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Fairfax Station resident Joel Peterson and his Siberian husky "Eyja" Eyjafjallajökull take a break on their hike in Hudson Highlands State Park in New York.

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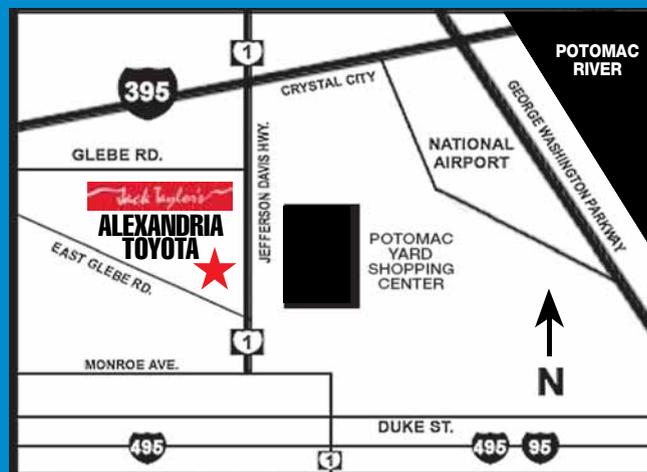
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Let's Go Places

Community Foresight

Park Authority passes on commercial proposal for Burke Lake Golf Park.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Burke resident Meg Hanrahan likes Topgolf in Alexandria. “To go out on a date with my husband,” she said, “but it’s not some place I want to go when I want to mentally prepare to go out on a course and play 18 holes.”

A bar-lounge atmosphere of is also not one in which she would consider leaving her three daughters, once a little older, to hit buckets of balls themselves.

Hanrahan is president of the Burke Lake Women’s Golf Club, which uses the course, range and clubhouse at Burke Lake Park.

Recently, members of the community held a public meeting to discuss the unsolicited proposal the Fairfax County Park Authority received from KC Management to upgrade Burke Lake to a facility with an increased structural footprint and parking, reminiscent of the golf center in Kingstowne.

Supervisor Pat Herryty (R-Springfield) attended the public meeting and then scheduled an additional meeting with Park Authority staff to follow-up.

“It was clear this isn’t going to happen without significant impact to the community and without raising the prices for golf,

to use the driving range,” said Herryty. “Those are both unacceptable to me and to the Park Authority. I didn’t have to do any arm-twisting.”

In his newsletter released on Feb. 23, Herryty lead with the headline “Top Golf Bottom Option for Burke Lake” and announced that he and the Park Authority would not be going forward with the proposal from KC Management.

Fairfax County Park Authority director Kirk Kincannon was not available for comment, but Judith Pedersen, a spokesperson for the parks, said in a statement, “We were concerned about the scale of the project which seemed too large for the site.”

THE FACILITIES, which date back nearly 60 years, are overdue for upgrades and are slated to receive them per Park Bonds passed in 2008 and 2012. KC Management submitted its proposal under the Virginia Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act, to build and run facilities on public land.

These also are changed, slightly, to remove Topgolf, beginning as the paragraph following “THE FACILITIES”

But members of the community bristled at the idea of the larger complex being proposed. Homeowners created a “Save Burke



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

The driving range at Burke Lake Park is uncovered, but in season offers “dew-chasers” the opportunity to tee off early in the morning.

Lake” Facebook group as well as a Change.org petition to raise support of opposing the proposal. Bob Vitti, one of the senior golf instructors at Burke Lake, sent the petition to his 1200-odd roster.

“I think it did something in terms of the significant count on the petition,” said Vitti. “A lot of folks had the same perspective I do.”

Referring to the Kingstowne center, he continued, “I don’t have anything against it, it’s a nice facility for its own goals, mission, environment. This is just not the environment for this type of service.”

Among the major concerns of Vitti and Hanrahan were that the proposed new facility wouldn’t open early enough to accommodate the strong culture of dawn-rising “dew-chasers,” that more alcohol available on the property would require more adult supervision of minors than currently exists at the park, and an increased structural footprint would take away from the natural

beauty of playing in the park itself.

“You look at it and think goodness isn’t this gorgeous,” said Hanrahan. “We’re so blessed to have such an amazing park we can play golf at, even if your game is stinking it up.”

HERRYTY said the Park Authority will go back to planning for the park’s upgrades and expects concept plans to be ready to share with the public sometime this summer. He also sees the whole situation with the unsolicited proposal as an opportunity to grow organized support for the park.

“We don’t have a Friends of Burke Lake Park currently,” he said, referencing other non-profit organizations such as Friends of Lake Accotink Park that help maintain and protect county natural resources. “What I’d like to see happen is take this energy created around this proposal and create a friends group.”

Movement Determined to ‘Save the Park’

Since the beginning of February, the Movement has generated a petition with more than 8,900 signatures and counting to save the Park.

BY MARISSA BEALE
THE CONNECTION

“When the anonymous letter showed up in our neighborhood mailboxes many of us began to wonder and worry. A few of us started talking and soon a meeting was scheduled with Pat Herryty and the Park Authority,” said Leigh Claypool, committee chair of the Save Burke Lake Park Movement. “We were assured by the PA that they do not like KC Management’s proposal either. However, they have spent more than two years in negotiations with them.”

From runners on the local high school



BY MARISSA BEALE/THE CONNECTION

Terri Siggins, co-coordinator of the Save Burke Lake Park Movement.



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Supervisor Pat Herryty speaks at the meeting. There is a petition to stop plans for construction at Burke Lake Park.

cross country teams, to small business owners, professional golfers and mothers, community members are concerned about a proposal from KC Management, LLC that could potentially change the atmosphere of a more than 60-year-old park in Fairfax County.

Burke Lake Park has been described as one of those few places in the County where you can go and escape the hustle and bustle of Fairfax County and the Northern Virginia area.

“They are turning it into a late-night bar atmosphere instead of a family-friendly driving range,” said Fairfax County resident and co-coordinator of the Save the Burke Lake Park Movement, Terri Siggins. The Movement began when members of the community found out news about the proposal through an unknown source. Since the beginning of February, the Movement has generated a petition with more than 8,900 signatures and counting to save the Park.

Back in 2008 and 2012 the public voted

on proposals to restore the clubhouse and driving range at the Park. According to the Fairfax County Government website, the 2008 Park Bond includes funding to replace the existing Golf Course Clubhouse at Burke Lake Park Golf Course. The 2012 Park Bond includes funding to upgrade and expand the existing driving range at Burke Lake Park Golf Course. However, both of these plans are different from those listed in the proposal by KC Management, according to the Save Burke Lake Park movement. “We believe the atmosphere is not appropriate for a public park,” said Siggins. “[The proposal] would create a bar atmosphere targeted more toward entertainment rather than golf.

“Under KC’s design, the entire current driving range will be redesigned. Artificial turf, lighting and additional parking spaces would also be included in the design. There is concern that this would get rid of established oaks and the current green area in the Park,” she said.

The public can get involved by signing the petition, writing to Supervisor Pat Herryty, or by contacting the FCPA. Concerned individuals can also Like and Follow the “Save Burke Lake Park” Facebook page to get news and updates on next steps.



