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Pat (center) and Don Richter (right) run The Richter Group Residential Preferred Properties in Burke with help from their grandson Michael Richter (left).

## Partners in Dime

Three couples making businesses and marriages run hand-in-hand.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

Some find it harder than others to keep their work and personal lives separate. In the case of three Burke businesses, their owners have completely merged the two, and been living happily ever after.

Pat Richter of Fairfax Station obtained her license to sell real estate in the late 1970s. She started working for Long and Foster, and then Re/Max in Burke. In 1990, she broke off from the larger firm and opened her own Richter Group Residential Preferred Properties, located in the Burke Centre Professional Plaza. When her husband Don would get home from working for the National Archives on audio-visual records, he would help his wife with some of the running around — hanging lock-boxes, pounding in open house signs.

"We worked together very well," Don said, "we didn't argue."

"I'm the people-person," Pat said. "I love helping people, I'm a problem solver, and I'll become your friend."

When Don retired, he decided to join Pat's business full time, ready to pursue an activity where he didn't have to sit behind a desk. And though he put in more hours, their roles remained largely the same.

"We had an understanding and followed that," Don said.

"This was my business," said Pat. "He agreed with that."

**KOSTAS AND MARIA DASKALAKAS** of Fairfax, who own and run Hopsfrog Grille in Burke and Fireside Grill in Lorton, said having clearly defined spheres has also worked well for them: Kostas spends more time at Fireside while Maria puts in more hours at Hopsfrog, which has been located in the Burke Centre Shopping Center for 18 years. Working alternating day and night shifts

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Kostas and Maria Daskalakis own and run Hopsfrog Grille in Burke and Fireside Grill in Lorton.



# NEWS

## The Police-Changing Matrix

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

Public Safety Committee meets to discuss Ad Hoc Police Review recommendations and the Diversion First initiative.

Just over a year since Natasha McKenna died following multiple shocks from a taser, while in custody at the Fairfax County Adult Detention center, her name was never raised during the Feb. 9 meeting of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee meeting. Two audience members stood on one side of the Government Center conference room, holding posters bearing a picture of McKenna's face and text including "Black Lives Matter."

The Committee met to hear overviews of a matrix of recommendations from the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission that met in 2015, as well as Diversion First, a collaborative initiative to help offenders with mental illness be directed to proper intake, evaluation and treatment services rather than simply be dumped at the jail or emergency room.

When the Ad Hoc Commission presented its 142 final recommendations to the Board of Supervisors last fall, county staff transformed the list into a robust spreadsheet organizing each recommendation beside its lead agency, other stakeholders, crossover with prior recommendations from the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), any required legal review and the ultimate authority that would give approval of the change.

In some cases, staff determined one recommendation contained sub-recommendations that ought to be considered independently from the parent. Including those, the matrix contains just over 200 items, according to Deputy County Executive Dave Rohrer.

**THE MATRIX** is intended to help with potentially implementing recommendations and eliminate redundancies with the PERF report assessing Fairfax County Police's use of force policy. "Many of the recommendations are solid," Rohrer said, and some are "already being used by the police department in making changes."

Rohrer said the force has, since the final recommendations of the commission, worked on its use of force policy and helped bring about Diversion First.

According to Rohrer, an implementation committee including members of the 2015 Ad Hoc Commission will meet to help the Board of Supervisors work through the recommendations.

Chief of Police Edwin C. Roessler followed Rohrer with a brief presentation on updating the department's use of force policy.

Focusing on the three areas of the force's mission to protect and serve, developing a culture of safety and keeping pace with urbanization, "law enforcement profession needs to re-engineer itself," Roessler said.

"Things are changing. In the last two years, there were gaps in policing."

Of changes already in the works, Roessler pointed to his call for an on-site national



The Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee met on Feb. 9 to go over a basic plan "matrix" for implementing recommendations from the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission of 2015.

accreditation assessment of the department spanning 400 standards, as well as new guidelines for hostage barricade situations.

Roessler's department will also be rolling out a new Critical Decision-Making model for officers, he said, that will become part of all training and will be continually reinforced through training year after year, as well as introduced at the academy.

"The first six months of academy will be successful building blocks to making decisions out in the community," Rossler said. "This all lives and breathes the recommendations from our community."

Members from five police organizations sat around the table. Det. Sean Corcoran, president of the Fairfax Coalition of Police Local 5000 and a member of the Ad Hoc Commission, offered a defensive perspective on the recommendations matrix. He said it has raised a level of anxiety among officers on the streets.

"Why does it feel on some level like we're doing something wrong?" he asked. He wanted to remind the committee "We're making a good organization better."

Chairman Sharon Bulova thanked the different police organizations for being involved with the Ad Hoc Commission process.

"It's important you continue to be at the table with us," she said. "We are the safest jurisdiction of our size in the nation. I hear what you're saying, that you're doing some-

thing wrong. You're not. But policing is changing."

Bulova continued, saying she remembered when Neighborhood Watch was first implemented and that now it's an integral part of community law enforcement.

