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Send announcements to www.connectionnews.com/papers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Slave Life Exhibit. Through March 31, various times at the Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. \$7 adults, \$6 students, and \$5 seniors and children age 5-15. Artifacts excavated from around Sully's 18th-century slave cabins. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site/ or call 703-437-1794.

Mosaic Art with Anita Damron. Mondays through April 3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. All mosaic methods taught in this class. \$200 + a \$50 supplies. Call 703-956-9560 or visit www.artspaceherndon.com for more.


"No Place Like Home." Great Falls Studios presents a juried art show on exhibit through April 8 at ArtSpaceHerndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Visit www.artspaceherndon.com.

Ice Skating in the Pavilion 8 a.m.-11 p.m. open daily through March. Skate Shop, 1818 Discovery Street, Reston Town Center. 11900 Market Street. Receive \$2 off admission with valid college ID. Live DJ & music, games & prizes; skating continues until 11 pm. Share the ice with Scooby-Doo, Cat in the Hat and more. 703-709-6300 skating@restontowncenter.com restontowncenter.com/skating

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Emerging Visions: Interactions. Various times through April 1 at the Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE), 12001 Market Street, Suite 103, Reston. After viewing Shih Chieh Huang: Synthetic Transformations, students were asked to explore different interpretations and aspects of interactions. The final selections will be on view in the gallery. Visit restonarts.org or call 703-471-9242 for more.

MARCH 31-APRIL 2

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SATURDAY/APRIL 1

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CampVentures. 10 a.m.-noon at Kiddie Academy of Reston, 12320 Pinecrest Road, Suite 150, Reston. Local families seeking summer camp programs for children ages 2-12 years old are invited. Visit kiddieacademy.com/academies/reston/ for more.

Medicinal Plants in the Civil War. 4-5 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. The program includes a guided hike around the Frying Pan Meeting House to learn to spot the plants that were used to heal during scarce times and find out how they were put to use. Call 703-437-9101 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/.

SUNDAY/APRIL 2

Tidewater Guitar Quartet. 4-6 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Tidewater Guitar Orchestra members John Boyles, Sam Dorsey, Todd Holcomb and Cliff Morris have recently come together with guitars. Call 703-956-6590 for more.

FRIDAY/APRIL 7

Senior Tea. 10:30-noon at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. View the current exhibit and enjoy a cup of tea on the second Friday of the month, all teas are free and open to the public. Visit www.artspaceherndon.com or call 703-956-9560 for more.

Meditation for Peace and Well-being. 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Longtime meditator Gerry Gorman will share a simple technique of spiritual meditation that can help achieve a lasting state of peace and happiness. For adults, free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library.

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How Do I Know Then What I Don't Know Now?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Recently I went online to book a trip to Topeka, Ks. to meet our new niece, Sabella Rey. I went to Trivago for the hotel reservations and Expedia for the plane/rental car reservations. That's what I'm supposed to do, right? The process seemed simple enough and without too-much further adieu, I was able to make all the arrangements, including renting a car for the four days we'd need one. And I even booked my father-in-law's hotel reservations as well, almost as if I knew what I was doing. Subsequently, I received all my email confirmations indicating that I had in fact succeeded in one of my least favorite endeavors: computing my way to safe and secure travel plans.

For a few days, especially after receiving the site's emails and reviewing them for accuracy, I thought all was right in my travel-plan's world. Then I started receiving multiple emails and pop-up ads from sites promoting their hotel and flight reservations/rates. Expedia, the site on which I made my plane reservations began bombarding me with flight and rental car deals. Trivago, the site on which I made our hotel reservations, began bombarding me with hotel and rental car deals. None of which I needed. All of which had been completed when I went on their sites originally and made my hotel, flight and car rental reservations.

Given the way in which the Internet has changed the world and provided computerized access to almost everything, I was only slightly surprised by the bombardment. I'm clear on the concept, just not confident in the process. Nevertheless, I realize there really isn't any alternative these days to researching goods and services — and prices. My dilemma arose after the fact when I received all these offers on the exact goods and services I had ALREADY booked. What had I done, and how much extra money — and hassle had I done doing it?

I thought I was solving a problem (travel plans which involved coordinating our flight arrival in Kansas City from Baltimore, with my father-in-law's flight arrival from New York City), not creating one. After receiving all these offers and inducements from Expedia, Trivago and others, I'm now wondering if I missed an opportunity to simplify our travel plans and spend less for having done so? Obviously, I don't have an answer since I never clicked through the ads/opened the emails to see what the solicitation was all about. I didn't have the patience and besides, certainly concerning the airlines, wouldn't there be penalties for changing/canceling a flight? And what about my father-in-law's airline reservations? It was all too much to juggle so I stood pat. Soon, the ads and emails slowed down to a trickle and I was no longer remained — regularly, about my presumptive incompetence.

