposals will advance to the Senate floor — a key step on legislation's journey to the Governor's desk. In the Senate Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources Committee I've learned more than I ever thought I'd know about fox penning, feral cats, and yogurt manufacturing. We also work to rejuvenate our oyster population, protect animal welfare and preserve Virginia's natural beauty.

Ensuring a fair and efficient voting process is one of my highest priorities and, as a member of the Senate Privileges and Elections Committee, I've introduced eight bills to do just that.

Governor Northam's first official action was to sign Executive Order 1, which forbids discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, status as a veteran, and other protected classes in public employment — a policy that has been put forth by four of the past five governors. However, if we're going to continue to attract forward-thinking companies to the Commonwealth, we need a permanent policy. SB 202 represents my continuing effort to permanently codify these protections. As a member of the Senate General Laws and Technology Committee, I was happy to see my fellow committee members advance the bill on a decisive 12-3 vote.

A flurry of orange cards has appeared on my desk this week, giving notice that this or that bill will soon be considered in committee. Some proposals have been appearing on that desk, in one form or another, for several years. Fourteen years in the General Assembly have granted me some longer-term perspective, however, and while I have seen many of my proposals become law, others require persistent effort each year. Once again, I have introduced legislation to decriminalize marijuana,

which has steadily gained more allies, including several Republicans this year. My bill would make people who possess small amounts of marijuana subject to an escalating fine, from \$50 to \$250 per violation, rather than a criminal record.

Over three town hall meetings this past weekend, I was able to hear a multitude of questions and concerns on pending legislation. Your valuable input on issues ranging from disability waivers and education, to Metro and non-partisan redistricting, was informative and engaging. On Saturday, I will be in Alexandria and Arlington for two more town hall meetings. I hope that you will join us.

Alexandria

Saturday, Jan. 27, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Mount Vernon Community School, 2601 Commonwealth Ave., with Del. Mark Levine.

Arlington

Saturday, Jan. 27, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 16th Street S., with Del. Alfonso Lopez.

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Child Care Initiative Community Meeting. 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Central Library Auditorium, 1015 N.

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Naked Truth About Strip Searches at Traffic Stops

Hope advocates for strip searches to combat opioid crisis.

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THE CONNECTION

Police officers across Virginia will be able to strip search drivers at traffic stops under a bill proposed from Del. Patrick Hope (D-47). Hope says he introduced the bill as a reaction to the opioid crisis after being approached by sheriffs across the commonwealth who are concerned inmates might smuggle drugs into jails. Hope says sheriffs did not ask for strip searches at traffic stops, although he adds the two issues are linked in the code.

"The existing statute allows for strip searches for weapons at traffic stops and going into jail, and that's there for a reason — because you don't want to put someone in your squad car who might have a weapon," said Hope. "And so the question is whether opioids today are lethal enough where you need that same protection at a traffic stop where you are going to put somebody in your car."

Advocates for civil liberties are concerned that strip searches would be based on nothing more than an arresting officer's "rea-

sonable cause to believe" that a suspect has drugs. They worry that suspicion may often be based on nothing more than a hunch. And although courts have upheld the ability of sheriff's deputies to conduct strip searches at jails, they say allowing strip searches at minor traffic infractions would violate the dignity of the accused — a burden that would disproportionately fall on minorities.

"This proposal will fall more heavily on people of color because of disparate policing," said Claire Gastanaga, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia. "Keep in mind that people who are black are eight times more likely to be arrested for possession of marijuana in Arlington than white people, even though usage rates for both populations are the same, about 13 percent."

RECENT YEARS have seen the opioid crisis spiral out of control in Virginia. The number of fentanyl-related overdose deaths increased by more than 30 percent last year, according to a recent report from the Virginia Department of Health. Fentanyl is an opioid pain medication that's 100 times more potent than heroin. It's often used to treat pain after major surgeries, and it's frequently traded on the black market. A dose the size of a grain of sand can be lethal, creating a potential problem at jails.

"Google the words 'jail' and 'overdose,'

and you'll come up with a number of hits of people who are sneaking in drugs like fentanyl and heroin and other opioid type drugs and people are overdosing on it," said Hope. "It's a very serious concern of the jails and the sheriffs asked me to carry the bill."

A Google search of "jail overdose" comes up with 8.7 million hits with horror stories from across the country. Four inmates overdosed in two days last year in Ohio. Two inmates were found dead last year after overdosing in a D.C. jail. In Miami, prosecutors are considering murder charges after two inmates were found dead after opioid overdoses. None of the stories seem to be from Virginia, though, which worries critics of the bill.

"My concern is that I'm not sure how common that is — how frequently that happens — that drugs are being smuggled in," said Cindy Cunningham, founder of a progressive group known as VA Plan. "A lot of people are concerned about police in general and I think at this point this is sort of encouraging civil rights violations."

Requests for data on opioid smuggling into the Arlington jail and the Alexandria jail received no response at press time. And spokesman for the Fairfax County Sheriff said no data existed to prove opioid smuggling was a problem.

"There are no numbers that show that smuggled opioids are a problem at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center," wrote Jamel Perkins, public information officer for the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office in a response to written questions.

Hope acknowledges that his bill may end up changing significantly as it makes its way

through the legislative sausage-making factory in Richmond, a process that starts this week with a subcommittee hearing followed by a hearing in the full committee. And then, if he's lucky, a vote on the House floor. Considering the heart of his bill allows for strip searches at jails rather than traffic stops, he says, that part may end up being stripped out before it's considered by members of the House of Delegates.

"If law enforcement feels like that's not necessary, we'll take it out," said Hope.

