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#### **Public Hearing Notice Fairfax County Secondary Six Year Plan**

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and The Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, in accordance with Section 33.2.331 of the Code of Virginia, will conduct a joint public hearing in the Board Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035 at 4:30 p.m. on June 21, 2016.

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the Secondary Six Year Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2017 through 2022. Copies of the proposed plan may be reviewed at the VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

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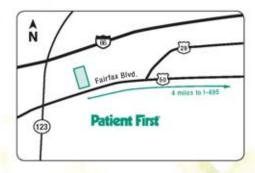
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# News



TEDxTysons speaker Jason Green addresses the crowd.



The crowd gets ready for the first speaker of the day.

## Inaugural TEDxTysons Event Draws Sell-Out Crowd

By Kevin O'Brien The Connection

EDx, a nonprofit program that presents local speakers devoted to "Ideas Worth Spreading," made its Tysons debut on Friday, with a lineup featuring nine different speakers and two performers. The theme of the inaugural TEDxTysons event was "Future Tense," as thinkers, artists and innovators discussed ways to better shape the future.

TedxTysons founder Ashwood Heffern explained the reasoning behind the theme,

saying, "What's everyone worried about, because the news today and the articles you read, it's so grim. Rather than worry about things that aren't an issue, I want experts in their field who are working on something to solve a problem or tell me how I can help."

Among the talented and inspiring speakers, Diana Sierra is the co-founder and CEO of Be Girl. Her company creates menstrual management products, as girls in impoverished areas often skip or drop out of school because of issues related to menstruation. As Sierra put it, "This bloodstain is what stands between a girl and her ability to ac-

cess education." Another particularly inspiring talk came from John Bailey, second vice president of the National Federation of the Blind of Virginia, who refused to let his blindness get in the way of his success. Bailey described how he changed his mindset, concluding by saying: "The solution is simple. Take off your blinders; see your options!"

The event, which ran 1-5 p.m. at the TEGNA/Gannett building on 7950 Jones Branch Drive, quickly sold out. TED mandates inaugural events have no more than 100 attendees, and one must apply before-

hand. The diverse audience ranged in age, mostly comprising working professionals, both young and old, whose appreciation for the speakers was evidenced through their loud cheers.

"We're so used to our routines in our life, and it's just nice to take out that element, and you're surrounding yourself with inspirational people and hopefully it rubs off on you," said student Vivian Dang, who like many attendees, had never been to a TEDx event before. "I've seen a lot of Ted Talks online on YouTube. It's a nice way to fuel your ambition," said Dang.



TEDxTysons founder Ashwood Heffern (middle) with his parents.



Student Vivian Dang stands on stage during a break in the inaugural TEDxTysons event.

#### Ayr Hill Garden Club Announces New Officers

At a recent meeting and luncheon of The Ayr Hill Garden Club (AHGC) new officers were announced for the 2016-2017 year. Pictured (from left) are Marie L'Etoile, member; Nancy Madden, 2nd Vice President; Carolyn Dangelmaier, Treasurer; Teralyn Carlson, 1st Vice President; Anne Barber, Secretary; and Leigh Kitcher, President and installer/Past Club and District III President. All this year's officers are residents of Vienna. Established in 1929, the Ayr Hill Garden Club's (AHGC) motto is civic gardening. The Club maintains six gardens of various sizes in the Town of Vienna, and has contributed to projects throughout Fairfax County over its 87 year history. Their fundraising and membership dues support their efforts in maintaining and planting six gardens in Vienna.



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## VIENNA CRIME REPORTS

# Notable incidents from the Vienna Police Department from May 27-June 2.

#### **INCIDENTS**

**Animal Case - Quarantine** - 900 Block Fairway Drive NE. May 26, 9 a.m. A citizen called to report she was bitten by a dog while on a walk. She said while she was walking a dog came charging out of a residence and bit her. MPO Lyons was able to find the residence where the dog lived and impose quarantine.

**Civil** - 1000 Block Westbriar Drive NE. May 26, 8 p.m. A resident called to report a fraud concerning work done on her residence. An officer spoke with the resident and informed her, the fraud was a civil matter. She was provided resources on how to start the civil process within the court system.

**Arrest - Narcotics Violation -** 500 Block Maple Ave. W. May 26, 12:15 p.m. An officer observed a vehicle make a traffic violation. After speaking with the occupants of the vehicle, he determined the backseat passenger to be in possession of a measureable amount of marijuana. The subject was issued a summons for possession of marijuana and released on her signature.

**Animal Case** - 700 Block Kingsley Road SW. May 26, 11:25 p.m. A citizen called to report an injured deer. An officer found the deer and determined its injuries were too severe to render aid. The deer was euthanized.

**Juvenile** - Cedar Lane School 101 Cedar Lane SW. May 27, 12:06 p.m. The staff at Cedar Lane School called to report two juvenile students had left school grounds. School staff stated the juveniles' parents were notified.

Grand Larceny - Whole Foods 143 Maple Ave. E.

May 27, 7:31 p.m. Officers responded to take a report about a shoplifter. The manager said a male subject walked out of the store with several bottles of wine without purchasing them.

Arrest - Petit Larceny - Walgreens 225 Maple Ave. E. May 27, 8:14 p.m. A citizen called to report a dog was chained up in a vehicle in the parking lot of the Walgreens. When an officer got to the area he observed the dog in the vehicle and made contact with the driver. During his conversation with the driver the officer observed several items he believed to be stolen. The officer's investigation revealed the driver had stolen items from the Walgreens, was in possession of a narcotic, and their driving status was suspended in the state of Virginia. The driver from Potomac, Maryland was issued three summonses for petit larceny, possession of schedule IV controlled substance, and driving a motor vehicle while suspended. She was released on her signature.