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Paul Poling of Fairfax Station, last year's Monopoly Champion, getting ready to start against John Marani of Centerville, Kathryn Poling of Fairfax Station and Tom Moore of Fairfax Station.



The final champ and the runner ups of the 8th Annual Ron K.'s Monopoly Tournament. From left: Melson Varsovia (6th), John Migliaccio (5th), Ron Kowalski (Tournament Director), Mikal Sykes (1st), Toney Mooney (2nd), Bernard Sloan (4th), Adrian H. (3rd, not pictured)

Play Monopoly and Help Others

Annual tournament raises close to \$8,000 for Lorton Community Action Center.

On a cold, snow-approaching Saturday, nearly 100 men, women and children hunkered down to play three rounds at the 8th Annual Ron K.'s Monopoly Tournament hosted at the Lorton Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton. Entrants from Dumfries, Centerville, Fairfax and D.C. braved the impending snowstorm to play and ply their luck and skill.

On one side of the room were four tables of children. Some tables were intense and serious where last year's fifth place winner, Tabitha Missner of Dumfries, attempted to advance to the second round. At other tables young players stood and cheered as they moved their piece around the board. The other 12 tables, filled mostly with adults, were quiet as players made investments and trades building equity and strategic positions. Del. Dave Albo (R-42) was at one table while his son Ben was trying his luck at another.

Sixteen tables were set up for round one, a four-player round. After one hour and fifteen minutes the top two players from each table advanced to the second round. Total assets of money and property determine winners.

Mikal Sykes of Lorton reached the top spot and emerged the winner of the 8th annual Monopoly Game Tournament. "I've played once before, but didn't make it to the final table. Of course, this year, it feels great to win first place," said Sykes.

In addition to Sykes winning the top prize of \$500, eight-time player Toney Mooney won second place and received \$250, and newcomer Adrian Herzig placed third earning \$100. Bernard Sloan, John Migliaccio, and Melson Varsovia rounded out the top six and received trophies.

"I am proud to host this annual event to raise money for a great cause and bring



Del. Dave Albo (R-42) examines his son's game results. Both Dave and Ben made it to the second round. From left Rita, Dave and Ben Albo and Linda Patterson, executive director of Lorton Community Action Center.

some fun into real estate by playing the classic game of Monopoly," said Ron Kowalski, the event's sponsor. "We were very happy with this year's turnout, particularly the twenty local businesses who sponsored a table, or provided good and services."

Kowalski started this tournament eight years ago as a local fundraising event. The recipient of the funds from the tournament is Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC). Based on initial count Kowalski's Monopoly Tournament would donate close to \$8,000 to LCAC.

Linda Patterson, Executive Director of LCAC, highlighted their work. "Over the past year the need for help has not decreased," said Patterson. "We currently provide food every week to more than 280 families which is up from last year. Sequester took its toll on our community." With

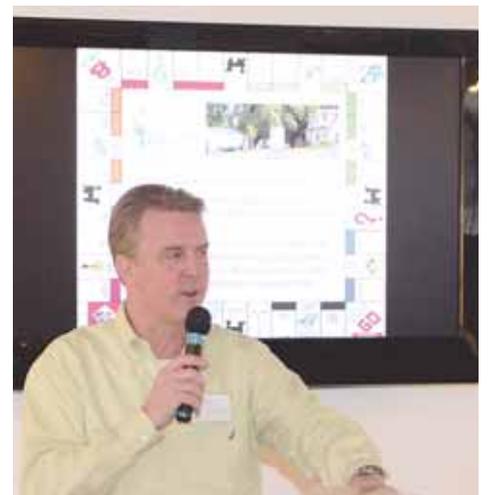
the help of local food stores - Giant, Wegmans, Costco - and in partnership with the Capital Area Food Bank and local farmers LCAC is able to provide fresh produce, meat and canned food to help feed 1700 people in need.

LCAC's 700 volunteers provide help with utility bills, nutrition and financial planning and free tutoring. The Lorton Community Action Center has been serving the needs of low-income individuals, senior citizens and families residing in Fort Belvoir, Lorton, Newington and other portions of southeast Fairfax County for forty years. Mark your calendars for March 14 as LCAC will be holding its annual fundraising gala at Harbour View located alongside the historic Occoquan River.

If you're interested in volunteering visit <http://www.lortonaction.org>.



Valmik Rai of Fairfax Station contemplates his next move. Suhana Rai, Valmik's mom, was happy to get out of the house and cheer him on.



Ron Kowalski welcomes the players to his 8th Annual Monopoly Tournament.

VOLUNTEERS EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Fairfax County's free **Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group** will discuss using the Internet to help with caregiving on Tuesday, March 10, 7-8 p.m. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/caregiver.htm. Call 703-324-5484, TTY 711.

The **Wakefield Senior Center** in Annandale needs volunteer **Bilingual English/Spanish** activity leaders, a **Canasta Player** to lead a group and certified instructors for classes in **Pilates, Chair Exercise** and **Ballroom Dance**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Kingstowne Center for Active Adults** in Alexandria needs instructors for **Mosaic Art** and **Jewelry Making**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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Hunter Mill Supervisor **Cathy Hudgins (D)** saw no change in her home assessment. This year, her home was worth \$638,100, same as last year.



Dranesville Supervisor **John Foust (D)** saw a 0.75% increase in his property value when compared to 2014. The county valued Foust's house at \$2,917,660 last year and \$2,939,290 this year.



Mason Supervisor **Penelope Gross (D)** saw her home value go up 4.91% from \$440,970 in 2014 to \$462,630 in 2015.



Lee Supervisor **Jeff McKay (D)** saw his assessment go up 9.07% from \$710,220 in 2014 to \$774,620 in 2015.



Braddock Supervisor **John Cook (R)** saw a 4.68% increase in the value of his home over the last year. Cook's home was assessed at \$634,760 in 2014 and \$664,480 in 2015.



Fairfax County Chairman **Sharon Bulova (D)** saw her home value go up 7.36% from \$601,550 in 2014 to \$645,380 in 2015.

Mount Vernon Supervisor **Gerry Hyland** has no property listed.