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— Del. Patrick Hope (D-44)



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All Aboard for 'A Streetcar Named Desire'

TAP presents Tennessee Williams' Pulitzer Prize-winning play.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

The Arlington Players (TAP) is presenting Tennessee Williams' "A Streetcar Named Desire," from Jan. 26 through Feb. 10. The winner of the 1948 Pulitzer Prize, the story directed by Michael Kharfen follows Blanche DuBois as she travels to New Orleans to live with her sister Stella and brother-in-law Stanley Kowalski and the drama that ensues.

Kharfen said he was trying to capture the tension between how we see the world as it is and how we would want the world to be. "In 'A Streetcar Named Desire,' the ethereal imagination of Blanche clashes with the raw reality of Stanley, Stella and Mitch. The characters are bound by their wishes and choices whether to find love and refuge or protect their home and way of living. In the play, they collide in a haunting resolution," he said.

He said his biggest challenge was to put aside the previous productions of the play, particularly the memorable film, and find his own inspiration and vision while honoring Tennessee Williams' perspective. "Fortunately, I have a gifted cast and inventive production team to achieve my insight into the play," he said.

He added: "People can have noble intentions, but they are also flawed. Even though the play must be viewed as from the 1940s, we can still find enduring messages of sometimes finding ourselves lost, haunted by the past and facing difficult, if not desperate, choices."

Marnie Kanarek is playing the role of Blanche, the epitome of the tragic heroine. "She is doomed from the beginning by circumstances that are beyond her control. She is a portrait of emotional depth — strong yet vulnerable, guilt-stricken and manipulative, driven by her desire, but ultimately

misunderstood. It is not one thing but many: her past, her flaws, and the force that is Stanley Kowalski, that inevitably bring Blanche, and the play as a whole, to their dramatic conclusion," she said.

She said a great challenge was finding and portraying the many varied layers of Blanche. "The beauty of this play is that no one is wholly good or bad. Blanche is acting out of survival; experience has shaded her interactions with everyone she encounters in the play. She has been irrevocably changed by her past and you should see that in her actions/reactions," she said.

She added: "I hope the audience is transported to our French Quarter, into this famously tumultuous and ill-fated story, so that they might truly understand the impact one word, one choice, one event has on a life."

Scott Stofko is playing the role of Mitch, the only one in his group of friends who isn't completely thrilled with his current situation. "His life is shadowed with loss, and is looking to change his life and outlook on it. He immediately gravitates toward Blanche for that reason, and falls for her because they both share experiences in loss, and they both desire the change in life that they desperately need," he said.

He said this is his first larger dramatic role, having been mostly cast in comedies with heavy slapstick and farce elements in other regional community productions. "I have been practicing restraint in my physicality and more emphasis in emoting because of this, and it is thrilling to see those character choices coming together so swiftly with my other highly talented cast members," he said.

He added: "Tennessee Williams wrote this play in a time where people felt strongly about certain ideals, sexuality and races. He injects each character with these feelings that ultimately bring out the idea that having these prejudices are sinful and are ill-



Actors from The Arlington Players rehearse a scene from "A Streetcar Named Desire," which runs Jan. 26 through Feb. 10.

PHOTO BY
SCOTT STARK

fitting in a modern setting. It is something that I hope people retain with them because most of these themes are still present today," he said.

Nicholas Temple is playing the role of Stanley, who is loud and boisterous and always up for a good time. "He's also a drunk and a wife beater. He knows what he wants, but rarely how to go about getting it, and that's what makes him so dangerous," he said.

He said that bad people are always a challenge to portray. "Your natural instinct is revulsion. "You can't give in to that gut response. In most instances, real people believe what that they're doing is right, even if the entire rest of the world knows otherwise."

He continued: "So when you're onstage, you need to believe that whatever you're doing — no matter how revolting — is right. If you waver or waffle, the audience knows you're one of them — you're not Stanley Kowalski, setting his wife straight; you're just another voyeur cringing at domestic violence."

He said when he's played bad people in the past, they've always been clever ones. "That's a helpful hook because you know a smart character can always turn inwards and rationalize what they've done, one way or another. You can't do that with Stanley. Williams gave him no monologues; no moments of introspection or contemplation.

There's no hint of an internal life. Stanley may be guilty, but he's also oddly guileless. Everything is a reaction and every bit of it is visceral."

He added that "Streetcar's" characters cannot accept change. "Blanche cannot cope with growing old. Stanley lashes out — violently — at the slightest sign his world might be different tomorrow than it is today. That rigidity is their ruin. Williams' play is a powerful reminder that that which cannot bend, breaks."

Kimberly James is playing the role of Stella, a woman stuck between two worlds — the world she grew up in with her sister and the world she lives in now with her husband. "And she spends most of the play figuring out how to manage that," she said.

She said that Stella makes some difficult choices throughout the course of the show, and her challenge was not to judge those choices as the actor. "Instead, I'm trying to lean into them and to understand how Stella's really just using the tools at her disposal to stay alive and keep going," she said.

The Arlington Players presents Tennessee Williams' "A Streetcar Named Desire" from Jan. 26-Feb. 10. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25/adults; \$22/senior/military; \$15/child/students. The venue is located at Gunston Theater One, 2700 S. Lang Street, Arlington. Visit www.thearlingtonplayers.org.

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FRIDAY/JAN. 26

Fantastic Voyage Mini-Camp. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Take a special day trip with Jane Franklin Dance and enjoy a creative journey of movement, theatre and visual art. Whether it's camping, beach-going, high in the mountains or in the ocean deep, you'll have a great day with friends ages 6-10. \$50. Email janefranklindance@gmail.com, call 703-933-1111 or visit www.janefranklin.com/camps.
A Night Out at the Library. 5-7 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Stop by after-hours for the library's first Open House and Happy Hour,

featuring friendly librarians, fun activities and information about the library. Enjoy music by DC-based Three Man Soul Machine, and libations provided by the Ballston BID. Light appetizers will also be served. RSVP required for this FREE event. Only patrons who have registered in advance of the event will be admitted. You must be 18+ to enter, 21+ to drink. Visit library.arlingtonva.us/locations/central-library/.

