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Love is easy. Especially when you know who, where and how. Our designers and writers give us some options for the big day and everything you need to make it memorable. Venues, catering, florists and even wineries—thanks ladies.

Women-owned businesses are special. I think it may be because the connection is more relationship-based and consultative. Whatever it is, we have some great businesses in our area being lead by some well-trained and professional women. Read about them in our Women in Business section.

It looks like another packed season for our entertainment enjoyment here in Tysons. Wolf Trap has an amazing lineup for the season, and 1st Stage, Alden, State Theater and others mentioned in our events section offer some great choices. Keith Loria has his finger on the pulse—read his stories on YazooZazz and take note of the not-to-be-missed Cirque Du Soleil coming to Lerner Town Square in July.

So many new educational opportunities—the new Fusion School and the new SAT Prep School that got funded on the show “Shark Tank.” Also meet Head School Master Sean Aiken of the new Basis Independent in McLean and read about the school that’s delivering excellence and making a real difference in today’s curriculum. Allison Sutherland spent the day at the Culinaria Cooking School in Vienna with bassist Paul Cullen of the rock group Bad Company, and writes about the experience—thanks Allison.

Our friends at The Vienna Arts Society are looking for new digs. Know anyone who can help? This is a great bunch of dedicated art lovers—we wish we had the room here at Vivatysons. This is a great cause if you are looking to give back to a great town. Let us know if you have someone in mind, we’ll get them in touch with Doré.

Everything always seems to taste better outside, and al fresco dining in the spring is always special. Lisa Shapiro gives us some options—Thanks Lisa!

I love, love, love the pony experience in Chincoteague Island. Mark your calendar for July 27th, the official Pony Swim Day, it’s wonderful. Linda should know, she’s been and shares her thoughts.

Selling your home? Want to sell it fast—and for more money? Jeffrey Detwiler of Long and Foster shows us the power of and need for “Staging.”

When was the last time you saw the wonders of the aquatic world at the National Aquarium in Baltimore? It never ceases to amaze me and is a great getaway for everyone... just up the street. Thanks to Linda again.

Some Father’s Day Gift ideas? Sure... Pages 138 and 139.

We’re lucky to have Dr. Dima Ali join us with some beauty tips on aesthetic and anti-aging options. We hope you’ll enjoy her suggestions and thoughts.

A special thanks to Marcia McAllister of the Dulles Metro Project for keeping us posted on the progress and getting us the pictures our readers enjoy. Thank you Marcia.

As always, we want to thank our readers for their letters of support, our staff for being so wonderful, and our advertisers who keep us afloat for helping to bring you the people and places that make our town special. Enjoy the Spring.Cheers!
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- **Great Falls** $929,000
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- **McLean** $1,695,000
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May 11
CASEY ABRAMS
Jammin Java 7:30pm $20
Casey Abrams’ story is that of a born natural, but it’s also the story of a person who studied diligently and worked extremely hard, striving toward his dream of a life in music. He was born in Austin, Texas to professionally accomplished, extraordinarily creative parents. Casey’s mother, Pamela Pierce, a screenwriter and teacher, also plays piano and sings. His father, Ira Abrams currently teaches at Idyllwild Arts Academy, the distinguished private school in the mountains above Palm Springs, California that proved instrumental in shaping Casey’s musical life. The walls of Casey’s childhood home resonated with, “the music of the 1950s and ’60s,” he states. Even then, he was “hearing those blues riffs and little things that make a song what it is.”

May 12
AN EVENING WITH LEO MORAN & DAVY CARTON (OF THE SAW DOCTORS)
Jammin Java 7:30pm $25
The Saw Doctors are an Irish rock band formed in 1986 in Tuam, County Galway. They have achieved nineteen top-thirty singles in Ireland, including three number ones. Their first number one, “I Useda Lover,” topped the Irish charts for nine consecutive weeks in 1990 and held the record for the country’s all-time biggest-selling single.
Renowned for their barnstorming live performances, the band has a loyal following, especially in Ireland, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

May 15
SEBASTIAN BACH
The State Theatre 8pm $25-30
18 And Life on Skid Row tells the story of a boy who spent his childhood moving from Freeport, Bahamas to California and finally to Canada and who at the age of eight discovered the gift that would change his life. Throughout his career, Sebastian Bach has sold over 20 million records both as the lead singer of Skid Row and as a solo artist. He is particularly known for the hit singles “I Remember You,” “Youth Gone Wild,” & “18 & Life,” and the albums Skid Row and Slave To The Grind, which became the first ever hard rock album to debut at #1 on the Billboard Top 200. Bach then went on to grace the Broadway stage, with starring roles in Jekyll & Hyde, Jesus Christ Superstar and The Rocky Horror Show. He also appeared for seven seasons on the hit television show The Gilmore Girls.

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**MAY 18**

**CIMORELLI**  
*Jammin Java 7:30pm $20-30*  
Known for their tight harmonies, Christina, Katherine, Lisa, Amy, Lauren and Dani (ranging in age from 15-24 years old) started their group in 2007, playing many local gigs in Northern California after having spent several years in musical theater. In 2009, a top London music manager discovered their a cappella cover of Miley Cyrus’ song “Party in the USA” on YouTube, which led to a record deal with Universal label Island Records. Cimorelli has since released five EP’s and nearly 300 YouTube videos of covers, original music, and special interest vlogs. In 2013, Cimorelli’s “Made in America” was featured as iTunes single of the week. Their newest album release, the “Renegade” EP, features the songs and sounds of American folk, country, and bluegrass music, with the occasional infusion of songs from other lands. Their blend of vintage and contemporary folk music, treated with lush vocal harmonies and skillful instrumental backing, defines the group’s signature sound.

**MAY 19**

**RADNEY FOSTER**  
*Jammin Java 7:30pm $20-22*  
“I’m always trying to find a little piece of the truth,” says Texas singer-songwriter Radney Foster. His first collection of new songs in 5 years opens with “Whose Heart You Wreck,” a stormy lament to a fickle muse and closes with the title track, an unflinching apology for things done and left undone.

**MAY 20**

**SOUTHERN CULTURE ON THE SKIDS**  
*Jammin Java 8pm $20-25*  
The Chapel Hill, NC trio Southern Culture On The Skids has been spreading the rock and roll gospel since 1983. Rick Miller – guitar/vox, Mary Huff – bass/vox and Dave Hartman – drums, play a greasy mix of surf, rockabilly, R&B and country fried garage with a side of psych. It’s a musical gumbo Miller calls, “Americana from the wrong side of the tracks.” For over 30 years, the band have toured everywhere from the NC Prison System to Mt. Fuji, Japan, delivering what Rolling Stone calls “a hell raising rock and roll party.”

**MAY 21**

**SAVED BY THE 90’S—A PARTY WITH THE BAYSIDE TIGERS**  
*The State Theatre 9pm $15-18 18 Years and older*  
Cowabunga, dudes! 2016 is sooo overrated, but you know what? ALL THAT? The SAVED BY THE 90s PARTY with the Bayside Tigers! Boo Ya! Live music from NYCs freshest party band, The Bayside Tigers (they’re da bomb) playing all your favorites: from Ace of Base to Weezer and everything in between! It'll be the raddest thing since Your Mom (NOT!)

**SHENANDOAH RUN SR ALBUM RELEASE SHOW**  
*Jammin Java 6:30pm $20*  
Shenandoah Run is a folk group from the Washington, DC area that has been performing for over 4-1/2 years. The group’s individual musical, vocal, and instrumental talent, combined with a strong desire to keep folk music alive and fresh, have proven key to their success. Shenandoah Run’s repertoire features the songs and sounds of American folk, country, and bluegrass music, with the occasional infusion of songs

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**MCLEAN DAY**  
**Produced by the McLean Community Center**  
*Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Rd., McLean, VA 11am–5pm Free*  
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HIS DREAM OF LIONS
Jammin Java 7:30pm $10-18
We’re all after something, and it’s the thrill of the chase that keeps us on. For the five young alternative rockers in His Dream Of Lions, the thrill they find is in chasing their dreams. Having known one another through the local Fairfax Virginia music scene, guitarist Nick Jones, singer Seth Coggeshall, and bassist Blair Kilner came together during the spring of 2012 to form the band that would eventually become His Dream Of Lions. After a full year of non-stop gigging and writing, the band’s lineup was finalized with the addition of drummer Jack Dunigan and keyboardist Colby Witko. By the time June of 2013 rolled around, the band felt they had generated sufficient buzz, both local and national, to warrant the recording of their double EP, a concept record inspired by their love of storytelling. Once hitting the studio with producer Ben Green (Fairweather), the band released their debut record simply titled “Part One” in March of 2014. The opening track, “Novel”, has gained significant commercial success, climbing to #7 on the NMW Top 40 Chart, and #7 on the NMW Hot 100 Singles Chart.

BETTER SAID THAN DONE
May 28
Jammin Java 6:30pm $15
Better Said Than Done, Northern Virginia’s premiere storytelling troupe, will be celebrating their five year anniversary in May with another audience choice storytelling contest. The top ten best storytellers in Northern Virginia—as voted for by the audience in an online survey—will compete for the top prize of $500 and title of Best In Show. To find out more about Better Said Than Done storytelling, or to view videos of our storytellers in action, visit www.bettersaidthandone.com.

MAY 28–29
THE GREAT OUTDOORS
Steven Blier & Wolf Trap Opera Soloists
The Barns at Wolf Trap 3pm $46
Music and nature have always been close companions. In this intimate concert, pianist Steven Blier and a quintet of singers explore the joys and perils of nature for both rugged campers and high-strung city folks. The Great Outdoors is one of a number of summer 2016 performances that celebrate the centennial of Wolf Trap’s partner the National Park Service.

JUNE 3
JOHN PRINE
PATTY GRIFFIN
The Filene Center at Wolf Trap
8pm $25-75
Chicago songwriting legend and Grammy Hall of Famer, John Prine tells the story of America’s counter-culture heritage through song. Catch one of the true greats of American music when he delivers folk classics like “Angel from Montgomery,” “Paradise,” and “Hello In There.”

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MARY CHAPIN CARPENTER

JULY 2
The Filene Center
at Wolf Trap

JUNE 3
AN EVENING WITH ERIC BRACE & PETER COOPER
Jamm 7:30pm $15
Eric Brace and Peter Cooper are touring partners and have collaborated on two previous albums. On Master Sessions the pair fronted a band that featured pedal steel guitar legend Lloyd Green and dobro master Mike Auldridge, and the album made numerous critics’ Best-of 2010 lists. Their first record together, You Don’t Have To Like Them Both, was a Top Ten album on the Roots, Americana, and Folk charts. Grammy nominees Eric Brace and Peter Cooper have created a body of work that reflects their journalistic sensibilities, a love of harmony and wry humor, and their deep respect for the masters they’ve played with.

JUNE 4
SOJA
WALE
Allen Stone

The Filene Center at Wolf Trap
7pm $35-55
Arlington, Virginia’s SOJA returns to “their favorite hometown venue” to jam with their Grammy-nominated brand of reggae. Self-proclaimed “Ambassador of Rap for the Capital,” Wale and “Freedom” singer/songwriter, Allen Stone join them for an eclectic night of music.

ME & DIXON FEATURING DON DIXON, PARTHENON HUXLEY AND ROB LADD
Jamm 6pm $15-20
Me & Dixon is North Carolina’s very own Super Group. It features three of the Tarheel State’s most respected and exciting performers. Don Dixon’s resume as bassist, singer and producer stretches back to the 60s and includes his work with R.E.M., Marshall Crenshaw, Smithereens and literally hundreds of other bands. Dixon’s solo albums include the hits “Praying Mantis”, “Most of the Girls Like To Dance”, “Your Sister Told Me” and more. Parthenon Huxley’s “Buddha, Buddha” was named one of the 10 Best Songs Recorded In North Carolina. Huxley (now living in MD) went on to record for Columbia and Universal, landing a #1 song on Rolling Stone’s Download Chart with “I Loved Everything.”
He joined ELO Part II as guitarist and singer in 1998. Rob Ladd’s drumming helped make the Pressure Boys one of North Carolina’s most entertaining bands of the 80s. Ladd later drummed for Don Henley, Roger Daltrey and many other world class acts.

JUNE 7
LORD HURON
NATHANIEL RATELIFF & THE NIGHT SWEATS
OH PEP!
The Filene Center at Wolf Trap
7:30pm $25-45
Experience the festival-like atmosphere created by “Fool for Love” indie-folk band Lord Huron, along with the rowdy, retro vibes of “S.O.B.” rockers Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats.

JUNE 9–11
RAGTIME
The Musical
The Filene Center at Wolf Trap
Thursday and Friday 8pm, Saturday 2 pm and 8pm $22-80
Catch the Tony-winning spectacular that took Broadway by storm! Set against a gloriously rich score, Ragtime transports you to the dawn of the 20th century where change is booming and possibilities are endless. Experience an all-new, striking production brought to life with vibrant dance and compelling characters, as three stories unfold in a timeless tale of hope, hardship, and the American Dream.

JUNE 10, 12, 15, 18
Britten
THE RAPE OF LUCRETEA
The Barns at Wolf Trap Friday, Wednesday, Saturday 7:30pm, Sunday 3pm $32-88
Premiered in 1946 to re-open Glyndebourne’s theatre, Britten’s intimate and haunting lyrical masterpiece is based on an ancient Roman tale of corruption and tragedy. Lucretia, the beautiful and virtuous wife of a Roman general, is defenseless against the tyrannical prince Tarquinius. The horrific events unfold reinforced by Britten’s evocative score, moving arias, and two-person male and female chorus into a tense and potent tapestry of music and drama.

JUNE 11
MCLEAN HIGH SCHOOL AND LONGFELLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL BIG BAND JAM
Jamm 1:30pm $10
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JUNE 29
ASHA BHOSLE
The Farewell Tour with Wolf Trap Orchestra
The Filene Center at Wolf Trap
8pm $40-115
“The world’s most celebrated ‘playback’ singer” (BBC) and most-recorded artist in music history with over 13,000 songs ranging from Bollywood to classical ragas, Asha Bhosle is lauded by CNN as one of the 20 most iconic artists of all time.

JUNE 30
DREAMWORKS ANIMATION IN CONCERT
National Symphony Orchestra
Justin Freer, Conductor
The Filene Center at Wolf Trap
8:30pm $25-45 Enter a world of adventure with some of DreamWorks Animation’s biggest blockbusters brought to life with live symphony orchestra! Film clips of beloved characters from Shrek, Madagascar, Kung Fu Panda, How to Train Your Dragon, and more enchant on huge screens, perfect for the entire family.

JULY 1
AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL
National Symphony Orchestra
Emil de Cou, Conductor
The Filene Center at Wolf Trap
8:15pm $20-58 On the occasion of the National Park Service’s Centennial, the NSO journeys across America and visits the finest landmarks from over 30 national parks and monuments for a breathtaking compilation of hundreds of majestic images. This exciting concert also celebrates the music of American composers including Copland, Bernstein, and Sondheim.

JULY 2
MARY CHAPIN CARPENTER
The Filene Center at Wolf Trap
8pm $25-50 Renowned and beloved singer, songwriter, and performer Mary Chapin Carpenter will return to Wolf Trap for a special performance on July 2, 2016. The concert will feature material from her highly anticipated new album, The Things That We Are Made Of, which was produced by Dave Cobb (Jason Isbell, Sturgill Simpson, and Chris Stapleton) and will be released in 2016. Carpenter has won five Grammy Awards and is a 2012 Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame inductee.

JULY 4
FIREWORKS AT THE WORKHOUSE ARTS CENTER
Workhouse Art Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton, VA 22079 5pm–9:30pm $10 Celebrate Independence Day with your family at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton, VA. Enjoy art exhibits, food trucks, local craft beer and wine, live music, and a spectacular fireworks show! Live music begins at 7pm and fireworks start at dusk, typically 9pm. Admission is free and you’re welcome to bring blankets and lawn chairs; parking is $10. Call 703-584-2900 for more information or visit www.workhousearts.org.

JULY 7
PAT BENATAR & NEIL GIRALDO
MELISSA ETHERIDGE
The Filene Center at Wolf Trap
8pm $30-60 Party to the enduring hits of ’80s icons Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo like “Hit Me With Your Best Shot” and “Love is A Battlefield,” and sing along to ’90s rocker Melissa Etheridge’s rousing songs like “I’m The Only One” and “Come To My Window” for one night only.