But I'm thinking about the next trip now, and perhaps that was the point. Maybe there is a better way to minimize travel expenses and maximize benefits? But how do I accomplish that, really? It's not like I can fake hotel/plane/car rental reservations in hopes that the site's artificial intelligence will think I'm still a potential buyer rather than one who's already bought. What good would that do? The solicitations are designed for current action not for a definite maybe sometime in the future, aren't they?

I'm certainly more aware now of how the process sort of works. But I'm less certain how I could actually change my behavior in order to become less of a victim and more of a beneficiary. I imagine it has to do with making my computer more of a friend, which doesn't interest me in the least. Of course, I want to pay less for my travel plans, but I'm not sure if the cost of doing business that way is worth the pain and suffering it inevitably will cause.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

ENTERTAINMENT



"Budapest Bridge," photographed by Dawn Murphy, captures the romance of Budapest's nightlife along the Danube River. This photograph is an entry in the Reston Photographic Society's exhibit at the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne from June 5-July 2.

Founder's Day Show Opens at Lake Anne

The League of Reston Artists presents their annual Founder's Day exhibit in honor of the group's founder, Patricia MacIntyre. MacIntyre will judge the painted and mixed media entries that illustrate the theme of "A Respite from Chaos."

The opening reception, on Sunday, April 9 from 2-4 p.m. at the gallery, will invite conversation about the artworks as awards are given to the outstanding pieces. The exhibit runs from April 3-30 and is free and open to the public 9 a.m.-8 p.m. throughout the week at the JoAnne Rose Gallery, Reston Community Center at Lake Anne, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston.

Visit the League of Reston Artists website at www.leagueofrestonartists.org for more information on this and other events.

Photographers: Join Monthly Meetings

The Reston Photographic Society invites photography enthusiasts of all skill levels to attend meetings on the third Monday of the month, from September-November and

January-May. Join fellow photographers from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Room 6 at the Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston.

RPS is a special-interest group of the League of Reston Artists. Share information and enjoy guest speakers, workshops and group critiques. Nonmembers are welcome.

Visit the League of Reston Artists website at www.leagueofrestonartists.org for more.

Photographers: Enter Lake Anne Exhibit

The Reston Photographic Society, a special interest group of the League of Reston Artists, invites photographers to enter photographs in the RPS at Lake Anne show by June 2 through the web site. Entries will be judged and \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded at the reception on Sunday, June 11 from 2-4 p.m. at the gallery.

The exhibit runs from June 5 through July 2 and is free and open to the public 9 a.m.-8 p.m. throughout the week at the JoAnne Rose Gallery, Reston Community Center at Lake Anne, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston.

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CALENDAR

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SATURDAY/APRIL 8

Founder's Day. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza N., Reston. A celebration of the 53rd anniversary of Reston's founding. Visit www.restonmuseum.org/foundersday or call 703-709-7700 for more.

Aqua Egg Hunt. 1:30 p.m. at Herndon Community Center pool, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Children will collect as many floating and sinking eggs as possible in the time allowed. \$10. Open swim at 4 p.m. Visit herndon-va.gov.

Fiber Artist Workshop. 2-4 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Join fiber artist, Cecile Batchelor, in making a quilt with paper. In this two-hour session, children will learn a little bit about tessellations, color theory, and how to construct a quilt. Ages 10-14. Visit www.artspaceherndon.com or call 703-956-9560 for more.

Classical Ballet Theatre. 7:30 p.m. at CenterStage at Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Complimentary pre-performance cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Visit www.cbntva.org or call the box office at Box Office: 703-476-4500.

APRIL 11-13

Spring Break Art Camp. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Art teacher Emily VanDeburgh will focus on drawing, acrylic painting, and mixed media with an emphasis on specific styles and master's work. Call 703-956-6590 or email jdimbambro@artspaceherndon.com for more.

APRIL 11-MAY 6

The Art of Resilience. 10-noon at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. An exhibit showcasing the artwork of Azriel and Irene Awret. Reception April 29, from 7-9 p.m. Visit www.artspaceherndon.com or call 703-956-9560 for more.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 12

Trends in TV Viewing. 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive. Allan Hide from the Fairfax County's Department of Consumer and Cable Services will cover the "enabling devices" required to access television channel services. For adults, free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library.

Excelling in Business and Labor Commission for Women honors trailblazers.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Constance “Connie” Cordovilla remembers signing up for college courses in the mid-’60s and being interested in taking electrical engineering. “Nice girls go into English,” her counselor told her. “What makes you think I’m a nice girl?” she said she responded.