**Civil** - 1000 Block Park St. SE. May 27, 8:53 p.m. Officers responded to a report of a domestic situation turned physical. When officers got to the area they found no domestic or physical situation taking place. Officers determined the matter was civil in nature between two roommates, one male, and one female. Both parties were offered services and counseling on how to start the civil process within the court system.

**Arrest – Narcotics Violation** 500 Maple Ave. W. May 28, 2:37 a.m. An officer observed a vehicle make a traffic violation. While the officer spoke to

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## News

## Area National Merit Scholarship Winners

received the National Merit Scholarship:

- ❖ Phoebe G. Whitmore, of Vienna, Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering. attends Thomas Jefferson High School for engineering at Purdue University.
- Nikhil Prasad, of Oakton, attends Chicago. Oakton High School, in Vienna, and plans Bloomington.
- ❖ Ava C. Lakmazaheri, of McLean. attends Thomas Jefferson High School for

The following are local students who Science and Technology and plans to study mechanical engineering (robotics) at the

- ❖ John H. Balch, of Great Falls, attends Science and Technology and plans to study George C. Marshall High School and plans to study activism at the University of
- Sara E. Warrington, of Great Falls, to study finance at Indiana University attends Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and plans to study chemistry at the University of Chicago.

#### CRIME

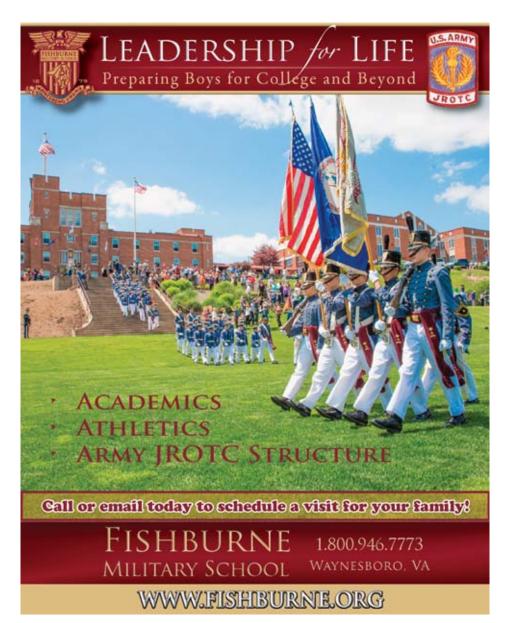
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the driver, another officer who was watching the passengers in the vehicle, observed the front seat passenger attempt to conceal suspected marijuana. After confronting the passenger of the vehicle, they admitted they were in possession of a measurable amount of marijuana. The passenger from Crofton, Maryland was issued a summons for possession of marijuana and released on his signature.

Arrest - ABC Violation 200 Block Elm St. SW. May 28, 7:01 a.m. A resident called to report there was an unknown

female subject sleeping in a vehicle parked on the street. When an officer got to the area he spoke with the female subject who told him she wasn't sure where she was. The officer noticed signs of possible impairment while he spoke with the female subject. The female subject was identified as a juvenile and transported back to the Vienna Police Department. There she was issued a summons for possession of alcohol underage and released into the custody of her parental guardian.

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# **OPINION**

## Lifelong Learning: Endless Possibilities

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

n 1956 the then appointed Fairfax County School Board appropriated fifty dollars per month to be paid as a supplement to a school administrator to start an adult education program. Since the schools were still racially segregated, a program for white adults was started at Annandale High School, and a pro-

gram for black adults was started at Luther Jackson School. The favorite offerings at both locations were classes in sewing including the Bishop Method of Clothing Construction, as well as typing and shorthand. The inexpensive, evening classes proved popular, and the program grew rapidly. Basic education classes for those adults who could not read and write were added as were night school classes to complete high school and to prepare for the G.E.D.

Recently I had the pleasure of attending a 60th anniversary celebration of the program at the Plum Center for Lifelong Learning on Edsall Road in the eastern part of the county. I was honored several years ago when the School



#### COMMENTARY

Board chose to name its first fulltime adult education center for my work in adult and community education that spanned half the years of its existence. Starting as a parttime room coordinator in the evenings when I was a half-time intern teacher from the University of Virginia, I was able, for reasons too complex, to explain here to be-

come an administrator of the program in three years. As many discover in pursuing a career, my good fortune of working in a program that I loved so much was more a case of being at the right place at the right time than any deliberate planning.

As Fairfax County and its school system grew, the adult education program that became known as the adult and community education program grew not only in enrollment but in the variety of its offerings. With the growth in the number of persons speaking English as a second language came classes in English for those speakers of other languages. Increased educational requirements in a soaring economy

resulted in more enrollment in evening adult high school and in vocational education pro-

While the adult and community education program afforded tax-paying citizens an opportunity to utilize the facilities their tax dollars had built, the program at the same time provided support for the school system's K-12 program. Students who were unsuccessful in the regular high schools were often allowed to transfer to the adult high school program as an alternative where they were often more successful. Parents could take classes in child development and parenting in order to help their own children. Adult and Community Education (ACE) provided administrative support for after-school enrichment classes in the elementary schools.

A catalogue of ACE classes and programs is mailed three times a year to Fairfax County residents and is available online at http:// www.fcps.edu/is/ace/documents/catalogs/ 2016/Summer2016.pdf. As its literature promises, "the possibilities are endless." Endless for career and employment training, learning a new language, personal and academic enrichment. After all, as we have become awarelearning is lifelong.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Receiving Benefits, **Ducking Responsibility**

To the Editor:

John Knight's letter ("Seniors Unfairly Tapped for School Budget") in the last week's Connection made a case for a school tax "rebate" to senior property owners. His stated argument is that since elderly residents don't have children in the school system, they should get a financial break.

