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VIENNA CRIME REPORT

Notable incidents from the Vienna Police department from July 15-21.

INCIDENTS

Suspicious Event - Seventh-day Adventist Church, 334 Courthouse Road, SW. July 13, 12:13 p.m. A member of the listed church had a suspicious encounter with a male subject. The male subject was asked not to return to the church.

Domestic Dispute - Owaisa Road, SE. July 14, 10:52 p.m. Officers went to the listed area for a domestic dispute between a father and daughter. When officers arrived they spoke with both subjects who told them their dispute was only a verbal argument. Officers didn't observe any signs of a physical altercation. Both subjects agreed to stay separated for the remainder of the evening.

Suspicious Event - 100 Block Patrick Street, SE. July 15, 12:43 a.m. Officers responded for an unresponsive male subject lying on a couch. When officers arrived they were advised by Fairfax County EMS there was nothing medically wrong with the subject. The owner of the residence did not want the subject in their residence. The subject agreed to leave the residence without issue.

Arrest - Driving While Intoxicated -

Chain Bridge Road and James Madison Drive. July 15, 1:57 a.m. An officer observed a vehicle make a series of traffic infractions. When he spoke with the driver he detected signs of possible impairment. The driver of the vehicle was offered standard field sobriety tests, which they failed. The 58-year-old male driver from Stratford Avenue, Fairfax was arrested for driving while intoxicated, refusal of an official breath test, driving on a revoked operator's license (DWI related), and driving a vehicle without ignition interlock installed. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and held on no bond.

Animal Case - 100 Block Elm Street, SW. July 15, 8:30 a.m. An officer was dispatched to the listed area for two dogs at large. ACO Barker was able to locate the dogs and use the Town of Vienna dog licenses to return them to their owner.

Fraud - 400 Block Blair Road, NW. July 15, 12:06 p.m. A resident called to report they had several fraudulent checks cashed against their account.

Fraud - Cunningham Park Court, SE. July 15, 12:30 p.m. A resident called to report they were a victim of fraud. The female resi

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The Vienna Youth Players' interpretation of "Jesus Christ Superstar" is set against the backdrop of the 1920s.



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Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Vienna

Vienna Youth Players bring Andrew Lloyd Webber's smash musical to life.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

The Vienna Youth Players have interpreted Andrew Lloyd Webber's smash Broadway musical, "Jesus Christ Superstar," with an era twist. Turning its back on the traditional biblical setting of the play, the VYP has set its upcoming production as a 1920s period-piece in a nod to the timelessness of the story's essence of friendship, steadfastness and betrayal.

"The music, as a rock opera, was fun and challenging," said VYP director Babs Dyer. "Without the community center to use, I knew we had to pick a show with minimal sets and technical requirements. And this play is any time, any place."

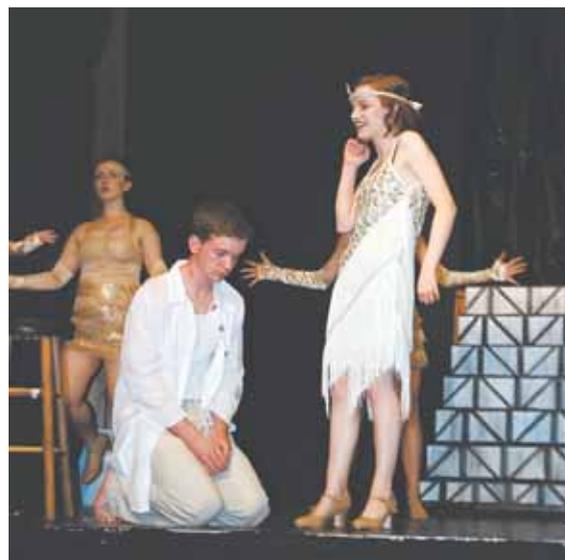
Unlike most plays that are developed as a narrative, "Jesus Christ Superstar" began its life as a rock opera album, converting into a musical a year after its conception in 1970. It premiered on Broadway as a musical with no spoken parts in 1971.

The rock opera traces the last week of Christ's life, interpreted loosely from the Gospels. Christ arrives in Jerusalem, is betrayed by his friend and apostle Judas, and is crucified. It is a study of relationships set to song.

Thirty-four actors aged 8 to 18 make up the cast. Some of the actors and actresses are repeat VYP participants. Most come from the Vienna/Oakton/Fairfax area. All are enthusiastic about the production.

"I always wanted to play Jesus; it's the one role that was really important," said Madison High School senior Neal Going, playing Jesus Christ. "It's a challenge because we're doing it in a modern era, everyone coming in with a preconceived idea of what Jesus looked like and what he was like. My biggest goal is to get the audience onboard with our interpretation of the show in general."