JULY 8
YUJA WANG, PIANO
National Symphony Orchestra
Gershwin & Ravel
Lionel Bringuier, Conductor
The Filene Center at Wolf Trap
8:15pm $20-58 Widely considered one of the most important artists of her generation, pianist Yuja Wang’s virtuosity—which has graced top concert halls around the world—is nothing short of dazzling. “Hers is a nonchalant, brilliant keyboard virtuosity that would have made both Prokofiev (who was a great pianist) and even the fabled Horowitz jealous.”—Los Angeles Times

JULY 9
RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK
National Symphony Orchestra
Emil de Cou, Conductor
The Filene Center at Wolf Trap
8:30pm $30-58 Don’t miss a special 35th anniversary screening of Spielberg’s classic! One of the world’s greatest movie heroes, Indiana Jones, is back and better than ever before! On huge screens as the National Symphony Orchestra performs John Williams’ epic score live, relive the magic of the original adventure, Raiders of the Lost Ark.
DAILY

FULL-SERVICE TEA
Sweet City Desserts
12pm - 5pm
Three tiers of amazing sweets, scones, and savory sandwiches, served with your favorite pot of tea, right in the heart of Vienna! Call to reserve at least 48 hours in advance. Available daily.

MONDAYS

50% OFF WINES AT WILDFIRE
Wildfire
Choose your favorite bottle of wine from a select list developed by Wildfire’s very own wine and spirits director, Brad Wermager.

50 CENT WINGS
Dogwood Tavern
Dine in on Monday night at Dogwood Tavern in Falls Church for 50 cent wings, 5pm-close.

MONDAY WINE SPECIAL
J. Gilbert’s
Enjoy 1/2 off bottles of wine marked $100 or less every Monday.

TUESDAYS

DESSERT TEA SPECIAL
Sweet City Desserts
Buy one Dessert Tea at $9.99, get the second one at 50% off! Dessert Tea consists of two desserts—S’mores Cake, Chocolate Pyramid, Eclair or Cupcake (any flavor)—and a pot of tea. Perfect for you and a friend! Available while supplies last.

TUESDAYS

DESSERT TEA SPECIAL
Assaggi Osteria | 4-6pm | $34
Come out to Assaggi Osteria to enjoy wonderful food, friends, and a great dining experience. Choose your favorite appetizer, main course, and dessert from their regular menu

$2 TACO TUESDAYS
La Sandia | 4pm-9pm | $2
Experience $2 tacos al pastor, skirt steak, chicken tinga, or carnitas. $2 Torta sliders, chicken tinga, and carnitas with $2 Dos Equis to wash it all down.

KIDS’ TUESDAY
Pizzeria Orso
Kids 10 and under get one free item from the children’s menu for each traditional or house specialty pizza. Not valid with any other special offer or advertised coupon. Not valid for cash. Dine-in only.

SALSA NIGHT
Iris Lounge | 6:30pm
Salsa Night – Maria Fernanda Krupholter teaches the hottest Salsa dance moves! Classes go from 8:30-9pm, then hot salsa dancing until 2am.

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TUESDAYS

**OSSO BUCCO NIGHT**
Assaggi Osteria | $19.50
Come out to Assaggi Osteria to enjoy wonderful food, friends, and a great dining experience.

**TRIVIA WITH ERIK LARSON**
Clyde’s of Tysons | 7-9pm
Come out to Clyde’s of Tysons to enjoy trivia with Erik Larson on the side bar from 7-9pm and enjoy live music from 9pm to close.

WEDNESDAYS

**1/2 PRICE WINE NIGHT**
Amphora
Join Amphora each Wednesday for half-priced bottles of wine.

**FAMILY PASTA NIGHT**
Brx American Bistro
Come out to Brx and experience their famous filet meatballs, seafood pasta, and more!

**CUPCAKE SPECIAL**
Sweet City Desserts
Buy two cupcakes, get the third one free! Our luscious cupcake flavors include: Almond, Chocolate Peanut Butter, Red Velvet, German Chocolate, Mocha, and Ube (purple yam). Available while supplies last.

**RISOTTO DINNER**
Cafe Oggi
Risotto with fresh Strawberries and a fresh garden salad Special Price $19.95

**PUB QUIZ**
Ireland’s Four Provinces | 8pm
Test your trivia knowledge at one of the hottest spots in Falls Church. Make sure you bring a group of friends for the maximum trivia experience.

**JAZZ NIGHT**
Iris Lounge | 6:30-9:30pm
Join Iris Lounge and 100 of your closest friends for Live Jazz Night with Jaared Arosemena.

**MUSSEL MADNESS**
Argia’s
Try our award-winning Solo Mussels Argia or Marinara. Regularly $14.95, these delectable entrees are just $8.95 on Wednesdays. (Over pasta $15.95)

**$5 BOTTOMLESS GUACAMOLE**
La Sandia | 4pm-7pm | $5
Experience bottomless guacamole with you and your closest friends for $5.

**WINE’D DOWN WEDNESDAYS**
Entyse, Wine Bar & Lounge | 5:30pm
Sample Sommelier Vincent Feraud’s hand-selected wines by the glass or step up to the Fresh Market Seafood Station where you can create your own tasting of Jumbo Shrimp, Crab Claws, and Fresh Louisiana Oysters prepared right in front of you by our chefs.

**MARTINI WEDNESDAYS**
Brio Tuscan Grille
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HALF OFF PRIMETIME
Palm Restaurant | 5pm-7pm
During PrimeTime, all Prime Bites® are HALF-OFF only at Palm Bar! Try some Calabrese flatbread, dirty shrimp, prime steakburger sliders, or Nova Scotia lobster and bacon fondue.

WINE WEDNESDAY
Pizzeria Orso | 4pm-9pm
50% discount off all bottles of wine. Not valid for cash. Dine-in only. Offer valid from 4pm to 9pm.

REINHARDT LIEBIG
Maplewood Grill | 7–11pm
open mic 9–11pm
Reinhardt Liebig, a consummate pianist, is equally at home playing jazz standards, blues, classical and the popular song form with some Broadway tunes thrown into his performances.

THURSDAYS

TERRY LEE RYAN
Maplewood Grill | 8 -11pm
New Orleans’ own Terry Lee Ryan, pianist and vocalist, plays blues, popular standards and especially N’awlin’s style funky piano music. Their piano bar is an “institution” in the area - don’t miss it! If you can’t go to the Crescent City, then come to the Maplewood Grill on Thursdays.

SUSHI THURSDAYS
Entyse, Wine Bar & Lounge | 5:30pm
Watch as our expert guest sushi chef creates savory maki, sashimi and specialty rolls for our guests’ delight. Enjoy drink specials and the luxury of creating your own sushi experience that will leave guests wanting more!

THIRSTY THURSDAYS
BEER TASTING
Red, White & Bleu | 5pm
Come and join us in our tasting room for our Thirsty Thursday Beer Tastings! Tasting room open from 6-8pm every Thursday.

MEXICAN NIGHT
Brx American Bistro
Come out to Brx to experience Mexican cuisine and drink specials.

BOGO THURSDAY
Pizzeria Orso
Buy one pizza, get one 50% off of equal or lesser value. Not valid for cash. Dine in only. Not valid with any other special offer or advertised coupon.

AFTERNOON TEA
Brx American Bistro | 12pm
Enjoy the timeless ritual of afternoon tea served at Entyse Lounge. Treat someone special to this enduring tradition honored in a luxurious setting while being pampered with The Ritz-Carlton hotel’s service excellence.

UNCORKED THURSDAYS
Brio Tuscan Grille
Join Brio Thursdays for 10 wines, $5 glasses at the bar.

EFI TOVIA EXPERIENCE
Iris Lounge | 8 -11:30pm
From standards & jazz to pop, rock & today’s radio hits, Efi Tovia Experience plays everything that makes you wanna dance!

THURSDAY MORNINGS WITH THE GREAT ZUCCHINI
Jammin’ Java
10:30am-11:30am | $5
The Great Zucchini, Washington’s funniest and most magical preschool and kindergarten entertainer, performs a colorful magic show where every child is a star and guaranteed to laugh! Experience the excitement of the children when they get to learn a magic trick at the end of show!
**FRIDAYS**

**REINHARDT LIEBIG**  
Maplewood Grill | 7:30pm–12:30pm  
open mic 9:30pm–12:30pm  
Reinhardt Liebig, a consummate pianist, is equally at home playing jazz standards, blues, classical and the popular song form with some Broadway tunes thrown into his performances.

**DJ & DANCING**  
Iris Lounge | 9:30pm –2am  
Come out to Iris Lounge every Friday and Saturday for DJ & Dancing and dance the night away with drinks and your closest friends.

**FRIDAY MORNINGS WITH ROCKNOCEROS**  
Jammin’ Java  
10:30am-11:30am | $5  
As every family with youngsters in the DC area already knows, Rocknoceros (pronounced like rhinoceros) is three guys: Coach Cotton, Williebob, and Boogie Woogie Bennie, who make wildly popular, award-winning music for the whole family. “An outstanding mix of folk and rock . . . literate songs . . . poppy approach . . . multi-generational appeal.” Best Music for Kids and Families – NPR

**JAZZ FRIDAYS**  
Entyse, Wine Bar & Lounge | 8:30pm  

**FRIDAY NIGHT WINE TASTING**  
The Vineyard | 3-7pm  
The Vineyard was founded in 2002 with the goal of making it easy to find the perfect bottle for any occasion. At The Vineyard, they believe that it is important to sort out the fodder, be well connected to the best producers, and focus on products with great value.

**FREE WINE TASTING**  
Red, White & Bleu | 5-8pm  
Come out to Red, White, & Bleu for a free wine tasting every Friday night.

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Join the Ladies and enjoy the timeless ritual. Select events at Entyse.

On the 1st and 3rd Saturdays, $15-$20
Colvin Run Community Hall
Social Dance
Ballroom
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Ryan, pianist and vocalist, plays New Orleans’ own Terry Lee Maplewood Grill | 8-11pm

Terry Lee Ryan
Maplewood Grill | 8-11pm

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of the month enjoy music and a dance lesson provided by DJ Craig Bukowski or John Jerz. Lesson from 8-9:00pm. Dancing from 9-11:30pm. Price includes the dance lesson and snack bar.

DJ & Dancing
Iris Lounge
Come out to Iris Lounge every Friday and Saturday for DJ & Dancing and dance the night away with drinks and your closest friends.

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Dj & Dancing Iris Lounge | 8:30pm – 2am

Come out to Iris Lounge every Friday and Saturday for DJ & Dancing and dance the night away with drinks and your closest friends.

SUNDAY BRUNCH
Wildfire | 11am
Gather your family and friends and enjoy Wildfire Tysons’ new weekend brunch menu! Enjoy all of your brunch favorites like Lemon Ricotta Pancakes, Oven Roasted Crab Cakes Benedict, and more.

DJ & Dancing Iris Lounge | 9:30pm – 2am
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SUNDAY BRUNCH
Amphora
Don’t miss the Double Chocolate Pancakes, Bananas Foster French Toast, Tomato Caprese Eggs Benedict and even our Greek Pocket featuring grilled pita topped with scrambled eggs, simmered tomatoes, onions, feta cheese and authentic Grecian gyro made fresh daily.

½ PRICE BURGERS
Dogwood Tavern | 7pm
Enjoy ½ price burgers from 7pm-midnight every Sunday night at Dogwood Tavern in Falls Church. Dine in only.

½ PRICE WINE
Ristorante Bonaroti
Enjoy ½ price wine by the bottle on Sundays at dinner. Sergio Domestici and the Bonaroti family invite you to explore the joy of classic Italian cuisine and their award-winning wines and service.

SUNDAY BRUNCH
La Sandia
Every Sunday, feast on Mexican brunch favorites - huevos rancheros, Mexican chocolate waffles, iron skillet breakfast, and more. Make it a lazy morning washed down with Bloody Marias and Tropical Fruit Margaritas.

FABULOUS BUFFET BRUNCH
Ireland’s Four Provinces
Come to the 4P’s for a grand buffet brunch that includes smoked salmon, Eggs Benedict, carved roast beef, homemade omelets, shepherd’s pie, corned beef hash, potatoes, sausage, soup, salad, pastries, fruits, and SO much more.

SMALL DOG MEET & GREETs
Wylie Wagg | 3-5pm
Bring your dogs on Sunday to make some new friends that are the same size! Healthy, happy, and helpful.

SUNDAY BRUNCH
Café Deluxe
Can’t miss menu items including the Deluxe Benedict, sourdough toast topped with black forest ham, poached eggs and sundried tomato Hollandaise sauce served with a side of breakfast potatoes, and the Brioche French Toast, topped with powdered sugar, cinnamon and fresh fruit.

SUNDAY BRUNCH
Cyclone Anaya’s
Come out and try the best brunch in the Mosaic. Huevos rancheros, huevos con chorizo, migas, breakfast quesadillas, and even a crabmeat omelet.

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ARTS & THEATRE EVENTS

MAY 1–JUNE 2
Passage: Textile Work by Hillary Steel
McLean Project for the Arts—Emerson Gallery, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean, VA 22101, Monday–Friday 10am–4pm, Saturday 11am–5pm
Monumental works blending abstractionist color and structural explorations and traditional Mexican weaving techniques.

MAY 5–29
Caroline, or Change
Music by Jeanine Tesori
Book and Lyrics by Tony Kushner
Creative Cauldron Thursday–Saturday 8pm, Sundays 2pm and 7pm $18–26
A powerful musical that blends blues, gospel and traditional Jewish klezmer music to tell the story of the Gellman family and their African-American maid, Caroline in 1963 Louisiana.

MAY 11
Jammin’ Juniors—Steve Songs
McLean Central Park Gazebo, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd, McLean, 12:30pm Free
Bring your lunch and listen to some tunes! Join us for a free lunchtime concert for children ages 2-5 and their families. Free parking is available at McLean Community Center.

MAY 18
Vienna Photographic Society Competition
Oakton Elementary School Auditorium room 123, 3000 Chain Bridge Rd Oakton, VA 7:30 PM Vienna Photographic Society is hosting a competition and critique of member submitted images. This may be useful for artists and photographers for learning about composition. The judge will make suggestions for improving composition and photographic techniques. Themes are working with hands and images straight from the camera. Free and attendance is open to anyone. More details in the newsletter at vpsva.org.

MAY 22
Music Friends Concerts at The Alden
The Premier Showcase for Great Chamber Music in Northern Virginia
The Alden Theatre 3pm Free
This free classical music series, now in its 40th season, features professional musicians who have won international recognition for their artistry. The series...
also includes Young Soloists Recitals that showcase the talents of local school-age musicians.

MAY 31–JULY 10
LA CAGE AUX FOLLES
Tony Award®-Winning Musical Comedy
by Jerry Herman & Harvey Fierstein
Signature Theatre Tuesdays–Wednesdays 7:30pm, Thursdays–Fridays 8pm, Saturdays at 2pm and 8pm, Sundays 2pm $40-77
The beloved gender-bending musical comedy and winner of six Tony Awards® including Best Musical closes out the Signature season starring Bobby Smith.

The twenty year relationship between Georges, a club-owner, and Albin, the head drag performer, faces a test when their son announces his engagement to the daughter of ultra-conservative political parents. To please their son, Georges and Albin agree to hide their lifestyle and play it straight for a dinner with the potential in-laws. However, Albin’s different definition of “normal” threatens to upend the entire supper with hilarious results.

With an iconic score by Jerry Herman (Hello, Dolly!; Mame) featuring “I Am What I Am” and “The Best of Times” and hilarious book by Harvey Fierstein (Newsies, Kinky Boots), La Cage Aux Folles is a fabulously fun musical about family, identity and loving who you are.

JUNE 2–26
FLOYD COLLINS
1st Stage in Tysons, Fridays 8pm, Saturdays 2pm and 8pm, Sundays 2pm and 7pm $15-35
This haunting musical, one of the most acclaimed in recent years, tells the transcendent tale of a true American dreamer. In 1925, while chasing a dream of fame and fortune and turning a Kentucky cave into a tourist attraction, Floyd Collins himself became the attraction when a mishap trapped him 200 feet underground. Alone but for sporadic contact with the outside world, Floyd fought for his sanity and ultimately his life as the rescue effort above exploded into this country’s first genuine media circus. Reporters and gawkers from across the country descended on the site, fueling the hysteria and manipulating the nation into holding its collective breath.

JUNE 3–19
THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS
A Learning Theater Production, Based on the Book by Kenneth Grahame
Creative Cauldron Fridays 7:30pm, Saturdays 2pm and 7:30pm, Sundays 2pm $11-16
The classic English tale of immortal animal friends Rat, Mole, Toad, and Badger.

