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Terri Marin,
Hilary Rinke,
Helen Rusnak,
Nichole Klocke
de Rodriguez,
Andie Matten,
Rak Ieng,
Lorraine Hoppe
and Wayne
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a scene from
'I'm Getting
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From Hardship to Victory

Fairfax Station skier excels on the slopes.

Ruth Geier Conner is a lifetime skier from the Bavarian Alps, living for nearly 40 years in Fairfax Station. During that time, on the days she was not teaching at a community college in Maryland, she cleaned out an old unofficial trash dump directly above the county's drinking water Sandy Run, a tributary of the Occoquan River

"It's now our 2-1/2 acre paradise," said Connor, who went on to pull out enough stumps for an organic vegetable garden — homecoming surprise for her husband of more than 50 years, U.S.A.F Jerry Conner, when he retired. "There was basically no soil, just clay and sand from leached out former tobacco fields which needed a lot of erosion ditches filled, and then I started making soil by composting all leaves and kitchen scrap"

The Conners still raise an impressive crop of all organic vegetables for the family and to give away.

This work caught the attention of Organic Garden Magazine, which awarded Ruth Geier Conner with a bronze medallion for erosion prevention and composting.

"I am an immigrant who came right after World War II," she said. "People always

say: 'You must be from a small village to be so crazy about agriculture. I am from Munich, a big town, but, like skiing, gardening is sort of a passion for me, a kind of religious duty, to treat the earth well. So that's how I got the idea for a full collection of ski race medals in memory of my father, who died too young.'

Back in the 1920s Ruth Geier Conner's father, Michael Geier, became the four-time national champion of Germany in Greco Roman (classical) wrestling. At that time, her parents had waited 10 years for "a little champion." They even had a boy's name picked out, then Ruth was born in 1930.

Her mother died a few short years later of cancer and, although her father then had an invitation to the Olympics, he chose to turn down this huge opportunity to take her home from a place in the mountains where she had been kept during her mother's final struggle.

"He could have left me there and gone to the Olympics, but he gave it up and paid nannies," said Ruth Geier Conner. "It was the depth of the depression. All savings had been devaluated. We ate lots of cabbage/

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'I'm Getting Murdered in the Morning'

Dinner theater comes to Town of Clifton.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

The Town of Clifton is having its first-ever dinner theater. The murder-mystery/comedy, "I'm Getting Murdered in the Morning," will be presented Friday-Saturday, March 18-19, at 7 p.m., in the Clifton Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road.

Tickets are \$30/person for the show and a catered dinner. They're available at A Flower Blooms in Clifton, The Clifton Café, T & K Treasures and The Clifton Wine Shop & Tasting Room, or by e-mailing cliftontheatertickets@gmail.com.

"The story is about a disgruntled bride whose wedding is interrupted by a murder," said producer Dianne Janczewski, a Clifton resident and Fairfax High grad. "While everyone is trying to solve the murder, she just wants to eat a good meal at her reception."

Audience members will become the guests at the wedding reception, and Clifton's Brant Baber, as the detective, will interact with them, asking them questions



From left, maid of honor Terri Marin; best man Hilary Rinke; bride Nichole Klocke de Rodriguez; and reporter Lorraine Hoppe rehearse a scene.

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"It's not the Kennedy Center, but it sure is fun."

— Helen Rusnak, playing the mother of the bride

serve the food and have some surprise lines during the play.

The show boasts a cast and crew of 18, plus 17 students. Half the cast is from the Town of Clifton and the rest are from Centreville, Fairfax Station, Fairfax and Reston.

"It's a fun evening, dinner and local theater with a community feel," said Janczewski.

Charlt Yakovleff of Centreville's Marleigh Downs community is directing the show. Professionally, she works in the television and film industry as a production freelancer for major networks in the Washington Metropolitan area. She's currently co-producing and co-directing three films, including one on 23-year-old LaVonda "Nikki" King, who was killed in the June 2009 Metro train crash.

"I'm thrilled to be directing the inaugural, Clifton Dinner Theater production," said Yakovleff. "I'm honored. It's great to see how the actors come from their everyday lives

as part of the plot. The fun begins at 7 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and drinks from the cash bar, followed by dinner and the show at 8 p.m.

Shirley's Catering of Lorton is providing stuffed chicken breasts, rice and vegetables, with vegetarian meals also available. Students from Rocky Run Middle School will

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Four Teens Charged in Fire

Feb. 19 blaze causes \$50,000 in damages to playground equipment.

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department investigators charged four teenagers Friday, March 4, in connection with the Feb. 19 playground fire at Levelle Dupell Community Park in Lorton that destroyed \$50,000 worth of playground equipment and shut down the playground.

All four teens were charged with destruction of property greater than \$1,000 and destruction of property less than \$1,000 in value, and unlawfully entering a Fairfax County park. In addition, two of the teens were charged with vehicle tampering, and one juvenile was charged with grand larceny.

If convicted of the destruction of property charges, the court could order the teens to pay fair-market replacement value, according to Virginia criminal statutes. The most serious charge, grand larceny, is punishable by imprisonment in a state correctional facility from one to 20 years, or fines up to \$2,500.

Three of the teens lived in Hayfield and one resided in Virginia Beach.