If the costumes are reminiscent of the roaring 20s with short dresses and "bad" guys, that is intentional because the bad guys betrayed Christ and crucified him. Mary Magdalene is played tenderly by Heather Colbert, a Madison high school sophomore. "If you



Jesus Christ, played by Neal Going, is taunted by a Jerusalem woman, played by Caroline Orejuela, after he arrives in Jerusalem. Mary Magdalene, played by Heather Colbert, dancing in the background.

Where and When

"Jesus Christ Superstar" runs four evenings at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road SW. Performances run Aug. 5, 6, 12, and 13, at 7:30 p.m.

Ticket prices per person, \$14. Buy tickets online at www.viennava.gov, or buy in-person at the temporary Vienna Community Center Office at 262-M Cedar Lane, above Subway, between 8a.m. and 4:30p.m. Tickets may be purchased at-door if available.

look past her occupation [prostitute], she's pretty sweet," said Colbert. "I love singing to Jesus, especially "I Don't Know How to Love Him."

Colbert calls it "interesting" about her character because Mary Magdalene has been played a lot of ways. Colbert wants to make the role her own.

Madison sophomore Caroline Salwen plays an apostle, a role she relishes. "I really like how our group of apostles are friends," said Salwen. "I like how they are following Jesus. It's cool being in his close group, being one of his best friends."

The more modern interpretation makes it more relatable to people, Salwen said.

Luke Hemmingson, a Marshall High School senior who plays Judas, said his character is not the kind of role he gets to play often — playing the "bad guy."

"Not only is the music challenging, but it is beautifully written," said Hemmingson.

Dyer said that the script VYP bought is a collection of music and the story takes shape from the music, rather than the music coming out of the narrative.

"It's interesting because it's every time, and, no time," said Going. "Even if Jesus were to come today, we would end up killing him."



Kathy Tugendhat plays her guitar, leading everyone in "The Hokey Pokey" during Vienna's Summer Stories and Sprinklers.

PHOTOS BY
ALEXANDRA TECCO/
THE CONNECTION

Enjoying Summer on the Green

Stories, singing, dancing and sprinklers on the Vienna Town Green.

BY ALEXANDRA TECCO
THE CONNECTION

Children, parents, grandparents and nannies gathered beneath a large oak tree on Wednesday, July 20 to enjoy Vienna's Summer Stories & Sprinklers. Held weekly on Vienna's Town Green, it provides easy and relaxing entertainment. A story is read, followed by music to sing and dance to before the children don bathing suits to play in the sprinklers.

Kathy Tugendhat has been a volunteer with Historic Vienna for "at least 8 years" as she recalls. For the weekly event

Tugendhat reads books she picks from The Little Library in historic Vienna. The library, on the Town Green, is the original library in Vienna. Consequently, the books Tugendhat picks are often older, less known but still enjoyable children's stories.

"She picks fantastic books," said Renee Stegman, who brought her three children ages 4, 3 and 1 for their second time. Stegman, a resident of Oakton, prefers this setting. "It's a small group, so they can actually see the story and I'm more relaxed. I don't worry that the kids will get lost in the crowd."

"Stop That Ball!" by Mike

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Kathy Tugendhat reads "Stop That Ball" to the children who have gathered for Vienna's Summer Stories and Sprinklers.

OPINION

Help Children Arrive at School Prepared

Many opportunities to contribute; tax-free back-to-school shopping is Aug. 5-7 across Virginia.

The first day of school each year is fraught with anticipation and anxiety. Many local students will be concerned about what they wear, who they will see, what it will be like. They've already had multiple shopping trips, online and otherwise, to be sure they have the supplies and extras they need.

We live in an area where many, if not most, families have the means and desire to do almost whatever it takes to give their children the best chances for success.

But for thousands of students, families lack the financial resources to equip them for success on the first day of school and beyond.

In our affluent area, there are many poor families, families who are barely making it, families who are not able to indulge their children in a shopping spree before school begins, families who are already having trouble making up for the meals their children would be getting at school.

In Fairfax County Public Schools, more than 27 percent of more than 184,000 students are poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals. That's more than 50,000 children in Fairfax County who are going through the summer without their usual access to breakfast and lunch. For many of those children, having a fully equipped backpack on the first day of school is out of reach.

In the City of Alexandria, about 60 percent of the Alexandria Public Schools students are poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals. That's more than 8,000 of the city's 13,000-plus students.

In Arlington, more than 32 percent of the county's 23,000-plus students are poor enough to receive subsidized meals; more than 7,000 students.

Help these students get started on the right foot by contributing to one of the many local backpack drives.

Virginia sales tax holiday for school supplies and clothing is Aug. 5-7, 2016. Purchases of most school supplies, clothing and footwear are exempt from the Virginia sales tax. Each

eligible individual school supply item must be priced at \$20 or less, and each eligible article of clothing and footwear must be priced at \$100 or less. See www.tax.virginia.gov/content/sales-tax-holiday.