JUNE 11
“GUT CHURN” FROM RADIOLAB’S JAD ABUMRAD
The Alden Theatre 8pm $15-30
What does it mean to “innovate?” This was a question Radiolab host Jad Abumrad was frequently asked after being awarded a MacArthur “Genius Grant” in 2011. This multimedia exploration, on one level, is the personal story of how Jad invented a new aesthetic. On another, it is a

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THE MAGIC OF BILL BLAGG LIVE!
The Alden Theatre 8pm $15-20
The Magic of Bill Blagg Live! comes to The Alden for one show only! Critics and audiences alike rave about his incredible high-energy, grand-scale magic & illusion that will have you rubbing your eyes in disbelief. Called “simply amazing” by the Chicago Tribune, Blagg’s show is packed with NEW mind-blowing illusions and his trademark off-the-cuff personality that make this show a great family event! Audience volunteers will levitate in mid-air, vanish in the blink of an eye, and so much more! This is one show you can’t afford to miss! Witness live over 90 minutes of interactive, action-packed magic & illusion performed by the country’s most prominent magical star, Bill Blagg!
Clinic in the art of storytelling. On a third and more profound level, it is the result of a three-year investigation into the science, philosophy and art of uncertainty, which all began with the two words that are the title of this talk: “Gut Churn.” Visit www.jadabumrad.com for more information.

JUNE 12
MORGAN TAYLOR’S “GUSTAFER YELLOWGOLD’S SHOW”
The Alden Theatre 2pm $10-15
Ages 4+. Gustafer Yellowgold is a 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.

JUNE 14–18
MAKE EM LAUGH
Signature Theatre 8:30pm $35
In a hilarious mix of improv and song, Signature’s funniest ladies and gents come together for a whirlwind expedition through the art of the joke. From humorous rewritings of classic songs, to comedy ditties, to some of contemporary musical theater’s whimsical gems, Signature has one goal for this cabaret—to make you laugh!

JUNE 25
JAZZ MASTERS WITH JOHN EATON
The Alden Theatre 1pm $5-12
Jazz pianist, musicologist and humorist John Eaton brings his popular continuing education program to the Alden. Jazz Masters with John Eaton is an entertaining and insightful afternoon that combines Eaton’s peerless knowledge of the Great American Songbook (video), hilarious commentary and elegant, ultra-tasteful renditions of jazz standards, both popular and obscure. Each seminar covers one of the giants of the genre.

JUNE 26
SHAKE, RATTLE AND ROLL—A 1950s CABARET
Leesburg Brewing Company, 2C Loudoun Street SW, Leesburg, VA 20175
In the 1950s, a new sound hit the air waves and drew teenagers to the dance floor—often to the consternation of their parents. Drawn from the blues, rock and roll upended the music world. Relive those days as StageCoach Theatre presents “Shake, Rattle and Roll,” a revue of the music that created a soundtrack for America. Visit www.stagecoachtc.com/featured for more information.

Kinky Boots
AT THE KENNEDY CENTER
Deluxe motor coach transportation at 10:45am included from McLean Community Center to The Kennedy Center, Bus returns at 5pm, $205-210
“Kinky Boots” won the 2013 Tony Awards for Best Musical, Best Original Score and Best Choreography. The show features music and lyrics by Cindi Lauper. In this age of phenomenal musicals, one cannot do much better than that! The musical is taken from a 2005 film by the same name and is the true story of a man named Charlie Price who inherits a shoe factory from his father. To save the business, Charlie forms an unlikely partnership with a cabaret performer who is also a drag queen and together they save the business with a line of high-heeled boots. Besides being outrageously funny, the music took off and the show album premiered at number one on the Billboard Cast Albums Chart. The music and songs are irresistible and the dancers literally bounce across the stage.

Our pre-matinee brunch will be at Filomena’s Ristorante in historic Georgetown. This classic restaurant offers authentic Italian cuisine in an elegant setting.

“Kinky Boots” will sell out, so be sure to make your reservation early. Please make checks payable to Excursionaire. Cancellations must be made in writing and will only be permitted if a substitute is provided.

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Consisting of Kathy Farmer, Robin Cunningham and Jeanine Greene, YazzoZazz has been performing in our area for years, playing regularly with the Tom Cunningham Orchestra or with a small ensemble of three musicians or just piano.

Farmer, the high voice in YazzoZazz, has had a long-standing love of jazz and vocal harmonies. She is also a choir director at her church in Ashburn, and a member of the Master Singers of Virginia a cappella vocal ensemble.

Cunningham, the low voice of the group, is an original YazzoZazz member, dating back more than a decade. Greene, the middle voice in YazzoZazz (and also the trio’s violinist), can also be found singing classic French songs and playing violin with gypsy jazz groups around town.

"YazzoZazz has been a part of the Cunningham orchestra for many years, and we are the current iteration of the group," Farmer says. "The name comes from the Boswell sisters, who had a song called "Old Yazoo," which was about a real town in Mississippi."

For those unfamiliar, the Boswell Sisters were very influential in early jazz. The Andrews Sisters followed in the 1940s, continuing on their great style.

"The Boswells are not known very well in the U.S., but many are singing their music around the world," Farmer says. "Bette Midler covered the exact arrangement of one of their songs, 'It's the Girl,' on her latest album. It's one of our favorites to perform."

All three members of YazzoZazz work to get the word out about the Boswell Sisters and educate music lovers on what a true American treasure they were. The Boswells wrote their own arrangements and their own songs, and did a lot of very interesting things musically.

"There are so many people who don't know anything about them; it’s pretty amazing," Farmer says. "They were very influential in jazz and they were the rock stars of their age. Thousands of people would show up to see them wherever they played, but that legacy has been lost, which is a shame."

In October 2014, YazzoZazz was invited to go to New Orleans by one of the Boswell Sisters’ granddaughters, who had just written a book about them.

“She started researching and finding all these groups around the world who were doing their music, which is pretty interesting to us because we don’t know much about them in the U.S., but there are people around the world singing this music,” Farmer says. “When we got together with them, we made life-long friends.”

Groups came from Israel, Spain, Australia, Canada and a few others from the U.S. Most of them were singers in their 30s and even younger.
“All three of us have been involved in music forever, and I always wanted to be part of a trio, and even I myself had only a vague awareness of who they were,” Farmer says. “Once I joined the trio, it’s all I want to do. Of course, we do music of other trios, and it’s really fun.”

And fun is what it’s all about to Farmer and the others.

“You have to smile when you do this music,” she says. “It’s quirky at times, they mimic instruments at times, and it’s quite interesting. Even though people don’t know the music, it’s so fun and interesting.”

Upcoming performances of YazzoZazz include appearing with the Tom Cunningham Orchestra during the Saturday night swing dancing show at Glen Echo Park, on May 7 and June 25.

“People are coming to swing dance and they don’t dance to a recording, they are dancing to a live full big band, which is pretty awesome,” Farmer says. “It’s a great night and we are always excited to play there.”

For more information on the trio, visit yazoozazz.wix.com.

AUTHOR: Keith Loria is a freelance writer who writes regularly about sports, business, entertainment, and the arts. When he’s not writing, the Oakton work-at-home dad can be found playing with his daughters Jordan and Cassidy.
While the Vienna Arts Society looks for a new space this summer, it will continue to exhibit some of the area’s finest artists.

For example, Vienna’s own Rita Bentley will be exhibiting “Revisiting Europe” this May, featuring a series of 5-6 paintings in which the artist recalls her memories from past voyages.

“We have been to Europe several times and it just speaks to my soul; especially Italy with the art and the music,” she says. “It hasn’t regressed at all since the Renaissance, its music and art is just fantastic.”

In creating her watercolors, Bentley takes photos during her trips and then brings them back to her home studio and spends weeks at a time turning them into pictures on a canvas.

“Painting while you travel is not really feasible with watercolors, unless you stop at a watercolor workshop, where they stop some place and let you paint,” she says. “I don’t really like painting outside because the watercolor dries so fast and I can’t think fast enough to change anything.”

The 80-year-old Bentley discovered a passion for painting later in life than most. After retiring from a career as a legal secretary, and her three kids all grown and married, she was looking for something fun to do and was inspired by a visit to a crafts fair in Oakton.

“I always had a creative gene. I grew up loving music and I played the violin but I never did anything in the art world,” she says. “I saw a watercolor painting by watercolorist Hannah Jacobs and it got me all excited, and I knew I had to learn to do that. It was so alive and beautiful.”

That was in 1991, and over the last 25 years, she has worked hard on her craft. She took lessons from Lassie Corbett in Herndon. From there, she continued her studies at the Torpedo Factory in Old Town Alexandria.

The biggest challenge through it all, she notes, is taking the proper amount of time to think about a piece before starting.

“Watercolors are the most difficult of the mediums because you can’t change anything and it sparks your creative juices and your desire to go on and finish something because you have to think about it a long time before you start,” Bentley says. “Once you put your paint on the paper it’s there, and if you want white to show on the paper, you have to plan for that.”

For example, on a recent work, Bentley painted over where she originally wanted a white spot to be and she had to throw it away.
and start over because she needed that to be the focal point of the painting.

Bentley, who has been married for 58 years, has a studio in her home where she works and her artwork consists of a variety of different subjects—not just her travels.

“I have done a lot of pictures of children—playing tug-of-war and swimming and at the beach—and I have eight grandchildren and have done lots of pictures of them when they were younger,” she says. “There again, you need to paint from a photo because the children won’t sit still.”

Although she doesn’t paint as often as she used to, Bentley still tries to paint when she can and knows that it’s a medium that you have to stay involved in.

“You need to be inspired. If you not, it looks like you’re working on a coloring book and it becomes mechanical and you get no joy from painting like that,” she says. “Sometimes I will be sitting in another room and I’ll be inspired by something and decide to go paint for a couple of hours, and that’s when it becomes successful.”

She likes to listen to music when she paints and is mostly inspired in the afternoons.

Bentley is very committed to her art form and is an active member is both the Vienna Art Society and the McLean Art Society. She has shown her work at the McLean Project for the Arts and has participated in juried shows at the Torpedo Factory. She’s also received awards from the Art League in Alexandria, the Vienna Arts Society Treasury of Art Show and from the League of Reston Artists.

“It’s nice to be recognized but that’s not why I do it,” she says. “My favorite thing about painting is the chance to make someone else happy.”

The “Revisiting Europe” exhibition will be on display though July 26.

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CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: SEEING is Disbelieving
BY CHARLES S. DONNAVA
If so, you’ll want to head to Tysons Corner this summer as that’s the theme of Cirque du Soleil’s latest extravaganza, “KURIOS – Cabinet of Curiosities,” which will will premiere under the iconic blue-and-yellow Big Top at Lerner Town Square at Tysons II from July 21 through August 21.

In the show, guests are surrounded by whimsical curiosities that come to life in the most amazing ways, as if you are at a Victorian carnival or magical sideshow.

Written and directed by Michel Laprise, Cabinet of Curiosities is Cirque du Soleil’s 35th production since 1984, and includes a talented cast of 46 performance artists from 15 different countries.

Laprise has a great deal of experience in creating unique performance art performances. He spent nearly a decade as an actor, director and artistic director in the theater world, and was hired by Cirque du Soleil in 2000 as a scout.

He quickly proved his chops and was promoted to special events designer, under his direction the troupe performed with Quebec diva Diane Dufresne during the Opening Ceremonies of the Montreal 2006 Outgames. He also took the helm of the large-scale performance event created for the launch of the Fiat Bravo in Italy (2007); the Cirque du Soleil performance event celebrating Quebec City’s 400th anniversary (2008); and the launch of Microsoft’s Kinect console at the 2010 Electronic Entertainment Expo, broadcast on MTV. Laprise even collaborated with Madonna as an artistic consultant for her performance at the Super Bowl XLVI halftime show and later directed her world tour.

The creative team of KURIOS – Cabinet of Curiosities consists of 17 creators under the artistic guidance of Guy Laliberté and Jean-François Bouchard.

The show follows a story where time comes to a complete stop, transporting the audience inside a fantasy realm where anything and everything is possible. It’s a world set in the 19th Century only seeing is disbelieving.

Descriptions of the tale have been vividly painted by all who have seen it. In an alternate yet familiar past, in a place where wonders abound for those who trust their imagination, a Seeker discovers that in order to glimpse the marvels that lie just below the surface, we must first learn to close our eyes. In his larger-than-life curio cabinet, the Seeker is convinced that there exists a hidden, invisible world—a place where the craziest ideas and grandest dreams await.

From there, a collection of otherworldly, benevolent characters suddenly steps into his makeshift mechanical world. When this outlandish group turns the Seeker’s world upside down—with a touch of poetry and humor—in an attempt to ignite his imagination, the curios jump to life one by one before the Seeker’s eyes.

The title of the show takes its name from the humble and strange characters that inhabit the Seeker’s Cabinet of Curiosities—the so called KURIOS, assistants including the Winch Kurios and Suction Cup Kurios.

Other characters include Nico the Accordion Man, who wears a costume that allows him to bend way down or stand way up so he can be at eye level with absolutely everyone; Mr. Microcosmos, leader of the group, who is the embodiment of technological progress; Clara the Telegraph of the Invisible, who can receive alpha waves by turning on her heels and pointing her hoop skirt in various directions; and Mini Lili, who represents Mr. Microcosmos’ unconscious mind.

The show originally premiered in Montreal back in 2014 and has remained a popular hit throughout North America, keeping the unique tradition of Cirque du Soleil alive.

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Country Rustic Elegance at Airlie Center

BY RENEÉ SKLAREW

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Whitney and Shawn Connelly began their search for the perfect wedding venue with specific requirements in mind. “We wanted a place where we could have a formal wedding, but still be relaxed enough for everybody to have fun,” explains Whitney. The couple also needed a place where they could host multiple events. “Airlie had everything we wanted. Our family and friends stayed at Airlie; we had our rehearsal dinner, wedding ceremony and reception there; and the next day, we had a breakfast for guests who stayed the night,” Whitney says. “It takes the guesswork out of everything when it’s all done in one place.”

Airlie Center is a luxury resort that manages to be vintage and modern at the same time. Formerly a working farm, Airlie was transformed into a conference center in 1956, where heads of state, business people and scientists could meet in a distraction free environment. In the last few years, the conference center opened to leisure guests and has since transitioned to a full-service resort. A few miles from the charming town of Warrenton, Airlie is one hour from Washington D.C. and 33 miles from Dulles Airport, making it an ideal wedding venue for both D.C. Area residents and out-of-town guests. The Airlie property is surrounded by 1,200 acres of natural preserve, so it feels like a village in the country. Once you’ve arrived, you won’t need your car until you leave.

Through the revitalization of historic buildings, like the silo, post office, stables, lodge and the Swan Pub, Airlie has seven different housing units and multiple sites to host weddings year-round. “It’s a full service hospitality facility,” notes Carol Smith, Airlie’s director of sales and marketing. Smith says bringing a wedding group together, and making a whole weekend out of it, is what’s trending in the marketplace. “Families are celebrating for more than one day—the rehearsal dinner, groomsmen playing golf, bridesmaids taking the bride to a nearby winery—Airlie serves a multi-day event quite well,” Carol concludes.

Bridal consultant Amanda Smith, owner of White Pumpkin Weddings in Alexandria, often directs her clients to visit Airlie. “I think it has that wow factor. Driving down that winding driveway is just beautiful, and you get a sense of relaxation when you enter. They’re getting away, but everything is there for them.”

Airlie has a number of sites for rehearsal dinners, ceremonies and receptions, and for every Plan A, they have a workable and almost equally spectacular Plan B. Many couples choose to have their wedding in the garden, and then move to the 365-degree open-air pavilion, with its scenic views and dimmable chandeliers. “It looks like a set Ralph Lauren designed,” describes Airlie’s catering manager Tara Henson.

There are several picturesque sites where the bridal party can set up a Pinterest-worthy shot—Airlie’s Spanish Steps at the Lodge, the banks of Lake Stanley with swans swimming in the background, and Airlie’s new “LOVE” sign, which debuted on Earth Day in conjunction with the Virginia Tourism Bureau. Virginia’s motto “Virginia is for Lovers” comes alive with the use of recyclable materials: letters are made from empty wine bottles, the O is a giant tractor tire, and the V is made out of vines.

The Connelly’s say they were “blown away by the food” at Airlie. Chef Jeff Witte hosts group tastings so the couples can sample some of his signature dishes, but he’s also open to input from the bridal party. “He allowed us to create our own menu, but stayed within our budget, which was not outlandish. At our three course reception, we served filet and lobster tail. We ate three meals at Airlie, and every single meal was so good.”

Airlie’s food is superb, and part of why it’s so exceptional is that their produce and meats come from thirty nearby farms and Airlie’s own garden. “It’s trendy to say ‘buy local,’ or ‘farm-to-table,’ but Airlie’s been doing that for 25 years,” says Carol Smith. “We aren’t working off a set menu. The farms are so close that chefs go pick it out themselves, and we don’t have to pass the expense onto the customer.” Airlie even offers a gourmet-on-demand menu that guests can order while fishing at the lake or playing at the volleyball court. Riding the complimentary bikes and bringing along a picnic basket is another popular activity for Airlie guests, along with archery, tennis, swimming and skeet shooting.