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) asked the committee to remember to keep the matrix of recommendations "in context" in terms of other public safety issues.

"Some things I think are important aren't on this list," he said. "Heroin and opioid addiction, elder abuse, Internet crime — I hope we're not pulling resources off those other things."

Supervisor Penny Gross (D-Mason) went back to Corcoran's comments, responding against the construct of right versus wrong versus grey. "It's a matter of doing things differently," she said.

"Technology has changed things. That's the troubling part. You can't just flip a switch. It takes much longer."

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) added that "every good organization needs to re-look at itself, otherwise you won't remain good."

Brad Carruthers, president of the Fairfax Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 77, didn't speak initially, but responded when newly elected Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) asked for additional viewpoints to be shared from other police organizations.

Carruthers said he thinks "great things came out" of the Ad Hoc Commission, of

which he was also a member. But "as we go through this," he said of the matrix of recommendations, "we need to be cautious and do this right."

**THOUGH A LARGER**, more detailed event focused on Diversion First is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 11 at the Merrifield Crisis Response Center of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, representatives from the participating agencies gave a brief overview of the program.

One area of focus is the Sequential Intercept Model, explained Strategic Projects coordinator in the County Executive's Office Laura Yager. The model breaks down the common places people first come in contact with police — from out in the public, court hearings and magistrate's office, jails and courts, and people re-entering society — and how those with mental health challenges might be diverted in each setting.

Implementation of the program includes a three-year funding plan of \$13.77 million, which Chairman Bulova said could be funded at least in part through grants rather than entirely on the County's dime.

Fire and Rescue Chief Richard R. Bowers said the program is about making sure people who might otherwise go straight to the emergency room "get the right help they need."

"They get caught in that spin cycle," he continued, of being picked up during a mental health crisis, being taken to the hospital, being discharged, picked up again, etc. "We call them our most loyal customers. This program is going to break that cycle."

More information about the Public Safety Committee meeting and links to the Ad Hoc recommendations matrix and presentation documents are available online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/board-committees/meetings](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/board-committees/meetings).

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**Left, U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) purchases several bags of food from cashier Robin Witten (right) of Manassas to donate to the Stuff the Bus program at the Giant Food in Clifton on Feb. 6.**



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**From left, Jennie Bush of Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, Giant Food employee Laura Fox, Julie Endersbee, U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10), John Zarbo with Fairfax County Transit and Glenn Padeway, manager of Fairfax County Human Services Transportation, gather at a food donation site in the Clifton Giant Food on Feb. 6.**

## Nearly 3,000 Pounds of Food Donated During Clifton Stuff the Bus Event

**A**s shoppers hustled in the sliding doors at the Giant Food in Clifton, many on last-minute errands in preparation for Sunday's Super Bowl 50, five-year-old Selena Padeway was eager to hand them another shopping list.

On Feb. 6, that Giant was one of several grocery and retail stores around Fairfax County participating in a month-long initiative called Stuff the Bus to both raise awareness of local food pantries and residents with food insecurity, and to help stock their shelves with donated food.

Padeway's shopping list included suggested items that shoppers could pick out themselves, or Giant employees had pre-wrapped plastic bags of food totaling \$5 that customers could add to their carts for convenience.

"We're helping out families that are in need," said Laura Fox of Centreville, who's worked at the same Giant Food for 13 years. "It's a great cause."

Various food pantries in the county benefit from Stuff the Bus. Food from this location is going to Chantilly-based Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, which serves more than 1,000 client families out of their food pantry each month.

"Donations are the primary means of stocking our pantry," said WFCM community outreach manager Jennie Bush.

In 2015, the food pantry received 4,367 pounds of food from Stuff the Bus. This year's total was 2,850 pounds so far. "We're grateful for the community's generosity in donating to our food pantry," Bush said in an email. "We couldn't do the work we do without their support."

U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) attended the event, checking out with several of the pre-wrapped grocery bags before helping greet shoppers at the store's entrance.

Comstock said that while the periods just after holidays are when pantries experience their highest need for food, "food insecurity is a year-round problem in our community."

"Giant has been great," Comstock added, "and this is an easy opportunity to come together and help this charity. We see the need throughout the county, and here people can pick up new food, high quality items to donate. Moms come in with their kids and see giving back going on."

For more information about upcoming Stuff the Bus events, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/food/stuffthebus](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/food/stuffthebus). For more information about Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, visit <http://www.wfcmva.org>.

—TIM PETERSON



**Five-year-old Selena Padeway hands Tom Winkowski of Clifton a shopping list of suggested donation items for the Stuff the Bus event at Giant Food on Feb. 6.**



**Left, Tom Alexander with the office of Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) helps Danny Tassa of MV Transportation (right) load the donated Fastran bus in front of the Clifton Giant Food.**

## Training Center Residents Relocated

**T**hey're all gone. As of August 2015, there were still 55 residents with mental or physical disabilities receiving services at the state-owned and operated Northern Virginia Training Center on Braddock Road.