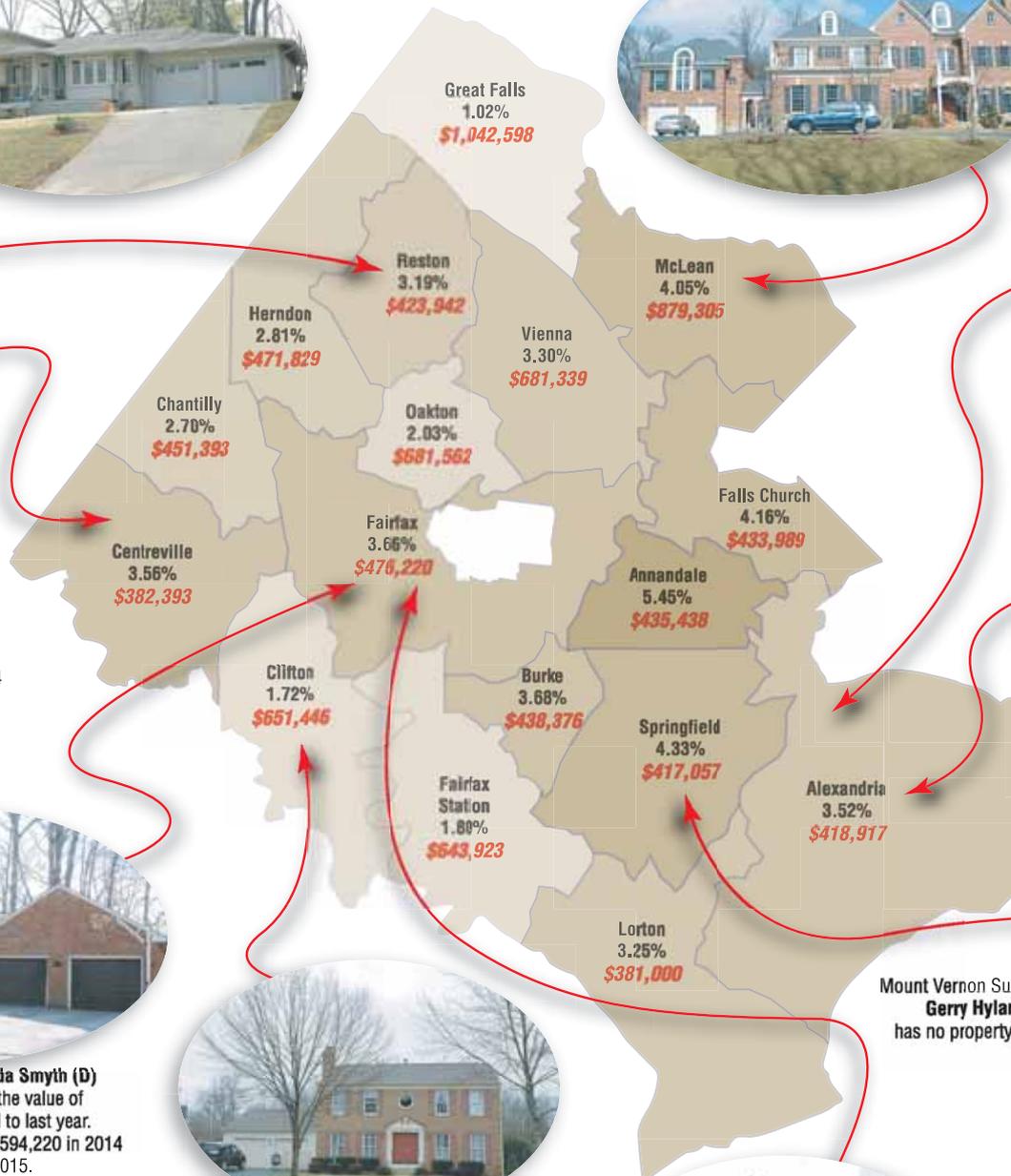
Springfield Supervisor **Patrick Herrity (R)** saw a 4.57% gain in his property value when compared to 2014. Last year, his home was worth \$573,460 and this year it is valued at \$599,660.



Providence Supervisor **Linda Smyth (D)** saw a 2.87% increase in the value of her house when compared to last year. Smyth's home was valued at \$594,220 in 2014 and \$611,280 in 2015.



Sully Supervisor **Michael Frey (R)** saw a 8.57% increase in the value of his home over the last year. Frey's home was assessed at \$252,830 in 2014 and \$274,500 in 2015.



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 Single Family Detached **\$620,080 (3.27%)**
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 Condos **\$259,752 (4.48%)**

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Annandale	412,942	435,438	5.45
Burke	422,815	438,376	3.68
Centreville	369,253	382,393	3.56
Chantilly	439,525	451,393	2.70
Clifton	640,436	651,446	1.72
Fairfax	459,412	476,220	3.66
Fairfax Station	632,518	643,923	1.80
Falls Church	416,666	433,989	4.16
Great Falls	1,032,117	1,042,598	1.02
Herndon	458,919	471,829	2.81
Lorton	369,023	381,000	3.25
McLean	845,113	879,305	4.05
Oakton	668,009	681,562	2.03
Reston	410,846	423,942	3.19
Springfield	399,742	417,057	4.33
Vienna	659,582	681,339	3.30

for single family, townhouses and condominiums

The average assessed value of a single family home in Fairfax County for 2015 is \$620,080, up 3.27%

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The Clifton Community Woman's Club (CCWC) will present its 43rd Annual Homes Tour on Thursday, May 21. In addition to guided tours of three elegant homes and a spectacular garden of a fourth home in the Fairfax Station-Clifton area, the event will feature a one-of-a-kind silent auction at the Clifton Presbyterian Church.

Incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Charitable Trust, the CCWC is one of our region's pre-eminent philanthropic organizations. Net proceeds from the Homes Tour—more than \$100,000 over the past five years—are distributed primarily to local charities and food banks. These include Artemis House, which offers shelter for victims of domestic violence, the Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program, the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, Fisher House, and Food for Others.

Education is another major focus for the funds generated by the tour. Scholarships are given to students from George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College, as well as to an area high school senior as recognition for community service.

The CCWC Homes Tour depends each year on its sponsors and advertisers. The ticket booklet, which contains information about the houses, features advertisements for the individuals and businesses that help promote the event. Ads range in price from \$35-\$90, and sponsorships cost \$175.

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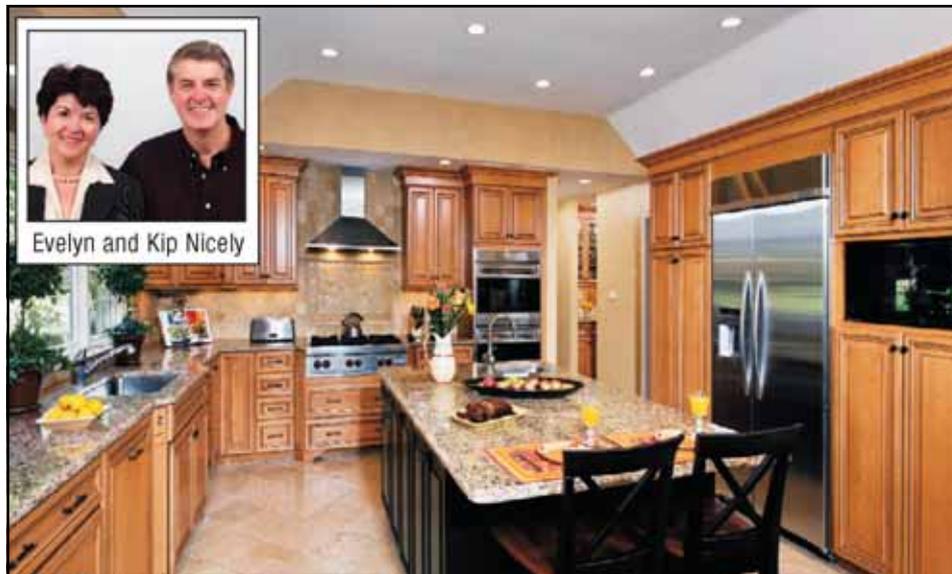
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Managing Mental Illness in Jails

Natasha McKenna's death provides window on national concern.

A national report released on Feb. 11 highlighted the prevalence of people with mental illness incarcerated in local jails.