Airlie’s catering managers work closely with couples, striving to meet their expectations before and during the wedding. Bridal consultant Amanda Smith says the staff is known for taking care of the little things—like shuttling mobility-challenged guests around, providing blankets when it gets cool, and moving the food service quickly. They’ve brought out Adirondack chairs and tall lanterns by the lake. One wedding had a cigar tent. “At Airlie you have all that space to spread out, and the food is always amazing,” Smith adds. “I ask clients what they picture for their wedding, and if they want an all-inclusive, country-rustic elegance in a getaway space, Airlie comes to the top of the list.”

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“I always wanted to have my wedding at a winery just for the visual effect,” said Regina Thornwell, a recent bride. “I had seen pictures on Pinterest and knew I wanted it to be held outdoors.” Regina and her husband Tobias Thornwell married October 12, 2015 at Morais Vineyards and Winery in Bealeton, Virginia.

“We looked at a number of wineries in Maryland and Virginia and sampled their wines before we picked Morais,” Regina continued. “We chose this one because it was gorgeous—the love signs and hearts, the horses, peacocks and tractors outside, and the beautiful building with the fountain, wall-to-wall windows and chandeliers. We were able to save a lot of money on decorations—and we liked the wine.”

“I also liked the European look it has. The owners are Portuguese and you felt like you were not even in this country.” Another consideration was the catering. “My family is West Indian and we wanted to use a special caterer.” They could get everything they wanted here.

There were many photo opportunities as well. “We had access to the entire vineyard, and could go into the cellar, the barn, and the vines for pictures,” Tobias said. “The only thing we would do differently would be to extend our reception time,” Regina added. “We took pictures during the day and at sunset, but it wasn’t until we were packing up that we saw how beautiful the building was at nighttime.”
Morais Vineyard and Winery

“Morais Vineyards and Winery owner Jose Morais’ own daughter had married here and they decided it was so beautiful for wedding that they would build a wedding venue,” explained Rachel Ricci, sales manager. “The architecture was designed to replicate a building in Portugal where his other daughter was married, with its Portuguese influence and style.”

Opened in 2012, the Palacio ballroom was designed specifically for weddings. It is set apart from the winery’s tasting building, with a massive sweeping foyer staircase leading up to the bridal suite, a balcony, walls of windows for natural light, dimmers to emulate candlelight, and a separate area for pre-reception cocktails. Outside is a pondside pergola, patio terrace and a lovely fountain courtyard. “This is also a functioning farm,” Ricci added, “so you might see goats, sheep or our peacock named Wilson.” In addition, a charming little white chapel seats up to 35 guests. Guests are free to use their own caterer, who can set up in the facility’s industrial kitchen area, and as with most wineries, a minimum wine purchase is required.

Chrysalis Vineyards

Since Chrysalis Vineyards moved their tasting room to another part of the grounds, the former winery is now used exclusively for special events, like outdoor weddings. The ceremony itself is often held by the pond, a picturesque setting for a rustic country service. Small receptions (50 seated) are held outdoors on Sarah’s patio, surrounded by flowers, mature magnolia and walnut trees, and breathtaking views of the vines.

8 Chains North Winery

The opening of the Compass Rose Ballroom in June 2014 at 8 Chains North Winery introduced another reception facility to the area. “With the compass being our symbol, we designed the Compass Rose Ballroom with a north-east-south-west theme representing the four stages of winemaking,” explained Erin Hunt, events manager. “On one wall we have the French doors that look out onto the vineyard: the growing stage. The next wall is a glass expanse looking into the

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barrel and production room: the producing phase, and the third wall is a finished space covered with cork bark to represent the corking phase. We are finishing the fourth wall with pictures of the owner in the vines: the planting phase.”

Four locations for ceremonies are available in the lower field of the farm winery, and bridal couples can also take photographs in the vines or the barrel room. The ballroom, seating up to 100 people, is decorated beautifully in a neutral, elegant theme that allows brides to bring their own decorations, although none are needed. An attached patio outside the French doors allows for up to 40 additional seats. In case of rain, a covered patio wraps around the building or guests can use the attached events tent that can also serve as a cocktail area. Upstairs are two bridal rooms for wedding preparation. Weddings can be held any day of the week and the Compass Rose Ballroom is available for other rentals such as bridal showers or anniversary celebrations. A minimum purchase of the old-world style wines is required.

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In addition, the restaurant has numerous sandwiches, from the traditional falafel or shawarma to cheeseburgers, and steak and cheese, pizza, salads, and desserts. The Mediterranean recipes are all authentic, having been brought here from Lebanon by the father of one of the current owners.

One of Babalu’s distinctive features is the Hookah Lounge where guests can socialize with old friends or make new ones. A relaxing experience, hookah is a Middle Eastern tradition that is hundreds of years old. Babalu carries Al Fakher tobacco from Dubai, considered the finest in the world. The nicotine content is a very low .05 percent. This flavored tobacco, or “shisha,” comes in over 30 flavors and is extremely light and pleasant. There is no tar in the tobacco so it does not linger.

The current owners took over the space in May of 2014 with a fresh concept in dining and entertainment. “This is not a typical hookah lounge,” explains one of the owners. “We have entertainment every night and the atmosphere is very lively. Every night is Saturday night.” Indeed each evening starting around 10, Babalu features a different style of music, be it Spanish, hip-hop, Arab, international, or American. The restaurant doesn’t close until 2:00am so it is a great place for late-night dining and socializing.

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The two conduct monthly seminars for a group of 30 or so doctors, dedicated to teaching, further educating about proper diagnostics, planning, and the latest in treatments. In addition, twice a year they hire international speakers who are predominant in the field of dentistry, to speak on specific topics that are of deep interest to the group.

“It’s a very unique opportunity to learn from the best dental professionals in our field and that translates to better patient care in our office,” Dr. Passero says.

Dr. Feeney feels what also helps to separate the practice from others is the personal care they offer to their patients.

“When a patient comes into our office, we dedicate time to get to know the person, what their issues are, what their dental needs are, and tailor a specific treatment around that,” he says. “We are experts at solving complex dental problems.”

TECH INNOVATIONS

“Something important in our practice is technology—we make it a point to bring in the best evidence-based technology in the office, which can really help patients heal faster, have less discomfort and end up with a better outcome,” Dr. Feeney says.

Dr.’s Passero and Feeney were one of the first practices in the Metro DC area to have a CT scan machine, which they recognized would be a vital component to implant planning and assisting in
other periodontal treatment. Having this technology available makes it easier for the doctors to sit with the patients—often the same day—and talk about what the best treatment is for them. This technology along with special software allows for virtual planning of patient treatment to allow for high degrees of accuracy.

The practice has also been utilizing lasers more and more, which Dr. Feeney notes is a great way to treat patients with periodontal issues with no cutting, no sewing and no pain.

“Many times we’re faced with seeing patients who have had previous implants placed but are now failing or having some other structural issues around them,” Dr. Passero says. “We’re having some fabulous outcomes utilizing our laser technology and given the advent of these new laser wavelengths, they are able to destroy harmful bacteria and generate an ideal environment for bone regeneration.”

The practice also uses Platelet Rich Growth Factors or PRP, which improves healing by use of a patient’s own blood products; and is a leader in gum grafting, with minimal discomfort to the patient. Passero and Feeney use a method of treatment called LANAP (laser assisted new attachment procedure). There’s no cutting and no suturing. The way the laser works is that it targets only the diseased tissue and the bad bacteria, and doesn’t affect any healthy tissue. There’s also virtually no pain in the procedure.

“Everything we do is evidence-based therapy,” Dr. Feeney says. “We devote a lot of time and passion to keeping up with change for a benefit, and being the guardian for our patients about what’s efficacious and beneficial, as opposed to what may be a fad.”

One thing’s for certain. When you walk through the doors of Passero and Feeney, the entire office is dedicated to caregiving.

“We’re in this field because there’s something about us, including our staff, that is dedicated towards caregiving and helping people,” Dr. Passero says. “When a patient comes to us in the mindset of wanting some help, because of our technology, we’re able to do it with confidence and ease.”

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Area high schoolers and their parents can take heart—there is new local study help for the all-important SAT exam. Prep Expert (prepexpert.com), formerly 2400 Expert, has just opened their newest location in Tysons following January’s successful bid on the popular Shark Tank show. As Prep Expert owner Shaan Patel said at the close of his segment, “Mark Cuban is my business partner. That’s pretty cool.”

It has not been an easy road for Patel. Growing up in his parents’ budget motel, he attended public schools in the country’s worst school district. He never planned to start a test prep business, but he wanted to write a test prep book to help others achieve what he did. “I went from an average score of 1760 to a perfect 2400. I got into some great universities and won a quarter million dollars in scholarships. Because of my transformation, I wanted to help others.” However his book proposal was rejected by 100 literary agents. “I was bummed out because I wasn’t going to get published.” At that point he realized he “could quit or do something.” He decided to teach a live test prep class. It was to be a one-time course. But students did much better than he had expected, increasing their scores by an average 376 points. Parents of other students pressed Patel to offer more classes, so he hired qualified instructors and trained them in his techniques.

Based on the successful classes, publisher McGraw-Hill came back to Patel and signed a book deal which went on to become the #1 test prep book on Amazon. His unique approach is based on four principles he used when preparing for his own test – strategies, examples, practice and review.

Patel developed over 100 strategies for addressing the various questions that appear on every SAT. “I didn’t have any educational background. I just employed different approaches to see what worked. For example, in reading comprehension, I would try skimming the article, skipping certain sections, or going through it a chunk at a time.” He also completed many practice exams, a principle he adheres to during the training sessions, because it builds the student’s endurance in preparing for the real thing.

Classes can be either in-person or online but Patel works to maintain the rigor with either approach. The flagship product is the 6-week SAT prep course. It includes three hours of class two times a week covering vocabulary, strategies, examples, homework, and tests. Every weekend the student takes a 4-hour proctored full-length SAT exam. It works. Under the old 2400-point exam, students have achieved an average 368-point increase, enough to raise a student from the 50th to the 90th percentile. The results from the brand-new revised SATs will be out in June but he expects similar increase percentages.

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Obviously Mark Cuban saw something special about Shaan Patel’s approach or he wouldn’t have invested $250,000 to help build the company.
The Shark Tank experience

Once Patel realized the need for help in scaling the operation, he answered an open audition call for *Shark Tank*. He stood in line for 9 hours with 500 other hopefuls in New York to deliver a one-minute pitch. That was followed by both a video audition and a phone audition. About 100 people are selected from 50,000 applicants for each season’s show. The show was filmed in June and aired at the end of January.

Patel’s understanding is that the sharks haven’t seen the auditions and know nothing about any project until the company spokesman is standing before them. The pitch is done in one session without retakes although the session is edited for time.

Patel stays in touch with Mr. Cuban using Cuban’s own email app, Cyber Dust, which offers private, encrypted, disappearing messages.

He also is in contact with Cuban’s web team, business team and accounting team on a regular basis.

The Tysons location

Patel is very excited about the newest location for his Prep Expert group which started operations in Tysons in January. “We have terrific instructors to do the in-person classes, two of which are coming up in June and July. In fact one of the instructors is a former student who also earned a 2400 perfect score after training with me,” says Patel.

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(At top: left to right) Janay Turner, business manager, Arts Council; Linda S. Sullivan, president and CEO Arts Council; 2016 Uphoff Scholarship awardee Razan Elbaba, Oakton High School

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AT CULINARIA COOKING SCHOOL
With Bassist Paul Cullen, Bad Company Is Very Good Company Indeed

The congenial and entertaining Paul Cullen, former bassist of the classic rock band Bad Company and founder of Tune Your Palate, recently serenaded a ravenous group of culinary aficionados and whipped up a delectable Italian dinner at the state-of-the-art Culinaria Cooking School in Vienna, Virginia, (www.culinariacookingschool.com.) In his 'Cullenary' classes, Paul Tagliaferro Cullen prepares tasty, straightforward Italian dishes like those of his grandmother and pairs them with Italian wines - such as wild mushroom risotto with Barbera. Inspired by Paul's mushroom risotto, I hit the Falls Church Farmers' Market—the biggest in the area and open year-round—where there is a mushroom expert who cultivates and gathers numerous types of mushrooms, including the fabled porcini. I then recreated Paul's version of wild mushroom risotto, but decided to substitute the Italian whole grain farro. My friendly and astute cooking class neighbor, Elizabeth Solorzano, noted the "earthiness" of both the Barbera wine and the wild mushroom risotto.

It all started when musician Paul Cullen was about ten or twelve years old. Paul, his mother, and his Grandma Tag (Tagliaferro) would make 100 ravioli for Thanksgiving each year. He was further inspired to get back into cooking at a whole other level by Mario Batali, who was making the same recipes on his Cooking Channel show Molto Mario that Paul's grandma had taught him. Paul likes to shop at Harris Teeter, but makes his own cheese—mozzarella and ricotta. He also favors di Bruno Bros., a culinary landmark since 1939 in a South Philly Italian neighborhood, where he buys their olive oil by the case.

"I love having people over for dinner. They'd say, 'Can you do this at my house?' I thought, 'I guess I can. I just did it at my house.' So people started to hire me to come cook. Now I do in-home cooking 15 to 18 times a month. I bring my grandma’s pasta machine!" He then kneads fresh dough and cranks out tagliatelle or perhaps Southern Tuscan tortelli with cheese and bitter greens, like broccoli raab or arugula, right there on your counter! He’s so versed, he barely needs to measure. He just knows instinctively what to do.

"Last week was wicked. I cooked for 112 people in five days in the Rehoboth Beach area. They said it was the coolest experience." Interestingly enough, Rehoboth, where he lives with his lovely wife Bonnie, is a Sister City of Greve in Chianti, whose noted navigator Giovanni da Verrazzano, as in the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge which links Manhattan to Brooklyn, discovered Rehoboth back in 1524 on his way north to explore New York’s Hudson Bay as he charted the Atlantic coast of North America.

Paul Cullen is now officially a sommelier. He started us off with a Lambrusco from Denny Bini vineyards in Emilia-Romagna near Parma, which he described as "cold, fizzy, red, and dry." Next, he shared a Villa Rom Pino Blanco from Trentino, as he tends to find Alpine wines to be quite balanced. He also served a Nero d'Avila by Villa Pozzi from Sicily. Long ago, I was on an archaeological dig in Sicily with the University of Virginia, and we drank nice local red table wine in the courtyard each night. But this time they were clearly pulling out the good stuff!
Paul fascinated the crowd of Italophiles, foodies, and rockers, as well as everyone in cyberspace on the mobile Facebook Live app while it simultaneously records. “He cooks, he plays the guitar, he knows the wine. If he knows how to dance, I’m taking him home,” said one of the ladies in the class. Another chimed in, “You might have some competition,” to which the first replied, “But we don’t know if he can dance yet.” And apparently he can do that, too!

One longtime and enthusiastic fan of Culinaria, Karen Hilliard, gushed, “I love this! I have been to a dozen participation and demonstration classes—and just so you know—this is the best class!” And the response was so overwhelming that it looks like he’ll be back for a repeat performance sometime soon. Keep an eye on the Selected Events section of VivaTysons for an update.

As for his Bad Company days, Paul recounted that he saw Bad Company in ’76 when he was 16 and started playing the bass at age twenty. He recalls when he was on the plane to London, “On my way to try out for Bad Company, the people said, ‘You kept us up all night, so you’d better call us and let us know how it goes.’ When I found out, I called ‘em on a payphone and later got ‘em backstage.”

In the early eighties, he toured with bands from Florida to Alaska. He then toured all over with Bad Company from 1990 to 1994, playing for 20,000 people every night, including five times at our own Merriweather Post Pavilion in Maryland. He described it as “a great experience.” As a solo artist, Paul Cullen has recorded a total of four CDs and recently opened for, and two years ago for Foreigner. He “morphed” from rock ’n roll to a jazzy Mediterraneo-style music, as is melodiously revealed on his 2015 CD release “In the Light of Tuscany,” recorded at Conti di San Bonifacio Vineyard near Gavarano with accomplished Italian violinist Alessandro Golini.

“We started making beautiful music from the first note.”

Count Manfredo San Bonifacio is the proud owner of this impeccable Wine Resort Hotel—an exquisite Tuscan estate on an enchanted hilltop, surveying the vast realm of vineyards, olive groves, and forest in the Maremma part of Tuscany. (www.contidisbanbonifacio.com) Manfredo’s family is intertwined historically with those of Dante Alighieri, as well as Romeo and Juliet. According to the site, “Manfredo’s grandmother grew up in the beautiful historic home of Dante in Verona where he built his life after his exile from his beloved Firenze.” Also, “the Shakespearean tragedy of Romeo and Juliet finds its origins in the history books and archives written about the Counts of San Bonifacio by Rolandino, a 13th century historian.”