Where to give in Fairfax County

❖ **Fairfax County Collect for Kids** is a public private partnership that provides local children from economically challenged families with the school supplies they need to begin the school year, and has provided more than 100,000 supply kits and backpacks since 2010. Collect for Kids is made possible through a partnership with Kids R First, Fairfax County Public Schools, the Fairfax County Office of Public and Private Partnerships, Apple Federal Credit Union and numerous community-based organizations (some listed here) and businesses in the Fairfax County area who are working together to provide supplies in a more cost-effective and efficient way. See collectforkids.org/resources.

❖ **Cornerstones** is working to provide backpacks and other necessities to 3,500 Reston and Herndon area students. You can buy backpacks and other items online and have them delivered to Cornerstones. Or deliver the backpacks to Cornerstones Administrative Office Aug. 8-12, 2016, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 11150 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 210, Reston. In addition to backpacks, Cornerstones also requests donations of new underwear for elementary school age children, and Payless gift card donations (\$25) so young clients can get a new pair of shoes. Contact Cornerstones at 571-323-9568 or volunteer@cornerstonesva.org. Visit www.cornerstonesva.org/donations/drives/back-to-school/

❖ **United Community Ministries'** annual Back to School campaign is underway. Donations are needed by Friday, Aug. 5. A gift of \$40 completely outfits one student. Please drop checks and backpacks off at UCM's main office (7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria, 22306) weekdays from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. If your group needs to make special arrangements for a large

donation, please contact Emily Griffin. For more information, contact Emily at emily.griffin@ucmagency.org or by 571-255-8973 or visit www.ucmagency.org/back-to-school-2016.html.

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❖ **FACETS** is seeking to equip more than 300 students in need with backpacks filled with supplies. Use the checklist at the link below as a guide for purchasing backpacks and supplies. Place purchased supplies in backpacks or other bags and deliver to FACETS. For financial donations, please cut and mail form by Aug. 12. Drop off supplies through Aug. 12, 2016, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, 10640 Page Ave., Suite 300, Fairfax VA 22030. Contact FACETS at 703-272-3710 or JDantonio@FacetsCares.org or visit facetscares.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/SchoolSupplyFlyerFY17.pdf

❖ **Northern Virginia Family Service.** Mail checks (payable to NVFS, with BTS in the memo line) to: Northern Virginia Family Service, Attn: Back to School, 10455 White Granite Drive, Suite 100, Oakton, VA 22124. Donations of new backpacks and new school supplies (we unfortunately cannot accept these items after use) will be accepted on July 29, 3-6 p.m.; and Aug. 1, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at 13926 Metrotech Drive, Chantilly, VA 20151 (between Buon Appetito and Cafein; please note storefront windows are whitewashed). Contact Pam Boyle at 571-748-2537 or visit www.nvfs.org/backtoschool.

PETS

Making a Case for Pet Adoption

Lucky kittens Flame and Pixie found a home in Reston with Jesse and Margo. These little ones were born in Abingdon, Va. and dropped off at an overcrowded shelter that euthanizes all unadopted cats every Thursday. Fortunately, the Feline Foundation of Greater Washington swooped in and a series of volunteers shuttled the babies to Reston. They stayed with a foster family until Feline Foundation of Greater Washington (FFGW) June Adoption Fair at Just Cats Clinic, where they met Jesse and Margo.



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Kathy Tugendhat reads "Stop That Ball" to the children who have gathered for Vienna's Summer Stories and Sprinklers.

Summer on the Green

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McClintock was the story Tugendhat picked for that day. It was published in 1959 but the story and Tugendhat's enthusiastic reading kept the children's attention. Afterwards Tugendhat took out her guitar. She lived in Venezuela for 45 years, starting a school. She did music and dance with them, she explains. "I love the singing, and reading a lot," she says, "I just love kids."

Tugendhat sings the classics, the ones all the kids know: The Itsy Bitsy Spider; Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes; and The Hokey Pokey. Some of the kids watch as Tugendhat strums her guitar, some sing too or bop along to the music. By the time The Hokey Pokey comes along most of the kids are comfortable enough to get up and follow the group in dance.

When the dancing is done the sprinklers are already set up. Tugendhat packs up her stuff as the kids dash off to the water. Ages 1-7 play side by side, jumping in, out and through the water.

Myrna Smith has lived in Vienna for 30 years and started bringing Rebecca, her 3-year-old granddaughter, to the Stories & Sprinklers program last year during Rebecca's summer visit. They find the casual atmosphere appealing, the variety of stories, sitting down, relaxing, then participation and music, Smith explains. Rebecca also knows that the fun culminates with playing in the water afterwards.

The weekly event occurs Wednesdays at 1 p.m. through July 27. The anticipated Aug. 3 culmination had to be changed due to conflicts, according to Sylvia Taylor, Secretary of Historic Vienna, Inc.