"Our parks and playgrounds are valuable resources that should be enjoyed by all, and it's going to cost tens of thousands of dollars to replace the playground equipment," said Dan Schmidt, spokesman for the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department. "Until it's replaced, kids won't have a place to play in the area."

According to fire investigators, the teens set fire to the rubber composite flooring of the playground on Saturday, Feb. 19, around 3 a.m. No injuries were reported. The playground, part of a 27-acre park in the Mount Vernon district, is located at 6812 Newington Road.

According to Judy Pedersen, public information officer for the Fairfax County Park Authority, the equipment loss was estimated at \$50,000, and the playground may not reopen to the public until the end of this year. However, the park will remain open while the playground is being reconstructed, Pedersen said.

— VICTORIA ROSS

Four teens have been charged with starting an early morning fire that caused \$50,000 in damages to a playground at Levelle Dupell Community Park in Lorton.

"Until it's replaced, kids won't have a place to play in the area."

— Dan Schmidt, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department



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Avian Visitor

I thought I would send you this picture I took today of a bald eagle feeding at Lake Mercer in

Fairfax Station. I'm an avid nature photographer and have been photographing the wildlife around here since the weather warmed up. I've been a resident here in Fairfax Station since 1998 and have been in Northern Virginia all of my life. — Blaine Korcel

Sexual Assault in Lorton

On Thursday, March 3, a 28-year-old Lorton area woman was walking from her car to her residence around 12 am. when a man grabbed her from behind and touched her inappropriately. The victim was standing on the porch of her townhome, about to enter her home, according to Fairfax County Police spokesperson Tawny Wright. The woman screamed and the suspect fled on foot. She did not require medical attention.



Composite sketch

FCPD

Police are continuing to investigate the sexual assault that occurred in the 8500 block of Koluder Court and are asking for help in identifying the suspect.

According to Wright, the suspect was described as having a light complexion, in his mid-20s to early-30s, with brown eyes, a medium build and a wide nose. He was wearing a white T-shirt, jeans and white tennis shoes and a red bandana around his head.

"We have put out dozens of fliers in the neighborhood. Right now, we're not sure if it was a targeted assault, or a random act," Wright said. "Was this some guy peeping into her home, who had been watching and waiting, or was this an off-the-cuff incident?"

"We always tell people to be aware of your surroundings," Wright said. "We can't stress that enough. Make sure to look around when you are getting out of your car and be mindful of who is around. Nowadays, there are so many things that distract us, especially when you feel you're in a safe area. People are messing with keys, on their cell phones or texting, and, unfortunately, criminals take advantage of that."

Detectives from the sex crimes unit are asking anyone who may have been in the area at the time of the assault or has information about the suspect or similar incidents in the area to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

— VICTORIA ROSS

NEWS

Left-Leaning and Proud of It

Fairfax Station children's author wants to create left-handed awareness.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

It's not always easy being a lefty. And we're not talking about the current political climate. Left-handed people, who make up 15 percent of the population, have been celebrated and reviled throughout history. In the past, being left-handed was inaccurately associated with everything from being awkward, as in 'having two left feet,' to being a mark of evil.

But left-handedness, like the color of one's eyes, is just another difference, part of the cosmic dice game, according to most scientific studies.

Fairfax Station writer Claire Rolince, who is left-handed and has a left-handed son, recently published "Lefty Louie," her first children's book. It's a book she hopes will raise awareness of left-handed people.

"I actually wrote this book when my son, Michael, was young and we noticed that he was left-handed, like me," she said. "But I put the book in a closet for years, and a few years ago decided to devote more time to getting it published and marketing it."

Michael Rolince, who is now 23 and works for consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton, was 6 when Rolince's husband, Michael, got him a baseball glove, which is typically made for right-handers.

"We realized he was left-handed, and we had to go to two stores before finding a left-handed glove," Claire Rolince said.

Last January, after talking to some friends in marketing, she decided to self-publish her book through CreateSpace, an online publishing company that helps writers with everything from design and editing to marketing tips.

The story, illustrated by Claire Rolince with the help of graphic designer Drew Townsend, is about Lefty Louie, a left-handed little boy whose family is right-handed. Louie eventually finds that being left-handed has its advantages, and he becomes best friends with a new girl in school who is also left-handed.

"Lefty Louie" is currently sold at The Pickett Fence in Burke, on Amazon.com and specialty stores for southpaws in several states.

"I hope this book brings awareness to parents and anyone involved with left-handed children, of the small but important differences in their everyday lives," Claire Rolince said. "Even if you don't have a left-handed child, this book will bring awareness to you and your child of how truly 'right-handed' the world is, and how lefties must adjust to it."

Claire Rolince, an accomplished equestrian who teaches riding classes on her property and also competes in dog obedience shows, wants people to know that growing up left-handed has benefits.

"There are differences, but they are not problems, and I think that's the main message of the book," she said. "I think every left-hander I've talked to



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

Claire Rolince, author of 'Lefty Louie,' with dogs Freddie and Jackson

thinks it's neat."

While researching her book, Claire Rolince said she came across some interesting studies about left-handedness.

"I discovered that many studies show that left-handed people are more artistic, creative and intuitive. I learned that Michelangelo and Leonardo Da Vinci were left-handed," she said.

Also, while studies show that left-handedness may be associated with dyslexia, autism and other learning disabilities, other studies show that being left-

handed people have more intellectual prowess.