Paul also had the unforgettable experience of learning culinary secrets from none other than their international Italian chef Jacopo Camozza, who kindly imparted to Paul the recipe for the flavorful Cinghiale Bolognese (Pappardelle with Boar) Paul then so artfully prepared for our appreciative group. The food philosophy of the organic, locally sourced Restaurant Maremmana is as follows:

“Maybe the only thing that matters is to make our lives last as long as we do. You know, to make a life last until it ends, to make all the parts come out even, like when you rub the last piece of bread in the last drop of oil on your plate and eat it with the last sip of wine in your glass.” Allow me to linger if you will…

So if you’re considering planning an unforgettable trip to Italy, I can teach you Italian conversation before you go and help you figure out some great travel plans, including tips on great hidden hideaways, Italian cuisine, and great little restaurants! (For more information, please visit page 151.) In fact, Stephen Sands, former nuclear physicist and creative force behind Culinaria (of which he is co-owner with expert Chef Pete Snaith,) and his lovely wife were Italian students of mine, which is how I initially encountered this stellar culinary school and even celebrated its much-anticipated opening several years ago. I also enjoyed teaching Italian to his wonderful brother-in-law Karl and his adorable wife, Susan—also well-traveled Italophiles! Their remarkably intelligent dog Kenzie even started to pick up some Italian and anticipated my visit eagerly by the window fifteen minutes before my arrival for class each week. Brava, Kenzie!

On November 1, 2016, Paul will embark upon a Mediterranean cruise with world-renowned French master chef Jacques Pépin, who oversees the restaurants for the cruise line. The voyage will travel to Venezia, Croatia, Montenegro, Greece, Malta, Bari, Catania, Naples, and Roma. Paul also organizes several vineyard excursions while in port. “Oceania is the best cruise, food, wine, and, of course, music. I’ll bring my guitar.”

He cooks, he pours, he plays—even at your place! “Let the former bassist of Bad Company rock your kitchen with handmade Italian cuisine and groovy Italian vino, and play an intimate concert afterwards for you and your friends.” Prices start at $75 per person for the evening. For a full price list, check out www.paulcullenguitar.com/#!in-home-dining/c1jc8. He chats amicably about his jaunts to Italy, at Culinaria complete with slide show and map! “I will artfully blend my passion for music, wine, and food to create a memorable event for you and your guests.” As Paul likes to say, “I have guitar, wine, and sauté pan, will travel—anywhere!” And that’s what I call good company.

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While the redevelopment of our area has mostly been well received by businesses and the community, one downside is that it is leading to the end of the Vienna Arts Society at 115 Pleasant St. With the 100-year-old building set to be demolished in the next 12 months, the VAS—which has called the property home since 2004—is in search of new digs.

“We would like to be in the heart of Vienna because we think that Vienna deserves to have a town center with the fine arts in it,” says Doré Skidmore, president of the Vienna Arts Society. “Our current space has lots of natural light and tall ceilings, but it’s just one very big room, and really not enough space for what we want to do.”

For instance, there’s no storage space and because the VAS holds meetings for up to 50 people at one time, the room can’t accommodate that many people if there is a workshop or exhibit set up.
“We’ve always wanted a space to accommodate what we have grown into—providing art for the public,” Skidmore says. “We have about 170 members now. What we are looking for is a space that’s twice as big as where we are now.”

The mission of the VAS has remained the same since nine lady painters first got together in 1969 to form a volunteer society to bring together area artists to share interests, enrich their own experiences in art and to make contributions to the community.

The hope is that it can find a space that’s in the heart of Vienna so more people learn about what it offers.

“Right now, we’re kind of stuck in the corner and no one knows we’re here,” Skidmore says. “Long-term, we want to be right in front of people, so our membership can grow and we’ll have more people walk in and see what we’re all about.”

Up until now, the VAS has operated strictly on membership fees, art sales and a few generous donors, but it has also been helped by the generosity of its landlord, which has kept the rent for the space very low.

“We know that by moving, we’re going to have to look for bigger donors, people who would like to be Angels for the Arts in Vienna,” Skidmore says. “We have about a year until we need to leave, but we’d like to get some place soon so we all know what we’re doing and there’s no worry as the day gets closer.”

For those unfamiliar with the Vienna Arts Society, it does a great deal in the community. In addition to providing a place for local artists to meet and exhibit, members work with schools, the community and troops on the mend at Fort Belvoir Hospital.

“We do an outreach with the troops at the military hospital, and we’re currently building a Healing Wall using 12-inch puzzle pieces featuring their art,” Skidmore says. “All these military member who don’t think they are artists really get into it and are very happy to add their piece.”

Each year, the VAS also holds a printmaking workshop for children aged 7-12, providing supplies and a dozen experienced artists who teach up to 36 kids how to make prints in a one-hour workshop.

“Art for kids is so important. It’s really about developing their brains more fully,”

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she says. "In my opinion, STEM really needs an 'A' in there for the arts. Schools don’t always have funding for art programs and if kids are only doing math and reading, a part of the brain isn’t being used at all."

Classes and workshops are offered monthly for adults and children and the organization’s members work throughout the community to bring more art into the world.

Additionally, each month the VAS holds an open meeting for all members and the public at large.

"We invite a nationally-known or regional artist to give a demonstration and the public will come in to see a painting being done or to learn a technique or something like that," Skidmore says. "That’s always a lot of fun."

Anyone interested in being a donor or learning more about what they can do to help the Vienna Arts Society find its next home, visit viennaartssociety.org. 

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MCLEAN SCHOOL OFFERS
Better Way of Learning

There’s a new private school coming to Tysons for the Fall 2016-17 school year, which looks to change the way some schools focus on education. BASIS Independent McLean will serve preschool to 12th grade and follow the successful curriculum already established.

The first BASIS school was established by Dr. Michael and Olga Block, world-class academics in the field of economics, who realized that students from outside the U.S., were not only more prepared for the challenges faced in college than their American counterparts, but were simply “better” at being students.

In 1998, they created a new school in Tucson, Arizona, and discovered that American students thrived when challenged, rising to and surpassing the best students in the world.

Today, BASIS schools are located in Brooklyn, N.Y., Silicon Valley and there’s even an international school in Shenzhen, China. Additionally, 18 charter schools are located across the U.S.

Students who begin as pre-K students at BASIS Independent McLean will be exposed to a rigorous STEM curriculum.

“Our curriculum is designed in a spiral,” says Sean Aiken, the Inaugural Head of School of BASIS Independent McLean. “That means, the early exposure to the core foundational concepts allows you to build great depth and complexity as the student ages, and at a pace that allows them to take on some of the difficult things before they graduate.”

For example, students in sixth grade begin taking biology, chemistry and physics, and that process is made much easier because of the coursework they have done in the grades leading up to it.

“I think coming at an earlier age is really important if you are looking for an integrated curriculum,” Aiken says. “The things that we are doing in kindergarten and first grade matter to success in middle school, and matter to success in high school.”

With the school set to open in a few months, Aiken is working hard to ensure that the McLean school is as strong as possible when the doors first open.

“We are in the midst of a very busy time in terms of enrolling admissions,” says Aiken. “We have been accepting students since about September. I’m meeting tons and tons of kids, answering questions from parents and giving lots of information about curriculum.”
As of spring, Aiken was also interviewing numerous teachers and educators to ensure that the school has the best of the best when it opens this fall.

“We’re building a community here,” Aiken says. “First and foremost, BASIS really has its eyes on making sure our kids are competitive on a global scale. When we are measuring levels of success, we are looking at individual students and what their passions and goals are and making sure they can run to the highest levels of success with those passions.”

By the end of 11th grade, students at BASIS Independent McLean will have acquired all the credits they needed to graduate high school, so senior year is geared towards teaching 12th graders how research is done in a variety of different disciplines and for the last 12 weeks of the school year, they go out into the world and do real internships.

And we’re not talking jobs where the students are making copies or getting coffee—these are incredible opportunities. Aiken has seen BASIS kids go to Iceland to study Medieval Icelandic poetry; Argentina to learn about evolutionary movements from their national archives; and others have worked with surgery robots or learned how to run nonprofits.

“The range of the projects really speaks to the kids being equipped with the skills necessary across the board and able to exercise these projects in a real and meaningful way,” he says. “We believe it is essential to involve our students in the creation of their new campus. Whether that amounts to feedback on which teaching candidates should be hired, how facilities should be designed, or what resources need to be secured, we model STEM approaches to problem solving and require students to be participants in that process, not just spectators.”

BASIS Independent McLean students will have access to “maker spaces” to learn and create in, such as the Industrial Arts Lab, where students will have access to an area that comes equipped with both traditional and modern tools to help students navigate the engineering and design process. That includes everything from tape and glue, to saws and screwdrivers, to 3D printers and CNC machines.

“Tysons is this new and vibrant place that is really trying to push forward as the Next Great American City, and I think that energy and freshness is something BASIS really believes in and something that we feel very at home in,” Aiken says. “Ultimately, BASIS is a place that is really concerned about complacency. There are a lot of good schools and some great schools in this area and the families want the best for their children, and it’s our responsibility as educators to challenge ourselves to grow and see what new heights we can reach for those kids.”

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Roll Play Grill is the latest incantation in the fast casual revolution. If you’re like most people in the DMV, you’ve probably visited several fast casual restaurants by now (Chipotle, &Pizza, ShopHouse) so let’s analyze what makes them work. First, the restaurant has to serve really tasty food. Nothing is more important than that. Yet, other factors include reasonable pricing, convenience, upbeat service, along with that intangible but vital feature, imagination. Roll Play Grill offers all that and more. This time, there’s healthful, super-fresh Vietnamese cuisine on the assembly line.

Opening in November of 2015, a local entrepreneurial Vietnamese family and their friends founded the restaurant: “The owner of Roll Play Grill is a restaurant group called Happy Endings Hospitality Group. Di Dang and Hac Dang—two former professional poker players—are two of the main members,” says Tuyet Nhi Lee, another co-owner (and girlfriend of Di Dang). Lee and her family had worked for years as caterers, developing their recipes and constructing Vietnamese cuisine that could be served quickly but remained culturally and aesthetically authentic. Lee’s mother, Tuyet Hoa, took it a step further when she made her families’ recipes fit into the fast casual model. With the support from the other members of Happy Endings, Hoa is onsite daily, overseeing the Roll Play kitchen. “Customers have loved our food, which has made my mom, our master chef, super happy. She has some other secret items to be added to the menu including her Banana Chia Pudding,” adds Lee.

The food—that’s what’s really important, right? At Roll Play, customers choose from three foundations—spring rolls, noodle bowls, banh mi sandwiches or Vietnamese noodle soup (Pho)—to create their custom meal. Next, they add their choice of protein—tofu, garlic shrimp, pork belly, five-spiced chicken or lemongrass beef. Insert up to five diced toppings for free, including fried shallots, mango, crushed peanuts and red pepper. The Magnum Rolls and banh mi get the most raves on social media. For those unfamiliar with traditional Vietnamese cooking and terminology, there’s no need to customize your entrée, Roll Play’s recommended ingredients will definitely do.

All the entrees are pretty substantial, and you can easily get your fill. They’re served with a traditional Vietnamese sauce; select from spicy or regular peanut, chili or vinaigrette (the spicy peanut rocks). When you bite into your Magnum Roll, you’re going to see cilantro that looks like it was picked a few minutes before. The carrots snap, the jalapeno’s crunch and burn, the tender noodles inside are al dente...every ingredient standing firm, harmonizing, elevating that fancy dance in your mouth.
Roll Play also offers side dishes too—select their crispy fried rolls over extras like the avocado or fried egg.

“My personal favorite item, when I’m not counting calories, is the Pork Belly Banh Mi with Sriracha Mayonnaise. It’s savory, and the mayonnaise adds a ton of flavor. But I can’t eat too many of those,” notes model-gorgeous Lee. “I also go for the Five Spiced Chicken Mangum Rolls or Beef Pho with Shiratuki Noodles. They’re both really delicious and healthy.”

Little touches make a difference, and Roll Play’s owners understand that. There’s the water cooler with free cucumber/mint water, Pucks’s hi-style fountain service with sugar free juices, and the crazy-good Young Coconut drink that the staff will open on the spot for you to sip, then scrape clean. It’s not cheap, but you’re paying for freshness and quality here.

Located in a strip mall on Route 7 in Tysons Corner, Roll Play has become popular with both to-go customers and those who want to eat-in. The hipster décor, Touch Screen Kiosks, and Vietnamese street food menu, add to the ambiance of the place. The metal and wood tables are family style, with little shelves built on top, for your phone or sauces. You’re likely to engage in a conversation as a result of this configuration. You’ll probably discuss how good your food is, or ask someone to Insta-you in front of the restaurant logo painted on the wall.

Roll Play has an open food prep area where you can watch Hoa and her staff chopping fresh vegetables and slicing meats, then hand-building your dish. Mostly they are friends and family, the staff, with a cheerful energy unique to today’s fast casual restaurants. Happy Endings happens to be the same charismatic family behind Chasin’ Tails Crawfish in Arlington and Centreville. Next up for this team is Teas’n You, an Asian teahouse opening in May, also on Leesburg Pike, a few blocks away from Roll Play. Teas’n You will serve finger foods and Asian-influenced tea.

Because this restaurant is the brainchild of millennials, trendiness and modernity is an essential part of the business model. With a snappy website, urbane interior design, high tech ordering system, and fresh understanding of our multi-cultured community of Northern Virginia, you might find yourself thinking, “I’m ready to invest!” Or “my friends are going to love this place, if they can find a parking space.” The idea depends on your age, but either way, you’re going to like the food, and my guess, you’ll be back to try something new. And isn’t that the point of fast casual?

P.S. There’s a parking garage in the back of the building; ask the cashier at Roll Play for a free token.

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www.danterestaurant.com  Italian born chef Giuseppe Di Benigno serves comfort foods from his hometown in Italy. The menu includes Italian favorites like pastas, Osso Buco alla Milanese, and Giuseppe’s signature seafood soup. Dante offers an extensive wine list with plenty of reds and whites to choose from. $$$ 

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442 Maple Ave E, Vienna, VA
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703.534.8999  4psva.com

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703.760.9000  www.irisloungeva.com

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LEVANT
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1934 Old Gallows Road, Suite 110
Tysons Corner, VA 703.854.1728 PaladarLatinKitchen.com

THE OLD BROGUE
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760C Walker Road, Great Falls, VA 703.759.3309 OldBrogue.com

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2910 District Ave #170
Mosaic District, Fairfax, VA 571.326.1616

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Tucked away in Vienna is a delightful little pastry shop called Sweet City Desserts, where cases filled with sumptuous European and Asian pastries, displays of wedding cakes, and an alluring aroma are enough to tempt anyone to linger.

Opened in 2011, Sweet City Desserts is now becoming known for its Full-Service Tea. Ladies, children, and even gentlemen are often seen enjoying a cuppa along with a three-tiered server brimming with several types of tea sandwiches, scones with house-made clotted cream, muffins, cookies and miniature desserts created by pastry chef Jenya Policelli. Note you must reserve your tea at least 48 hours in advance, as it's not yet available for walk-ins, which makes the experience all the more special.

Our little party ooh-ed and ah-ed over the delightful presentation, with its white tablecloth, colorful teapots, posy-rimmed plates, fresh flowers and doily-lined servers. The setting was almost too pretty to disturb, and we took numerous pictures of ourselves around the table. Once we took our first bite however, the conversation changed quickly to "mmmms" and "try this," until nary a crumb remained.

“Food should bring people together,” said manager Lorraine...
Saxon, and the teas certainly do that. “We have already hosted girl scouts, bridal parties, mother-daughter pairings, Red Hat Society ladies, and birthday tea parties.” Create your own occasion; the bakery can seat up to 25 people for a Full-Service Tea and is available for private rental.

Saxon keeps things fresh by rotating themes and pastries throughout the seasons. She also offers simple breakfast and dessert teas. Check the website for specially-themed afternoon teas that include a Victorian Tea, Spring Tea or a holiday tea.

If you are hankering for something sweet, stop in any time and find a delectable selection in the glass-front cases that include French macarons, Opera cake, S’more bites, cookies, scones, and breakfast pastries. A top seller is the Kalamansi pie made from the traditional Filipino lime, and at least a dozen artisan pastries are featured daily.

Special attention is paid to those with food intolerances, with gluten-free options always available, and vegetarian, Halal and other dietary accommodations made upon request. In addition to a range of Mighty Leaf tea selections, Sweet City offers a full range of coffees, smoothies and specialty drinks.

Already known for its unique designs for specialty and wedding cakes, Full-Service Tea adds another layer to the delights found at Sweet City Desserts. Settle in to one of the comfortable chairs and enjoy.