"Serious mental illness, which includes bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and major depression, affects an estimated 14.5 percent of men and 31 percent of women in jails — rates that are four to six times higher than in the general population.

... While most people with serious mental illness in jails, both men and women, enter jail charged with minor, nonviolent crimes, they end up staying in jail for longer periods of time." See vera.org.

Natasha McKenna, a woman with a long history of severe mental illness, died on Feb. 8, five days after being repeatedly shocked with a taser, restrained, hooded and forcibly removed from her cell by six deputy sheriffs "pursuant to its protocols for managing combative inmates."

McKenna, a small woman according to press

reports, had been held in the Fairfax County Detention Center since Jan. 26, on a warrant from the City of Alexandria. Fairfax deputies were forcibly extracting her from her cell so she could be transported to the Alexandria jail.

Here is part of the police release on the incident:

"During the struggle to restrain McKenna, a member of the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team deployed a conducted energy weapon (Taser) on McKenna. While being restrained, deputies placed a spit net (which is designed to restrict and prevent spitting) on McKenna.

A nurse from the ADC medical staff was present at that time to check on her prior to transport and cleared her for transport. Deputies attempted to put her in a medical transport chair, but McKenna continued to be combative and was moved to a restraint chair for transport."

To understand a little of what was happening, search for images of "spit net" and "prisoner restraint chair."

When the emergency response team was getting ready to load McKenna into a vehicle, "medical personnel from the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office checked McKenna and determined she was experiencing a medical emergency."

McKenna never regained consciousness.

The incident was recorded on video, but "the video is currently retained as evidence by detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department and will not be released at this time."

Less than two weeks after McKenna's death, the public knows a lot more about the details of this incident than previous cases involving the Fairfax County Police, but questions of what happened, how and why, greatly outnumber answers.

It is standard operating procedure in the United States to warehouse disruptive people with mental illness in jails. A 2006 Special Report by the Bureau of Justice Statistics estimated that 705,600 mentally ill adults were incarcerated in state prisons, 78,800 in Federal prisons and 479,900 in local jails, according to the National Institute for Corrections.

We have to ask what constitutes humane, effective treatment for people with mental illness, and often substance use disorders, who end up in jails. Are the brutal images of Natasha McKenna's handling a common experience for people with severe mental illness in jails? While deaths resulting from such incidents are rare, they do occur. What can be done to provide treatment?

— MARY KIMM

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EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Breastfeeding is About Life

To the Editor:

As a fairly new Virginia resident, I like reading your summaries of county and state government actions that impact us all, including the General Assembly's crossover bills featured in your February 19-25 issue. I'd like to share one more. HB1499 protects mothers who breastfeed their babies in public; Del. Dave Albo is one of the co-patrons. With its passage in both chambers and a promised signature from Governor Terry McAuliffe, the Commonwealth will become the #48 state in the U.S. to support breastfeeding mothers and their right to feed their babies wherever necessary — be it a restaurant, rec center or retail store or any other public or private space where nursing moms find themselves needing to feed their children.

The grassroots coalition, VA Alliance for Breastfeeding Laws with its leaders Rebecca Geller (a local attorney and mother) and Kate Noon, should be commended for this family-focused effort. Concerned moms and dads from all over the state contacted their legislators, visited Richmond, and testified in support of the bill during its various committee hearings.

When babies are hungry, they need to eat. As nursing mothers,

we shouldn't be scared into using a designated lounge, public bathroom, or, worse yet, be told to leave the premises. Nursing is about sustaining human life. It's about growing a little human being into an adult. It's about life.

Studies by medical experts prove breastfeeding is best for babies. There are numerous health and emotional benefits to the baby and the mother. (The World Health Organization spells these out: http://www.who.int/nutrition/topics/exclusive_breastfeeding/en/) There are economic advantages as well, as families and the Commonwealth (when helping our families through WIC and other supports) do not have to spend money on formula. About 80.5-percent of new Virginia moms breastfeed their babies at birth (CDC, statistics by state, 2014 report). By 6 months, it's only 53.7-percent who exclusively breastfeed or do a combination of breastmilk and formula to nourish their babies. By 1 year, it's 27.4-percent. Yet, breastfeeding is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatricians at least until a baby turns 1-year old.

I am a mother as well as a volunteer who helps moms with breastfeeding. I can share that

women experience many "boobytraps" in their breastfeeding journey that cause this statistical plunge. There are medical issues and societal issues. Not being able to breastfeed in public — or feel comfortable doing so — is one of those traps. When babies are infants, they are often eating every 2-3 hours. Not being protected to nurse in public, some women "shelter in place" in their homes. Yet, moms still need to

work, shop, take care of our families and carry on with daily life. Being restricted on where we can "legally" nurse in public makes breastfeeding success and life in general a little more difficult. And we don't need to make life more difficult for mothers; we need to support them for success! I'm so glad we'll finally have a law on the books to do just that.

Anna Custer-Singh
Lorton

Oversight Needed in Police Shooting Cases

To the Editor:

Kudos and thanks for your recent editorials voicing the concern of many Fairfax County citizens in connection with the investigation of police shootings.

James Madison said of government that we must "oblige it to control itself" through checks and balances, including vigilant oversight of administration.

It is difficult to conceive where Board of Supervisors oversight is more needed than over a group — even a group as honorable and courageous as our police officers — entrusted to exercise coercive powers, up to and including life

and death.

The Board of Supervisors should fulfill that oversight function, starting with investigative hearings into the reasons for the secrecy shrouding the shootings identified in your editorial.

State Sen. Barbara Favola and our new Del. Kathleen Murphy may also wish to consider whether to propose statutory changes to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Bruce Ellis Fein
Great Falls

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LETTERS

Questions To Ask About Library

To the Editor:

In January, 2015 the Library Board of Trustees was given a document from the Department of Public Works that indicates Reston Regional Library will be rebuilt at its current location. At the September, 2014 Library Board meeting Library Director Sam Clay stated that a task force had been appointed to oversee planning of the new library, and he had been appointed to that task force. We would encourage Supervisor Cathy Hudgins to inform the community about the composition of the task force and to let us know how many Restonians are on it. Does the task force include any members of the Reston Friends of the Library or any retired librarians? Is our currently serving Hunter Mill Library Board member, or any retired Library Board members on this task force?

We would like to have information as to the size of the planned building. Will it be part of a mixed-use building? What other uses are expected? How many square feet will the library be? How many books will be shelved there? How many meeting rooms will be pro-

vided? What space will be allotted to the Friends of the Library for their book sales? Will there be space for a library store like those used by Montgomery County to sell donated and ex-library books? How many computers will be available? How large will the children's section be and how many volumes will it hold? How many dedicated parking spaces will be included in the plans? Will there be a temporary facility provided during construction?

What will be the projected cost of the new library? Will the \$10M bond be enough to cover a new building? If not, are there plans to add more money to a bond referendum within the time frame necessary to use the \$10M bond funds currently available?

Will the shelter be separate from the library with its own entrances? How many people will the shelter be built to accommodate? Will there be support services on site to provide assistance to the homeless population?

The 2013 Beta Plan included elimination of library Youth Services and a transition to digital-only libraries. In light of current

research about the problems of children retaining information read from digital screens versus print books, will Reston Regional be built as a digital-only library with minimal use of print books? (Please see September 2013, Scientific American article, Why the Brain Prefers Paper).