Since having no children in the system is the criterion, can we assume Mr. Knight would support cutting a rebate check for singles without children? Who knows whether they will ever use the system in these uncertain times? How about for families that send their children to private schools, don't they deserve a little break, too? And why, when you get right down to it, should businesses - that obviously don't put little ones into classrooms - not be entitled to a smidgen of property tax forgive-

Why pay for something you don't use? Pay for play! This thoughtful argument has potential application to a broad range of other areas of public policy, too. If possible for those that really want I have health insurance, shouldn't I get a rebate for that share of my taxes that goes to pay for public health services? Shouldn't I get a modest re-deposit to my account

to compensate me for the cost of maintaining the county parks I don't use. I have never had a house burn down - not even once - and yet I'm expected to pay my full part of the taxes that fund Fairfax County Fire? How is that fair?

And just you wait until Mr. Knight starts in on figuring out which parts of the Commonwealth and Federal budgets don't apply him. We'll all be rolling in rebates!

But, of course, the world doesn't work the way Mr. Knight suggests it should. The same seniors whose real estate values have climbed over the years because of the quality of life - and the caliber of the public institutions - in Fairfax County, have a continuing obligation to pay to sustain that quality. The Fairfax County school system existed for their children because previous generations funded it. Having received the benefits, trying to duck the responsibility to keep the lights on for future generations is downright churlish.

Of course, getting that rebate is to cash out. All it involves is selling and moving. Away.

> **Kyle Olson** Alexandria

## Protect Homeowners, and School Budget

To the Editor:

Regarding John Knight's letter ("Seniors Unfairly Tapped for School Budget") in the last week's Connection: While the sentiment is nice and I would join anyone in complaining about the burden of taxes being put on all the homeowners; in my opinion businesses and developers get away with tax breaks. Our supervisors and planning commissions are over developing Tysons; creating traffic and other problems, and then they complain about the low occupancy rate. The fix to those problems is raising homeowner taxes. I don't think giving seniors a break due to the fact they no longer have kids in school is fair or wise. Those schools prepared

our kids and now have the task of preparing our and another generation of childrens' kids. Many of the people in our neighborhood who are young don't have kids. Shouldn't they also be given dispensation? I would prefer we pass the meals tax and stop giving other breaks to businesses and developers. That would be a much better means of supplemental funding of our schools and help to keep our homeowners' taxes from escalating. Well-educated children are resources to seniors, couples and singles without children and current parents alike.

Michael Knudsen

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#### WEEK IN VIENNA

## North County Governmental Center Grand Opening

Hunter Mill District Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins invites you to a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting ceremony, on Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the North County Governmental Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston.

Like the Grand Opening celebration, the new facility is shared with the Reston District Police Station. Captain Ronald T. Manzo, on behalf of the Fairfax County Police Department, will be welcoming the community along with Supervisor Hudgins.

In addition to the ribbon cutting and the official unveiling of the newly completed public art sculpture, the community is invited to stop by for a day of family activities. You can tour the building and station, enjoy some summer treats, and attend a storytime courtesy of the Reston Regional Library. Also, meet members of the K-9 unit, watch the landing of the police helicopter, admire the motorcycle squad as they navigate the demonstration course, and explore a fire truck inside and out. At this family-friendly event, there will be interactive dis-

plays, and public safety vehicles to explore.

To RSVP or for additional information, contact the Hunter Mill District office at 703-478-0283, or e-mail to RSVPHuntermill@fairfaxcounty.gov.

## Used Books Collection for Scholarships for Women

Used Book Collection, sponsored by the AAUW McLean Branch, will be held Saturday, June 18, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at SunTrust Bank, 515 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Also, bring your CDs, DVDs, software, children's books, records, and recent textbooks, all in good condition. Proceeds benefit scholarships for women. aauwbookfair@gmail.com. 703-527-4206.

# Correction: Meals Tax

The chart on the meals tax published in the May 17 and May 24 editions of the Connection should have said that Herndon imposes a 2.5 percent meals tax and Vienna imposes a 3 percent meals tax rate.

#### CRIME

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**Grand Larceny** - 900 Block Frederick St. SW. May 28, 10:28 a.m. A resident called to report their bicycle had been stolen.

**Vandalism** - 400 Block Windover Ave. NW. May 28, 10:49 p.m. A resident called to report the rear windshield to their vehicle had been smashed out.





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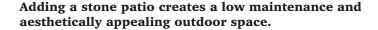
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# Home Life Style





Drought-tolerant plants are aesthetically appealing and require little care once established.

## Creating Low Maintenance Outdoor Oasis this Summer

## Simple ideas for enjoying outdoor space and reducing yard work.

sunshine offer opspending time relaxing and entertaining outside. Local landscaping gurus offer sug- stone that will stand up to the elegestions for creating a low mainfor more time spent enjoying it and less time taking care of it.

Building an outdoor room or patio means less foliage to main- Bethesda, Maryland. "Another optain and more space for entertaining. "It's low maintenance because that will mimic the look of cobbleif you have a patio with pavers you or twice a year maintaining it," said David Watkins, general manager of through rather than pooling up or Merrifield Garden Center in Falls running off."

in and take care of any weeds that other materials can add to the low are without rain for a couple of come up between the stones. When maintenance appeal of patios and weeks.'

By Marilyn Campbell the ground freezes and thaws, THE CONNECTION vou'll get movement in the ground, which might cause two or three of arm weather and the pavers to heave up. All you'll need to do in that case is pull up, portunities for break up and smooth out the base material and lay them back down."