Tests conducted by Alan Searleman from St Lawrence University in New York found there were more left-handed people with IQs over 140 than right-handed people.

Claire Rolince points out that four of our last six presidents have been left-handed, including Barack Obama and George H.W. Bush. Famous thinkers in history from Albert Einstein to Benjamin Franklin were also left-handed.

Left-handed people also come out on top in certain sports, Claire Rolince points out, because of the element of surprise. Research shows that left-handed athletes often thrive in contact sports, like boxing's Oscar de la Hoya and fencing, precisely because the majority of people are right-handed, and lefties have the advantage of surprise, according to a 2007 study conducted by Charlotte Faurie and Michel Raymond of the University of Montpellier in France.

Claire Rolince said that if you are a parent of a left-handed child, be aware of the adjustments your child will need to make.

"In general left-handed people are happy and feel unique being left-handed," she said.

For more information about Rolince and the book, go to her website at www.Clairerolince.com.

OPINION

Note to Governor: Sign Autism Bill

Bipartisan effort supports early treatment.

A new law to mandate very basic and limited insurance coverage for treating autism in young children awaits the signature of Gov. Bob McDonnell. The added coverage will be a lifeline to many families already coping with major challenges.

The bill passed by wide margins with wonderful bipartisan support (including all of our Northern Virginia legislators). It passed 29-8 in the Senate; 73-24 in the House of Delegates.

The governor is facing a major lobbying ef-

fort by some business and insurance company interests to veto the bill, and he has not yet said what his intentions are. The law would save money over time, because it will result in young adults with autism functioning at a higher level.

Contact him and urge him to sign this bill into law.

<http://www.governor.virginia.gov/contact.cfm>; (804) 786-2211.

— MARY KIMM

EDITORIALS

Safe for Saint Patrick's Day

While the City of Alexandria holds its Saint Patrick's Day parade early, that leaves that much more time for celebration on the day itself, March 17.

The Saint Patty's Day SoberRide program will offer 12 hours of safe passage from 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 17th until 4 a.m. the following day impaired drivers off the road during this traditionally high-risk holiday.

First, plan ahead to manage this yourself: leave your car at home, take public transportation, arrange for a designated driver, or choose to abstain if a designated driver isn't

available.

But if you find yourself needing a ride, area residents 21 and over celebrating with alcohol can call the SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI for a free, safe way home (up to \$30 cab fare).

Last Saint Patrick's Day, 525 possibly impaired people used the SoberRide service rather than possibly driving home impaired. More than a third of traffic fatalities on Saint Patrick's Day and the early morning hours of the next day are alcohol related nationwide.

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An Open Letter To Governor

To the Governor:

We write to urge you to veto SB 966, a bill, which would mandate 150 minutes per week for physical education to all students in grades K-8 during the regular school year by 2014. This legislation would represent the first time that the Standards of Quality would mandate a specific amount of time for any individual subject.

We appreciate the concerns about childhood obesity that were focused on in the debate on this bill. However, there are significant fiscal and instructional impacts from this bill that were not thoroughly vetted or considered during our General Assembly session. In addition, our school system in Fairfax County, quite frankly, dropped the ball in communicating their concerns and many of my colleagues were left unaware of the financial and instructional impacts of this bill. We did vote against the bill. However, a number of our Fairfax colleagues who voted for the bill told us that it was only after final passage that they ever heard anything from the school system and they might have voted differently had they known of these concerns. We know that our Superintendent and School

Board Chair have now communicated to you and to our colleagues in detail about their concerns and we endorse their efforts. However, this information was unknown by many of our colleagues when we voted on this measure.

This bill is, first, an unfunded mandate that will cost Fairfax County schools, as well as others, millions of dollars. In Fairfax it is estimated that the additional costs for staffing alone will be between \$18-24 million. Second, this bill will crowd out other mandates and

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accountability requirements in academics. In science and math, we need to be increasing our time on task, not decreasing it. This bill would have the opposite impact and set us back academically. Given that there is no other subject where 150 minutes a week is mandated, it is illogical that physical education would get this kind of unique status over math, science, reading, or the humanities. Already we require physical education for the many of our students who participate in two or three sports outside school and would prefer more academic time instead. And this bill does not allow recess to count as physical education time, so it is only academic time that can be depleted by this bill. If this bill goes into

effect, after the 150 minutes of physical education is incorporated, there would be only 22 minutes of time left for all other activities such as art, music and the humanities.

Unlike many academic subjects that need class time, there are many other arenas where we can target help for overweight children without adding to deficits in their academics and providing a well-rounded education. After-school programs, targeted programs for particular populations at risk, or parent education programs through community, civil or church groups have all been addressing the threats of childhood obesity. We know the First Lady of Virginia has also joined with First Lady Michelle Obama in giving this issue public attention and we applaud their efforts. These private sector and public service education efforts can work on this issue instead of adding another "one size fits all" mandate to our schools.

Finally, since it is often low-income children who are most academically at risk, to take academic time away from them would do the most harm. While they can find other avenues for physical activity, they have fewer choices for academic challenges outside of the classroom.