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   www.Zara.com

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4) The Official Jump Rope of USA Boxing
   www.RXSmartgear.com

5) Adidas Pure Boost X Shoes
   by Stella McCartney
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RunBell
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I remember being enthralled as a child by Marguerite Henry’s children’s novel Misty of Chincoteague, but when I visited the island of Chincoteague, Virginia, the story really came to life.

The book tells the story of two children, Paul and Maureen Beebe, who work to earn money to buy a pony named Phantom and her foal Misty who escaped the roundup on Pony Penning Day. The children eventually break Phantom and ride her in a Pony Penning Day race, where she wins. But when she sees the herd to which she once belonged, she longs to return. Paul releases Phantom, who rejoins the herd and freedom on Assateague Island.

Henry’s story was inspired by a real-life Chincoteague pony of the same name, and the ponies and people surrounding her. Misty was a chestnut and white pinto with a white marking on her side that resembled the shape of the United States.

Henry purchased Misty in November 1946 and took her back to Wayne, Illinois, where for ten years they made public appearances at schools, movie theaters, museums and horse shows. Then in 1957, Henry decided to return Misty to the Beebe Ranch to have her foals. It is said that about 460 people attended the goodbye party in Wayne.

Misty had three foals: Phantom Wings, Wisp O’Mist, and Stormy, who had a blaze shaped like a crescent moon on her forehead and as of 2015, there are more than 200 direct
descendants of Misty, some of which can be seen today at the Chincoteague Pony Centre. Misty herself died October 16, 1972 at age 26.

A stop at the Chincoteague Visitors Center armed us with a map of "Misty’s Trail" and information on where to find all things Misty on the island.

**Finding Misty in Chincoteague**

Marguerite Henry stayed at Miss Molly’s Inn in a large upstairs bedroom with white curtains while working on the book that was published in 1947. In a letter to the proprietors of the inn she described, “One night I brought a tiny live seahorse into the room and set him in front of a window in a glass of water. In the morning when I awoke, those purse white curtains were “appliqued” all over with 1 ½ inch long baby sea horses which had hatched in the night from the father’s pouch.”

“In embarrassment and haste I gathered father and children up and returned them to the sea. And that is why the finial to the book of MISTY is decorated with the sketch of a sea horse.” She remembered evenings on the porch, talking over the plot and the events of the day.

Traces of Misty herself can be found throughout the island. For the movie premiere in 1961, Ralph Beebe led Misty down the street and in front of the Island Theatre, where she embedded her hoof prints into cement. Marguerite Henry wrote Misty’s name above them. The movie premiered in Hollywood and Chincoteague the same night. Nearby, a bronze statue of Misty that was originally located across from the Beebe Ranch can be found in the Robert Reed Waterfront Park. An identical statue was placed at Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky and a Misty time capsule was buried alongside it, to be opened in 2046.

At the Museum of Chincoteague Island an exhibit features the Beebe Ranch and Misty and Stormy themselves. Their bodies were taxidermied and are on display as the centerpieces of a Misty of Chincoteague exhibit that includes photographs, copies of the book and Misty memorabilia. Misty was foaled on Assateague Island in 1946, swam in the Annual Pony Swim across the Assateague Channel, and lived many of her years at the Beebe Ranch at 3062 Ridge Road.

The Chincoteague Pony Centre and Gift Shop showcases the Chincoteague pony and houses the largest herd of Misty’s family’s ponies on the island. Watch a 30-minute documentary on the ponies and view a large collection of Misty memorabilia and a Misty family tree.

Much of the movie Misty of Chincoteague was filmed at the island’s Carnival Grounds, where festivities of the annual Pony Swim and Carnival still continue today, held yearly in July. See if you can find the narrow point at Pony Swim Lane near Memorial Park where the ponies emerge from the water.

There are a number of places to stay in Chincoteague, including charming B&Bs, hotels and rental cottages. We stayed at the Refuge Inn, located just across the bridge from the National Wildlife Refuge and Assateague Island, where a corral houses a number of Chincoteague ponies. Bags of pony food are available for up-close and personal interactions. It was nice to walk outside and be among the ponies I had read so much about. It’s been a while since I read Misty of Chincoteague, but after this journey, I think I’ll pick it up again.

**Resources**

Chincoteague Island Visitors Center and Chamber of Commerce 6722 Maddox Boulevard Chincoteague Island, VA 23336 www.chincoteaguechamber.com

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To satisfy a couple’s evolving lifestyle requirements, Sun Design Remodeling dramatically reconfigured the home’s first level, introducing a “kitchen-centric” scheme that better supports everyday use and entertainment needs.

Last March, the public was invited to see a “kitchen-centric” first floor reconfiguration in a thirty year old Colonial-style production house in Fairfax Station. While visitors were generally impressed with the project’s far-reaching scope, in the end it was the varied, balanced, yet highly-original interior design scheme that got people talking.

“The house was full of intriguing ideas,” one attendee commented. “I went home and started re-thinking my entire first floor.”

The reaction is not a surprise to Andrew Smith and Madelynne McCarthy who purchased the original model home in 2002. Typical of the style, the first level room configuration was primly arranged: a living room and dining room to the right of the

(At Top) The bow front farm sink, six-burner stove and food prep island form the three sides of a work triangle that facilitates cooking and clean-up tasks. The custom-designed barn door (right) leads into the new formal dining room. (Above) A wine rack and wine refrigerator are convenient to a serving counter convenient to the family room and back deck.
entry foyer; a den to the left; a kitchen and family room accessible from a rear archway; a small powder room off the foyer; a back deck through the rear kitchen slider.

“Pretty basic,” Smith says, “but after living in it for fourteen years we could see possibilities.”

Though the 4,000 square foot house had been satisfactory to the owners in many respects, over time the first floor’s small rooms, narrow doorways and builder-grade finishes seemed dated as the couple looked ahead to their retirement years.

“We wanted our house to be a personal residence that reflects our tastes,” Andy Smith explains. “A place we can really enjoy.”

As longer occupancy became a regular household discussion, the production house limitations seemed particularly glaring.

“The kitchen was space-constricted and pretty drab,” Smith says. “There was a small island with a cook top that didn’t provide a useful working surface. Doors to the hall closet and powder room obstructed traffic at the kitchen archway, which was too narrow. The kitchen clean-up area was too exposed from the family room. Overall, we pictured a warmer, more aesthetically-interesting interior.”

Several space-enhancement options were considered.

“We had plans to remove the rear wall and add 800 square feet,” Smith recalls, “but when we looked at our real requirements this approach didn’t make economic sense. Fundamentally, we just wanted a larger kitchen and pantry, and an interior that would work well for entertaining. We just weren’t sure how to accomplish this.”

Luckily, last year, a seminar by Sun Design Remodeling unveiled a new way of thinking about the house.

“The seminar prompted us to explore ideas of re-purposing space within the home’s existing footprint,” Andy says. “I suddenly recognized we were getting almost no use from our 200 square foot formal living room. It was wasted space.”

In the ensuing weeks, the couple contacted Craig Durosko at Sun Design Remodeling to stop by the house.

“Traditionally, a center hall Colonial is one of the most popular floor plans in northern Virginia” says Craig Durosko, Sun Design’s founder and chairman. “The way people use their homes now has changed dramatically. There’s a movement towards open, interactive spaces, and departure from interior walls.”

As change agent, one of Durosko’s first steps is to help owners envision a space utilization plan that will better support how they want to use their home in the foreseeable future. Hence, once Smith and McCarthy recognized that the front-facing living room could be incorporated into a broader floor plan reconfiguration, Sun Design’s team began proposing alternative “use zones” for the existing first floor template.

Several critical decisions followed in rapid succession, to wit:

■ The wall between the kitchen and the dining room would be removed, extending the kitchen by 78 square feet while allowing generous square footage for a walk-in pantry and a new powder room;

■ The hall powder room would give way to an enlarged and upgraded laundry and mudroom linked to the garage and only accessible from inside the kitchen;

■ All 200 square feet of the old living room would be re-purposed as a finished formal dining room accessed directly from the new kitchen;

■ With the cluster of doors between the foyer and the kitchen relocated or replaced with pocket doors, front-to-back access from the foyer is now unencumbered and free flowing, an effect aided by improved sightlines.

Meanwhile, a series of interior design conferences evolved into an inspired collaboration.

“In a finish work elaboration, the details are everything,” Smith says, noting that his

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enthusiasm for design extends from a lifelong interest in architecture.

"Maddie and I had done a lot of research into the kinds of materials, colors and textures we wanted, but Katie Coram at Sun Design really helped us narrow and refine our choices, assembling the pieces into a coherent whole."

Some highlights of the interior design solution include:

- A custom-designed barn door between the kitchen and the new dining room. While the interior makeover generally explores rustic, early American sensibilities, a glass-and-wood barn door created to specification by Sun Design carpenters is an iconic stand-out that keeps the dining room private while allowing light from the west-facing rear windows;

- A dining counter/wine bar situated at the back door for deck access. Equipped with a wine rack and wine refrigerator, the wine bar obstructs sightlines from the family room to the kitchen sink, making the fireside space a visually-independent entertainment zone.

- A 6’x 4’ food prep island and dining counter. Topped with blue flower granite and equipped with an under-cabinet microwave and a warming drawer, this built-in is proximate to a circumscribing U-shaped counter which supports work triangles in several directions.

- Six burner gas stove with hood. Designed in black mocha glazed wood, the distressed facing picks up several of the kitchen’s rustic themes, including the exposed brick and the flagstone-accented tile flooring which conceals a radiant heating system.

- Dining room with coffered ceiling: Wedgwood interior design. In a nod to the 18th century (colonial-era) sensibilities, the new formal dining room’s elegant wall elevations feature raised panels, crown molding and wainscoting.

All of which is a source of much satisfaction to Smith and McCarthy.

"From room to room, the new first floor explores a lot of style elements in well-balanced combinations," Andy Smith concludes, "It’s a much warmer, more inviting interior. And it’s truly our home now."

Sun Design Remodeling will be sponsoring a tour of a recently remodeled Fairfax Station home on March 12, 2016. Headquartered in Burke, the firm has a second office in McLean. For information call 703.425.5588 or visit www.SunDesignInc.com

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What are the benefits of home staging?

Staging, according to most Realtors® and professional home stagers, can help a home sell faster and at a higher price than a house that has been left unchanged. In fact, the National Association of Realtors 2015 Profile of Home Staging revealed that almost half of Realtors believe staging usually affects a buyer’s view of a home, while just 4 percent said staging does not have any effect on would-be buyers. The biggest impact of staging, according to the NAR survey, is helping buyers imagine the home as their own and encouraging them to visit a property they first viewed online.

How much will staging cost you?

The cost of staging a home can range from a few hundred dollars to more than $100,000, but the median cost spent to stage a home in the United States is $675. It varies whether agents offer staging as part of their services or the homeowner pays for staging in advance of listing. If your home could benefit from staging before it hits the market, consider searching for a Realtor with expertise in that area. You could also hire a professional stager to help you identify the items that most need staging in your home and then complete the actual work yourself.

As noted, not only does staging make your home more attractive to buyers and help encourage a quicker sale, but it can also increase the final sales price. About one-third of Realtors believe buyers will offer 1 to 5 percent more on a staged home, while a smaller percentage believe the increase is closer to 6 to 10 percent.

How can you stage your home for maximum impact?

The days of bringing in fresh flowers, painting the walls off-white and baking cookies for the open house are gone. Realtors today know that more than a little tweaking is necessary depending on the condition of the home, its size and price range. While in the past, an empty home could be staged with inexpensive rented furniture, an empty home today will more likely be completely decorated to match what buyers see in model homes or on popular TV design shows.

In addition, some of the former “rules” of staging have gone out the window, and stagers often bring more color and personality into a home to make it easier for buyers to picture a new lifestyle for themselves. They want to draw would-be buyers’ attention to the best highlights of a home, like removing dated window treatments to feature more natural light. Of course, the style of furniture and the use of color always depend on the home itself. The point of staging is to let buyers imagine this home as a fresh and new backdrop for the furnishings and decorative items they already love.
Which rooms are most often staged?

Realtors ranked the living room as the #1 room to stage, and that was followed by the kitchen, master bedroom, dining room and bathroom. Below are a few of the staging tips that real estate agents often share with their clients.

- To make a room feel larger, paint it the same color as an adjacent room. You might also move the furniture into small groupings away from the walls. For example, placing an oversized sofa in storage and instead clustering a few cozy armchairs can make a small living room seem much bigger.

- In the kitchen and bathrooms, clean and paint everything to maximize freshness. Don’t forget to pack up unnecessary items—doing so will make storage space seem more abundant.

- Staging is about more than simply taking things away, for instance. You can create a reading nook on an oversized stair landing by adding a chair, a light and a small table, turning unused space into something much more valuable.

If you’re thinking about selling your home, consider reaching out to the Long & Foster Real Estate team. Long & Foster offers multiple divisions that can help sellers with everything from marketing their properties worldwide to determining their true worth.

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Beneath the Sea

BY LINDA BARRETT

See the Wonders of the Aquatic World at the National Aquarium

Photo credit: Linda Barrett
See the world from below the surface at Baltimore’s National Aquarium and experience an amazing and informative journey through the wonders of the aquatic world. Home to more than 20,000 fish, birds, amphibians, reptiles and marine mammals living in award-winning habitats, the aquarium is also a nonprofit organization with a mission to inspire conservation of the world’s aquatic treasures.

“The experience at the National Aquarium is not like anything you will see in your day-to-day life,” explained Kate Rowe, director of media relations. “You would have to travel around the world and dive to experience areas like the Coral Reef or the Black Tip Reef. Here, it’s much closer to home.”

**Living Seashore**

The newest feature at the National Aquarium, opened May 12, 2015, is the highly-interactive Living Seashore designed to explore the mid-Atlantic shoreline. Several shallow touchpools (the only touchpools in the Mid-Atlantic) allowed us to stroke the wing of an Atlantic stingray, and feel the bell of a pulsing moon jellyfish. They are firmer than you think! Aquarium staff told us exactly where and how to safely touch these creatures. Digital touch-screen table games and an interactive touch wall are featured for those who might not want to put their hands in the water.

You’ll discover a myriad of hidden treasures. “You may have seen these items on the beach, but haven’t seen it living, like a horseshoe crab. The next time you go to the beach, you’ll see things differently,” Rowe said.

**Blacktip Reef**

Opened Summer 2013, Blacktip Reef replicates an Indo-Pacific reef and features more than 700 animals including a school of blacktip reef sharks. Several vantage points allow visitors to get up close with the animals including an amazing below-the-water, floor-to-ceiling pop-out viewing window that makes you feel as if you are in the water itself.

From above, see if you can spot Calypso, the 500-pound giant green sea turtle who had to have one flipper amputated when found. “Calypso was a rescue turtle and has been with us about 16 years now. She is maybe 20 years old, and they can live 80-100 years,” Rowe explained.

**Dolphin Discovery**

Wanting to rest our feet for a moment, we wandered into the Dolphin Discovery exhibit in time to catch a training session with the dolphins. From our tiered seating, we were treated to a show of agility and intelligence as the dolphins jumped, waved and circled. A variety of sessions and chats with marine mammal experts are scheduled throughout the day. Check the digital screens for times or download the free mobile app, and don’t forget to go down the steps to the underwater viewing area to see the world from a dolphin’s point of view.

**Shark Alley**

One of the most memorable features of the National Aquarium is the three-story-tall 225,000-gallon, ring-shaped exhibit of Shark Alley where you traverse a spiral walkway with Roughtail Stingrays and Nurse, Sand Tiger and Sandbar sharks slowly circling slowly around you. Arrive at feeding time to watch Aquarium divers hand-feed resident fish and wave at you from inside the tank.

**Australia: Wild Extremes**

A wonderful surprise was found in the first of the two land-based habitats: Australia Wild Extremes. Winner of the 2008 AZA Exhibit of the Year, the Australia exhibit depicts an Australian river gorge filled with close to 1,800 native animals including freshwater crocodiles, laughing kookaburras, colorful finches, lorikeets, the venomous death adder, bats and even flying foxes. You will have to look for them; the free-roaming creatures are not always easy to spot, as in nature, but that’s half the adventure. Cross over the waterfall to reach this exhibit.

**Tropical Rain Forest**

Lose yourself in the lush greenery of the second habitat, Tropical Rain Forest, featuring a diverse collection of plants and animals including the two-toed sloths, Golden Lion tamarin, monkeys, poison-dart frogs, and frightening tarantulas. Look up to catch brightly-hued Amazon parrots, Turquoise Tangers and White-Tailed Trogons in flight.

Kate Rowe gave an excellent suggestion: “I find that guests only see what’s at their eye level. I recommend moving your head up and down to see what’s above and below—there are things everywhere to see.” See who can spot the most species, even with their camouflage.