When creating a patio, using a

ments and ensure wear and tear is tenance backyard that will allow a key consideration. "Bluestone is durable and more high-end, but it's going to last forever," said Dianne Duvall of American Plant in tion is manufactured paving blocks stone or brick and create a uniform only need to spend a half hour once look. It's important that it be permeable so that water will soak

Furniture and accessories made "You need to sweep more sand of high quality, durable fabrics and

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outdoor rooms, says Philip Smith. design consultant with Offenbachers, an outdoor furniture and accessories company with showrooms in Springfield and Fairfax. "Sky's the limit when it comes to color ... the season is full of vibrant pops and soothing undertones sure to please every style and preference," he said. "It is proving to be a very organic and lovely extension of the season's interior design trends."

When selecting low-maintenance plants, says Watkins, look for woody ornamental varieties such as boxwoods, hydrangeas and azaleas, which are aesthetically appealing and require little care once established. "You'll fertilize them in the fall and prune them after they finish blooming, and for most of these plants that's all the maintenance you'll need to do," he said. "Once a plant is established you'll

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Coneflowers and other native plants require little care, while adding potted plants to a landscape adds variety while preserving a yard's low-maintenance appeal. "If you have patios, you have to have potted plants, it's like putting curtains on a window," said Watkins,

He recommends adding waterabsorbing crystals called Moisture Mizer, which retain and then release water when the soil becomes dry. "It helps potted plants retain moisture because as the soil dries up, it releases moisture and can cut your watering down tremen-

dously," said Watkins. Adding hostas or other ground cover plants can decrease pesky weeds and cut down on yard work. "Try to plant with landscaping that covers the whole plant bed," said Watkins. "If you layer a ground covering plant it adds texture, color and height difference and fills in a probably only need to water them plant bed. After 2-3 years the two or three times throughout whole ground is covered, and the summer, during at time when we amount of mulch that you need to spend on the yard each year be-

This octagonshaped **McLean** home was inspired by a

**California** house.



## Octagonal Dream Home on the Market

"I ... like the irregular shapes of

Her desire for the freedom to

travel on a whim is behind

Jordano's decision to sell her

dream home and downsize to a

drenched," said Marilyn Cantrell,

"This home is truly sun-

the rooms and how well furniture

fits in them," she said.

dyson

## Home's shape and large windows make it a sun-drenched space.

By Marilyn Campbell that Jordano finds most appealing.

t was during a trip to California almost 20 years that McLean resident Susan Jordano first laid eyes on her dream home. The feature that she found most appealing was its octagonal shape.

In 2008, she was able to replicate the West Coast property, when she asked architect Joe Burton to design an eight-sided house in McLean. The resulting design was 6,400-square foot, four-bedroom, six-bathroom home with eight-foot windows and French doors.

"I think the feature I like the most ... is the covered porch where we can sit out on a summer afternoon or entertain as many as 65 for a sit-down dinner," said Jordano. "It is also delightful to sit out on a warm, rainy day and be protected.'

An expansive breezeway is topped with a 16x16-foot skylight and connects the main house to a two-story garage. The octagon shape, which allows an abundance of natural light to stream into the home, is still one of the features

real estate agent with McEnearney Associates. "We took photos with the lights off. We didn't need them because there's so much daylight that comes into the house."

This home is located at 1115 Capitol View Court in McLean and is on the market for \$2 million.

"I will miss my garden most with the iris that are getting ready to bloom now," said Jordano. "I always cut them and bring them in and they make a lovely display. I have five or six different varieties and colors that

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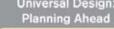
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### Onstage @ The Alden



Morgan Taylor's "Gustafer Yellowgold's Show"

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#### **ONGOING**

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broadwaygallery.net. 703-450-8005. "**Floyd Collins**." June 2-26. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. The caves of the Appalachian Mountains were largely unexplored and filled with mystery when Floyd Collins, an already notable cave explorer, sought to generate more tourist activity at his family's cave. \$31/\$35/\$15. 1ststagetysons.org. 703-854-1856.

Meadowlark Magic at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens. May 2-Through June 20. 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Vienna Arts Society members exhibit their work. 703-255-3631.

Gentle Yoga. Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Emmaus United Church of Christ, 900 E Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Gentle Kundalini Yoga, one free introductory session, senior discounts. Increase your flexibility, improve your breathing and health, reduce your stress. Ravi Kaur has 15 years experience teaching yoga. \$15 per session. www.edimprovement.org. 571-213-

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#### WEDNESDAY/JUNE 8

Dolly Parton Concert, 8 p.m. Wolf Trap's Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Dolly Parton, country music star, performs at Wolf Trap. \$45-\$150. 703-255-1900. wolftrap.org.

#### THURSDAY/JUNE 9

Write On Into Summer. 10 a.m.noon. Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Workshop for ideas on how to encourage children to write over the summer months. Register at 703-

#### THURSDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 9-11

Ragtime The Musical. Thursday and Friday 8 p.m., Saturday 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wolf Trap's Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Come see the Broadway musical at Wolf Trap. \$22-\$80. 703-255-1900. wolftrap.org.

#### FRIDAY/JUNE 10

Parent and Child Fishing by Boat. 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Go fishing with your child from a jon boat or canoe and get an introduction to the boating basics. Boats provided, fishing rods available to rent. Complete the waiver on the website and bring to session. 5 years or older. \$16/\$18. Canceled if inclement weather or hazardous river conditions. 703-759-9018. To register: fairfaxcounty.gov/parks and

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Lisa Loeb performs from her recent album **Nursery Rhyme** Parade! at Wolf Trap on Tuesday, June 21.