For these reasons, and for the

SB 1062/HB 2467 verbatim:

Health insurance; mandated coverage for autism spectrum disorder. Requires health insurers, health care subscription plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and treatment for ASD in individuals from age two to six, subject to an annual maximum benefit of \$35,000 of coverage for applied behavior analysis. This requirement does not apply to individual or small group policies, contracts, or plans. The mandate will also apply to the state employees' health insurance plan and to the local choice health program. This measure will not apply to an insurer, corporation, or health maintenance organization, or to government employee programs, if the costs associated with coverage exceed one percent of premiums charged over the experience period.

Plan ahead to get home safe after celebrations.

SoberRide include the Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington, Volkswagen Group of America and the Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Association, as well as some of the area's Irish restaurants, including Ireland's Four Provinces and Murphy's, Ri Ra and Sine Irish pubs.

Since 1993, this program on targeted holidays has provided 51,718 safe and free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the area. See www.soberride.com.

House Delegates
Barbara Comstock (R-34)
Dave Albo (R-42),
Tom Rust (R-86)
Tim Hugo (R-40)

Postpone the Decision

The following letter was sent to the Fairfax County School Board.

To Fairfax County School Board:
The Fairfax County School Board is poised to vote on the proposed "staff recommendation" regarding the Southwestern Boundary Study. I request that you postpone a decision until this School Board can account for the discrepancies contained in the analyses provided by the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) staff to the School Board and the public.

I represent constituents from Centreville, Clifton, Fairfax Station and Fairfax, all of whom will be impacted by the largest school boundary study in the history of the County. A majority of the affected elementary school PTA

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memberships, currently 12 out of 20 PTAs voted on a resolution requesting that FCPS halt implementation of the study. In addition, other constituents raised the same concern regarding this study, thus I am concerned about the impact this proposal will have on Virginia's 40th Delegate District.

In the school analyses I have seen, actual historical enrollment numbers, costs, and projections vary significantly. In addition, the staff recommendations affects 20 schools and over 17,500+ students (1,500 students directly). Moving students from their schools to make room for other incoming students triggers a cascade effect. Some children will leave permanent classrooms to attend classes in trailers at other schools.

While the School Board could simply adopt the Study, it has another option, i.e., to postpone the decision on the boundary study and genuinely review staff's numbers and address public confidence issues. To address public confidence, the Board should implement the following:

1. Conduct an independent audit on the study's results and provide recommendations based on that audit.

2. Keep Clifton Elementary open for the 2011-12 school year until such time as the independent audit is completed and the Board has made a decision concerning school boundaries. In its July 2010 vote, the School Board did not specify a date to close Clifton Elementary. If closing the Clifton

school is and remains the correct option, it will be the bona fide answer a year from now as well. The postponement gives the School Board the opportunity to demonstrate a good faith effort to address the substantial concerns raised by the public.

Listen to your constituents. They understand the need to address overcrowding, but have lost faith in the myriad of numbers and changes put forth by the FCPS administration.

Del. Tim Hugo
R-40th District

Creating Problems

To the Editor:

I am in seventh grade at Robinson Secondary. In elementary school, I went to Clifton Elementary and then all of my sixth grade class came to Robinson with me.

Now that the School Board wants to send Clifton kids to three different schools and then back to Robinson, I think it will be very traumatic for all the kids.

The chances are students will not even have classes together when they get to Robinson, because we have block scheduling. The few kids that would be going to the same school in the same grade at Union Mill, Fairview or Oak View won't necessarily be able to see each at Robinson because of our Blue and Gold days.

It is hard enough to see or have time with your friends.

I think the School Board's plan leaves a lot of kids easily targeted for bullying.

Robinson is secondary school that is huge. Having the connection to friends we grew up with and went to school with is really important

When the kids are still at Clifton, they don't feel lost in a million people and like they can't accomplish something because they are overwhelmed

The School Board said one of the main reasons to close Clifton was because it doesn't meet educational standards. Well, I earned the Presidential Academic Excellence Award and the Presidential Physical Fitness Award. Now, I am on the Honor Roll at Robinson.

It seems like Clifton works just fine to me. I have two younger brothers, and I think they deserve the chance to go to the same excellent school. It costs more not to renovate Clifton than it costs to renovate it. So it seems closing Clifton creates more problems than it solves.

Grant S. Schultz
Clifton

The letter writer is the son of Elizabeth Schultz, a candidate for School Board.

One More Word

To the Editor:

Imagine if your name was retard. Take any sentence you might use the word retard in and replace it with your name.

"That's so Nancy." "You're such a Bobby." "I feel like such a Morgan." Imagine your name meant stupid, misguided or dumb.

Although mental retardation isn't our name, it is often the first way that people with intellectual disabilities are introduced. For example, in the press, we frequently see that Sarah Palin has a Down syndrome baby. Not a baby with Down syndrome or a baby named Trig.

For people with intellectual disabilities, the battle over the "r" word isn't simply about the use of a word. It is a movement that will allow us to rediscover our names. We also hope that it will open the hearts and minds of everyone else so that we can all benefit from a community where everyone belongs and, as the "Cheers" gang used to say, "Every body knows your name."

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The Messiah United Methodist Church Festival Chorus will offer "Requiem" and "Revelations" by Bradley Ellingboe, on Sunday, March 27 at 3 p.m. at Messiah UMC, 6215 Rolling Road in Springfield. 703-569-9862, ext. 205.