CRIME

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dent stated she put an item up for sale and then received a forged check as payment.

Fraud - Sweet Ginger Restaurant, 120 Branch Road, SE. July 15, 9:26 p.m. The restaurant manager called to report a male subject who left without paying his bill. An officer met with the manager who told him a male subject ordered several expensive items off of their menu, ate the items, and then excused himself outside to smoke a cigarette. The male subject never returned to the restaurant to pay his bill.

Property Lost - Wolftrap Hotel, 430 Maple Ave., West. July 16 12:19 a.m. A citizen reported they lost their iPhone, wallet, and prescription drugs while at the hotel.

Petit Larceny - 200 Block Talahi Road, SE. July 16, 10:47 a.m. A resident called to report they had a letter with a small amount of US currency stolen out of their mailbox.

Fraud - 200 Block Church Street, NE. July 16, 4:12 p.m. A resident reported

they had a bank account opened in their name fraudulently.

Suspicious Event - 600 Block Valley Drive, SE. July 16, 9:20 p.m. An officer was dispatched to the listed area for a suspicious event. A resident called to report a subject walking in and out of the wooded area near Valley Drive, SE. Ofc. Sterling made contact with the subjects and did not observe any criminal activity.

Suspicious Event - Wolftrap Hotel, 430 Maple Ave., West. July 17, 4:40 a.m. A citizen called to report that they smelled marijuana coming from one of the hotel rooms at Wolftrap Hotel. The officer arrived and spoke with the female subject who told him someone was smoking marijuana near her hotel room. The officer searched the area and did not smell marijuana in the area.

Missing Person - 300 Block Old Courthouse Road, NE. July 17, 5:28 a.m. A resident called to report their husband was missing. Officers searched the area and were unable to locate the missing subject. Later in the morning, the missing male subject returned to his residence unharmed.



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Sydney & Hunter, of Vienna, with their beloved dog, Maggie.



Best Friends



My puppy Xander is a beagle mix and he just turned 2 years old! He loves chasing squirrels, giving kisses, eating treats, and snuggling with his best friend Elizabeth. He makes everyone so happy!

— GREG ROWLES, VIENNA



Maddie, the treasured pet of Sharon Lewis, Vienna, celebrated her 11th Birthday in great style on July 5th.



Barbara and Rick Frank enjoy a hike with Oso through Northside Park in the Town of Vienna.

Foster Fur Life

If you want to hang out with a furry friend, but cannot commit yourself full-time, consider fostering a baby in need of a loving transition to their fur-ever home.

So, if you can spare some love, I can tell you first-hand, it will be one of the most fulfilling experiences you can have. It has inspired my teen boys to spend valuable summer hours volunteering to help with puppy intakes – getting the pups vaccinated, fed, cleaned and ready to go to their foster homes, until they are placed with their permanent adoptive parents. My younger son has even started an internship at a veterinarian hospital with Dr. Adams of Great Falls. This promises to be a life-long passion.

We have fostered seven puppies with two local rescue organizations in the past year, and we are going to do it over again, after Delta is adopted. When we fostered with Homeward Trails Animal Rescue (HTAR) in Ar-



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Sachin Muralidhar, vet intern and animal rescue volunteer, with WTAR foster pup (Delta) and adopted rescue (Sparky).

lington, we never had a pup for more than 10 days. There is a waiting list of pre-screened potential adopters, so these babies get adopted quickly.

Closer to home, Wolf Trap Animal Rescue is a nonprofit, run by an amazing group of young volunteers, headed by Dr. Amber Burton, whose mission is to save puppies and kittens at risk of being euthanized in high-kill, overcrowded shelters in Mississippi and other states in the South. In only a

year, WTAR has saved more than 900 dogs and kittens.

WTAR has a two-week foster program, which gives the puppies and kittens enough time to acclimate to being loved and feel secure enough to go to their permanent homes. It also helps WTAR ensure the young animals are healthy and ready for adoption.

Fostering brings you in contact with generous-hearted animal lovers, wonderful people who open their hearts and homes to save an



Life's a walk in the park, with Sparky (in the lead) and HTAR's Karl (now adopted) - (from left) Sparky, Arun, Karl, Shaila and Sid.

innocent life. You, in turn, get oodles of loving licks from the most adorable pups and kittens that make you forget your problems. What is not to love about this experience?

There are many ways you can help these compassionate, energetic, amazing animal ambassadors:

- ◆ Volunteer/adopt - WTAR's next adoption event is being held at the Tyson's Corner PetSmart
- ◆ Foster a puppy at the Sunday,

Aug. 7 event (11am-noon).