Ebooks are not purchased by libraries. They are rented. In fact, they are not even books; they are rented pieces of software that expire after a prescribed number of checkouts. The cost-per-checkout (CPC) for ebooks is at least four to ten times the cost for print books. County Executive Ed Long just announced a large cut to the library in the FY2016 budget. Will the configuration of the new library reflect a continuing reliance on print materials since it is clear ebooks are beyond our budget?

Other jurisdictions allow public outreach when community libraries are renovated, redesigned and rebuilt. Will the Reston community be included in the decisions about the future of our library?

Kathy Kaplan
Fairfax Library Advocates
Reston



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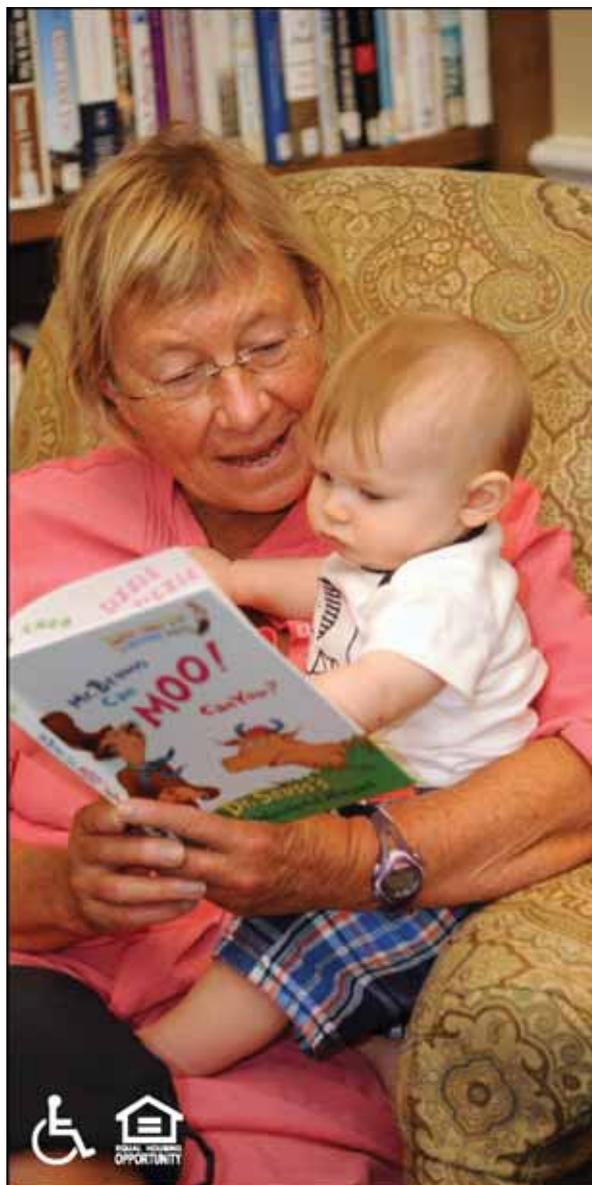
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Fairfax County Animal Shelter Gets Creative to Save Lives

Since 2013, Fairfax County has been the largest jurisdiction in the United States with a placement rate of animals above 90 percent. Last year alone, nearly 2,500 animals were adopted, which is nearly double the adoptions just two years earlier.

With more than 4,500 animals coming through its doors in 2014, the shelter implements creative ways to find homes for the many homeless cats, dogs, guinea pigs, rabbits and other small animals. Here are just a few of the new ways the shelter can save more lives:

“Fosters” help animals in a variety of ways, both long term and short term. There are 150 foster families who provide temporary housing to pets needing a break from the shelter. In addition to caring for puppies and kittens as well

as animals recovering from surgery or illness, foster families can take an animal into their home for shorter time periods. Fosters take dogs on one-hour field trips or can take a dog home for the weekend, to give it a much-needed break from the stress of the shelter environment. Older cats sometimes wait many months to find a permanent home, so foster families take them home for 30 days of TLC while waiting.

“The shelter has a robust social media presence. More than 20,000 people follow the shelter on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. And more than half the shelter’s adopters say they first saw their pet or the shelter itself on social media. In the past, a pet with a special medical need would have waited months for an adopter. Now that same pet usually finds a home



PHOTO COURTESY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER
Caitlin Rose and Cathy Connolly, daughter and wife of Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) respectively, handle a cat at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

within days of its pictures and story being shared on social media.

“Some 300 volunteers give daily love, enrichment and exercise to homeless pets. Dogs play in groups, go on off-site walks and get kennel breaks four or five times every day. Treat dispensing toys, stuffed and frozen Kong toys and other enrichment items keep shelter dogs busy throughout the day. Cats and small animals get to enjoy play time in one of the shelter’s cat rooms every day and are constantly cared for by dedicated volunteers. All of this helps shelter pets be happy, healthy and ready to meet their new families.

Because the shelter has been so successful at placing animals, there are sometimes empty spaces on the adoption floor. Whenever there is space, they take in animals from under-resourced and overbur-

dened shelters in D.C. and rural Virginia. In 2014, nearly 500 dogs and cats were transferred into the shelter, where they were adopted to loving homes.

In addition to adoptions, the shelter offers a variety of other activities, including classes for adults and kids, dog obedience training, Scout badge programs, birthday parties, a book club and a pet loss support group. To learn more about shelter programs or to view adoptable animals, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/animalshelter.

Want to know how to help your local shelter? In addition to volunteering, fostering and donating, all shelters in the area have Facebook pages. By following your local shelter, you can help spread the word about all the great pets waiting to meet their forever families.

When Sam Met Frodo

“Sam and Frodo are both rescue cats. Frodo, the big orange guy with the furry feet, came from Home Alone Feline Rescue in 2011. He is part Maine Coon and part American bobtail. Lou and I had been thinking about getting a second cat as a companion for Frodo when I ran into Lee District School Board member Tammy Koufax at a community event in Springfield in August 2013. Tammy and her kids were fostering a litter of feral kittens that had been found behind a restaurant in Washington D.C. When Lou and I saw Tammy’s photo of the smallest kitten, a tiny tiger tabby, we fell in love. Eventually, so did Frodo, once she got over Sam trying to steal his toys and occasionally snatching his treats away. We love watching the two cats chase each other around. Animals add so much to your life!”



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED
Sharon Bulova with her cats Frodo and Sam.

— SHARON BULOVA,
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BY ABIGAIL
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THE CONNECTION

Marzi Sharifi started HoPPooH in Fairfax, a mobile pet grooming service, in 2013. With her two vans and groomer, Sara, HoPPooH—which means little dog or dog in Persian—will come to the pet owner’s door to groom and style man’s best friend...or his cat.

HoPPooH’s area of coverage is between 10 to 12 miles of its base. Sharifi said that her business provides convenience for her and for her clients. “I can choose my clients, make my own hours.”

She has learned a lot since she first started, such as accepting clients that are not more than 75 pounds. She once had a German shepherd in the van that started “growling and barking” at her. “It was very dangerous for me,” she said. But her confidence has grown. “I’m really good at grooming dogs, especially poodles.”