That number was about a third of the facility's population in 2012, when a settlement between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Department of Justice resulted in the state making moves to close several of its five regional training centers in favor of more community-based services for individuals.

The Braddock Road facility has been scheduled to close by March of this year, and according to Maria Reppas of the Vir-

ginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, which is responsible for the center, all residents have already been relocated and all staff are on track to have the property vacated by the end of March.

As for the nearly 80-acre property, the Commonwealth of Virginia is preparing to sell it. As of Jan. 7, the Virginia Department of General Services had received 15 offers, Dena Potter with DGS said. The offers are currently being evaluated.

Money from the sale of the property is meant to ensure residents discharged from the NVTC are receiving equivalent services elsewhere in the community.

—TIM PETERSON



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**The Northern Virginia Training Center on Braddock Road is scheduled to close in March 2016.**



## PEOPLE

### June Shea Recognized for Excellence in Customer Service



**June Shea wins customer service award.**  
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**J**une Shea, Shea Studio Interiors of Fairfax Station, won "Best of Customer Service" for 2016. This is the third year that June has been recognized for her outstanding work on her clients' behalf.

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To volunteer contact Leah.seldinsommer@cancer.org or 804-527-3719; or to learn more visit [www.cancer.org/involved/volunteer/road-to-recovery-volunteers](http://www.cancer.org/involved/volunteer/road-to-recovery-volunteers).

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# OPINION

# Limiting Local Authority

## Assembly rushes bill limiting proffers without addressing who will pay for infrastructure.

In Virginia, a Dillon Rule state, local governments have only the powers explicitly granted by the General Assembly. And what the assembly gives, the assembly can take away.

It's the reason, for example, that localities have limited means of raising revenue and limited taxing authority. And those limited means are one reason localities have turned to proffers, payments and improvements to infrastructure agreed to by builders as part of approval and zoning changes for new development.

Members of the General Assembly, including many who represent only Fairfax County districts, agree with builders that in many places, the way local governments are using proffers is unfair, even out of control.

Many point to Loudoun County, where builders pay substantial cash proffers, as an example. And to other counties where large, off site intersection improvements were required.

Everyone seems to agree that the "abuses" are not taking place in Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria. But the restrictions apply to these areas as well.

How are local governments supposed to pay for the costs of growth? Should the lion's share be paid by existing residents through increase

property taxes?

This is a complex question, not one that should be rushed.

But right now, the General Assembly is rushing to restrict proffers and to give developers and builders substantial clout in legal challenges to local government action. And they are doing this without any consideration to how localities will replace the resources they will lose.

### EDITORIAL

It's time to slow this process down, and for a reasoned consideration. What exactly are the abuses that require action? Look at specific examples and address the specifics.

Local delegates voting in favor of the bill restricting local proffer authority included Dave Albo (R-42), Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41), Charniele Herring (D-46), Patrick Hope (D-47), Tim Hugo (R-40), Paul Krizek (D-44), Mark Levine (D-45), Ken Plum (D-36) and Vivian Watts (D-39).

Local delegates who voted against the bill included Jennifer Boysko (D-86), David Bulova (D-37), Mark Keam (D-35), Kaye Kory (D-38), Jim LeMunyon (R-67), Alfonso Lopez (D-49), Kathleen Murphy (D-34), Mark Sickles (D-43), and Marcus Simon (D-53).

The Virginia Senate was expected to vote for

an amended version of the bill on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

Reasonable action will fall to the conferees in reconciling the House and Senate versions, and to the governor, who would be able to amend the bill before signing or veto.

— MARY KIMM

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## Failure to Perform

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Lodge a Protest or Pick a President

To the Editor:

On March 1 Virginia voters in the Democratic Presidential primary will choose between Senator Sanders and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Voters wanting a Democratic President should ask three questions:

1. Does the candidate have a vision and policies that reflect the direction I want to see our country go?

2. Can the candidate win, not just the Presidency, but help Democrats pick up 4 seats needed to take back the Senate, narrow the 59 seat GOP majority in the House, and help Democrats at the state and local level?

3. Can he/she do the full spectrum of the job: oversee and lead domestic and foreign policy, make progress with a divided government and serve as Commander-in-Chief?

Both candidates agree on the need to reverse the concentration of power and income inequality, infrastructure investment, cam-

paign finance reform, climate change, universal healthcare coverage, and support of women's, voting, and gay rights; collectively a sharp contrast to Republican positions. Differences emerge on approach.

Two examples: financial regulation and healthcare. Senator Sanders's proposal to "break up the big banks," while emotionally satisfying, doesn't go far enough. Unlike Secretary Clinton, he ignores that Dodd Frank contains tools to do just that, and is silent on corralling risk across all types of financial companies. His "Medicare for All" outline not only leaves serious questions unanswered, but is based on wildly optimistic assumptions of "savings" and taxes needed, not to mention the "gridlock" producing effect of a contentious debate about restructuring one seventh of the US economy. At the policy level, Sec Clinton is thorough, comprehensive, fiscally responsible, realistic and relentless. In terms of electability and ability to do the full job, those who have served with Senator Sanders over his 25 year congressional career, and know the challenge of governing, including the last three Demo-

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# VALENTINE'S DAY STORIES

## Partners

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has also been successful, they said, allowing enough absence to make their hearts grow fonder.