JAN. 26-FEB. 26

"Lay of the Land." Various times at The Barry Gallery, in the Reinsch Library at Marymount, 2807 North Glebe Road. Featuring the art of Victor Ekpuk, Shané K. Gooding and Rujunko Pugh will be featured, along with the historical exhibit of James Parks and calligraphy from the series "Your State of Mind" by Felecia Brice

McFail. Admission is free. Access for individuals with disabilities is available. Visit www.marymount.edu/barrygallery.

SATURDAY/JAN. 27

Winter Tree Identification Hike. 1-2:30 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Nature Center, 2845 Marcey Road. Learn tricks to identifying trees in the winter time using bark, buds, leaf scars, and more. Appropriate for adults or families with children ages 10 and older. Meet at the nature center. \$10 per participant. Visit www.novaparks.com/parks/potomac-overlook-regional-park.
USO Style Swing vs Salsa Ball. 7:30-11:30 p.m. at Fort Myer Officer's Club, 214 Jackson Ave. The evening includes tribute to members in the armed forces; three styles of music; and a dinner buffet. Reliving the time when our fighting soldiers

celebrated one last big hurrah before heading off to battle. Black Tie, Semi-Formal, or vintage wear encouraged. Members in the armed forces are encouraged to wear dress uniforms. \$59. Visit thingstodoc.com.

Forty+ or Minus. 7:30-9 p.m. Saturday, 2-5 p.m. at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. A multi-generational dance performance. \$5-\$22. Visit www.janefranklin.com.
Winter Classes Begin. Arlington Arts Center is currently registering students for winter classes and workshops. Visit at www.arlingtonartscenter.org/education for a full list classes.

SUNDAY/JAN. 28

Author Event. 6 p.m. at Busboys & Poets - Shirlington, 4251 S. Campbell Ave. Local Author Showcase featuring Mary Bowman. Free and

open to all. Call 703-379-9757 or visit busboysandpoets.com.

MONDAY/JAN. 29

Starting Seeds Indoors. 1-3 p.m. at Walter Reed Community and Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St. Learn how to start a garden early, including what seeds are best to use, germination tips, and best bets for seed saving. Find out how to make starter pots, and easy-to-create lighting systems to bring the sunlight inside. Free. For more information and registration, go to <http://bit.ly/VCEsenior> or contact LeeAnne Kaniut at 703-228-0955.

Meet the Speaker. 3-4:30 p.m. at the Arlington County Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Encore Learning will present a lecture by Leon Hartwell who will speak on "Negotiating with a Drunken Serb: Key Lessons from a UN Diplomat." It

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tells the story of Sergio Vieira de Mello who was a United Nations diplomat and negotiator par excellence. The public is invited. The program is sponsored jointly by Encore Learning and the Arlington Public Library. Call 703-228-2144.

TUESDAY/JAN. 30

Landscape Design Basics. 7-8:30 p.m., Westover Branch Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road. Learn how to create a sustainable landscape, building on the unique conditions of the site and situation. Free. Advance registration requested at mgnv.org. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.

THURSDAY/FEB. 1

Inside Signature with Kathleen Akerley. 1 p.m. at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Signature newcomer and director of 4,380 Nights, Kathleen Akerley, sits down with Education Director David Zobell to discuss the world premiere play by Annalisa Dias, as well as her career and her work as the Artistic Director of Longacre Lea. Free, no reservation required. Visit www.sigtheatre.org.

FRIDAY/FEB. 2

Groundhog Day Campfire. 6-7 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Families ages 4 and up. Warm up by the fire and enjoy stories about this legendary prognosticator with his own honorary day. And of course, make s'mores. Call 703-228-3403. \$5. #622858-J. Register at registration.arlingtonva.us.

Gallery Reception – "Lay of the Land." 6-8 p.m. at The Barry Gallery, in the Reinsch Library at Marymount, 2807 North Glebe Road. Marymount University's Barry Gallery, located on the school's main campus, will open its "Lay of the Land" exhibition. Admission is free. Access for individuals with disabilities is available. Visit www.marymount.edu/barrygallery.

Groovin' on the Pike. 7-9 p.m. at Columbia Pike Branch Library, 816 South Walter Reed Drive. Visit the Columbia Pike Branch Library on First Fridays for an after-hours, all ages dance party. Light refreshments provided, with libations available for sale by New District Brewing Company. Visit library.arlingtonva.us/locations/columbia-pike-branch-library/.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/FEB. 2-3

Live Comedy: Dana Gould. Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 7 and 9:30 p.m. at the Arlington Cinema and Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. In addition to stand-up, Dana is a



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Music With a View

The Arlington Philharmonic presents a collage concert in a breathtaking setting where the audience will be surrounded by Philharmonic brass, string, and woodwind ensembles. Friday, Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m. for hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Concert begins 7:30 p.m. at The Waterview, 1919 North Lynn St. Tickets \$25/person, at squareup.com/store/arlington-philharmonic/. Visit arlingtonphilharmonic.org.

comedy writer, actor, show creator and producer. Visit arlingtondrafthouse.com for tickets.

SATURDAY/FEB. 3

Scatology. 3-4:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Come learn about the traces our animal friends leave behind. Practice identifying scat and make fake scat to take home. Ages 6-11. Register at registration.arlingtonva.us, or call 703-228-6535. Meet at Long Branch Nature Center. \$7. #622928-F.