From left — Evan Casey (as Floyd Collins) and John Sygar (Homer Collins) in "Floyd Collins" at 1st Stage in Tysons Corner until June 26.

at noon on Saturday with popular local YA authors Kate Hattemer, Jessica Spotswood and Lisa Maxwell moderated by Lenore Appelhans and more activities. bn.com/B-fest.

#### **SATURDAY/JUNE 11**

Princess Garden Party. Noon-2 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Music, dancing games, lunch, crafts, face painting and portrait. Ages 4 to 8. \$29. Register at NOVAparks.com.

"Animal Kingdom" Pet Rescue and **Adoption**. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., Nw, Vienna. Artists will offer pet related art, and invite owners to bring their pets to pose for original caricatures and portraits. ViennaArtsSociety.org 703-319-3971.

#### Brahma Vihara: Heart Practices. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sanctuary of Unity of

Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Workshop will focus on the Buddhist Heart Practices of lovingkindness, compassion, 281-1767.

"Gut Churn" from Radiolab's Jab Abumrad. 8 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. This multimedia exploration, on one level, is the personal story of how Jad invented a new aesthetic. On another, it is a clinic in the art of

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Riverbend Family Day. Noon-2 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Children with disabilities and their families can enjoy a kayak tour of the Potomac, fishing, and hiking with a guide. 8 years or older. \$8/\$10. 703-759-9018. To register: fairfaxcounty.gov/ parks and search for Riverbend Park.

#### **SUNDAY/JUNE 12**

Classical Guitar Recital. 4-5 p.m. Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road NE, Vienna. Program will include works by Weiss, Sor, Tarrega, Rodrigo, Pujol, and a duet for organ and guitar by W. De Blasio. No tickets are required. A reception will follow. 703-938-6521.

"Gustafer Yellowgold's Show." 2 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Ave., friendly fellow who came from the Sun and landed in the Minnesota woods. "Gustafer Yellowgold's Show" is a multi-media performance of live music, animated illustrations and storytelling. Ages 4 and up. \$15/\$10. mcleancenter.org.

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#### Sunset Over Riverbend Kayak

Tour. 5-7 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Tour the Potomac River as the sun sets. No previous experience required. Kayaks provided. Complete the waiver on the website and bring to session. 14 years or older. \$39/\$41. Canceled if inclement weather or hazardous river conditions. 703-759-9018. To register: fairfaxcounty.gov/parks and search for Riverbend Park.

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#### **MONDAY/JUNE 13**

#### Flight of the Concords

Performance. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap's Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. The Grammy-winning musical humorists reunite to perform their music comedy live with special guest Arj Barker. \$35-\$65. 703-255-1900. wolftrap.org.

#### TUESDAY/JUNE 14

Sebastian Junger Event. 7 p..m. Barnes and Noble Tysons, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Junger will speak and sign copies of his newest book "Tribe: On Homecoming and Belonging." 703-

Jackson Browne Concert. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap's Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Come and see the folkrock singer/songwriter Jackson Browne in concert. \$35-\$60. 703-255-1900. wolftrap.org.

#### THURSDAY/JUNE 16

Sallie Lowenstein. 7:30 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. 703-319-3971. ViennaArtsSociety.org

**Vienna Arts Society Membership Meeting**. 7:30 p.m. Vienna Arts Gallery, 513 Maple Ave. W, Vienna. Meeting and presentation by Sallie Lowenstein, author/illustrator. ViennaArtsSociety.org. 703-319-

Lake Street Dive Concert. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap's Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Come see the multigenre band Lake Street Dive in concert, with opening by The Lone Bellow. \$25-\$45. 703-255-1900. wolftrap.org.

#### FRIDAY/JUNE 17

Preschool Nature Nuts. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens. 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Learn about spring flowers. \$5. Register at NOVAparks.com.

Kenny Rogers Concert. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap's Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Country Music Hall of Famer Kenny Rogers makes his final stop at Wolf Trap on his Final World Tour. \$30-\$60. 703-255-1900. wolftrap.org.

#### SATURDAY/JUNE 18

**Musical Performance, Storytime** and Book Signing. Barnes and Noble Tysons Corner Center, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. With Grammy Award-winning Okee Dokee Brothers, 703-506-2937.

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## Sports

## Madison Softball Earns State Tournament Berth

# Warhawks will face Grassfield at 3 p.m. on Friday.

BY JOSH BELANGER
THE CONNECTION

he third time the Madison and South Lakes softball teams faced this season it was for a trip to the 6A North region championship game and a berth in the state tournament. The two previous games showed little offense and dominant pitching performances. On May 31, the bats would come alive.

The teams combined for five home runs, including four by Madison, and the Warhawks defeated South Lakes 6-2 in the region semifinals in Vienna. The victory earned Madison a trip to the region final and a state tournament berth.

Two days later, the Warhawks lost to Osbourn Park 2-0 in the region championship game. Madison (23-4) will face 6A South region champion Grassfield in the state semifinals at 3 p.m. on Friday, June 10 at Robinson Secondary School.

On May 31, senior Katie Vannicola started in the circle for the Warhawks and the Seahawks countered with sophomore Aly Rayle. For the first three innings, the pitch-



Photo by Josh Belanger

Katie Vannicola and the Madison softball team earned a state tournament berth.

ing was as expected. Both pitchers seemed to be locked in as neither one surrendered a hit until the third inning.

"Any time you face someone three times it's hard," said Madison head coach Jim Adkins. "I thought our hitters did a much better job and had a better approach in this game than the previous two games."