Kostas had been working for the government but decided he wanted to pursue his own business, building on his experience with catering and food service.

"We planned to work together," he said, "with shared responsibilities. But I'm more technical, she's the people person." Maria had previously worked at a car dealership in Alexandria.

Both say that working together over the years has been great, but, "when conversations about the business come up in the house," Maria said, "we try to avoid it."

The Daskalakas' two children essentially grew up with the restaurants. Both have helped in the family business, though one has gone off to work for Lockheed Martin as a networking engineer and the other is studying computer science at the University of Maryland.

After 24 years of marriage, Maria's advice for couples contemplating marriage and business-ownership: "Not to do it," she said with a smile. "At least the business



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

**Helen and Toby Fitzkee have owned Five Star Jewelers together in Burke since 1987, and have been married 44 years.**

part," Kostas added.

**HELEN AND TOBY FITZKEE**, Fairfax Station residents and owners of Five Star Jewelry, a few doors down from Hopsfrog, have the Daskalakases beat by a few anniversaries. They opened their doors in Burke in 1987 after both working for Helen's brother in a store by the same name in Fairfax.

Toby had a master's degree in fine arts, but had wanted to go into business for himself. With him handling repairs and Helen managing sales and the business front,

the couple decided "just to do it" and open their own store.

"We're very open partners and friends," Toby said. "We have our differences but we work them out."

The couple has three more years on their lease but is hopeful about renewing for at least another five.

"We still enjoy it," Helen said. "The Burke area has been good to us, they're good customers."

So the jewelry business, and model of successfully blended professional and personal life, will continue.

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The planning task force organized the tournament as part of the town’s Get Fit Clifton exercise initiative.

# Clifton’s Ping Pong Tournament a Smash Hit

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

The staccato of plastic meeting wooden table and rubber-clad paddle in rapid succession filled the Clifton Town Hall as little orange balls whizzed back and forth, competitors across a range of ages and skill levels vying for the title of Ping Pong Champion.

Saturday, Feb. 6 marked the town’s second annual Ping Pong Tournament. Clifton resident and one of the organizers of the event said last year, the Clifton Betterment Association was looking for “something fun to do in the wintertime” that would also be a vehicle for bringing the town together during the doldrums of winter.

“There are different levels of players, and it’s something everyone can do,” said Strang. “It’s a community activity that’s fun for different ages. It’s proved to be all those things.”

Categories for this year’s tournament included Kids Under 12, ages 12-14, 15-17, Adults for Fun and Adults Intermediate/Advanced. In all, 46 players registered prior to the event, Strang said.

Graham Milne has lived in Clifton for three and a half years but this was his first outing for Ping

Pong. He won three matches but lost in the final of the Adults for Fun category to Herndon resident Kyle Rodgers, a Langley graduate who recently finished college.

“It’s been great, good fun,” Milne said. “Clifton is an amazing community — it’s small, everyone knows everyone, it reminds me of my home country, England.”

Rodgers’ mother Cathy grew up in Clifton. “We come to the cafe in town, for Clifton Day and to visit my old house,” she said. “It’s so quaint here, everyone’s so friendly. It still feels so homey.”

Getting residents out of their historic homes and into workout gear is the goal of Get Fit Clifton, a wellness initiative started by the Clifton Betterment Association late in 2015. The Ping Pong tournament falls under their umbrella of fitness classes and demonstrations, and healthy eating and cooking workshops.

“The program launched in November 2014 with a two-mile group walk through the Webb Nature Sanctuary and Eight-Acre Park,” Lynne Strang said in an email. “Since then, we’ve had several more group walks, a yoga demonstration and, of course, the ping pong tournament.”

Below are the complete results of the 2nd Annual Clifton Ping Pong Tournament:

<b>Kids Under 12:</b>	First place – <b>Daniel Squair</b> Second place – <b>Ryan Lawrence</b>
<b>Kids 12 to 14:</b>	First place – <b>Ryan Reilley</b> Second place – <b>Johnny Anton</b>
<b>Kids 15-17:</b>	First place – <b>Ryker Saltsman</b> Second place – <b>Gavin Camby</b>
<b>Adults For Fun:</b>	First place – <b>Kyle Rodgers</b> Second place – <b>Graham Milne</b>
<b>Adults Intermediate/Advanced</b>	First place – <b>Kevin Reilley</b> Second place – <b>John Reilley</b>

## HomeLifeStyle

While red is often the go-to floral color for Valentine’s Day, shades of pink, peach and purple can offer elegance and romance.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MERRIFIELD GARDEN CENTER

## Stylish Valentine’s Day Table Settings

Flowers and candles create romantic designs.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

Fresh flowers and candles are an easy way to add elegance and romance to a Valentine’s Day table. From dramatic to understated, local tastemakers offer suggestions for setting the mood for a memorable dinner.