Sharifi, a Persian-American, has a background in

videography. It was this background that got her started in pet grooming. As a volunteer at the Animal Welfare League of Arlington, Sharifi created a video about one of its dogs, Gaston, an American pit bull terrier mix, for Best in Shelter’s first virtual dog show. The video won first prize and \$50,000 for AWLA. “I have always loved animals,” she said. To learn more about HoPPooH, go to <http://www.hoppooH.com/>.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED
Marzi Sharifi of HoPPooH in Fairfax with her dogs and her mobile pet grooming vans. Sharifi recently acquired a second van for her growing business.



Taking a Break

Bella, the puppy of Gina Brewer, owner of Virginia’s Decor (Decorating Den), takes a break from helping renovate her condo.

‘Yuki’ the Therapist

Anabell Gilliland sent us this photo of Yukilele von Coconut, “Yuki” for short. She is a 2-year-old German shepherd dog and lives in Clifton. She has been with the family since she turned 8 weeks old. Yuki has all kinds of personality and all kinds of energy. She also has all kinds of smarts and just received her Canine Good Companion certificate. This week, she will start her training to become a Therapy Dog. “We hope that she will eventually be able to visit children at local hospitals, participate in library reading groups, and maybe even work with children with special needs. We are very proud of Yuki for working hard and focusing,” said Gilliland. Yuki is pictured here with Sonny Madsen, the owner of Sit Means Sit dog obedience, where she goes for training.



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Lennie, a rescue, heals following eye surgery and is one of the Pets Bring Joy cats available for adoption at the PetSmart in East Fairfax.



Pets Bring Joy volunteer Juli Verrier kisses gray cat Fortune, while founder Jacquie Barker cradles LC at the East Fairfax PetSmart adoption center.

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Finding Forever Families for Felines

Nonprofit Helps Animal Shelters with Overflow

BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO
 THE CONNECTION

Jacquie Barker saw the problem with the normal animal rescue cycle. Ideally, animal rescue starts with the rescue, followed by a period of sheltering, and finally, adoption. But often rescue organizations' efforts get stuck during the sheltering or fostering phase.

When shelters are full, they cannot take on new animals. That is where Pets Bring Joy, founded by Barker, comes in. "We break up the log jam...move inventory along," she said.

Pets Bring Joy finds foster homes for cats that shelters cannot accommodate and partners with PetSmart in East Fairfax in holding adoption events. The organization also provides promotion services and pays for

veterinary expenses while a cat is being fostered.

Barker's organization focuses on older or injured cats, "Everybody wants to adopt kittens," she said, but older cats can be wonderful pets.

Barker works in partnership with Helping Homeless Felines, founded by Val Garcia. Garcia has been rescuing cats for 25 years. Her organization, which recently gained its tax exempt status, specializes in injured felines, like one-eyed Lennie and three-legged Simon.

On an average day of trapping, Garcia said that she brings in up to 10 cats. Donations to Helping Homeless Felines help pay for necessary and life-saving surgeries, greatly increasing an animal's chances for adoption. She is able to concentrate on finding and rescuing strays because Pets Bring Joy is there to find homes for them.

Pets Bring Joy and Helping Homeless Felines scour shelters, particularly those in rural areas, where opportunities for adoption may be scarce.

"We are always looking for foster homes," said volunteer Juli Verrier. For more information on these two organizations, go to www.petsbringjoy.org.

Saving Sarge

Sarge, a 2-year-old brown tabby, was found recently by an exterminator in a crawl space of a foreclosed home. He is partially blind and deaf. A good Samaritan took him from the exterminator and rushed him to the veterinarian who then called a local cat rescue group, Helping Homeless Felines. "He was almost dead" said Val Garcia, president of the local rescue group. "I saw the vet records and can confirm the seriousness of his condition. I ended up fostering Sarge initially to help him heal."

Once Sarge was featured on Val's rescue website, another individual whose entire family - in Fairfax Station - is involved in helping homeless animals, desperately wanted a chance to foster Sarge before he was permanently adopted. Sarge was initially terribly shy but the love between Sarge and his new family is magical and he will not be leaving his foster home, he has been officially adopted by his foster family. Sarge, now Nicholas, not only has his new people, a family of four, but two dogs and three cats to help him get around his new home. In just a few short months,



COURTESY PHOTO

Sarge, now Nicholas, the deaf and blind abandoned cat in his new home with Grace, 13, in his forever home.

Nick's new family reports, "He is amazingly friendly and outgoing! It is so unbelievable, considering how shy and traumatized he was. He is the first to greet visitors and he runs up to everyone to be petted. He absolutely loves to be held and sticks his little pink tongue out when he's purring and blissful and wags his stubby little tail when he is stalking. He completely adores the kids, and gets along well with the cats and dogs." This abandoned

nearly dead cat is now home.

- JULI VERRIER

Helping Homeless Felines is affiliated with Pets Bring Joy, a foster-based adoption group in Fairfax. Contact Juli Verrier, a volunteer with Helping Homeless Felines, at 703-408-8558, for additional information.

PET CONNECTION

**Fern and Otter
Come to 'Work'**

"My dogs, Fern and Otter, both adopted from the Fairfax County Animal Shelter love to come to work with me at the shelter. They enjoy greeting visitors and just hanging out. When they're not 'working,' they love playing with each other and taking me on long hikes. Proof that shelter dogs come in all shapes and sizes, with and without spots."

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Julia Galloway. Building W-8, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Julia Galloway is a utilitarian potter and professor. She is currently the Director of the School of Art and Professor at the University of Montana, Missoula. Julia makes useful pottery working at a mid-range firing at c6 in a soda kiln and re-firing her pottery at low temperatures to develop rich glaze surfaces. She combines wheel throwing and hand building techniques to make her pottery. No ticket required. 703-584-2900.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/FEB. 27-28

"Christos' Orange - Ten Years



The Irish are coming! Wild West Irish Tours is sponsoring a free Irish Music & Dance show at the Auld Shebeen Pub, 3971 Chain Bridge Road in Fairfax City on Sunday, March 1 from 2 to 5 p.m. The show will feature dancers Sandra and Laura Ganley, from County Roscommon, Ireland along with singer, Mai Hernon, who hails from County Sligo, Ireland and her group, Celtic Font. For more information call 571-236-9650 or visit www.wildwestirishtours.com.

"Later." Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The Workhouse Arts Center presents an exhibit by the artists in Gallery 5 Studio commemorating the ten year anniversary of the installation of

"The Gates" in Central Park in New York City.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/FEB. 27-MARCH 1

Alice's Adventures in

"Wonderland." Fri. and Sat., 8 p.m, Sun., 2 p.m. W-3 Theatre, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. One part of Pittsburgh playwright James Michael Shoberg's canon of twisted fairy

tales, the classic story is re-imagined in a vice-filled urban setting, where Alice's adventures lead her into a "Wonderland" not at all like the one with which we are all familiar. Inspired by the Lewis Carroll original, Shoberg crafts a brand new journey for audiences, and once you will not easily forget. Due to adult language and themes, this performance is intended for mature audiences. This is not a family theatre version of the story. \$20. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

FRIDAY/FEB. 27

Alice's Adventures in "Wonderland." Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. 8 p.m. Presented by Unquiet Theatre Company. Written by James Michael Shoberg. Directed by Katy Chmura.