Singles Dinner and Movie Night. 5 p.m. Dinner at Samuel Beckett's Irish Gastro Pub in Shirlington, 4150 Campbell Ave., followed by choice of movie at AMC Shirlington 7. Cost of \$35 at door includes dinner, soda, tip and movie ticket. Advance RSVP required for reserved seats at movies: NewBCarol@verizon.net. Sponsored by New Beginnings, a support group for separated/divorced men and women. Visit newbeginningsusa.org.

Country-Western Dance. 6 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St., Alexandria. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association offer lessons, 6-7 p.m., with open dancing, 7-9:30 p.m. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles of all ages welcome. Members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit www.nvcwda.org.

Flying Squirrel Lore & More. 6-7 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Learn about these engaging nocturnal

acrobats. After an indoor presentation, tiptoe outside to see these little pixies glide in for an evening meal. Families ages 4 and up. Register children and adults; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Register at registration.arlingtonva.us, or call 703-228-6535. \$5. #622958-E.

SUNDAY/FEB. 4

AFAC's 6th Annual Empty Bowls. 11:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4000 Lorcom Lane. The Arlington Food Assistance Center's 6th Annual Empty Bowls event is a luncheon fundraiser for AFAC featuring uniquely designed handmade bowls. Each \$35 ticket includes a bowl of your choice to take home, plus soup, bread and dessert. Children 5 and under are free. Visit afac.org/afac-events/empty-bowls-2018/.

MONDAY/FEB. 5

Special Voices of the Civil War Era. 1 p.m. in the auditorium, at the Woman's Club of Arlington, 700 S. Buchanan St. Female Re-Enactors of Distinction (FREED) present Special Voices of the Civil War era. Light refreshments served. Email womansclubarlington@gmail.com.

Sigworks: Alabaster by Audrey Cefaly. 7 p.m. at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. A noted photographer sets out to explore the topography of "scars." Her journey lands her in the mysterious realm of an undiscovered folk artist hiding away in a small farmhouse on the outskirts of Alabaster, Alabama. Visit www.sigtheatre.org.

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Serving the Community

Volunteer Arlington, a program of Leadership Center for Excellence, held its first Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service on Monday, Jan. 15. Almost 700 registered attendees convened at the Arlington Career Center in the morning to hear Dr. Matt Shank, president of Marymount University, speak about the importance of taking "A Day On, Not a Day Off." After the morning program, participants traveled to their service project or volunteer training assignment for the day. The volunteer opportunities were hosted by Volunteer Arlington's local nonprofit partners, including Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC), Arlington Civitans, Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment, ASPIRE! Afterschool Learning, Bridges to Independence, Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization, Culpepper Garden and Just Neighbors.

Foundation Awards Nearly \$90,000 in Grants

The Arlington Community Foundation's Board of Trustees recently approved grant awards totaling \$87,745 to 11 nonprofit organizations and Arlington Public Schools through its Homelessness Prevention Fund and Fund for Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities (ID/DD). These awards bring the total amount of grants and scholarships distributed through the foundation in FY 2017 to \$1.5 million.

The Homelessness Prevention Looking Toward Tomorrow grants support the strategies in Arlington's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness by addressing eviction prevention, vocational training, reentry supports for the formerly incarcerated, transitional housing for persons with mental health issues, and more.

Recipients were AHC Inc., Arlington Thrive, Community Residences, La Cocina VA, Offender Aid and Restoration of Arlington, The Fenwick Foundation (funded through the Dorothy E. Rogers Memorial Fund), Volunteers of America Chesapeake, and Wesley Housing.

The Fund for ID/DD supports programs to assist Arlingtonians with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Grants were awarded for employment preparedness, the development of how-to guides for caregivers by the ARC, Best Buddies Citizen's Program, and Life Skills programs.

Recipients were Arlington Public Schools Program for Employment Preparedness, Best Buddies Capital Region, The ARC of Northern Virginia, and SPARC.

These grant awards were made possible by contributions of all sizes from individuals as well as corporations in the form of gifts to charitable funds including the Homelessness Prevention Fund, the Fund for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, the Dorothy E. Rogers Memorial Fund and the Julie Dickson Brown Fund.

For more information about how to apply to any of the Foundation's grant programs, to donate to, or volunteer with the Foundation's grant-making programs, call 703-243-4785 or visit www.arlcf.org.

Permanent Closure of Elevated Street Scheduled

The contractor for the Clark Street demolition project in Crystal City has scheduled the permanent closure of the roadway for Monday, Feb. 5. This will close the southbound elevated Clark Street structure between 12th and 20th Streets South, including two ramps and two bridge structures.

This 18-month construction project kicked off in January with initial site preparation and installation of signage. The first major phase of the project will be the removal of the 15th street overpass, scheduled to start in March.



The ramp (on right) leading to elevated Clark Street, south of 12th Street South will be closed Feb. 5.

Anonymous Donation

A \$7,000 donation starts a scholarship program for Arlingtonians seeking citizenship.

BY VERNON MILES
THE CONNECTION

Last week, Jorge Garcia was deported to Mexico after living in the United States for 30 years, arriving illegally with his parents when he was 10. A few days later, Lukasz Niec was arrested and faces deportation to Poland, a country he emigrated from when he was 3, because of a 1992 misdemeanor arrest for property damage. A nationwide crackdown on immigrant communities is underway, but in Arlington at least one anonymous resident has been working in opposition. At its Jan. 27 meeting, the Arlington County Board will consider an anonymous \$7,000 donation from a local resident to pay part of the filing fee for the naturalization application.

According to the staff report, the Citizenship and Immigration Services charges \$725 to process an Application for Naturalization. Although the fee is waived for applicants who earn less than 150

percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, and reduces it for those whose income is between 151 percent and 200 percent, some applicants still have difficulty paying for their application.