“Candles are key to set a romantic atmosphere,” said Marika Meyer of Marika Meyer Interiors in Bethesda, Md. “Soft lighting is flattering to all of us and creates a sense of intimacy for conversations.”

The ambience is enhanced, says Meyer, when the candlelight glints off of metallic accessories like candlestick holders. “You can use silver, mercury, glass or even gold or brass to help move the light,” she said.

In fact, gold accents are a current trend, says Angela Phelps of Le Village Marche in Arlington. “They pair well with pinks, reds, and fuchsias,” she said. “So, as you’re planning a romantic dinner at home, think about incorporating china, vases, candle votives, trays, and glassware with a gold trim for a stunning table.”

Metallics combined with a few pops of a soft color help create an elegant setting. “White and silver tables can be very romantic — for example, a white tablecloth, mirrored or silver placemats, silver flatware and crystal stemware,” said Fay Johnson, an interior designer with J.T. Interiors in Potomac, Md. “The centerpiece [could be] a silver ice bucket with white and blush colored roses and a



PHOTO COURTESY OF IVY LANE

A table setting by Alexandria-based Ivy Lane’s Alex Deringer and Courtney Cox incorporates fresh flowers.

array of assorted size candles and votives.”

For a more traditional table, Johnson stated that “a black, white and red table can be very dramatically romantic. A black and white tablecloth [such as] a houndstooth or herringbone ... pattern with red, glass stemware, white dinner plate, a ruby-red glass salad plate and silver flatware.”

Johnson suggests completing the look with a crystal or silver vase filled with red roses and accented with few red glass votive candles.

Johnson believes that not all centerpieces need to be flowers. She suggests filling three compote dishes, graduating in size, with chocolates and red and pink rose petals for table design with a touch of whimsy.

A vase can add a powerful style impact. “A vase is like a frame for



PHOTO BY ANGIE SECKINGER

Kelley Proxmire created an intimate table setting with a variety of glasses, candles and fresh flowers.

a picture,” said Linda Wilson-Vertin, floral designer with Merrifield Garden Center in Fair Oaks. “A clear vase is like not having a frame on the picture.”

Instead, choose a vase that has visual interest or one that is meaningful on a personal level. “I like using things that are special to the individual,” said Wilson-Vertin. “I ask clients to bring in a container that they like so that I can create an arrangement that works with it.”

While red is often the go-to floral color for Valentine’s Day, Wilson-Vertin says that shades of pink, peach and purple can offer elegance and romance. “Go with what works for you and what works in your home,” she said. “For example, red doesn’t work in my home, so I use watermelon and apricot.”

Consistency adds an unexpected touch of enchantment. A monochromatic palette conveys more romance than contrasting colors,” said Wilson-Vertin. She recommends using “red roses with deep burgundy mini carnations to vary the size of the flower head and texture. Mini carnations have ruffled texture.”

For the ultimate in texture and color variety, “think English garden, like roses, hydrangeas, lisianthus and snapdragons,” said Wilson-Vertin. “Add berries and eucalyptus” to complete this elegant floral arrangement.”

Linen napkins offer a finishing touch to an elegant table setting, says Kelley Proxmire of Kelley Interior Design in Bethesda, Md.

“Use pretty salt and pepper shakers, festive napkin rings, and if you have fancy water or wine glasses, now is the time to use them,” she said. “And don’t forget the champagne bucket nearby for cooling white wine or champagne.”



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From left, volunteers Daniel Eckhardt, of Fairfax Station, 17, and Andrew Whelan, 18, of Lorton, set up the table for the Monopoly tournament benefiting the Lorton Community Action Center on Saturday, Feb. 6.



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From left, Valmik Rai, 13, of Fairfax Station, Cody Wakenight, 13, and Max Bragg, 13, of Lorton, hope to win the \$500 grand prize at the ninth Monopoly tournament in Lorton on Saturday, Feb. 6.

# More than a Game

In Lorton, Monopoly tournament tests skills against chance.

BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO  
THE CONNECTION

**A**lmost 100 players gathered at the Woodbridge Moose Lodge 583 in Lorton on Saturday, Feb. 6 for the ninth year to play a friendly but serious game of Monopoly.

Volunteers set up each table with the board game. In the middle of the room, under a disco ball, is a special edition Monopoly set with gold-plated hotels. This is the set on which the final round will be played.

The room was decorated with all things Monopoly—a property square, a cut-out of the racecar token and Rich Uncle Pennybags, also known as Mr. Monopoly.

**THE PRIZE** is \$500 in real, not Monopoly, money.

Max Bragg, 13, of Lorton, came to have fun and to have a shot of the \$500 grand prize. If he wins, he said he will probably save it.

Seth Williams, 16, of Lorton, made it to the second round. This his fourth year attending.