◆ Donate – to help this wonderful local non-profit extend its help to save more lives, please on Saturday, Aug. 6 (noon-4pm) <http://wolfttrapanimalrescue.com/calendar/>

—SHAILA MURALIDHAR, GREAT FALLS

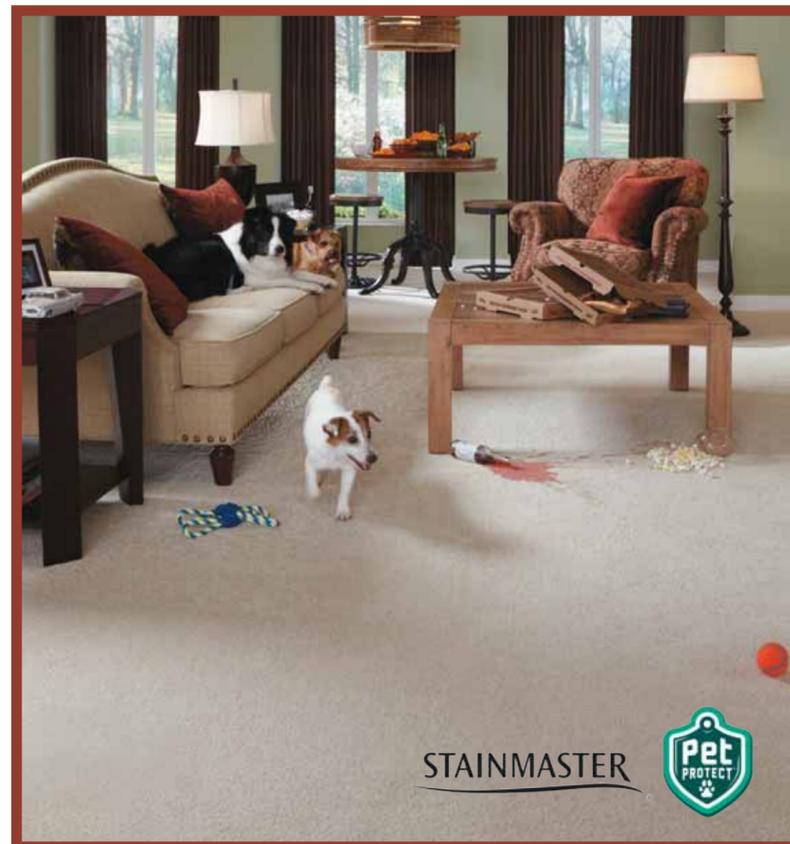


Penny Visits Nursing Home

Penny is a six year old Long-haired Dachshund and is a pet therapy dog. Penny has volunteered as a pet therapy dog through Fairfax Pets on Wheels for 4 years. In her role as a therapy dog she visits patients in a local nursing home about two times per month. Pet therapy has been proven to lower anxiety in patients. Pets also benefit by getting attention from the patients. Besides dogs Fairfax Pets on Wheels has cats and rabbits in the therapy program.

—SHARON CELESNIK/VIENNA

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Public Hearing on FY 2018 Budget (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018)

Monday, Sept. 12, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Center

Residents who wish to speak at the Public Hearing are asked to call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, to be placed on the speakers' list. Copies of the draft budget proposal will be available during the public hearing.

Written comments may be delivered to the Center's address (shown below,) marked "Attention: Executive Director," or sent by email to feedback@mcleancenter.org. Written comments may be provided after the public hearing up through Monday, Sept. 26.

NEW THIS YEAR: The Finance Committee Meeting of the Whole (full board budget work session) will be held on **Thursday, Aug. 25, 2016 at 7:30 p.m., at the Center,**



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www.mcleancenter.org

CALENDAR

Send announcements to connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. Deadline is Friday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Cirque du Soleil "Kurios." July 21 to Sept. 18. Tysons II, The Lerner Town Center, 8025 Galleria Drive, Tysons Corner. \$39-\$170. 1-877-924-7783. cirquedusoleil.com/kurios.

"Jesus Christ Superstar." Aug. 5, 6, 12, 13. 7:30 p.m. Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road SW, Vienna. Production by the Vienna Youth Players \$14. viennava.gov.

Cindy Dibbs Exhibit. Aug. 1-31. Katie's Coffe House, 760 Walker Road, Great Falls. Photographs from "Seasons." 703-759-4673.

July Artist Showcase. Through July 27. Broadway Fine Art and Custom Framing, 1025-J Seneca Road, Great Falls. Scenic watercolors of Great Falls, Falls Church, Alexandria, and Washington D.C. by local plein air artist Rajendra KC. broadwaygallery.net. 703-450-8005.

George Holmes: Landscapes and Illustrations. July 1-31. The Frame Factory, 212 Dominion Road NE, Vienna. theframefactory@gmail.com. 703-281-2350

Evenings on the Ellipse. 5:30-7 p.m. Thursdays through Aug. 25. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Fun music and good company. Paradise Springs and The Winery at Bull Run will be offering complimentary tastings of their premium reds and whites. If it rains, concerts will be moved inside to the Government Center Forum. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/>

Paint the Town. Sept. 6-Oct. 1. 115 Pleasant St. NW, Vienna. Vienna Arts Society members exhibition. ViennaArtsSociety.org.