Madison's patience would pay off as the offense broke it open in the third. Senior Blake Brackett started the inning with a base hit and later scored on a throwing error. Vannicola then hit a two-run home run and sophomore Kristin Giery would follow that with a long ball of her own.

"We made some adjustments and you see

some balls hit hard and when you get a few fortunate home runs, it's usually helpful for your offense," said Adkins. "I thought the girls had a good approach at the plate."

Two batters later, senior Julia Hoy hit the third home run of the inning for the Warhawks, giving them a five-run lead.

Adkins said that the confidence is high, but credits the success to an adjustment in the practice plan.

"We spent the last week getting back to the basics, focusing on seeing the ball hit the bat, keeping your head behind the swing and making adjustments at the plate," said Adkins.

South Lakes head coach Carlos Soto tried

to slow the inning down and get his team to relax after the error, feeling that a rally was coming. Unfortunately for the Seahawks, the mistakes were just too much to overcome.

"When you have a team with really good bats, you can't make mistakes in the strike zone," said Soto. "I called timeout because you have to try and refocus and I hope that didn't hurt [Rayle], but she battled back on things like that all season and again when you [face] a good hitting team you can't make mistakes."

South Lakes would not go quietly. After a leadoff single in the fourth by junior Jazmyn Stokes, junior Danielle Barr connected on a two-run shot to left, cutting the lead to three.

However, that's all Vannicola would allow a young South Lakes group to score. The Seahawks finished the season 17-8, but only graduate four seniors and have a senior infield returning next season.

"I feel really confident about this team and confident we will be back next year and do a lot great things," said Soto.

Giery added insurance in the sixth for Madison with her second long ball of the game and her eighth home run of the season.

"[Madison] hit the ball well today, you can't say anything bad about them, they played really well," said Soto. "Giery has been doing well for them all season and she stepped up for them today."

## Nunez's Two Goals Propel W-L Boys' Soccer Past Langley

## Saxons' season ends with loss in 6A North region semifinals.

By Aaron Lundmark
The Connection

efending a state championship isn't easy.

The Langley Saxons boys' soccer team came into its June 1 matchup against the Washington-Lee Generals looking to hang on to their 2015 6A state championship they won last spring.

What made defending a state title that much harder than usual? This time, it was the Washington-Lee dynamic duo of Maycol Nunez and Lucas Mendes.

Two first-half goals by Nunez in the 13th and 34th minutes and a second-half goal by Gatorade National Player of the Year Lucas Mendes were more than enough for the Generals to defeat the Saxons 3-0 during the 6A North region semifinals at War Memorial Field in Arlington.

"We do a good job playing together," said Nunez when asked about the chemistry he has with his teammate. "I know where Lucas is going to be and he knows where I'm going to be. We go way back since middle school."



Photo by Aaron Lundmark

The Langley boys' soccer team finished the season with a 14-2-3 record, including a 3-0 loss to Washington-Lee on June 1 in the 6A North region semifinals.

The game started out rather slow paced, as both the Generals and the Saxons were controlling the ball around midfield. Then, in the 13th minute, after a steal by Washington-Lee midfielder Thomas Kelsch, he made a long, rainbow-like pass to Nunez, who caught Langley goalkeeper Alex Barakat way out of the net and was able to tap it home for the 1-0 lead.

Later on in the first half, Langley striker

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"It's big, they've known each other for a while now," said Generals head coach Jimmy Carrasquillo. "It's really hard to cover one of them, and it's even harder to cover both of them. With their skills and their speed, I'm glad at this point they're work-

ing better together."

To start the second half, Langley started to gather a little bit of pressure, as a couple chances from Daniel Hulett and Cameron Bacso were just off target.

"We couldn't get the ball on the floor, which was frustrating," said Langley head coach Bo Amato. "I felt like I didn't get my team ready to play so this one's on me."

Aside from all the scoring the Generals did, a key element to the game was the way the defense played on the backend.

"We kept talking about trying to get that shutout," said Carrasquillo. "We've been needing to finish these games off, so the fact that we got this shutout for the boys defensively, it means a lot."

Heading the backend was goalkeeper Julian Esquer-Perez, who made a couple of timely saves and gave the Generals their fourth shutout of the season.

"Against the last state champions, that's awesome," said Nunez. "[Langley] has a lot of good players and to shut them out that says a lot about our defense."

In the 64th minute, Nunez could've had a chance at the hat trick, but instead he made a touch pass to Mendes, who finished it off to give the Generals a 3-0 lead.

Langley finished the season with a 14-2-3 record. The Saxons reached the Conference 6 tournament championship game but lost to Yorktown.

## ENTERTAINMENT

# Theater with Punch

1st Stage's 'Floyd Collins'; Original, stunning musical.

By David Siegel
The Connection

daring musical awaits patrons at 1st Stage Theater. It is the award-winning, rarely produced, "Floyd Collins." It is an extraordinary tale of a man chasing his dreams, but finding only short-lived celebrity and then tragedy. "Floyd Collins" will rivet audiences to their seats as the heartfelt show unfolds with gorgeous American roots music.

"Floyd Collins" is based upon the real-life Floyd Collins who tried to make a mark and fortune by turning a cave in Kentucky into a tourist attraction in the winter of 1925. He became a media sensation in the days well before social media when he became trapped inside a cave. "Floyd Collins" was written by Tina Landau, with music and lyrics by Adam Guettel.

The large cast production is confidently directed by Nick Olcott, The nearly 20 musical numbers are under the direction of William Yanesh with a four member band. The original Americana music ranges from dreamy, romantic and optimistic to dissonant, edgy and into the depths of despair. Beyond the songs sung by the central cast members are several multi-cast numbers that bring a happy carnival-like atmosphere to the evening's journey.