Participants got breakfast prepared by the South County Cares Church, lunch from Glory Days Grill in Lorton, a chance at several Monopoly-themed door prizes, a shot at the jackpot, and more importantly, the opportunity to help neighbors in need, all for the \$25 entry fee.

Organizer Ron Kowalski wanted something fun to do for the community and to make money for Lorton Community Action Center, of which he is the president of the board of directors. He owns Ron Kowalski Real Estate Group. He also used to work



The players at this table during second round of the ninth Monopoly tournament wheel and deal to buy and sell property.

for Hasbro, which produces Monopoly. This tournament was practically fated.

This is the fourth year that proceeds from the tournament will go to LCAC, a nonprofit providing help to low-income individuals and families in Fort Belvoir, Lorton, Newington and areas in southeast Fairfax County. The connection between the tournament and LCAC, for Kowalski, is the money raised that would be used to serve between 200 to 275 families a week.

“We need funding for food, housing services, income tax preparations, cooking

classes” that LCAC provides, he said.

LCAC executive director Linda Patterson said that the money raised will be used to purchase meat for the food pantry, pay for seniors prescriptions and help pay for emergency rent and utilities for local families to prevent homelessness.

With the roll of the dice, players can win big or lose big in the game. The Chance cards can unravel a player’s carefully planned nest egg, causing him to become penniless and indebted to the bank.

Similarly, those who use the services of

**“It warms my heart to see people come out to raise money for a charity.”**

**—Monopoly tournament organizer Ron Kowalski**

giving organizations, such as LCAC, may have experienced unexpected circumstances that put them at risk of losing their incomes or their homes. It could be an injury, job loss or an illness—something unplanned and unexpected.

“Monopoly transcends itself over time,” said Kowalski. “An eight-year-old can play with older people and still win. It’s a perfect blend of skill and luck.”

**FOR PEOPLE** who may have had a downturn in their fortunes, giving organizations can give a hand up. “It warms my heart to see people come out to raise money for a charity,” said Kowalski. “Nice to see them doing this than being home playing video games or out on the street.”

“LCAC is grateful for the community support of such a fun, family-oriented event which nets real impact on local families in need,” said Patterson in an email.

The first place winner of the tournament was Alison Gibbons. Second place and \$250 went to Dave Reading. Cody Williams won \$100 in third place. The event took in \$7,000 from entry fees and corporate sponsorships.

For more information about the Lorton Community Action Center, go to <http://www.lortonaction.org/>.



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## FRIDAY/FEB. 12

**Old Town Hall Performance Series-U.S. Navy Country Current.** 8 p.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. The United States Navy Band Country Current is the Navy's premiere country-bluegrass ensemble. Under the direction of Senior Chief Musician Keith Arneson, Country Current is nationally renowned for its versatility and "eye-popping" musicianship, performing a blend of modern country music and cutting-edge bluegrass.

## SATURDAY/FEB. 13

**Culture House Reception.** 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Culture House is the first commission by the Workhouse Arts Center. Observing the changing demographics of the community, Workhouse Arts responded by diversifying its programs to be more reflective of the people we serve. Artist Foon Sham will be featured. [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org). 703-585-2900.

**Basic Zentangle Workshop.** 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. W-5, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. This is a basic beginner's class, no previous drawing skill is required. Bring a sketchbook. Bring \$25 if you would like to buy your own kit or \$5 for use of teacher's supplies. \$165. [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org). 703-584-2900.

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## MONDAY/FEB. 15

**George Washington Birthday Service and Breakfast.** 8 a.m. Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Following the service there will be a breakfast hosted by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew with a guest speaker. The Docent Guild will be conducting tours of Historic Pohick Church following the breakfast. \$10, \$25. Children under 12 free. 703-339-6572.



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**Al-Mutanabbi Streets Starts Here DC 2016.** Through Feb. 28. George Mason University Art Lab, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. A book arts and cultural festival throughout the Washington, DC, area. Major exhibitions, programs, and events will commemorate the 2007 bombing of Baghdad's historic book-selling street, celebrate the free exchange of ideas and knowledge, and stand in solidarity with the people of Iraq. [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org). 703-584-2908.

**Deborah Schwartzkopf.** Through Feb. 28. W-16 McGuireWoods Gallery, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Seattle ceramic artist Deborah Schwartzkopf sets in motion complex and functional forms with simple parts. [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org). 703-585-2900.

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**Fairfax Antique Arts Association.** 10 a.m. Green Acres Senior, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Pat Meder will lead an entertaining discussion on her book, "The Inside Story of Catch-22," based on her research of her father's Army Air Force group in Italy whose members inspired the characters in Joseph Heller's hilarious novel. Non-members welcome. Free. 703-273-6090.


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**Open Mic Coffee House.** 6:30-9 p.m.

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# WS Gymnastics Wins Conference 7 Championship

**Levine, Dotson finish 1-2 in all-around.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**W**est Springfield sophomore gymnast Abbie Levine described her average vault performance as “kind of iffy sometimes.” Freshman teammate Hannah Dotson was nervous about throwing a new vault during competition.