Bingo Night. Sundays. 4 p.m. Flame Room, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S, Vienna. \$10. www.vvfd.org/bingo.html.

Stories and Sprinklers. 1 p.m. Wednesdays through Aug. 3. Vienna Town Green. Join Historic Vienna, Inc. for a good story and some water play each Wednesday afternoon. Free. 703-255-6360.

Great Falls Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 778 Walker Road Great Falls. <http://greatfallsfarmersmarket.org/>

Great Falls artist Betty Ganley. Month of July. Katie's Coffee House, 760 Walker Road, Great Falls. Nautical and floral subjects in watercolor. 703-759-4673.

"The Way I See It" Exhibit. Aug. 2-Oct. 1. Vienna Arts Society Gallery, 513 Maple Ave. W, Vienna. Reston resident Bob Kaminski will showcase his work in abstract and representational styles. ViennaArtsSociety.org. 703-319-3971.

"On the Street" Photography Show. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 2-Sept. 3. Vienna Arts Society, 115 Pleasant St. NW, Vienna. Annual photography show with judge Denise Silva. Meet the Artists Reception and Awards on Saturday, Aug. 6 from 4-6 p.m. 703-319-3971. artcenter@viennaartssociety.org.

"Footloose." Fridays and Saturday, 8 p.m. Sunday 2 p.m. July 8-24. Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Based on the movie of the same name. McLeanPlayers.org. 866-811-4111.

McLean Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon. Fridays from May 6-Nov. 18. Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The market provides area residents an opportunity to purchase locally grown or produced products. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.



PHOTO BY MARTIN GIRARD/SHOOTSTUDIO.CA COSTUMES: PHILIPPE GUILLOT/2014 CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

The Curiosistanians, Cirque du Soleil "Kurios," at Tysons II, The Lerner Town Center, 8025 Galleria Drive, July 21 to Sept. 18, 2016.

Weekly Storytime. Wednesday and Saturday. 11 a.m. Barnes & Noble, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Themes and Titles vary. Free admission.

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. 571-213-3192.

Tai Chi Beginners' Practice. Saturdays, 8-9 a.m. St. Luke's Catholic School Gymnasium, 7005 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Weekly Tai Chi practice. Group has met for over 20 years. Free. FreeTaiChi.org. 703-759-9141.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 27

Stories and Sprinklers. 1 p.m. Vienna Town Green. Join Historic Vienna, Inc. for a good story and some water play each Wednesday afternoon. Free. 703-255-6360. 703-356-0770.

FRIDAY/JULY 29

Teen Park Takeover. 7-9 p.m. Meadow Lane Park, 400 Courthouse Road SW, Vienna. Tennis Court Dodgeball at Meadow Lane Park. Pop-up teen center fun for all registered Club Phoenix members, those in grades 6-10. Participants must wear sneakers and be dropped off by a parent or guardian. Free. 703-255-5736.

SATURDAY/JULY 30

Dine and Create till 8. 5-8 p.m. 262 M Cedar Lane, Vienna. Tweens and teens (ages 11-15) are invited to get creative with paint brushes and a canvas and then enjoy dinner with fellow artists. Pre-registration is required. Register in person at the address or via Webtrac at viennava.gov. \$30/\$38. 703-255-5736.

Stand Up Paddleboarding. 2:30 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Paddle a beautiful section of the Potomac River from a kneeling or standing position. This beginner class has a low student/instructor ratio to allow for plenty of personal instruction. PFDs and helmets provided. Maximum participant weight is 225 pounds. 14 and up. \$40/\$42. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/.

SUNDAY/JULY 31

The Morrison Brothers. 6-8 p.m.

Great Falls Village Centre Green, Great Falls. The premier country/rock act in the Washington D.C. area, soon to be a national contender. <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/>.

Still Surfin'. 5 p.m. McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd. Beach Boys tribute band. Part of the Alden's Sunday Summer Concerts. Free. aldentheatre.org. 703-790-0123.

Big Splash Party. 1-3 p.m. Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. A non-stop fun event for the entire family. Includes giant water slides, slip n slides, sprinklers, moonbounces, water games, sno-cones, music, and raffles. Free. 703-255-6360.

Kayak Tour-Seneca to Riverbend. 7 a.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. This eight-mile river journey begins in the lazy waters above the old Seneca Dam. After this lake-like stretch the pace quickens through riffles and small rapids as we weave through Seneca Breaks, then past Watkins Island, and finally round the bend to Riverbend. Previous kayaking experience is required for this tour. 14 and up. \$84/\$99. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 3

"The Greatest Sports Heroes A to Z." 2:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Performed by Bright Star Touring Theatre as part of the Summer Reading Program. For more information, 703-757-8560.