If the donation is accepted by the County Board, the Department of Human Services will advertise the scholarship and eligibility requirements. Those at 151 to 200 percent of Federal Poverty Guidelines could be eligible for a \$200 scholarship. Those at 201 to 250 percent of Federal Poverty Guidelines could be eligible for a \$360 scholarship. Applicants for the scholarship will also be required to demonstrate proficiency in English, have a documented medical exception, or meet residency or age exceptions.

Those interested in a scholarship application must make an appointment with a Department of Human Services Specialist at the Arlington Community Mill Outreach Program. No personally identifiable information required for the procedure will be reported.

Neighborhood College Accepting Applications

Learn how to become a neighborhood advocate and effect change through Arlington County's free Neighborhood College program, which meets on eight consecutive Thursday evenings, beginning April 12.

The program, launched in 2000, develops civic engagement and leadership skills, and is geared toward Arlingtonians who want to become more involved in neighborhood and county-wide issues. Participants will learn about all aspects of Arlington County government.

Space is limited. Apply in English or Spanish by March 18. See <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/neighborhood-conservation/college/neighborhood-college-2018/>.

Participants from across Arlington will learn, practice, and sharpen communication and influencing skills, such as:

- ❖ giving and receiving feedback,
- ❖ asking questions that will

elicit the most helpful responses,

- ❖ building consensus,
- ❖ organizing for action.

Sessions will feature conversations with County Board members and staff from the County Manager's office, Parks and Recreation, Libraries, Community Planning, Housing and Development, Police, the Sheriff's Office, the Office of Public Safety Communications & Emergency Management, Arlington Public Schools, and representatives from local non-profit organizations, Arlington Civic Federation and Volunteer Arlington.

All sessions will be held at Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, 9th Floor Conference Room, Arlington.

Contact Katie Brown-Henry at kbrown-henry@arlingtonva.us or 703-228-3819 with any questions.

Some 368 participants have graduated from Neighborhood College since its inception in 2000.