The Truro Parish Choir presents the Durufle Requiem as part of the Good Friday worship services on Friday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Truro Church, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. The Requiem, op. 9, by Maurice Durufle is a work in which most of the thematic material comes from chant. The choir will be accompanied by organist Andrea Boudra. 703-273-1300.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive in Clifton, offers three levels of ESL Classes every Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Cost for semester is \$35, including student book. To register, come to the next class. www.lordoflifelutheran.com or 703-323-9500.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road in Oakton, offers services on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m., in addition to Sunday services at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. www.uucf.org.

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FRIDAY/MARCH 11

Celtic Woman: Songs from the Heart. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Drive, Fairfax. Irish classics, contemporary covers and original compositions. Tickets \$34-\$79, available at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. www.Celticwoman.com.

Kix and more. 8 p.m. Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Age 21 and up. \$27 advance, \$30 at the door. www.Jaxxroxx.com.

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SATURDAY/MARCH 12

Second Saturday Art Walk. 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Meet each building's featured artist, a reception in W-16 from 6-7 p.m. and more. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

Jimmy Lange Boxing. 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$35-\$500, through www.ticketmaster.com and 703-573-SEAT.

Northern Virginia's Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Directed by Jim Carroll, with percussionist Joe McCarthy, percussionist Roberto Quintero and jazz vocalist Sara Jones. Brazilian bossa nova, Argentine tango, Afro-Cuban beats from Harlem and more. \$20-\$40. Tickets are half price for youth through grade 12 when accompanied by an adult. Charge at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

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'White Lightning' Wilson Ready To Strike

Local man seeks 10th professional victory in boxing ring Saturday.

BY MELANIE LEGOULLON
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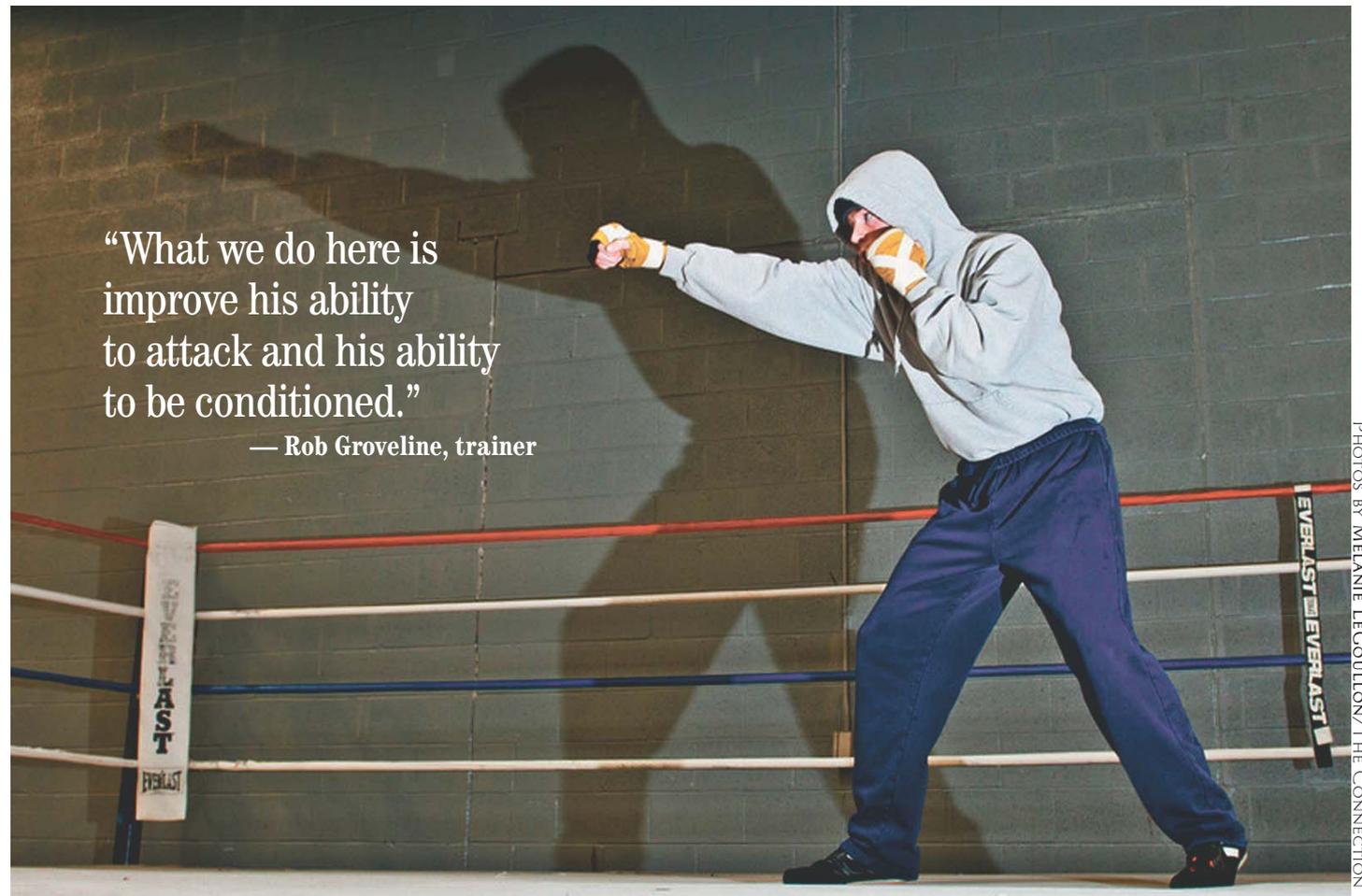
By all accounts, Fairfax resident Todd Wilson doesn't look like a fighter. In a suit and tie, he is the picture of professionalism at his day job with Booz Allen Hamilton. But, at the end of the day, the gloves come on and the 26-year-old business development associate becomes Todd "White Lightning" Wilson, a professional boxer with an undefeated record who seeks to add his 10th win this Saturday night when he faces Dean "Pitbull" White at the Patriot Center.