The Spartans’ top two gymnasts entered the Conference 7 championship meet with uncertainties regarding vault. By the end of the night, however, Levine and Dotson each medaled in the event and helped West Springfield end an eight-year title drought.

Levine placed first on vault, Dotson took third and the West Springfield gymnastics team won the program’s first conference/district championship since 2007 on Feb. 4 at West Potomac High School.

The Spartans produced a first-place score of 143.2 and qualified for regionals. Lake Braddock earned the conference’s other regional berth, finishing runner-up with a score of 141.95.

“I knew day one when I saw this team that we could do it,” West Springfield head coach Diana Edgell said, “and that has been the goal all year long, so I am thrilled.”

**LEVINE**, a former Level 9 club gymnast at Capital Gymnastics, received a score of 9.5 on vault while throwing a Tsukahara pike. She said she was surprised by her performance, which turned out to be part of a stellar overall effort.

Levine won the conference all-around title, finishing with a score of 37.525.

“I had a really great meet, personally,” Levine said. “I was surprised by it.”

Along with her first-place finish on vault, Levine won the conference beam championship (9.2), placed second on bars (9.4) and tied for second on floor (9.425).

“Abbie is fearless,” Edgell said. “She will go for it and the pressure just makes her better. She has risen to the occasion time and time again.”

Dotson, also a former Level 9 club gymnast at Capital Gymnastics, placed second in the all-



**The West Springfield gymnastics team won the Conference 7 championship on Feb. 4 at West Potomac High School.**



**West Springfield sophomore Abbie Levine won the all-around title at the Conference 7 gymnastics meet on Feb. 4.**

around with a score of 36.725. She finished third on vault, scoring 9.3 with a tucked Tsukahara despite throwing it for the first time in competition this season.

Dotson said she was “a little bit” nervous.

“I wanted to land on my feet,” she said.

Dotson won the conference bars championship with a score of 9.55. She tied for second on floor (9.425) and tied for ninth on beam (8.45).

“Hannah is young and excited and driven,” Edgell said, “and really has a confidence about her that is impressive for someone that’s only a freshman.”

West Springfield junior Abby Stout placed second on beam (9.175) and sixth on bars (8.4), tied for 15th on floor (8.425) and tied for 20th on vault (8.4).

“Abby Stout has been a leader of our team all year long and she really pulled through for us on beam when we really needed her to,” Edgell said, “and that was an outstanding performance — her best of the season.”

Spartans freshman Alex Marsden took fourth on vault



**West Springfield freshman Hannah Dotson tied for second on floor during the Conference 7 gymnastics meet on Feb. 4.**

(9.25), eighth on beam (8.65), tied for ninth on bars (7.7) and finished 10th on floor (8.85).

T.C. Williams’ Cailyn Lager placed third in the all-around (36.275), followed by the Lake Braddock trio of Jordan Clark (36.075), Hannah Johnson (35.85) and Jordan Tautges (35.375). The top four in all-around qualify for regionals, along with anyone who scores 35 or better.

Lake Braddock’s Clark won the conference floor championship with a score of 9.525.

Woodson (126.525) finished third in the team competition, followed by South County (118.925), Mount Vernon (116.125), T.C. Williams (108.95) West Potomac (79.425) and Annandale (64.25).

**THE 6A NORTH REGION** championship meet is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 13 at Patriot High School.

“I think we can do really well,” Edgell said. “I know we have a lot of girls that qualify individually for state and I hope that we can come together as a team and do it again.”

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BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

**The Robinson girls’ swim and dive team won the 6A North region title on Feb. 6 at Oak Marr Recreation Center.**

## Robinson Girls’ Swim and Dive Wins Regionals Boys’ team finishes fourth.

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**T**he Robinson girls’ swim and dive team captured the 6A North region championship on Feb. 6 at Oak Marr Recreation Center, holding off Langley and Oakton, who combined to win the last five state titles.

Robinson won the event with a score of 222. Langley finished runner-up (194), followed by Oakton (183), McLean (178), West Potomac (163) and Yorktown (141.5).

“They were phenomenal,” first-year Robinson head coach Michael Fones said. “Not only our superstars, but we had every single person giving everything.”

Senior Hannah Baker was a primary point-scorer for the Rams, winning the 100 free and placing second in the 50 free.

Baker, the two-time defending state champion in the 100 free, turned in an All-American time of 50.58 seconds, edging West Potomac sophomore Cassidy Bayer by one-one hundredth of a second. In the 50 free, Baker recorded a time of 23.38 (All-American consideration), finishing behind Yorktown senior and defending state champion Suzanne Dolan (23.19).

Baker also helped the 200 free and 400 free relays finish first.

“Hannah Baker,” Fones said, “is phenomenal.”

The Robinson 200 free relay (Lisa Zangla, Grace Gartman, Livi Schmid, Baker) turned in an All-American time of 1:35.83. The 400 free relay (Zangla, Gartman, Schmid, Baker) earned All-American consideration with a time of

3:29.77.