HOME SALES

In December 2017, 190 Arlington homes sold between \$3,258,000-\$149,900. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$3,258,000-\$500,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Address	BR .	FB	HB	...	Postal	City...	Sold Price	...	Type	.....	Lot	AC	PostalCode	.....	Subdivision
1111 19TH ST N #2801	3	...	3	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$3,258,000	...	Penthouse	.....			22209	.....	WATERVIEW
2925 N GLEBE RD	4	...	4	...	2	ARLINGTON	\$2,620,000	...	Townhouse	...	0.09		22207	.....	CATHEDRAL VIEW
1515 GARFIELD ST N	6	...	5	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$2,140,490	...	Detached	.....	0.13		22201	.....	LYON VILLAGE
3615 GLEBE RD N	5	...	5	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,950,000	...	Detached	.....	0.58		22207	.....	COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
1307 HUDSON ST N	5	...	4	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,905,000	...	Detached	.....	0.13		22201	.....	LYON VILLAGE
5723 28TH ST N	5	...	4	...	2	ARLINGTON	\$1,594,655	...	Detached	.....	0.19		22207	.....	LEXINGTON HILL
2619 ROCKINGHAM ST	5	...	4	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,474,767	...	Detached	.....	0.15		22207	.....	BERKSHIRE GARDENS
4201 21ST ST N	5	...	3	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,473,500	...	Detached	.....	0.21		22207	.....	CHERRYDALE
6229 WASHINGTON BLVD	5	...	4	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,450,000	...	Detached	.....	0.17		22205	.....	WESTOVER
6248 23RD ST N	4	...	4	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,273,000	...	Detached	.....	0.21		22205	.....	EAST FALLS CHURCH
1512 COLONIAL TER N	4	...	2	...	2	ARLINGTON	\$1,260,000	...	Townhouse	...	0.05		22209	.....	HIGHGATE
3445 ROBERTS LN	5	...	4	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$1,200,000	...	Detached	.....	0.85		22207	.....	BELLEVUE FOREST
1800 NORTH INGLEWOOD ST	4	...	3	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,199,900	...	Detached	.....	0.22		22205	.....	TARA
4210 WASHINGTON BLVD	4	...	4	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,175,000	...	Townhouse	...	0.14		22201	.....	BALLSTON
131 EDGEWOOD ST N	3	...	2	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,150,000	...	Detached	.....	0.18		22201	.....	LYON PARK
3733 NELSON ST	5	...	3	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$1,145,000	...	Detached	.....	0.23		22207	.....	RIVERCREST
4866 LITTLE FALLS RD	4	...	3	...	2	ARLINGTON	\$1,142,500	...	Detached	.....	0.18		22207	.....	COUNTRY CLUB MANOR
1204 DANVILLE ST	3	...	3	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,120,000	...	Townhouse	...	0.02		22201	.....	CLARENDON PARK
3207 19TH ST N	5	...	3	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,112,500	...	Detached	.....	0.10		22201	.....	LYON VILLAGE
1420 JOHNSON ST N	3	...	2	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$1,090,000	...	Detached	.....	0.22		22201	.....	LYON VILLAGE
2422 IVES ST S	4	...	3	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,025,000	...	Detached	.....	0.13		22202	.....	AURORA HILLS
1205 BUCHANAN ST	5	...	3	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,015,000	...	Detached	.....	0.21		22205	.....	WAYCROFT
3636 MONROE ST N	4	...	3	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$1,000,000	...	Detached	.....	0.71		22207	.....	BELLEVUE FOREST
3450 14TH ST N	3	...	2	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$980,000	...	Detached	.....	0.22		22201	.....	ARLINGTON
5883 14TH ST N	4	...	4	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$980,000	...	Detached	.....	0.16		22205	.....	WESTOVER
117 FILLMORE ST	5	...	5	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$960,000	...	Detached	.....	0.21		22204	.....	HOLMES
1418 RHODES ST #B412	2	...	2	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$950,000	...	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....			22209	.....	RHODES HILL SQUARE
4100 27TH RD N	5	...	2	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$949,000	...	Detached	.....	0.24		22207	.....	DONALDSON RUN
408 FLORIDA ST N	5	...	3	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$945,222	...	Detached	.....	0.15		22203	.....	BONAIR
5843 20TH ST N	4	...	3	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$940,000	...	Detached	.....	0.12		22205	.....	PARKHURST
6565 WASHINGTON BLVD	3	...	3	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$925,000	...	Townhouse	...	0.04		22205	.....	MADISON MEWS
6004 2ND ST N	4	...	3	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$917,500	...	Detached	.....	0.11		22203	.....	SPY HILL
301 HIGHLAND ST S	4	...	4	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$900,000	...	Detached	.....	0.13		22204	.....	ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
1521 EDGEWOOD ST	2	...	2	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$875,000	...	Detached	.....	0.09		22201	.....	LYON VILLAGE
3546 UTAH ST	4	...	2	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$865,000	...	Detached	.....	0.23		22207	.....	COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
3650 38TH ST N	4	...	2	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$862,000	...	Detached	.....	0.26		22207	.....	RIVER CREST
2200 N. QUANTICO ST	2	...	2	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$861,000	...	Detached	.....	0.15		22205	.....	LYONS ADDITION
2901 22ND ST N	3	...	2	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$860,000	...	Detached	.....	0.13		22201	.....	MAYWOOD
2221 POLLARD ST N	4	...	2	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$857,500	...	Detached	.....	0.20		22207	.....	CHERRYDALE
1709 13TH RD S	3	...	3	...	2	ARLINGTON	\$854,755	...	Townhouse	...	0.07		22204	.....	CARVER PLACE
1100 20TH ST S	4	...	3	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$844,600	...	Detached	.....	0.14		22202	.....	ADDISON HEIGHTS
3100 ARLINGTON BLVD	4	...	4	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$840,000	...	Detached	.....	0.27		22204	.....	ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
4011 LORCOM LN	4	...	3	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$837,000	...	Detached	.....	0.22		22207	.....	LEE HEIGHTS
239 BARTON ST N	3	...	2	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$835,200	...	Detached	.....	0.15		22201	.....	LYON PARK
6354 12TH PL N	4	...	3	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$832,000	...	Detached	.....	0.14		22205	.....	MADISON MANOR
1112 19TH ST S	3	...	2	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$820,003	...	Detached	.....	0.09		22202	.....	ADDISON HTS
2000 GEORGE MASON DR N	5	...	3	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$815,000	...	Detached	.....	0.15		22205	.....	BROYHILL HEIGHTS
1881 NASH ST #707	1	...	2	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$810,000	...	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....			22209	.....	TURNBERRY TOWER
1127 GEORGE MASON DR	3	...	2	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$803,500	...	Detached	.....	0.15		22205	.....	WAYCROFT
2602 2ND ST S	3	...	3	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$800,000	...	Detached	.....	0.12		22204	.....	PENROSE
5212 32ND ST N	3	...	2	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$795,000	...	Detached	.....	0.23		22207	.....	WILLIAMSBURG VILLAGE
114 EDGEWOOD ST N	3	...	3	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$790,000	...	Detached	.....	0.14		22201	.....	LYON PARK
2618 KENMORE CT S	3	...	3	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$790,000	...	Townhouse	...	0.03		22206	.....	SHIRLINGTON CREST HOA, INC
3000 UNDERWOOD ST N	3	...	2	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$785,000	...	Detached	.....	0.23		22213	.....	JONSTOWN
2316 INGE ST	3	...	1	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$778,000	...	Detached	.....	0.13		22202	.....	AURORA HILLS
2629 RICHMOND ST N	2	...	1	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$774,000	...	Detached	.....	0.24		22207	.....	LEE HEIGHTS
406 THOMAS ST N	3	...	2	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$765,000	...	Townhouse	...	0.02		22203	.....	BUCKINGHAM COMMONS
2423 16TH ST N	3	...	2	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$761,500	...	Detached	.....	0.12		22201	.....	LYON VILLAGE
1021 GARFIELD ST #405	3	...	2	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$760,000	...	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....			22201	.....	CLARENDON 1021
4616 ARLINGTON BLVD	4	...	3	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$753,000	...	Townhouse	...	0.04		22204	.....	TOWNE PERSHING
5112 6TH ST N	4	...	2	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$745,000	...	Detached	.....	0.16		22203	.....	BONAIR
2711 KENSINGTON ST	3	...	3	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$745,000	...	Detached	.....	0.19		22207	.....	CRACYN PARK
2121 LOWELL ST S	4	...	3	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$742,000	...	Semi-Detached	0.07			22204	SHIRLINGTON / NAUCK
3871 30TH ST N	3	...	2	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$729,900	...	Detached	0.20		22207	BELLEVUE FOREST
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1122 ABERDEEN ST	2	...	1	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$689,000	...	Detached	0.19		22205	WAYCROFT
1021 GARFIELD ST #137	2	...	2	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$675,000	...	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			22201	CLARENDON 1021
820 POLLARD ST #808	2	...	2	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$664,000	...	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....			22203	.....	THE HAWTHORN
4808 FAIRFAX DR #1	3	...	2	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$650,000	...	Townhouse	.....			22203	.....	BALLSTON WALK
2632 SYCAMORE ST N	4	...	2	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$650,000	...	Detached	.....	0.14		22207	.....	SYCAMORE GARDENS
1530 KEY BLVD #1216	1	...	1	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$650,000	...	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....			22209	..	THE ATRIUM CONDOMINIUM
5645 8TH ST N	3	...	1	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$649,000	...	Detached	.....	0.14		22205	.....	BLUEMONT/BON AIR
2330 JACKSON ST N	3	...	2	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$645,000	...	Detached	.....	0.14		22201	.....	MAYWOOD
851 N GLEBE RD #1905	2	...	2	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$645,000	...	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....			22203	.....	CONTINENTAL
221 COLUMBUS ST	3	...	2	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$645,000	...	Detached	.....	0.13		22203	.....	ARLINGTON FOREST
5130 16TH ST N	3	...	2	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$645,000	...	Detached	.....	0.28		22205	.....	WAYCROFTWOODLAWN
1201 GARFIELD ST N #215	2	...	2	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$639,000	...	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....			22201	.....	STATION SQUARE
2216 CULPEPER ST S	3	...	2	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$639,000	...	Detached	.....	0.18		22206	.....	CLAREMONT
3830 9TH ST N #PH6E	2	...	2	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$638,000	...	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			22203	...	LEXINGTON SQUARE CONDO
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1721 HAYES ST S #B	3	...	2	...	1	ARLINGTON	\$611,000	...	Townhouse			22202	SOUTHAMPTON
1020 HIGHLAND ST #712	2	...	2	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$608,500	...	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			22201	PHOENIX
1200 HARTFORD ST N #107	2	...	2	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$605,000	...	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	.....			22201	.....	THE HARTFORD CONDO
1200 NASH ST #1131	1	...	1	...	0	ARLINGTON	\$605,000	...	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			22209	PROSPECT HOUSE
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TUESDAY/JAN. 30