Wilson first started boxing at 16. He had trained in martial arts for a few years prior, but had taken some time off to play football and baseball in high school. "You know, the regular sports," he joked. But it wasn't long before he decided to try his hand at boxing, perhaps inspired by his grandfather who was a boxer in the Army, and whose old gloves still hang in Wilson's home.

Wilson went on to win a National Collegiate Boxing Association title by the time he was a sophomore at the Virginia Military Institute. While there, he also earned two bachelor degrees in English and psychology.

Not one to slow down after graduation, Wilson continued his training and now has the perfect balance between his professional and boxing careers. "I usually do my strength and conditioning in the mornings before work, and then hit the Annandale Boys and Girls Club after work," said Wilson.

Two trainers see to his athletic development: Rob Groveline, his exercise physiologist at Fitness Together, and his boxing coach, Leo Rossiter, at the Annandale Boys and Girls Club boxing gym. The two of them



"What we do here is improve his ability to attack and his ability to be conditioned."

— Rob Groveline, trainer

Todd 'White Lightning' Wilson shadow boxes at the Annandale Boys & Girls Club boxing gym where he trains with coach Leo Rossiter.

keep a close eye on Wilson's progress, monitoring diet, strength and cardio progress, as well as boxing technique.

"What we do here is improve his ability to attack and his ability to be conditioned," said Groveline. "What he gets better at in the other gym where Leo trains him is him being under attack, because that's a whole different stress level."

The days leading up to the fight pose an additional form of stress on the body particularly if the fighter has to cut a lot of weight. Wilson's training team avoids traumatic weight cuts by gradually reducing his strength training, increasing the cardio and monitoring his diet. Wilson texts his weight to his trainer every morning so they know exactly where he stands and how his weight cut is progressing.

When Wilson is not training or working, he is promoting his fights and helping to fill the seats by making public appearances at pre-fight parties alongside fellow fighters such as main event headliner Jimmy Lange.

But it's easy to see that the polite, unassuming fighter with the boyish grin would rather be spending time with his family, friends

and girlfriend Brigid McEvelly. He met McEvelly at Fitness Together where she is a personal trainer. Has she ever trained him?

"No way," she laughs, shaking her head. "I don't train him."

She does, however, attend all his fights, and says that she doesn't get nervous until one or two fights before Wilson walks out. And what a memorable walk out it is. True to his Irish heritage, Wilson enters the arena to live bagpipes. His signature entrance is usually one of the highlights of the night, rousing his fans dressed in green to stand up and shout. His parents,

who come into town for every fight, cheering from the crowd as well. This support structure of family and friends, more than anything, helps Wilson tackle each fight. Sure, he has his little rituals that he relies upon — he wears the same socks to each fight and listens to "Saturday Night's Alright for Fighting" before walking out — but when he enters that ring it's his family, his coaches, his friends and his girlfriend who are backing him up every step of the way.

They will all be there this Saturday night, March 12 at the Patriot Center when Todd



Brigid McEvelly and boyfriend Todd 'White Lightning' Wilson share a laugh after a workout at the Annandale Boys & Girls Club boxing gym.

"White Lightning" Wilson defends his undefeated record and goes for his 10th straight victory against Dean "Pitbull" White.

Saturday Night Fights

See Fairfax resident Todd "White Lightning" Wilson take on Dean "Pitbull" White Saturday, March 12, 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Drive, Fairfax. Great Falls boxer Jimmy Lange will also be fighting that night. Tickets \$35-\$500, through www.ticketmaster.com and 703-573-SEAT.



Todd Wilson, right, and boxing coach Leo Rossiter, center, visit with 'The Voice of the Redskins' Larry Michael at a pre-fight party designed to let fighters and sponsors mingle with fans.

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Fairfax County REAL ESTATE

2011 Assessments

Hunter Mill Supervisor **Cathy Hudgins (D)** saw her assessment stay flat this year, unlike most Reston households that saw a slight increase in their home values. Her 2011 assessment, the same as last year, was \$545,440



Dranesville District Supervisor **John Foust (D)** saw a 4.29% gain in his property value when compared to 2010. The county valued Foust's house at \$2,765,510 last year and \$2,884,060 this year. Most McLean homes saw a smaller bump in their home values.



Lee Supervisor **Jeff McKay (D)** saw a slight increase of .58% in his home assessment in 2011. Last year, his home was worth \$641,330 and this year it is valued at \$645,030. Most households in Alexandria ZIP codes saw a larger bump of 1.64% in their real estate assessments.