Zangla placed fourth in the 200 IM (2:05.93).

The Robinson boys’ team placed fourth with a score of 184. Langley won the title with a total of 229.5, followed by Patriot (215) and McLean (187).

Seniors James Murphy and James Jones led the way for Robinson.

Murphy, the two-time defending state champion in the 200 free and 500 free, finished first and second in the events, respectively, on Saturday. Murphy won the 200 free with an All-American time of 1:35.76, besting his own meet record by two seconds. In the 500 free, Murphy finished runner-up to West Springfield junior Lane Stone, turning in an All-American time of 4:26.17.

Stone broke Murphy’s meet record by nearly two seconds with an All-American time of 4:23.73.

Jones, the two-time defending state champ in the 50 free and 100 free, also turned in a first- and second-place finishes. Jones won the 50 free with an All-American time of 20.56, and finished runner-up to Annandale senior Aaron Boyd in the 100 free. Jones beat his previous meet record with an All-American time of 45.25, but finished five-one hundredths of a second behind Boyd.

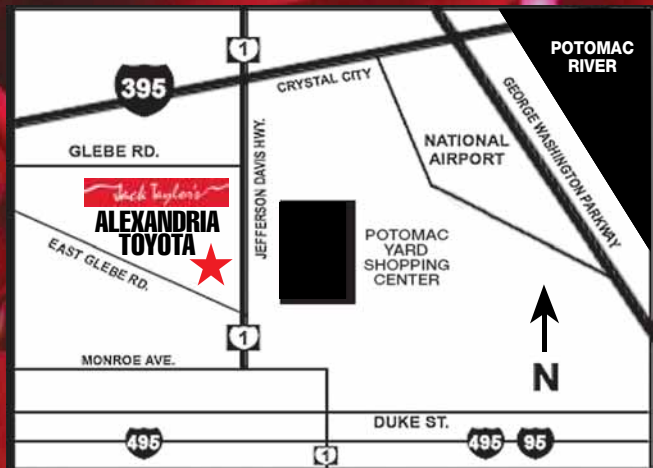
The Robinson 400 free relay (Murphy, Peter Brukx, Luke Jones, James Jones) finished first with meet-record and All-American time of 3:04.68.

The 6A state diving championship meet is scheduled for Feb. 19 at Oak Marr. The 6A state championship swim meet is scheduled for Feb. 20 at George Mason University.



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### OBITUARY



**Helen C. (Gomulka) Longworth, 83**, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 2, in Fairfax, VA.

Born in Glen Lyon on Apr. 21, 1932, she was the daughter of the late John & Angela (Chlepa) Gomulka.

Helen was a graduate of Newport Twp. High School. She was employed as a nurse by the Retreat State Hospital, Hunlock Creek, and as a LPN at Sacred Heart Hospital, Chester. She served many with a smile at Yom's Deli, Swarthmore and Burger King, Springfield.

She was a member of Holy Spirit Parish/St. Adalbert's Church, Glen Lyon.

Helen performed with the Notre Dame de Lourdes Players Club & the Bell Choir, Swarthmore. In Virginia, she helped outreach to active military via the Little River Glen Senior Center. Helen sang to staff and other participants of the PACE Inova Cares for Seniors program. She enjoyed bingo at Sunrise George Mason, Fairfax.

She was preceded in death by her husband; George A. Longworth; her step-brother, Joseph Korshalla and his wife Lillian.

Surviving is her loving family, daughter, Roberta A. Longworth, granddaughter, Michelle L. Opdahl (Thomas R. Bowser), great-grandchildren, Elise O. Bowser and Thomas G. Bowser and brother, Edward J. Gomulka.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday at 10 am in Holy Spirit Parish/St. Adalbert's Church, with Rev. Louis Kaminski officiating. Interment will follow in St. Adalbert's Cemetery, Glen Lyon. There are no public calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Helen to Little River Glen Senior Ctr. Advisory Council (4001 Barker Ct., Fairfax, VA 22032) or Family Services Assn. of NE PA, (31 West Market St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18706).

Arrangements are by the George A. Strish, Inc. Funeral Home.

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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Lise K. Outzen, dated March 11, 2005, and recorded March 22, 2005, in Deed Book 17097 at page 665 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax <#0.1\_county> County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

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**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of \$6,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 2.75 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

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### ABC LICENSE

Casa Tequila Bar and Grill Lorton, LLC trading as Casa Tequila Bar and Grill, 9020 Lorton Station Blvd. Ste E, Lorton, VA 22079. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine and Beer on premises and Mixed Beverage on premise license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Julio Meleddez, Owner

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Mungkorn Thong, Inc trading as Sisters Thai, 4004 University Dr, Fairfax, VA 22030. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine and Beer On & Off Premises, license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Jaturon Sirrote, owner NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date to the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at [www.abc.virginia.gov](http://www.abc.virginia.gov) or 800-552-3200.

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