THURSDAY/AUG. 4

"The Greatest Sports Heroes A to Z." 2:30 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Performed by Bright Star Touring Theatre as part of the Summer Reading Program. For more information, 703-356-0770.

FRIDAY/AUG. 5

Kayak Tour-Sunset Over Riverbend. 5:30 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hill St., Great Falls. Experience day's end with an upper Potomac River tour. Start with the basics and in a short time you will be maneuvering through the water. This is not a whitewater tour. No previous experience required. 14 and up. \$39/\$41. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/.

SATURDAY/AUG. 6

ACE W & OD 10K. 6 p.m. Centennial Park, 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. All are welcome — runners, walkers, baby strollers, and friendly dogs on leash. racedirector@att.net. 703-927-4833.

ENTERTAINMENT

MAGIC! on the Tyson's Corner Plaza

Fans of all ages enjoy free, laid-back concert by chart topping band, MAGIC!

BY CAROLINE WATKINS
THE CONNECTION

This past Friday, as the sun went down, the Canadian reggae fusion band MAGIC! performed for free on the Tyson's Corner Plaza. The band is most-famously known for their hit "Rude," which charted at No.1 in several countries worldwide.

In addition to performing "Rude," the band played a variety of other catchy island-inspired songs, such as "Lay You Down Easy," "Red Dress," and "No Way No."

Friday's concert, just like the other concerts of the 2016 Summerfest Concert series, attracted a diverse crowd. From little children to star-struck teenagers to corporate employees stopping by for a happy hour dance party, fans of all ages rocked out to reggae tunes—despite the 90 degree weather.

Throughout the night, the lead singer, Nasri, walked off stage and sang right in front of concertgoers in the front row. At one point, Nasri momentarily took a fan's phone, using the popular Snapchat app to send a video of the band's cover of Drake's "Hotline Bling".

The relaxed vibe of MAGIC!'s songs was effortlessly echoed through the band's stage-presence. The crowd was charmed by the band's friendly banter between songs, and fans that stayed around post-concert were rewarded with selfies with the band.

Even when their security guard pointed at his watch, eager to get the band members on a plane to Mexico City for their performance the following day, band member Mark Pelli took a few more photos with pleading fans before exiting the stage.

"The concert had great vibes and the band had great chemistry; they kept it entertaining and fun,"



Lead singer Nasri meets with an enthusiastic crowd mid-song.

PHOTOS BY CAROLINE WATKINS/THE CONNECTION



Residents of all ages weren't afraid to bust a move.

recent Langley High School graduate Matt Reichenbach commented. "It was nice hearing reggae on a Friday night."

In addition to MAGIC!, the concert series promoted by 94.7 Fresh FM Radio has featured a plethora of big-name artists over the summer, from Rachel Platten to Shawn Hook and Former American Idol Contestants Lee DeWyze, Blake Lewis and Constantine Maroulis.

"It's free, it's close, it's safe — I would definitely recommend the concert series to other McLean residents," University of Virginia student Madeleine Engel said.

Sorry you missed it? It's not too late. Be sure to catch acoustic singer Ingrid Michaelson perform next Friday at 7 p.m. on the Plaza!

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Cancer Patient Super Heroes



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

To say that cancer patients have to call upon superhuman qualities to fight their disease is, to those of us in the trenches, the most obvious and perhaps most under-appreciated fact. The emotional, physical, psychological and spiritual toll is excruciating at best and the tip of the iceberg at worst. The relentless, never-ending, life-threatening, roller coaster ride of highs and lows – and some in-betweens, is more than enough tumult to unsteady any man – or woman. And so I'd like to introduce some of the non-Hollywood/non-comic book super heroes for your consideration:

"Statman." Because of the seriousness of the underlying diagnosis, lab work is always ordered "stat," meaning top priority. "Statman" has the wherewithal to learn results quickly and not allow potentially negative results to affect his day-to-day activities. Much easier said than done.

"Stuperman." Because of the exhausting side effect of some heavy-duty chemotherapy infusions, the patient is often dazed and confused after treatment. Add in some ongoing sleep deprivation – and anxiety, and the patient's ability to get out of his or her own way is compromised. Yet, "Stuperman" endures, somehow. No longer can he leap tall buildings in a single bound, though.

"Iron-Deficiency Man." Because some chemotherapy obliterates both white and red blood cells, cancer patients are often terribly anemic and quite weak, and unable to fend for themselves. In effect, there is no fuel in the tank. Still, "Iron-Deficiency Man" manages to complete his most basic tasks: eating and going to the bathroom. Not without a struggle, though.