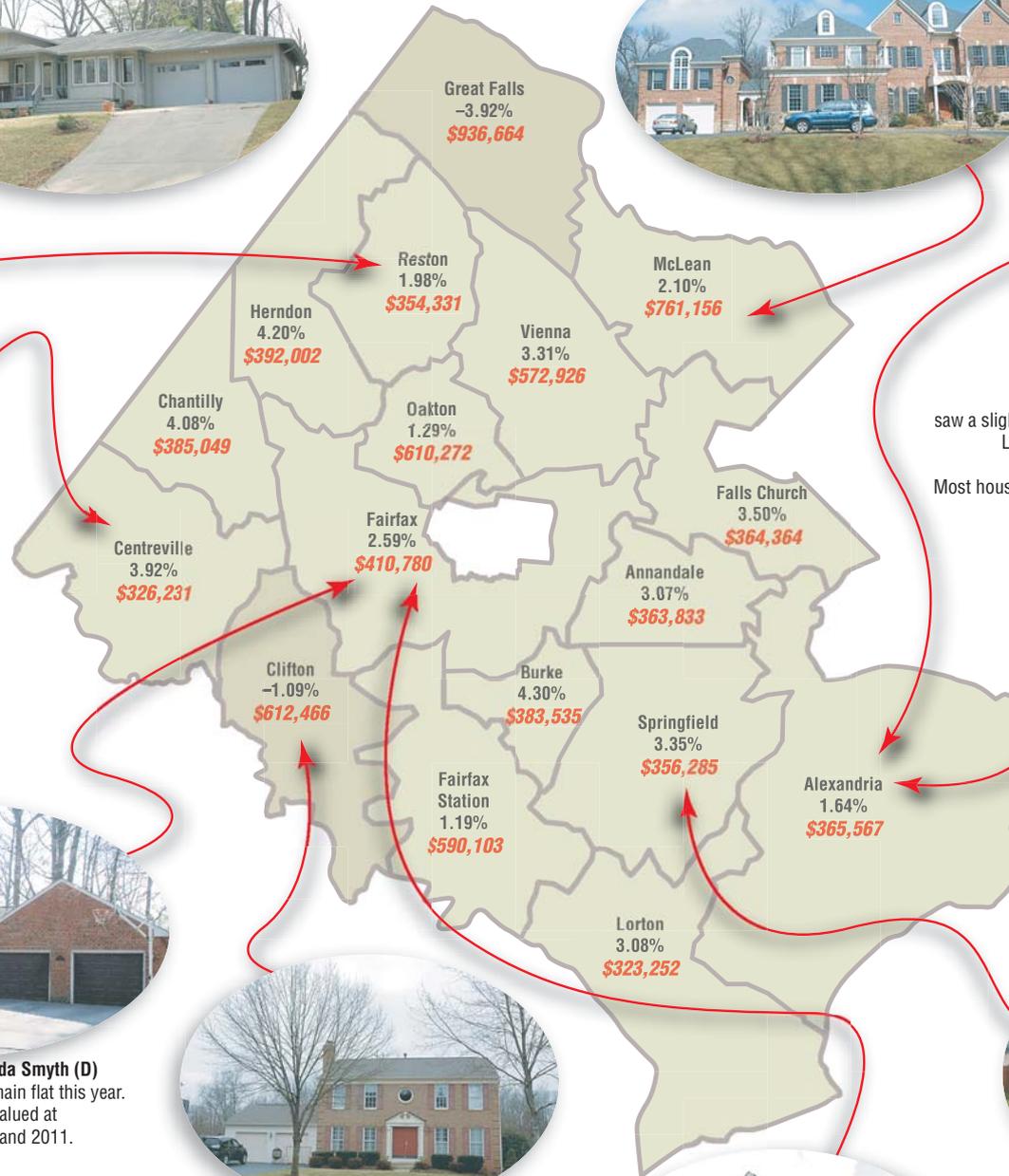
Mount Vernon Supervisor **Gerry Hyland (D)** was the only member of the Fairfax County board to see his assessment drop this year. Hyland lost .45% of his home value, taking him from \$402,810 to \$400,999.



Braddock Supervisor **John Cook (R)** saw a 6.1% increase in the value of his house when compared to last year. Cook's home was valued at \$381,570 in 2010 and \$404,860 in 2011. Cook's assessment increased more than most houses in his Springfield ZIP code.



Fairfax County Chairman **Sharon Bulova (D)** saw a much larger increase in her real estate assessment than most households in the county. Bulova's assessment went up 12.33% from \$526,990 in 2010 to \$591,990 in 2011.



Sully Supervisor **Michael Frey (R)** saw a 6.69% increase in the value of his home over the last year. Frey's home was assessed at \$195,410 in 2010 and \$208,480 in 2011. His home assessment increased more than most Centreville residences.



Providence Supervisor **Linda Smyth (D)** saw her home assessment remain flat this year. Smyth's house was valued at \$482,080 in both 2010 and 2011.



Springfield Supervisor **Patrick Herrity (R)** saw his home value remain flat this year. Herrity owns a house in Clifton assessed at \$525,750 in both 2010 and 2011.