Landscape Design Basics. 7-8:30 p.m. at Westover Branch Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road. Learn how to create a sustainable landscape, building on the unique conditions of your own site and situation. This class will focus on how to make a base map and introduce you to basic design principles you can use to transform your property. Free. Advance registration requested at mgnv.org. Questions, telephone 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 31

Application Deadline. Call for Participants for "Women Making History" Small Business Fair. Visit www.arlingtoneconomicdevelopment.com.

Public Workshop. Join anytime 4-7 p.m. at Aurora Hills Branch Library, 735 S. 18th St. County transportation staff are hosting a public workshop for the Army Navy Drive Complete Street Project. View renderings and plans of the proposed design, ask questions and speak with members of the project team. Visit projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/army-navy-drive-complete-street/.

Admissions Open House. 7 p.m. at Grace Christian Academy, 3233 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Grace Christian Academy, serving students from preK through 8th grade, is offering an admissions open house. For those who are unable to attend, contact the school to arrange a tour. Visit www.GraceChristianAcademy.org or call 703-534-5517.

FRIDAY/FEB. 2

Park Volunteers Recognition Nomination Deadline. By 5 p.m. send nominations, along with the completed cover page to: Susan Kalish, Bill Thomas Park Service Volunteer Award Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Resources, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 414. Email skalish@arlingtonva.us for more.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 7

Coffee and Conversation. 10-11

a.m. at the Madison Community Center at, 3829 N. Stafford St. Join Arlington Neighborhood Village (ANV) at any of their Coffee and Conversation events. Rachel Coates, Arlington Agency on Aging will provide an update on Arlington's services for seniors. Open to all - bring your own coffee, no RSVP needed. Visit www.arlnvill.org.

SATURDAY/FEB. 10

AFAC Plot Against Hunger Spring Garden Kickoff. 9 a.m.-noon at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4000 Lorcom Lane. The Arlington Food Assistance Center's "Plot Against Hunger" program will host a Spring Garden Kickoff with information about how Plot Against Hunger gardens provide fresh produce for AFAC clients and how to start one, short presentations, displays, hands-on tables to practice basic gardening skills, exhibit tables for Northern Virginia Extension Service, 4-H in the Schools, Master Gardeners, and other local organizations. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome. RSVP to afac.org/spring-garden-kickoff.

Work for Fair Redistricting. 2-4 p.m. at Arlington Mill Community Center, 909 South Dinwiddie St., Room 527. The Arlington League of Women Voters is partnering with One Virginia 2021 (www.onevirginia2021.org) as they work to bring non-partisan and fair redistricting to Virginia. One Virginia needs a stronger presence in Arlington to help spread the word about the importance of this issue. Work for change on a grass roots level. All residents of Arlington interested in getting involved are invited. Admission is free but an RSVP is requested at www.eventbrite.com/e/an-opportunity-to-work-for-fair-redistricting-in-virginia-this-is-a-call-for-grass-roots-action-tickets-41879274036

TUESDAY/FEB. 13

Pancake Supper. 7-9 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 415 S. Lexington. St. John's will hold its annual Shrove Tuesday, also called Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday), Pancake Supper. \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12 and free for children under 6. The supper, traditionally hosted by the men of the parish, will feature pancakes, ham and applesauce. Visit www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org or call 703-671-6834.

"FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs for Feb. 4-10.

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: Chocolate Lovers Festival, Fairfax, Sunday, Feb. 4, \$8; National Portrait Gallery, D.C., Tuesday, Feb. 6, \$6; Newseum, D.C., Wednesday, Feb. 7, \$27; Virginia Museum of the Fine Arts, Richmond, Thursday, Feb. 8, \$52; Arena Stage, D.C., "The Great Society," Saturday, Feb. 10, \$76. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

NEW PROGRAMS:

Aging in place vs making a move, Monday, Feb. 5, 10 a.m., Walter Reed. Details, 703-228-0955.