Cordovilla is associate director, Human Rights and Community Relations, American Federation of Teachers (AFT), AFL-CIO. She was recognized as one of seven “Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business” for 2017 by the Fairfax County Commission for Women.

The recognition ceremony was rescheduled due to snow and held Wednesday, March 22 at the county government center.

Sondra Seba Hemenway, women’s commission vice chair and at-large commissioner, said the evening was about recognizing how women had made significant contributions in labor and business, and had an impact on history and the lives of others. “Women have always worked, and not always been paid the same, or at all,” Seba Hemenway said. “This year we’ve identified seven truly remarkable women” to recognize. This year was the first for which the commission accepted nominations for honorees. Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova said her path for being elected and serving as both a supervisor and chairman — as a woman — was made easier by “strong women who came before me.” Previous chairs Jean Packard, Audrey Moore and Kate Hanley helped residents to be more comfortable with women representing them in local government.

“But there’s still work to do,” Bulova said. Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) added they need to “work to make certain, continue to see that everyone has the opportunity to excel.”

“This year, women’s rights and issues are



PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

Seven women from around Fairfax County were recognized March 22 as “Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business” by the Fairfax County Commission for Women. From left are Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), Siobhan Green, Ashley W. Chen, Connie Constance Cordovilla, Staci L. Redmon, Lovey Hammel, Patricia “Pat” Saah Bayliss, Board Chairman Sharon Bulova and Sondra Seba Hemenway.

front and center,” said honoree Patricia “Pat” Saah Bayliss, former executive director, office manager and secretary, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). “These are some things we need to be more aware of.”

Bulova and Hudgins helped present a Board of Supervisors proclamation naming March 2017 Virginia Women’s History Month.

In addition to Cordovilla and Saah Bayliss, the other award honorees include:

- ❖ Dolores Trevino-Gerber, First Vice President, NOVA Labor Federation; Secretary, Tenants-Workers United
- ❖ Staci L. Redmon, president, CEO and owner, Strategy and Management Services, Inc.
- ❖ Ashley W. Chen, president and CEO, ActioNet



Chairman Sharon Bulova (right) and Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), left, helped present a Board of Supervisors proclamation naming March 2017 Virginia Women’s History Month.

- ❖ Siobhan Green, co-owner, CEO, Lead Technology and Open Data Strategist, Sonjara, Inc.
- ❖ Lovey Hammel, president, Employment

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Wings for All: Practice Flight at Dulles International

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tions coordinator who was on hand throughout the event, said that the airport and many of the airlines were pleased to accept training from Kimberly DeLoatche, The Arc of Northern Virginia’s travel training project coordinator. As part of her duties, DeLoatche teaches airport personnel how best to interact with special needs passengers, how to alleviate many of their fears and make the experience the best possible for all.

Once everyone was safely belted in, the crew did their checks and the “flight” was underway, courtesy of an “engine-in-operation” soundtrack that was played over the PA system. Just a few minutes after “take-off” the cabin crew offered a beverage service.

When the “We’ve reached our cruising altitude” announcement was made, those able and who wished to do so were allowed to move about the cabin for some exploration. Flight attendant Rosemary Koenig said that airplane bathrooms have caused anxiety for some special needs passengers being such a small space, and equipped with louder-than-normal flushing mechanisms, so the fliers are welcomed to check them out during this travel walk-through.

There was one added bonus to the “Wings for All” journey that isn’t part of a typical travel experience — the chance to visit the cockpit. Many braved the close quarters for a chance to see the heart of their flying machine, and a lucky few, like 16-year-old Julia Ferguson from Lorton, even climbed into the captain’s seat and tried out the

wheel.

AFTER THE ON-BOARD ADVENTURE, the newly-minted air travelers returned to the main terminal and the baggage claim area — a few of the passengers had checked bags that were awaiting their arrival near Carousel 2 — and a luncheon where they were joined by many of the staff, volunteers and the crew of Flight 2839.

MWAA media relations specialist Andrew Tull, who also joined the day’s “flight” hopes to help make more people aware of programs like “Wings for All.” Rizza and Erwin Lai of Fairfax only found out about the event a few days earlier, when they were researching the regulations regarding medications on flights. They want to take their 2-year-old son Ryle to visit their family in the Phil-

ippines. “It’s a long flight and Ryle has a lot of medications,” said Erwin Lai. “We were worried, so we looked it up and that is where we found out about this program.” The Arc of Northern Virginia’s DeLoatche urges the families of anyone with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities to contact them for assistance for any of their needs, concerns or questions. A “Wings for All” event is planned for the fall at Reagan National Airport, so more special passengers can become real-life travelers. Learn more about The Arc of Northern Virginia at www.thearcofnova.org.

As for Felix Reges, he passed all steps of the simulated travel day with flying colors and is ready for that family trip to Colorado.