**Get Personal with Immersion Tours**

With the Aquarium’s Immersion Tours (extra fee) you can go behind the scenes for an insider’s perspective. Sleep over with the sharks, traverse the shark catwalk, enjoy a before-we-open guided tour, get personal with the dolphins, discover the world of the icy, creepy, slimy, or be a guest diver in one of the Aquarium’s most popular exhibits. Immersion tours vary in length from daily one-to-two hour tours to overnight stays.

**History of National Aquarium**

Established in 1873 in Wood’s Hole, Massachusetts, the aquarium relocated to Washington, D.C. in 1878. In August 1981, the Baltimore location opened and there were two locations until the D.C. branch closed in September 2013. Now, there is just one National Aquarium, located in a stunning multi-level building on the docks of the Baltimore Inner Harbor.

Tickets are not inexpensive, so plan on spending the day. You’ll need that much time to see it all anyway. You can always step out to enjoy lunch (get your hand stamped) at one of the Inner Harbor restaurants and return in the afternoon, if you’d like. Visit on Fridays after 5:00 p.m. for half-price admission.

National Aquarium is one of the wonderful gems of Baltimore and should be at the top of your list. Where else can you experience all this without a passport?

**National Aquarium**

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Parents in the Tysons area have a tremendous new resource for managing their lives. Those who need to juggle childcare, work demands, errands, etc. can turn to Play, Work or Dash. The name says it all, but think “co-working for parents.”

Nicole Dash and her husband have four children, and when the kids were young, Nicole started a home-based daycare as an alternative to working outside her home. She also writes a mommy blog, TinyStepsMommy.com, where she meets other moms. As she pondered the challenges faced by young moms and continued her daycare, the idea of Play, Work or Dash started to grow.

Many parents have a need for once-in-a-while daycare: they may need to work on growing their own business or work on some project. Flexible short-term childcare is a perfect solution. The parent gets to work on site while the kids are watched by CPR/first aid-certified providers. The work areas are right upstairs from the play area and there is even a video monitor where parents can check on their child during the session.

The parent has the option to stay to work—hold a meeting, maybe read in the lounge area—or dash—run errands, have lunch, or attend a meeting elsewhere. The on-site childcare allows for up to 3 hours of care, (2) 90-minute sessions for children aged 9 months to 8 years old. Drop-off childcare is one 90-minute session for children over 2 years old who are potty-trained. The facility can have up to ten children at one time and the staff-child ratio is one provider for 5 children. A parent reserves time online so the center is always properly staffed.

For those parents remaining on site there is a comfortable lounge for reading, resting, or socializing. There is a conference room that will accommodate up to 10 people for meetings. The upstairs features several open desks along with printer and copier, plus free coffee, tea, and soda in the kitchen area.

Memberships are available from five 90-minute sessions per month up to fifty 90-minute sessions a month. In addition...
to the childcare/office use, the memberships include such benefits as free or discounted conference room access, free or discounted guest passes, member events, a private Facebook group, and more. Non-member rates are also an option.

Play, Work or Dash just opened in January this year and it has proven very popular. According to Dash, there is a core group of founding members. Some people come regularly, others come to give it a try. “Spring break and snow days were very busy and we expect that summers will be big. This can also be a supplement to pre-school arrangements that parents have,” says Dash.

The center is open Monday though Friday, 9:00am to 4:30pm and the space can even be rented on the weekends for meetings or workshops. Dash also offers the occasional Parents’ Night Out and recently held an adult networking mixer. “We are building a community,” explains Dash.

The majority of parents work on-site, generally once or twice a week for three hours each time. Play, Work or Dash allows the parent to be close to their kids while still working as opposed to being distracted by them at home.

Dash’s longer-term plans include expanding the concept to other locations regionally and then perhaps franchising nationally. “We have only been open a few months. We are still perfecting this model,” she points out, “but by 2020, the prediction is that 40% of the workforce will be flexible and there need to be flexible childcare options.”

Play, Work or Dash may be the answer that many will discover provides the childcare flexibility they need.
ASK AN ADVISOR ABOUT SAVING FOR COLLEGE

We just had a baby, how soon should I start saving for my child’s college education?

The best answer I can give to that question is, start now. As a new parent you are likely overwhelmed by all the increased responsibilities and it is easy to put off the future, but don’t. The sooner you begin saving for college, the more time your savings will have to grow.

How do I figure out how much I need to save?

There are some very good college savings calculators online that will help you estimate the future cost of college based on your child’s age, rising education costs, and the current annual average college costs.

Once you identify the estimated cost, figure out how much you need to be saving annually in order to meet that goal. If you cannot cover the entire cost, don’t worry, there are plenty of scholarships and work study programs your child may be eligible for in the future.

It is important that you do not forgo saving for your own retirement in order to increase savings for your child’s college. Keep in mind the fact that your child can get a loan for college but you cannot get a loan for retirement.

What types of accounts can be used for college saving?

Technically any savings or investment account (outside of a retirement account) can be used, but there are state sponsored accounts that allow some tax benefits. Virginia 529 Savings plans are a popular option for Virginia residents because they allow you to receive a state tax deduction for contributions. You may also want to consider Pre-paid Tuition or opening a savings account.

There are pros and cons to each of these accounts and you need to determine which type of account best fits your needs. It is important to understand and compare the yearly contribution maximums, tax benefits and the withdrawal restrictions.

What happens if my child does not use the money I’ve saved in a 529 Account?

Most people don’t realize that 529 assets can be used at any eligible institution of higher education. That includes not only four-year colleges and universities, but also qualifying two-year associate degree programs, trade schools and vocational schools—both at home and abroad.

You also have the right to change the beneficiary on your 529 account. As long as the new beneficiary is a family member (sibling, first cousin, aunt, uncle, grandparent, or even you) the money can be used for qualified education expenses without being charged income taxes or penalties. (An interesting side note is that if the beneficiary gets a full scholarship to college, the penalty for taking the cash is waived.)

Taking the cash is always a possibility, but if assets in a 529 are used for something other than qualified education expenses (tuition, required fees, books, supplies, computer-related expenses, room and board etc.) you will have to pay both income tax and a 10% penalty on the earnings. Since one of the main benefits of a 529 account is the tax-free earnings, I’d think carefully before cashing it out.

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MYTH #1

I paid a lot of money for a wrinkle cream that has collagen and elastin in it to get rid of my wrinkles.

This is called succumbing to the power of marketing. At best, most anti-aging creams will temporarily plump up the top layer of skin to give the appearance of less wrinkles. In reality, the claim that a collagen cream can erase or fill lines and turn back the clock is completely false. We lose elasticity and tone as we age but spending upwards of $500 for 2 ounces of a collagen cream, even if the claim is that it is a “bio-available” form, is a huge waste of money. The collagen molecule itself is too large to penetrate the skin barrier so, if you really want a quick fix, go to your cosmetic dermatologist or surgeon and spend that money on a syringe of injectable collagen to plump up your wrinkles. Otherwise, in order to be effective, a topical product must contain ingredients such as Retin-A and a stable form of vitamin C to truly be effective at stimulating your own skin’s collagen production.

–Dr. Dima

MYTH #2

I have to lay in the sun so that my body gets enough Vitamin D.

This has been a huge topic in the media lately. Adequate vitamin D, which actually isn’t really a vitamin but rather a prohormone, is essential for proper immune system function, bone health, and may even help to prevent certain types of cancer. Yes, we do need some (unprotected) sunlight exposure for adequate vitamin D formation, but overexposure to ultraviolet rays can lead to the breakdown of vitamin D as well. Light skinned people need less sun exposure than dark skinned individuals, but, regardless of skin type, all any of us needs is a few minutes of sunlight 2-3 times a week. In fact, during the winter months, and if you live in more northern latitudes, it’s best to supplement with food and over the counter Vitamin D to ensure sufficient levels. Using tanning as an excuse for preventing vitamin D deficiency is both excessive and imprudent.

MYTH #3

My mother and grandmother look amazing for their age so I don’t have anything to worry about.

It’s really nice to be blessed with great genetics but… your lifestyle has been proven to play a more important role in how you age. Many studies have been done on identical twins and the impact of their environment and habits on their health and appearance. It’s not hard to tell which twin below was the sun worshipper, smoker, drinker of the two.

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MYTH #4

I tan at a tanning booth before going on vacation so that I won’t burn at the beach.

This is a huge fallacy. A base tan will only give you a SPF of about 3 or 4 but, more importantly, the color you are inducing translates into one thing and one thing only: UV damage from radiation. You’ll age faster and increase your chances of getting skin cancer. So get a spray on tan, use plenty of sunblock, wear a hat and sit under an umbrella – you’ll be grateful later.

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Ms. Jorgenson has sold over 1,900 homes totaling over 1.3 billion dollars in value during her thirty year career as a Realtor. She is regularly recognized as one of the top producing agents in the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors (NVAR), and is the top producing individual agent in the Long and Foster Mid-Atlantic Region. Her detailed knowledge of the Northern Virginia real estate market, years of hard work, and upbeat and positive attitude has left her a long list of satisfied clients.

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Dr. Popp graduated cum laude from the Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich with integrated internships at Yale, and by 2006 had completed her residency in internal medicine at George Washington University. Prior to opening her practice, she practiced at Sibley Hospital in DC and Inova Health Systems in Alexandria and Fairfax for many years. Currently, Dr. Popp is the medical director at the Tysons Internal Medicine and Wellness Center and the Director the Astoria Laser Clinic & MedSpa.

Dr. Popp believes that the relationship between a physician and patient should be based in trust, respect, and clear expectations, and should yield satisfaction for both parties. To that end, she prefers to spend a significant amount of time face-to-face with her patients.

Dr. Popp is a working mother and wife that knows first-hand the demands and challenges faced by women daily. As such, one of her biggest passions is to support women in their desire to showcase their inner beauty by helping them bring out their youthful spirit. She works closely with her patients to develop individualized assessment plans that aim to rejuvenate the soul and body, creating natural looking results.

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Ed Lowry of Oakton stands by his commitments for the long haul. He is that increasingly rare type of individual who embraces the meaning of devotion. He has been devoted to one woman, Terri, since their marriage in 1968. For 33 years he was devoted one career, although telecommunications industry shifts meant he worked for different companies, but all part of, or direct descendants of, the Bell System. And whenever he begins a new project he sticks with it, to the grateful delight of his service benefactors, notably Vale United Methodist Church and the Shepherd’s Center of Oakton-Vienna.

One of the younger seniors VivaTysons has profiled, Lowry was born in 1944, and grew up in Baltimore. He attended public schools, including Patterson High, one of Baltimore’s few co-ed high schools at that time. Moving on to Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College), he graduated with a B.A. in Economics. Lowry was awarded a Woodrow Wilson fellowship, allowing him to complete his master’s in economics at the University of Pennsylvania.

Attending a seminar that included executives from AT&T, he learned that the future was bright in telecommunications. So in July of 1968, he joined AT&T for what would be a lifelong career in regulatory affairs. Over the years, he focused on the economics of regulation and worked on state regulatory matters, access charges, and interconnection policy. He also served as a liaison for the company with the academic community doing research in the regulatory field.

He joined Bell Atlantic in 1983 after the Bell System break-up, where he continued to influence public policy issues and was a subject expert in dealings with the FCC.

When Lowry retired at the end of 2000, he was Executive Director of Federal Regulatory Policy and Planning for Verizon Communications. He also served as a member of Michigan State Public Utilities and the advisory boards of KMB Video and the International Engineering Consortium. He is a recipient of the Wall Street Journal Award in Economics.

Since the family’s arrival to the D.C. area in 1983, Lowry has been an active member of the community. He says, “It’s in the DNA of AT&T employees to be involved in many projects.” At Vale UMC he has held various volunteer positions and has created at least two new programs. Twenty years ago he spearheaded the sale of grocery scrip to fund mission activities within the church, and because he stays committed to his projects, “I was selling it last Sunday,” Lowry admits. He also developed the church’s annual auction and yard sale to build a new hall. That project also continues to this day, funding mission-work now.

In 2014, after participating in Leadership Fairfax, which highlights volunteer activities in the county, Lowry volunteered at Vinson Hall, the McLean military senior living center. Because of that experience he wanted to continue serving the 50+ community. Years earlier his mother-in-law developed dementia/Alzheimer’s and he understood how important senior services are, especially for those living independently. This led to his volunteering at the Shepherd’s Center where he is on the fundraising committee, is a board member as of January 2015, drives seniors without transportation to appointments and the grocery store, is part of the friendly visitors program, is co-chair of fundraising this year, is co-chair of the Congregational Advisory Committee and basically steps up whenever there is a need to be filled. As stated, he never steps away from commitments, he just adds to those he already has.

In his spare time (what spare time?) Lowry loves sports, especially basketball and football, and spending time with his family. He and Terri have three grown children, Alicia, Mark, and Beth, and six grandchildren – five boys aged 7-13, and one girl who is 2. Terri has been a pre-school teacher at Vale UMC’s Sunday school since she joined the church. Apparently the notion of total commitment is a family trait.

Lowry believes that he has been fortunate in his life for “getting advice from really good people.” We can all thank whoever gave him the advice to serve the needs of others, although that idea likely came directly from his heart.
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Very Truly,

Annoyed in Annandale

Dear Annoyed,

The purpose of online dating is to get offline and meet face to face. For some reason, not everyone got that memo! Everyone has a different agenda and comes from a different place in the dating world.

What does this mean?

For some men and women, they want to get to know you well before they take the risk of meeting.

For some men, they are communicating with several other women and are deciding who they want to ask out. If they are not sure, they will keep up the back and forth exchanges. This way they can keep their options open.

Some lonely souls like having a pen pal and don’t want to stop the connection with a meeting. They fear that you will no longer be interested and they will no longer have you for a pen pal.

You have no idea what is going on with this gentleman. You really can’t guess. All you can see is his actions. Something is holding him back.

The lengthy emails do concern me. That means he is very stuck in his head and feels that he needs to express himself in writing to you. My hope is that he is curious about you and wants to get to know you.

It all goes back to how you want to be treated in a relationship and what values you desire to share with a partner. If being proactive and moving forward is important to you (and not standing on ceremony), then he is not showing you the kind of attention you want from him.

However, I recommend that in the future you do not invest in lengthy email exchanges with a man. Keep your emails short, concise and to the point. Mention that you prefer to talk on the phone and look forward to sharing more when you do so. This is an important missing step in the online dating process, and creating a little mystery never hurts to build the desired anticipation.

Talk on the phone first to see if you have PHONESTRY! I caution against going from email to meeting directly, you could be setting yourself up for a big disappointment. From a phone call you can determine:

✔ do you like the sound of his voice?
✔ does the conversation flow naturally?
✔ can you talk about topics of interest to both of you?

You can learn a lot about a person by having a phone conversation with him, although not all men are comfortable talking on the phone.

I recommend you say: “I prefer to talk on the phone with someone before meeting in person. This is more comfortable for me.” You may also give him two times you are available for a phone call. Ask for his number and insist that you call him (remember to block your number just in case he’s a weirdo).

What you are doing is making a request and seeing how accommodating he is. If he obliges, then there may be hope. If he hems and haws, he’s playing games and you should move on. Another possibility is he may feel compelled to make a date and then
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break it before he has to talk to you which is also very telling about his character.

The bigger question is: Do you really want to be with someone who annoys you before you meet him? Remember, there should be a flow and the right relationships are actually fairly easy. Why isn’t he asking you out? Perhaps he is fearful? Or maybe he is checking out other women and you are not top on the list. Or is he one of those guys who needs a lot of information before making a decision?

In dating it’s best to have several options so you don’t obsess about any one guy. Give him one chance to step up. If he doesn’t, then it appears as if he’s got other stuff going on. (Either internal or external roadblocks). I recommend you devote your attention and energies elsewhere and keep looking.

One of my recent clients had a guy who showed interest but really couldn’t step up in a way she wanted. She was constantly frustrated by him. What I admired about her was that she didn’t stop looking. When she did meet her husband, he was motivated and asked her out right away. They met within a month even though they didn’t live in the same city. The relationship moved forward towards engagement within four months, and they married within seven months.

My advice is not to do too much to keep this interaction going, and to keep looking for someone who is not afraid to meet you and start a significant relationship if there is a strong connection, shared life goals, and values.

It sounds like you should know more about this man and his intentions within a couple of weeks.

Listen to your gut!
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Over the past few years, our pet food options have ballooned to levels never before seen. We have grain-free diets, vegetarian diets, raw diets, diets that contain duck and kangaroo, and many other options. Unfortunately this selection can be confusing to pet owners, and the marketing and hype associated with some of these diets can be misleading. I’d like to clarify some misconceptions or myths that we veterinarians hear from our clients regarding pet foods.