Heart healthy snacks and smoothies demo, Monday, Feb. 5, 1 p.m., Aurora Hills. Register, 703-228-

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Informal current events discussion, Monday, Feb. 5, 10 a.m., Walter Reed. Register, 703-228-0955.

Downsizing recipes, Tuesday, Feb. 6, 10 a.m., Walter Reed. Register, 703-228-0955.

Ask a Nurse, preventing falls, Tuesday, Feb. 6, 11 a.m., Langston-Brown. Register, 703-228-6300.

Nutritious versions of comfort foods, Wednesday, Feb. 7, 11 a.m., Arlington Mill. Register, 703-228-7369.

Snapchat and Instagram demos, Wednesday, Feb. 7, 6:30 p.m., Arlington Mill. Register, 703-228-7369.

Local history discussion, Wednesday, Feb. 7, 12:30 p.m., Lee. Details, 703-228-0555.

Senior ice skating, Wednesday, Feb. 7, 7:40 a.m. - 8:40 a.m., \$1, Kettler Capitals Iceplex, Ballston Mall. Details, 703-228-4771.

Arlington Walking Club for seniors will travel to Meridian Hill, D.C., Wednesday, Feb. 7, 9:30 a.m., \$4. Register, 703-228-4403.

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Sierra Davidson came from New Jersey to march; she said the single greatest reason for her to participate in the march was to support the dreamers. "We can't just send them back," she said.

Women's March

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tearing up her planned speech. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, in town because of the government shut down, also spoke. Several of the speakers reminded marchers the next election is only 290 days away.

One Arlington group at the march was new since last year: "Women Lawyers on Guard," or WLW. Women Lawyers on Guard is a non-profit started in January 2017 by matching the network of (mostly, but not exclusively) lawyers with the diverse legal needs of other organizations, assisting nonprofits who have similar missions. One non-profit asked WLW if they could find a volunteer to look into the question of whether fake news can be stopped. When Cory Amron put that to her network, three people volunteered within less than one minute to help address the question. Another tech-oriented organization "client" has a web-based product that, in an encrypted manner, allows victims of sexual harassment to report the incident. If the victim wishes, they can be notified when the website receives more than one other report about that perpetrator. A volunteer from WLW is helping. Its network of experienced attorneys and other professionals has provided pro-bono assistance to the National Women's Law Center, the International Refugee Assistance Project, and Flippable, among others. See www.womenlawyersonguard.org for more information or to join.

Another Arlington group that has gained momentum since January 2017 is "We of Action Virginia" (WofAVA). See www.WofAVA.org for more information or to join.

The march was supposed to start at 1:12 p.m. but it took a long time to get through the list of at least 31 speakers. Men and women, toddlers and infants, people on crutches and in wheelchairs, waited until after 2 p.m. to finally start the march to the White House. A number of marchers voiced the hope the list of speakers would be shorter when the march returns next year.

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Lost in Space



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not a reference to the iconic television series of my youth, but there was "danger," Ken Lourie, and it wasn't caused by Dr. Zachary Smith nor by "robot," (Robbie) either. And it wasn't a conspiracy. It was simply a confluence of absenteeism by my health care providers. Both my oncologist and internal medicine doctor were absent with leave and yours truly was caught in the crossfire, so to speak. Let me provide some context to help you appreciate my dilemma.

I have chemotherapy every six weeks. Accordingly, I have lab work the Wednesday before the Friday to check for anomalies – anomalies which over the years have occasionally delayed my infusion by up to two weeks waiting for my body to settle. In the early days of treatment, my white blood cell count was crucial; too low and no treatment; too high, it was never too high. No treatment and the cancer was left unchecked. An incredibly stressful occurrence when your treatment is stopped. Whether or not a week or two delay ultimately mattered in checking the cancer, it certainly mattered – emotionally, to the patient. You feel adrift, sort of, which is exactly how I felt during the first two weeks of January.

Typically, what my current lab work presents is my creatinine level and the associated glomerular filtration rate, measuring kidney function/efficiency. After nearly nine years of infused toxicity, I have suffered some collateral damage to a major organ. My oncologist and internal medicine doctor are incredibly sensitive and concerned about this damage. Per these results, every medical decision made concerning me; from prescriptions approved to "normal" internal medicine stuff to whether I get "contrast" when I have my scans and MRIs to what chemotherapy drug I infuse and how frequently its infused, is decided with my kidneys in mind. Nothing happens medically until my kidneys sign off on it, if you know what I mean?

As it happened, my creatinine level for my Jan. 12 infusion was higher than usual. When this measure occurs, I know to call the Infusion Center and ask the head nurse if I should come in for treatment. She will contact my oncologist and with his direction, will advise me what to do, except for this week. My oncologist was away and though another oncologist – whom I've never met – was covering, I'm not really sure she knows enough about my situation. Specifically that I'm a bit of a special case, per my oncologist's own characterization of me, and I've never gone seven weeks, let alone eight weeks without treatment. Delaying my infusion would break a multi-year precedent. In fact, around the holidays when I asked my oncologist if I could extend my infusion interval from six to seven weeks (to accommodate life), he emphatically said "No." Moreover (to complicate a covering physician's decision), my oncologist has also told me that if I were a new patient with creatinine levels as chronically high as mine, he wouldn't/couldn't treat me until those levels reduced.

So not only was I in the middle of an unprecedented one to possibly two-week delay in my infusion, but I also needed an oncologist – who I don't know and who doesn't know me – to decide/make an exception/maybe risk her medical license (if something were to happen to me), to authorize treatment for a patient whose creatinine levels fall outside of protocol, and me not having either of my two primary-care physicians available for consultation. And other than the default emails advising that both were out of town, I had nowhere to go and no one to turn to.

Heck, I might as well have been on another planet, given the limited choices I had.

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