Children's Theatre: "All Tangled Up." Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Presented by Mestey Films Productions. LIVE onstage! Rapunzel has let herself down from her tower without waiting for Prince Charming! She has changed her own fairy tale!

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ENTERTAINMENT

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SATURDAY/FEB. 28

Collectors Showcase Fundraising

Event: 7:30-10:30 p.m. W-16 McGuireWoods Gallery, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Features the best in visual arts from all the Artist at the Workhouse. Ticket information available at www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

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Indoor Flea Market and Lunch.

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Don't break the bank! Find that special treasure — many booths of odds and ends to browse through! Hosted by the Young at Heart Senior Center. Donations accepted after Jan. 1.

Jamie Netschert.

10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Clifton Wine Shop, 7145 Main St., Clifton. local wildlife photographer displays his colorful and striking images of birds and wildlife. Following a life-long passionate journey, he cares for the natural world through veterinary medicine and photography. Free. 703-409-0919.

SUNDAY/MARCH 1

Alice's Adventures in

"Wonderland." Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. 2 p.m. Presented by Unquiet Theatre Company. Written by James Michael Shoberg. Directed by Katy Chmura.

Children's Theatre: "All Tangled

Up." Through March 21. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Presented by Mestey Films Productions. LIVE onstage! Rapunzel has let herself down from her tower without waiting for Prince Charming! She has changed her own fairy tale!

Irish Music & Dance Show.

2-5 p.m. Auld Shebeen Pub, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. The show will feature dancers Sandra and Laura Ganley, from County Roscommon,

Ireland along with singer, Mai Herson, who hails from County Sligo, Ireland and her group, Celtic Font. 571-236-9650. www.wildwestirishstours.com.

Capitol Steps.

7 p.m. Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. The Capitol Steps are a Musical Political Satire group that performs all over the country. They put the MOCK in Democracy and will feature their latest album "How to Succeed in Congress Without Really Lying." All proceeds support the Robinson Drama Boosters and the 2015 ANGP. \$35, \$30 for 10 or more at robinsondrama.org. Contact scamby@verizon.net for more info.

FRIDAY/MARCH 6

Cool Cow Comedy Presents: Tony

Deyo. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. 8 p.m. Come to Cool Cow Comedy's for entertainment! Each month headliners and featured performers take the stage in the W-3 Theatre. Host and Comedian Rahmein Mostafavi performed outstanding stand-ups in the DC Improv. Richmond Funny Bone and Caroline's on Broadway.

SATURDAY/MARCH 7

Workhouse Cabaret Series:

Heroines of the Stage and Screen! Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. 8 p.m. Some of Broadway's most beloved characters and some of the most memorable music are written for the leading ladies.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/MARCH 5-8

"Doubt: A Parable."

7:30 p.m. Old Town Village, 3950 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets are \$17 in advance. Remaining seats, if available, will be \$20 at the door, one hour prior to performance times. Free parking is available. The production runs approximately 90 minutes, and a brief, talk-back session with the actors and directors will follow each performance. Buy tickets at: <http://fairfaxcitytheatre.ticketleap.com/doubt-a-parable/>.

SUNDAY/MARCH 8

Workhouse Cabaret Series:

Heroines of the Stage and Screen! Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Matinee 1

p.m. Some of Broadway's most beloved characters and some of the most memorable music are written for the leading ladies.

Film: An Ordinary Hero: The True

Story of Joan Mulholland. 2 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. You'll hear firsthand from the Freedom Riders that took part in this movement including: Joan Mulholland, Reverend Reginald Green; Dion Diamond; Joan's son, Loki Mulholland producer of the film; and Michael O'Brien, author of *We Shall Not Be Moved*. Dessert reception will follow the film. All are welcome. \$15 in advance/ \$18 at the door/ Students Free. Contact Carla.Rosenfeld@jccnv.org, 703-537-3060.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/MARCH 12-14

"Doubt: A Parable."

7:30 p.m. Old Town Village, 3950 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets are \$17 in advance. Remaining seats, if available, will be \$20 at the door, one hour prior to performance times. Free parking is available. The production runs approximately 90 minutes, and a brief, talk-back session with the actors and directors will follow each performance. Buy tickets at: <http://fairfaxcitytheatre.ticketleap.com/doubt-a-parable/>.

SATURDAY/MARCH 14

Burke Racquet & Swim Club's

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SUNDAY/MARCH 15

Model Trains Running.

11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia NTRAK group will have running N Gauge Model trains at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. Admission: Museum members and children 4 and under, free; children 5-15, \$2; adults 16 and over, \$4. www.fairfax-station.org, 703-425-9225.

FAITH NOTES

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children's church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or www.fbtministries.org.

The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism. The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming inner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and

meditation. Visit <http://www.guhyasamaja.org> for more information.

Lord of Life Lutheran offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or www.Lordoflifeva.org.

First Baptist Church of Springfield offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. worship service at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500 or www.fbcspringfield.org.

Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It

also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. 703-817-1770 or www.st-andrew.org.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, offers casual worship services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. featuring contemporary music. More traditional services take place on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School is from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for children and adults. The church also offers discussion groups for adults. 703-451-5855 or www.poplc.org.

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway in Springfield, supports a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. All mothers and children are welcome. The program provides mothers an opportunity to get to know other mothers through discussions and craft activities. Register. 703-451-5320.

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South County Boys' Basketball Wins Conference

No. 7 (lowest) seed Stallions upset No. 1 Woodson in 3-OT classic.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Members of the South County boys' basketball team could have quit long ago. They could have thrown in the towel during the regular season, when injuries contributed to a 3-9 conference record and the lowest seed in the Conference 7 tournament.

But they didn't.

After upsetting T.C. Williams and Lake Braddock to reach the conference championship game, the Stallions could have laid down when trailing by eight points in the fourth quarter against top-seeded Woodson.

But they didn't.

And after having a conference championship ripped from their grasp when Woodson star Eric Bowles buried a 3-pointer at the buzzer to force a second overtime period, the Stallions could have lowered their heads and accepted that they were fortunate just to be there.

But they didn't.

Instead, South County played with the same mental toughness that helped the Stallions turn a sub-par season into a championship opportunity.

Despite trailing at some point in all four quarters of regulation and each overtime period, South County captured the first conference championship in program history with a 91-86 triple-OT victory over Woodson on Tuesday night at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

With the score tied and less than 2 minutes remaining in the third overtime period, South County sophomore Garrett Reaves knocked down a clutch 3-pointer, sparking a 10-2 run that secured the Stallions an improbable piece of history.

"It's overwhelming," South County freshman guard Isaiah Borders said. "We came from the seventh seed. ... We worked hard to get here and we finished it out."

South County's hard work nearly went for naught.

The Stallions led 72-69 in the closing seconds of the first overtime period when Woodson's Bowles, who had just missed a potential game-tying 3-point attempt, got another chance at the top of the arc.

This time, the Conference 7 Player of the Year came through, sending the game into double OT with a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

THE STALLIONS were struggling emotionally as Woodson grabbed a two-possession lead early in the second overtime period.