Evan Casey plays the show's central character, Floyd Collins. Casey not only sings with a splendid deep resonance, but provides emotional intensity that draws an audience to him and his predicament. The audience will easily become so sympathetic the predicament of Floyd Collins stuck in a cave trying to stay sane that they may want to help dig him out rock by rock.

Other actors clearly earn audience attention. Maggie Donelly plays Floyd's mentally anguished sister. Her singing is like an angel in heartbreak. When she steps about the stage, she makes sorrow visible with her jagged choreo-



Photo by Teresa Castracane/Courtesy of 1st Stage

From left — John Sygar (as Homer Collins) and Evan Casey (as Floyd Collins) in "Floyd Collins" at 1st Stage in Tysons Corner.

#### Where and when

1st Stage presents "Floyd Collins" at 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. Performances now through June 26. Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets: Adults \$35, Seniors (65+) \$32, students and military \$15. Call 703-854-1856 or visit www.1ststagetysons.org

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The key role of a newspaper reporter who becomes more than a reporter is played winningly by Edward C. Nagal. He becomes a stand-in for the audience; uncertain of what to expect as the media circus he helped create spirals out of control. John Sygar as Floyd's brother provides stand-up vigorous voice as he fights with his

parents to save his brother.

Accolades to the Jos. B Musumeci, Jr and his set design of a cave composed of large jigsaw puzzle pieces. Brian S. Allard's lighting and Kenny Neal's sound design provide key unmissable states of mind.

"Floyd Collins" from 1st Stage is theater with punch that will leave its mark well beyond Tysons.

## Public Hearing Notice Fairfax County Secondary Six Year Plan

Virginia Department of Transportation

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Persons wishing to speak at this public hearing should contact the Office of the Clerk to the County Board of Supervisors at 703-324-3151.



## Route 7 Corridor Improvements Fairfax County

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## **Bogged Down** To This-Or Not

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Am I supposed to ignore, totally, the fact that I have cancer? I think I've made a seven-plus year survival history of doing so, mostly. But being indifferent, sort of, to a killer disease doesn't seem particularly prudent. Granted, it has been a way I've been able to assimilate the stress and rationalize the anxiety, but as an overall strategy? I can't say I'd recommend it, but...so far, so good.

Occasionally, I do wonder however, if being more engaged and more in tune with my body, my disease, my life expectancy, would help? I mean, not being depressed by my medical reality can't be the answer to a prayer, can it? It seems too easy, too irresponsible; to be inattentive to the very thing that might actually be killing me. Yet I haven't really stumbled. Cancer isn't for sissies, but neither can it be for a type "A", high intensity, 24/7 fighter. There's a part of me, not large enough I'll admit, that feels I should live my life without being intentionally self-destructive - and not let the cancer control me, but rather that I control it/my life and let the chips fall where they may. There's something to be said for freedom/quality of life, but is that simply wishful thinking, and naïve wishful thinking at that? Or is attempting to live as normally as possible a key to my success?

I'm sure I'll never know. It's likely very difficult to measure in a clinical study/trial, the effects of such realities on tumors, and ultimately, patient outcomes. And neither is it possible to inject patients with a magic potion which changes their nature and in turn affects their survival. Talk about variables. Even the variable would have variables. Nevertheless, treatment has to consider mind, body and spirit, doesn't it? Allowing for and/or accommodating one without considering the other two would seem to presume that the whole is not the sum of its parts. Who's to say that keeping my spirits up is not as important as keeping my creatinine levels (as but one example) down? After all, medicine is science, not arithmetic. The calculations are not always correct. Sometimes, medical outcomes are not what's "prognosed"/anticipated. I'm living proof of that. Ergo, is my survival based on my medical treatment/ chemotherapy or my DNA, or was it simply my attitude? To not factor in all possibilities and plan accordingly seems irresponsible, almost.

Perhaps my attitude, my occasional indifference, my lack of obsession with my own outcome seems reasonable in light of my having survived for so many years vs the fact that so many others have succumbed to this terrible disease. Or maybe it's just blind, stupid, random luck (like the blind squirrel finding an acorn, as the old saying goes) and my positive attitude, sense of humor and non-preoccupation with my medical circumstances has had nothing to do with any of it?

Either way, there's no point in discussing it, really. If I want to continue living, I have to take the good with the bad – and vice versa, and not worry too much about things I can't control and about personality traits I don't possess.

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

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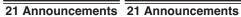


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Marlene (May) Byers, formerly of Pittsburgh, PA. went to be with the Lord the evening of Wednesday May 25, 2016.

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#### SUNDAY/JUNE 11

Disability Resource Fair. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. ServiceSource Disability Resource Center, 10467 White Granite Drive, Oakton. The fair will provide personal access to experts in the disability field. We will have resources, nonprofit partners, and vendors covering a range of disability topics including children, autism, aging, and veterans. communications@servicesource.org. 703-461-

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#### **SUNDAY/JUNE 12**

**Rights When Dying**. 2-4 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Rosalind Kipping will tell the Memorial Society of Northern Virginia about efforts to make medical aid-in-dying a legal option for terminally ill, mentally competent adults. She will also explain how, without this right, a dying person can still maintain control. Free. 703-765-4779.

#### **TUESDAY/JUNE 14**

**Information Session Basis Independent** McLean. 7 p.m. Westin Tysons, 7801 Leesburg

Pike, Falls Church. Co-founder Michael Block will speak on the upcoming school coming in McLean. To register, go to http:// mclean.basisindependent.com or call 703.854.1253.