"Sedentary Man." Is able to stay in one place for hours, hardly moving. Nevertheless, given the extreme fatigue and the challenge of moving even 10 feet, "Sedentary Man" is still able to work the television remote, walk to the mailbox and pet the cats.

"Port Man." Due to the recurring nature of most chemotherapy (every three weeks, generally), often a device is implanted in the patient's chest to avoid potential vein collapse that regular intravenous injections – and their toxicity (lasting six hours plus) – can cause. "Port Man" is able to endure the temporarily permanent implant and live his life as if a foreign object has not been embedded just under the surface of his skin. (It would certainly get under my skin.)

Thor/Thorazine. Because of the side effects of dexamethasone, a drug prescribed to facilitate the absorption of the chemotherapy infusion, serious hiccups result. Though not exactly the hammer, Thorazine, at 25MG, stops the hiccups and saves the day.

"Chemosabe." There's no more important person in a cancer patient's life than his or her companion. And though it's equally important to never feel like a lone ranger, for a cancer patient to be treated respectfully and affectionately carries benefits Tonto likely never imagined.

"Barco Lounger." While being infused non-stop for up to seven hours, "Barco Lounger" can recline in one chair, in one place, for the entirety of his/her treatment. Moreover, while tethered to an I.V. pump, "Barco Lounger" is able to read, write, eat, drink, even go the bathroom (with a few minor adjustments) without ever stopping the infusion. Certainly, receiving the medicine is important, but so too is having some control over your environment. "Barco Lounger" succeeds on all fronts.

Legendary Hollywood actress Bette Davis is credited with having said: "Old age ain't no place for sissies." As a 61 and half years-old, seven years and five months-long cancer survivor, I would welcome old age and the arrival of yet another cancer-patient super hero: "Survivor Man," who lived years beyond his original "13-month to two-year prognosis."

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

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Oakton Otter Divers Improve to 2-1-1

The Oakton Otter divers continued their winning streak, beating Donaldson Run on Tuesday, July 19, with a final score of 49 to 22. Their winning record is now 2-1-1. Six Otter divers placed first in their respective categories: Jon Anthony Montel in Freshman Boys with a score of 68.5; Claire Newberry in Junior Girls with a score of 101.6; Josh Shipley in Junior Boys with a score of 91; Sarah Gurley in Intermediate Girls with a score of 151.25; Julia Powell in Senior Girls with a score of 174.35; Liam Klopfenstein in Senior Boys with a score of 177.45. The Otters also swept the top three places in Freshmen Boys (Finn MacStravic, second; Landon Nelson, third); Junior Girls (Molly Estes, second; Molly Kenefick, third); and Senior Girls (Elana Colbert, second; Kyla Straker, third). The other divers who placed were: Ariel Klopfenstein (Intermediate Girls, third); Blaise Wuest (Intermediate Boys, second), and Brad Burgeson (Senior Boys, second).



Claire Newberry

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Elana Colbert

SCHOOL NOTES

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Madeline Dorr, of McLean, is on the spring 2016 dean's list at the University of Maine-Orono.

Dov Cohen, of Vienna, received a bachelor of arts degree from The College of Wooster during commencement exercises in May 2016.

Graham Liggan, of Great Falls, has been named to the spring 2016 dean's list at Auburn University.

Enas A. Musa, of Great Falls, received a master of liberal studies from Fort Hays State University spring 2016.

Robert Maffei, of McLean, graduated from Manhattan College with a B.A. in Secondary Education in May 2016.

Justin Cecil, a 2012 graduate of Langley High School, received a B.A. in Psychology with a minor in theatre from the University of California Santa Barbara on June 11.

Neal Daniel Dawson, of Vienna, graduated from Averett University in May 2016 with a master of business administration degree.

Great Falls resident **Nikki Cheshire** graduated from Pennsylvania State University, Summa Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in communications and magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in

Spanish. She will attend Columbia University's School of Journalism in the fall to pursue a master's degree in journalism and documentary film production.

Katherine W. Cynkar, of Great Falls, was named to the Rhodes College Honor Roll for the 2016 spring semester.

Courtney Laine Vereide, of Vienna, graduated magna cum laude from Elon University on May 21, 2016, with a Bachelors degree in English and a Classical Studies minor.

Brandon D. Kendrick, of Vienna, is on the spring 2016 deans list at Hampden-Sydney College.

Robert P. Buttarazzi, of Vienna, is on the spring 2016 deans list at Hampden-Sydney College.

Megan L. Graves, of Vienna, has been named to the president's list for the 2016 spring semester at Elon University.

James "Blair" Glennon IV graduated from Darden School of Business in May 2016. He is a 2003 Langley High School graduate.

Joseph Boyd Greener, of Great Falls, graduated from Wake Forest Law in May 2016.

Christie Sweet, of Vienna, majoring in health and exercise science, graduated cum laude from Bridgewater College in May 2016.

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