South County guard Chu Chu Enechionya answered with a 3-pointer, cutting the Cavalier lead to 76-75 with 2:02 on the clock,



The South County boys' basketball team won the program's first conference title on Tuesday, beating Woodson in the Conference 7 championship game at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

when head coach Travis Hess called a timeout.

"Our kids were clearly down, but Chu Chu hit a big 3 and it cut it to one and I called a timeout and said, 'OK, now we have to officially let it go,' because even I was harboring it," Hess said about the fallout from Bowles' game-tying 3-pointer. "... I wear my emotions on my sleeve. I was bummed because we had the game won and every one of our kids knew it. And for us to not fold is really a testament to how tough our kids are and how far we've come from the team that we were in November."

Borders, South County's leading scorer with 29 points, fouled out during the second overtime period, but the Stallions managed to stay alive, tying the score at 79 and forcing a third OT.

"Our whole playoff motto is we never get too high and we never get too low," South County senior guard Brandon Berry said. "We always stay even. We were saying no matter what happened this game, we were always going to stay at that one level — even. Even after Isaiah fouled out, after Eric hit the shot, because we stayed even, we were able to battle through that adversity."

Borders, a 6-foot-4 freshman guard, scored 18 of South County's 28 first-half points, including 12 of its first 14.

"He's a phenomenal talent," Hess said. "He's got things he needs to improve on, but a freshman in a conference championship game to go for [29] points is amazing. He has all the talent in the world and I look forward to developing his talent because I think he could really be a special player in the next couple of years for us."

Berry, a second-team all-conference selection, finished with 12 points and was named

tournament MVP.

"He has come such a long way and, more importantly, he's a great young man," Hess said. "I'm beyond proud of him. He's an amazing kid and had a great season and when you can combine his leadership with the talent of Isaiah and the rebounding of Veronta [Jones] — all of the pieces that we have finally come together at what is the most important time in the season. For a coach, there's nothing more rewarding and satisfying than that."

Jones finished with 13 points for South County and Reaves added 11.

The Stallions' successful postseason is a far cry from a sub-par, injury-riddled regular season. First it was senior guard Jason Remy suffering an Achilles injury prior to the season.

Then it was 6-foot-6 center Ish Hussein suffering a knee injury early in the campaign. Enechionya missed time with back trouble and senior guard Tanner Gregory sat out during conference play with a high ankle sprain.

South County finished the regular season with a 10-12 record.

"It was an up-and-down ride throughout the season," Berry said. "We had some guys with season-ending injuries and stuff like that, but we really pulled together as a team and I'm really proud of these guys."

Borders said he felt the Stallions' fortunes start to change when they defeated Woodson 54-52 on Feb. 10, late in the regular season.

"The game [where] we beat Woodson the first time," he said. "That's when we knew we were on a roll and it started from there."

After receiving the No. 7 seed in the Conference 7 tournament, South County edged

No. 2 T.C. Williams 59-55 on Feb. 19 in Alexandria, earning a berth in the 6A North region tournament. Four days later, the Stallions traveled to Burke and thumped No. 3 Lake Braddock 78-61 on Feb. 23 in the conference semifinals.

"I think we're capable of making it to the state tournament," Berry said. "I think we've proven that we're one of the better teams in the region — big wins over TC, Lake Braddock and now Woodson. I think the sky's the limit for us."

IT TOOK HESS TWO SEASONS to lead the Stallions to their first conference championship. Prior to coaching at South County, Hess led Langley to four Liberty District titles and two region championship game appearances.

"Coach Hess is amazing," Berry said. "He's done everything. He's stayed up late nights putting in game plans, he's come to practice early [and stayed] late. When it comes to [college] recruiting, he's really making sure guys [are] getting their stuff done. He's a great coach and even better man and the amount of respect I have for him is unbelievable."

South County's Borders and Gregory were named to the all-tournament team, along with Woodson's Matt Ayoub, Tyler Wilson and Bowles.

Bowles led the Cavaliers with 29 points. Wilson scored 26 points and Ayoub added 25.

South County will host Chantilly in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament on Thursday, Feb. 26. Woodson, which won the previous two big-school region championships, will host Robinson.

"We're capable of some big things," Borders said. www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

NEWS

Robinson junior James Jones (center) checks the time board after winning the boys 50-yard freestyle in a time of 20.19 seconds. The Robinson boys team finished second overall behind Oakton at the Virginia High School League 6A championship meet in Richmond.



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THE CONNECTION



The South County High School Swim & Dive team girls 200 freestyle relay team (from left) of sophomore Mayleigh Davis, sophomore Alicia Booher, senior Sarah Lei and junior Megan Clark stand together after their final race of the season.

Local Swimmers Shine at States

Swimmers from 36 high schools from around Virginia competed in the Virginia High School League 6A state championship held in Richmond on Feb. 20. Divers from each team competed the day before. Athletes first raced in a morning prelims session to qualify for a finals competition that evening. At the end of the night, the top five overall points-winners for girls were Langley,

Oakton, Robinson, West Potomac and Chantilly. On the boys side, first through fifth place went to Oakton, Robinson, Langley, Frank W Cox High School (Virginia Beach) and Patriot High School (Nokesville).

For more final results of the meet, visit www.swimtechusa.com/Vhsl.

— TIM PETERSON

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Visitation was held at Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home, 9902 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA 22032, on Sunday, February 15th, from 4-6 PM as well as Monday, February 16th, from 6-8 PM. A memorial service was held at Living Faith Church, 10266 Battlevue Parkway, Manassas, VA 20109, on Friday, February 20th, 2015 at 9:30.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: <http://www.gofundme.com/m2fd60>.

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SATURDAY/FEB. 28

Boating Safety Class. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 8592 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. State required powerboat safety class provided by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Includes textbook, certificate and card, free membership in Boat US and West Marine discounts. \$40. Contact herpomp79@gmail.com or 703-362-7079.

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Friends Annual Meeting. 6-8 p.m. Hear about the biggest ship collision of the 20th century, the Andrea Doria, at 7 p.m. Refreshments served.

TUESDAY/MARCH 10

March NARFE Fairfax Chapter 737 Meeting. 11:30 a.m. American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak Street, Fairfax. The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) luncheon meeting. Lunch at noon (cost-\$11), followed by a presentation on "Elder Law" given by Evan Farr, Certified Elder Law Attorney & Three-time Best Selling Author. Chapter 737 meets on the second Tuesday of each month, except July and August. Membership is open to all federal employees, retirees, spouses and survivors. For more information on the benefits of NARFE membership visit www.NARFE.org.

THURSDAY/MARCH 12

Caregiver Bootcamp! Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax. Join IMCC for a special day-long training event. The bootcamp will include presentations from experts in the fields of financial planning, medical issues, legal needs, and caregiver support. There will be a small fee for this session and lunch is provided. Call 703-204-4664 to RSVP and for more information.

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Senior Fall Prevention Classes. 1:30-2:30 p.m., at the Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax. Tuesday and/or Thursday classes in a heated pool designed to work on balance and core muscles for injury prevention. \$10. 703-667-9800.

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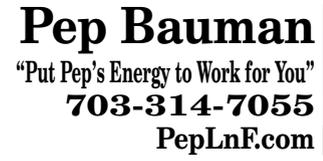
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