#### THURSDAY/JUNE 16

Vienna Metro Station Bicycle Access Study Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna. The meeting will focus on

proposed concepts from the Bicycle Access Study, and gather community feedback toward selecting preferred alternatives in the area between Nutley Street, Sutton Road, and Virginia Center Boulevard/County Creek Road. For more information on the project, area map or to submit comments online, visit http:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/bike/ viennametrobikestudy.htm.

#### FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in faith community. Send vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Fri-

The Church of the Holy Comforter in Vienna, 543 Beulah Road, is offering the course "Your Faith, Your Life: An Invitation to the Episcopal Church." Classes will be April 17; May 1, 15, 22; June 5 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Light lunch and childcare provided. Visit https://ttsu.me/1tg to sign up for a book and

Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, will host annual yard sale/flea market on Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. You can now reserve a 10x10' space (\$25) to sell your own treasures or donate items to the church (they would pick up). Come shop, donate and/or sell your own things. 703-582-1640.

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, offers musical, educational, outreach and fellowship ministries in addition to worship services, including a 7:45 a.m. worship service without music; 9 a.m. worship service, children's chapel and children's choirs; 10 a.m. Sunday school and adult forum; and 11 a.m. worship service with adult choir. 703-759-2082

The Antioch Christian Church offers a time of Prayer and Healing on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for anyone wanting encouragement and healing through prayers. People are available to pray with you or for you. Antioch Christian Church is located at 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna. www.antiochdoc.org

## News

## Some Are Hidden Gems, Others Star in Local Businesses

## Throughout Vienna, small shops are loaded with a big fan base.

By Donna Manz The Connection

rom one end of Vienna to the other, there are small businesses loaded with a loyal customer-base who may not be famous – yet – in the community. Quality products and a dedication to outstanding customer service is their benchmark.

Here is a virtual tour of these loved businesses.

New kid in town is **Crust Pizzeria**, at 8415 Old Courthouse Road, around the corner from McDonald's in the Tysons area. Their VPN-certified pizza (that's Verace Pizza Napolitana) is made with imported DOP San Marzano tomatoes and 00 flour from the Campania region of Italy. Pizza maestro Tonino Topolino comes from Naples and is trained as a VPN-certified pizza chef. A wood-fired brick oven anchors the kitchen.

The classic pizza Margherita is as authentic as you will find in the U.S. New Yorker and Italy travel specialist David Rosati calls Crust's pizza the "best" American pizza outside of New York.

Hours for Crust are Monday, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 9 p.m. 703-663-8233.

A historic house sits at 131 Church St. NW, its exterior looking much as it would have early in the 20th century. Inside this house is a Vienna institution, **Guarantee Shoe Repair**, owned by Manuel and Maris Fesdekjian for 36 years. What makes Manuel's business valuable in Vienna – besides its longevity – is Manuel's congenial manner, calling customers by name as they walk into his shop. Guarantee smells like leather, and, from a doorway, you can watch Manuel work. He prides himself on making shoes "look like new," and his history with many of his loyal customers.

Guarantee Shoe Repair is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. every weekday, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. The family-run shop is closed on Sunday. 703-938-8881.

**Profeed,** a premium pet-food/supplies shop, has been a good neighbor in Vienna for nine years. General Manager Adrien Henric attributes the shop's reputation to its high-quality food, friendly staff, competitive prices and its active role in the community, from supporting local nonprofits to schools with raffle and auction prizes.

Rudy's Friends Dog Training offers dog training workshops at the Vienna store.

The shop, a stand-alone building near Wells Fargo Bank, is at 234 Maple Ave. East. 703-242-7387.

Profeed is open Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Pizza maestro Tonino Topolino, Verace Pizza Napolitana-certified, uses a paddle to place his pizza in the wood-fired oven at Crust.



Jacek Skrzeszewski, owner of The Polish Market, brings in fresh Polish specialties from New York and Chicago.

A sibling to Pazzo Pomodoro, **Pazzo To Go Gelato** sells Italian ice cream – gelato
– in a separate storefront next door to Pazzo
Pomodoro. The gelato, in classic Italian fruit
and confection flavors, is made on site.
Currently, Pazzo Gelato is open on weekdays from late afternoon to mid-evening,
but, that will probably change once school
is out for the summer.

Prices for cups and cones start at \$4.50, and to-go cartons start at \$9.50 for a pint.

Currently, Pazzo Gelato is open Monday through Thursday, 3 to 9:30 p.m.; Friday, 3 to 10:30 p.m.; Saturday, 1 to 10:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 9:30 p.m.



New Yorker and Italy travel specialist David Rosati calls Crust's pizza the "best" American pizza outside New York City.



The meat case at The Polish Market features an assortment of sausages.



Friends look over the ice cream case at Pazzo To Go Gelato.

PHOTOS BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION



Manual and Maria Fesdekjian have owned and operated Guarantee Shoe Repair on Church Street for 36 years.



Pazzo To Go Gelato features gelato made on site in traditional and not-so-traditional Italian flavors.

Pazzo To Go Gelato, also known as Pazzo Gelato, is at 118 Branch Rd SE, between Pazzo Pomodoro and Cenan's bakery. 703-281-7777

Meanwhile ... at the far end of Vienna near the intersection of Maple Avenue and Nutley Street is a fairly-new-comer, **The Polish Market**, owned and operated by Jacek "Jack" Skrzeszewski. Most of the shop's non-perishables are from Poland, while most of the meats are made in a Polish meat company in Chicago. Pastries, stuffed cabbage, and fresh pierogies come in fresh on Fridays from New York. There are 400 varieties of kielbasa (sausage) and the Polish Market sells a diverse selection of kielbasa, ranging in price from \$5 a pound to about \$9 a pound.

The Polish Market is at 431 Maple Ave. West; 703-261-6385.