While some dogs are intolerant and some truly allergic to grains, grains are a reasonable and healthy source of protein, fiber, and other nutrients for most dogs. Pets are most commonly allergic to beef, dairy products, chicken, lamb, fish, eggs, corn, wheat, and soy, in that order. Note that grains are low, while the more common protein sources in pet foods are high on the list.

Dogs are omnivores, able to derive nutrition from animal and vegetable sources. Cats, on the other hand, are true carnivores, which is why there are no recommended vegetarian diets for cats and why they shouldn’t eat dog food exclusively.

Many diets that are “grain-free” replace grains with potatoes. Unfortunately potatoes have less nutritive value than most of the ingredients they replace. In grain-free diets, other ingredients or synthetically derived vitamins must be added to replace the proteins, vitamins and minerals that are missing because of the exclusion of grains.

Some clients say their dogs look glossier on a grain-free diet. Like people, dogs differ, so certainly, some dogs will be happier or healthier on some diets versus others. Be aware, though, that high levels of fatty acids and other ingredients can make a dog’s coat look glossy, but outward appearance doesn’t reflect the overall nutritive quality of a diet.

First, let’s start with a legal definition of byproducts from the Association Of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO), the body that governs pet food labeling. Byproducts are “the non-rendered, clean parts, other than meat, derived from slaughtered mammals. Byproducts include, but are not limited to, lungs, spleen, kidneys, brain, livers, blood, bone, partially defatted low-temperature fatty tissue, and stomachs and intestines freed of their contents. It does not include hair, horns, teeth and hooves.” The reason they are called byproducts is because they are byproducts of the human food chain in the US. In most other countries, however, people eat lungs, spleen, kidneys, brain, livers, blood, intestines, stomach, pancreas, thymus, etc. Have you ever watched Bizarre Foods with Andrew Zimmern on The Travel Channel? He eats these things and more, every week! These ingredients are excellent sources of nutrition for dogs, cats and people, so there’s no reason to reject a diet that includes animal byproducts.

Some diets make a point of stating they include stomach and intestines, which
makes their diet better. While the diet might be fine, it includes byproducts; they’re just not called by that name.

There is no legal definition of “organic” in pet foods. While the USDA has legally defined the term “organic” for products designed for human consumption, there is no such thing for pet food ingredients. “Organic” dog foods can contain pesticides or chemicals not allowed in organic foods for human consumption, but because the ingredients are in pet foods, the manufacturers can call it “organic” without risk. As for the term “human grade,” the AAFCO does not have a definition for this term, either. Although it is illegal to use it in the ingredient list; the use of the term on the label is less restricted. It’s possible to say on the label that the ingredients are “human grade,” but this undefined term is an advertising gimmick. What constitutes “human grade” to you may not be what’s “human grade” to pet food manufacturers.

On the other hand, the term “natural” is a legally defined term for pet food labels. It means that no ingredients were made synthetically. Because the term is so strict, all foods labeled as “natural” will say “with added vitamins and minerals,” because it’s very difficult and expensive to use non-synthetic vitamins.

The AAFCO requires that every pet food label include a statement defining the life stage for which the product is formulated. It’ll say “Brand X is formulated to meet the nutritional levels established by the AAFCO dog (or cat) Food Nutrient Profiles for growth (or maintenance or all life stages)” or “Animal feeding tests using AAFCO procedures substantiate that (name of product) provides complete and balanced nutrition for (specific life stage).”

There are several things to note here. One, some foods are tested using feeding trials, and others are determined to be complete by the nutrient profile only. In general, companies that use feeding tests are more serious about the quality of their food. While the tests aren’t perfect, they are expensive and time-consuming, and it’s a lot cheaper and easier not to perform them.

Two, the AAFCO specifies two life stages only, growth/reproduction and adult maintenance. There are no requirements for a senior life stage diet at this time. Labels that state a diet is formulated for “all life stages” mean they fit the minimum requirements for both categories. The hazard here is that some nutrients will be somewhat higher than necessary for adults (like protein, calcium, phosphorus, etc.) and significantly higher for seniors, mainly protein levels. Nutritional excesses can be just as dangerous as deficiencies. Many senior cats and dogs with kidney disease have dangerously elevated blood values because they are eating a diet for “all life stages” and are therefore eating too much protein.

Some foods display an AAFCO statement that says, “This product is intended for intermittent or supplemental feeding.” These foods do not meet the minimum requirement for either life stage. The label on the food can market itself as an adult dog food; however, if you don’t carefully read the label, your pet could be getting poor nutrition for the long term.

Choosing the right diet for your pet can be confusing and frustrating. I hope this information debunks the myths you’ve heard and helps you choose a suitable, sustainable diet for your furry friend.

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Taco Bamba
180 Maple Avenue W, Vienna, VA
PROJECTED OPENING DATE: Summer 2016 (Springfield) & Fall 2016 (Vienna)

Award-winning chef Victor Albisu is expanding his Taco Bamba, a takeout taqueria, to two new locations. While each new location will have its own menu, they will all be anchored by favorites from the original. Tacos, sopes and tortas will remain the primary menu highlights, while daily specials will rotate tamales, soups and classic Mexican dishes as additional selection—each location will also offer platos fuertes and larger entrée-sized Mexican meals and will feature a menu of quesadillas stuffed with unusual fillings like squash blossoms, chilies and other traditional and non-traditional ingredients.

Both the Springfield and Vienna restaurant will boast about 50 seats and 2,000 square feet. Both will keep Taco Bamba’s counter service ordering style, though the Vienna location will allow guests sitting at the bar to order from the bartender.

Praline Bakery
2985 District Avenue, Suite 140, Fairfax, VA
PROJECTED OPENING DATE: Summer 2016

Chefs Patrick Musel and Susan Limb of Praline Bakery are opening a second location. Along with Allison Bolin, they will be bringing their business to Virginia’s Mosaic District this coming Summer. The bakery will feature Praline’s signature breakfast pastries, cookies, Parisian macarons, cakes, tarts, pound cakes, celebration cakes, breads, and pastries, all created and baked onsite. There will be indoor and outdoor seating where patrons can enjoy the bakery’s freshly baked goods as well as a variety of daily sandwiches, breads, quiches, and salads available to eat in or take out.

Takumi Sushi—NOW OPEN

This new sushi restaurant opened in the “Tulip Building” in Falls Church, taking over the former Vapor Solutions space between Smashburger and Ayoub Carpet Service at 310 S. Washington Street. Chef Jay Yu, who spent 13 years at Kaz Sushi Bistro in D.C. and also worked at Raku and Cafe Asia, heads up the new 30-seat restaurant. Takumi’s menu will be heavy on nigiri and sashimi and will also feature warm dishes like fried tofu. www.takumiva.com

Cava Grill—NEW LOCATION

Cava Grill, a modern Mediterranean flavors and fresh-casual concept, has just announced its newest local expansion, adding three new Northern Virginia locations to its growing company in early- and mid- 2016. There are plans to open new restaurants in Alexandria’s Foxchase Shopping Center, Vienna Shopping Center, and Gainesville’s Promenade at Virginia Gateway, to join Cava Grill’s current five Northern Virginia locations, in Ashburn, Fairfax, Mosaic District, Tysons Corner and Reagan DCA Airport.

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Concrete columns, caps, and 84" girders along Autopilot Drive at Dulles International Airport form part of the aerial guideway structure that will support Silver Line trains through the airport.

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**INNOVATION STATION 3**

Precast concrete elements take shape to form the future Innovation Center Station in the median of the Dulles International Airport Access Highway just east of the airport.

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**INNOVATION STATION LOOKING EAST**

A tower crane, crawler crane, and rough terrain crane facilitate construction activities at the site of the future Innovation Center Station.
DECK POUR SPAN 64
Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project crews pour a deck span on the Silver Line’s aerial guideway at Dulles International Airport.

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STRADDLE BENT PIER 3 POUR
Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project crews place nearly 500 cubic yards of concrete into the first of four straddle bents at Dulles International Airport.

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STRADDLE BENT POUR PIER 2 5825
A Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project crew places 380 cubic yards of concrete in a 114’ x 7’ x 13’ straddle bent form that spans the eastbound DIAAH near Dulles International Airport. The structure will support Silver Line trains as they approach and depart the future Dulles Airport Station when Phase 2 of the Silver Line is complete.

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Lao Tzu: philosopher and poet of ancient China

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Buddha

EXCERPT

Bridge Club
Louie’s Blind Spot

* A J 8 7
* Q 4
* A 10 9
* J 10 9 5

* K Q 10 9 5 3 2
* A 5
* K J 4
* A

West North East South
pass 3 ♠ pass 4NT
pass 5 ♥ pass 6 ♠

West leads the jack of hearts, and East covers dummy’s queen with the king. Plan the play. Answer on page 160.


Bidding Quiz

You Hold:
* A J 8 7 ♥ Q 4 ♠ A 10 9 ♣ J 10 9 5

Your partner opens one heart, you bid one spade and he rebids two hearts. The opponents pass. What do you say?

Answer: The time is right for aggression. Your tens and nines add value to your hand, especially for play in notrump, your queen of hearts will fill in partner’s promised six-card suit, and you have aces on the side. Bid 3NT. If partner returns to four hearts, you won’t be displeased.


Crossword Clues

Across
1. “Acid”
4. Fasteners
9. IX - VI
10. Arctic abode
11. Charity
13. Greasy
14. Edge
16. Word in a simile
17. Computer monitor, for short
18. Atop
20. Armenian porridge
22. Horse color
24. Ponzi scheme, e.g.
25. Military groups
27. Island strings
28. Museum piece
29. Bell and Barker

Down
1. Jungle climber
2. Missile housing
3. Lowers the light
4. Hello
5. Cousins of the guinea pig
6. Open, as an envelope
7. Campaign pro
8. ___ sauce
12. Trig ratios
15. Bobby of the Bruins
18. 1970 World’s Fair site
19. Directory contents
20. “Aquarius” musical
21. Lowlife
22. Same old, same old
23. “Walking on Thin Ice” singer
26. Therefore

Excerpt taken from: Frank Stewart’s Bridge Club. Pages 58 and 61.
AN ENTIRE SEA OF WATER CAN’T SINK A SHIP UNLESS IT GETS INSIDE THE SHIP. SIMILARLY, THE NEGATIVITY OF THE WORLD CAN’T PUT YOU DOWN UNLESS YOU ALLOW IT TO GET INSIDE YOU.

Goi Nasu, author of inspirational quotes
It’s finally here! No, not another political debate—but it’s something that gets just as heated. Summer has arrived, and our spirits are soaring right up there with the temperature. The teenagers are burning up at the prospect of playing Beach Blanket Bingo for three months, the kids will get to ride their bikes and dive into backyard swimming pools (sometimes simultaneously), and the men get to enjoy their long awaited vacation time. Everybody is overjoyed…uh, well, not exactly everybody. There will be millions of women who must face the prospect of having their kids and husbands hanging around bugging them. But, this isn’t the real reason for the summer of our discontent. On second thought—yeah it is. However, a major underlying cause for our Xanax-sized depression is the prospect of having to try on a bathing suit.

All winter we’ve been hibernating under layers of sweat shirts, sweat pants, and sweat socks—but we haven’t been sweating. Instead like the Grizzly bear, we’ve been hibernating and packing on pounds of food to help us survive the long, dismal, cold winter. And, when we start peeling off those layers, it’s anybody’s guess what the hell we’re going to find under there! But one thing is for sure. After existing on carbs and high fructose sugars all winter, it’s going to be a shock. As we stand in front of the dressing room mirror in a bathing suit, it’s the worst kind of wake-up call from hibernation. Reality’s going to take a big bite out of our big tushies.

In the department store, we grab our Master Cards and a bunch of bathing suits, sizes 6-16—just to cover all the possibilities. To be safe, we try on the size 12 first to avoid going into shock and having to be resuscitated right there on the dressing room floor. For safety measures, we must avoid looking into the mirror until the suit is on and our feet are well braced. Then on the count of three, we open our eyes and take a look. Whoa Mama! We’re staring at a body that needs Spanx coverage from the armpits to the kneecaps. Where are those old Jantzen bathing suits with the pleated skirts capable of hiding the saddle bags of a Clydesdale? It also doesn’t help that the fluorescent lighting makes us look like the Pillsbury Doughboy on performance enhancing drugs. That hideous lighting accentuates every bit of cellulite in the body, begging the question: at what point did our bodies turn into the consistency of Jello? What’s up with the arm-flab jiggle and squishy butts? Not to mention the wrinkled knee caps, new tummy rolls, and thighs which are expanding faster than Steven Hawking’s universe. It’s angst-producing enough to make millions of women jump into the sea and drown themselves like lemmings. Somebody throw us a life saver!

But wait. If you can’t reveal you must conceal. So our life saver comes in the form of those cute little things called cover ups! How great are they? Colorful little shapeless shifts made from chiffon, lace, fishnet, and eyelet cleverly hiding a multitude of sins—and make those mortal sins. Designed to match our bathing suits, they create a beautifully stylish and slimming ensemble. Who cares if the bathing suit costs $49.99 and the cover up costs $149.99…it’s worth every penny and then some.

So, cheer up! Go out and buy some darling sandals, big-brimmed straw hats, and arrive at the pool or the beach looking like the stunning woman you are! One teensy problem: if you actually want to go swimming, you’ll need to figure out how to shed that designer cocoon and slip into the water without being noticed. Lifesaving Tip: wait until a bunch of twentysomethings arrive in their barely-there authentic Sport’s Illustrated bikinis. Trust me—even if you jumped in butt naked nobody will notice.

AUTHOR: Jan King is a national bestselling author and currently has three books on Kindle Amazon. You can read her blog at www.jankingauthor.com
Pisces: The full moon on May 22nd reminds you to be your own best friend. Plan more private time and less running around to promote what may not be in your best interests.

Aries: Pay a little extra attention to your mom. On Mothers Day try to be with your family or make a phone call. Relatives are less aggravating than they are at Thanksgiving.

Taurus: If you’ve been fantasizing about a romance with someone at work, be cautious. The situation could be fraught with difficulties, but some workplace romances work out.

Gemini: Decide what you’ll do if you get a put-down by a fairly important person. Avoid being defensive and skip your tendency to be provocative. Ask for a meeting.

Cancer: One of your talents lies in the area of organization. You can see what to do, when it should be done, and who should do it. The talent extends to material management.

Leo: Come on Leo, you know very well that a coming decision has several implications, some good, some not so good. But it’s not too late to turn the situation your way.

Virgo: People often think that creativity is the province of artists and dancers. You don’t because you know you have it. Don’t cloak your talent and your thoughts. Be open.

Libra: You may not have scheduled a vacation, but you still have summer and fall to take one. At work, they’ll find ways to hold on. You’ll come back healthy and energetic.

Scorpio: Scorpions, including you, are generally logical and open, “what-you-see-is-what-you-get.” Until now. Whatever the problem is, let it go. Say little and learn a lot.

Sagittarius: At gatherings, listen carefully to conversations to determine what’s being left out. You’re the one who could identify it, which could be a determining factor.

Capricorn: External influences have moved you away from your true purpose in life. To get back on your core path, reflect your life and your true goals.

Aquarius: Sometimes your world brings you confusion. Get back to reality and give the situation a breather. Your intuitive abilities will take over and push confusion away.

Gemini: You need a vacation right now. It’s tempting to put it off, but if you do, other factors intervene and make it impossible to take off work. Be cautious with you money since the summer brings unexpected expenses.

Cancer: Late night work sessions become impossible by the end of the month. Plan now to avoid hitting the panic button.

Leo: Your unusual talent for insight encourages others to come to you for help in solving problems. Decide carefully about whether to become involved.

Virgo: When setting your own guidelines and goals, consider the wisdom of an older and wiser mind. You could remember that on Fathers Day.

Libra: Sometimes sorting out a mess is required at work. If you have to do it, avoid offending those who ask you to intervene.

Scorpio: Planning is essential this month to reduce work-related stress and strive for peace at home. Balancing emotional and physical stability will make you stronger.

Sagittarius: Co-workers are generally on your side this month. But try to surround yourself with those who are achievement-oriented and future-minded.

Capricorn: Your inquisitive nature captures information that helps you see through tough situations and find solutions. Sometimes your intuition helps.

Aquarius: Avoid sarcastic comments even if you think they’re funny. Someone this month takes sarcasm as truth and that causes trouble.

Pisces: Composure is called for this month as a family member criticizes you. Consider the source and remember a calm response wins the day.

Aries: Remember the old advice about not discussing religion or politics at a dinner party. Someone close disagrees strongly. Avoid a bitter argument and maintain your relationship.

Taurus: Cooperation and communication are the big issues for today. Work to resolve a misunderstanding with your boss or with a co-worker.
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