2011 County Average (Percent Change)
 Single Family Detached **\$535,298 (2.1%)**
 Townhouse **\$318,614 (3.73%)**
 Condos **\$211,281 (2.53%)**

ZIP CODE AREA	2010 MEAN	2011 MEAN	PERCENT CHANGE
Alexandria	359,674	365,567	1.64
Annandale	352,988	363,833	3.07
Burke	367,728	383,535	4.30
Centreville	313,922	326,231	3.92
Chantilly	369,952	385,049	4.08
Clifton	619,233	612,466	-1.09
Fairfax	400,391	410,780	2.59
Fairfax Station	583,177	590,103	1.19
Falls Church	352,035	364,364	3.50
Great Falls	974,906	936,664	-3.92
Herndon	376,196	392,002	4.20
Lorton	313,608	323,252	3.08
McLean	745,486	761,156	2.10
Oakton	602,520	610,272	1.29
Reston	347,456	354,331	1.98
Springfield	344,733	356,285	3.35
Vienna	554,550	572,926	3.31

Changes in Real Estate Values Across the Region

Alexandria	0.46%
Arlington	1.4%
Fairfax	2.34%
Loudoun	2.45%
Prince William	5%

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SUNDAY/MARCH 13

Young Artist Competition Finalist Recital. 7 p.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Blvd., Fairfax. Northern Virginia's most talented high school instrumentalists compete for a \$2000 scholarship to further their musical education in a free public recital as part of the City of Fairfax Band's Young Artist Competition. Application materials are available at www.fairfaxband.org. Free. 703-757-0220.

Ladies Auxiliary Fashion Show. 1 p.m. VFW Post 1503, A Hall, 14631 Minnieville Road, Dale City. \$15, includes lunch and door prizes. Proceeds benefit Cancer Aid and

Research. www.vfwpost1503.org.
Keyboard Conversations with Jeffrey Siegel: "Northern Stars." 7 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Works by Edvard Grieg, Jean Sibelius, Carl Nielsen, Johannes Brahms and more. \$19-\$38. Tickets are half price for youth through grade 12 when accompanied by an adult. Charge at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

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MONDAY/MARCH 14

Can You Hop Like a Bunny? 11 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Stories and activities about rabbits. Tickets distributed 30 minutes before program begins. Age 2 with adult. 703-249-1520.

Who's Hiding in That Shell? The World of Turtles. 2:30 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Learn about turtles and see some found in local neighborhoods. Presented by the staff of Hidden Pond Nature

Center. 703-451-8055.
Silly Goose. 10:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Stories and fun about birds. Age 24 months-3 years with adult. Registration not required, tickets distributed beginning 30 minutes before the event. 703-339-4610.

Read to the Dog. 4:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Read to a reading therapy dog. Call to register for one 15-minute slot. Age 6-12 with adult. 703-339-4610.

Book Bunch. 3:30 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Children's book group. Call for title. Age 7-8 with adult. 703-971-0010.

TUESDAY/MARCH 15

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English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Adults practice and improve their English. 703-451-8055.

Lullaby Stories. 7 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Evening stories and activities. Pajamas and stuffed animals welcome. Age 1-5 with adult. 703-339-4610.

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Skier Finds Success on Slopes

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potato soup.
 “A few years later, Hitler took over, and my father never competed again. We hiked and swam together like buddies. He could not have loved me more had I been three boys.”

Although a passionate skier, Ruth Geier Conner’s efforts at winning races went nowhere, until the new “carver” (parabolic) skis were invented about 20 years ago. She started on her project with a bang — gold medal on first attempt at The Winter Games of Oregon, on Mount Hood.

Then a banister pulled out of a wall and Ruth cartwheeled down, banister and laundry basket still in hand, shredding her right knee. Weight-shift/gain destroyed the meniscus in the left-one as well. Her rehab was slow.

Five bronzes followed over the years, but no desired silver. She had to put on four braces on bone on bone knees but would not quit trying to complete the collection.

“Don’t be surprised if you end up with another gold, but you can always spray-paint it silver,” said her daughter-in-law, Joyce Conner of Sterling.

Then came the annual family trip to Wisp



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Ruth Geier Conner of Fairfax Station has made it her life’s ambition to earn a full set of racing medals in skiing.

— excellent snow-conditions, perfect temperature and fast snow. In the end, Ruth Geier Conner scored another gold medal.

When asked what was the hardest part

of it all, Ruth said: “Wearing ski-boots while climbing up on our porch-table when I set my father’s medals in the sunlight so they could be seen better.”

A Little Dinner and Some Murder

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to become the characters and make them what they want.”

“This is a tongue-in-cheek comedy and a great opportunity for people to get together and enjoy themselves,” she said. “I really want the audience to have a good time and to walk away thinking, ‘Wow, I really liked that and I can hardly wait ’til they do another show.’”

Fairfax’s Terri Grimes-Marin plays Bunny, the maid of honor. “She’s smart, intellectual, well-read and interested in the truth,” said Grimes-Marin. “Although serious, she’s still fun-loving. I’m having a ball; I was a theater major in college, and it’s fun to be acting again. I’m enjoying my fellow cast members a great deal, and I play a broad character that I can change up at each rehearsal.”

She said the audience will appreciate the show’s humor and “the fact that we look like we’re really having fun. It’s so exciting to have dinner theater in Clifton; I think every town should have one.”

Lorraine Hoppe of Fairfax Station portrays a reporter who covers the society scene for a local, weekly paper, but who considers herself a celebrity-magazine reporter. “She has a

giant ego and is a muckraker and a loud-mouth,” said Hoppe. “But she wants to be a serious reporter and is one of the few people in the play who want to get to the bottom of the murder.”

She’s great to play, said Hoppe, because “she’s brash and loud and the opposite of me, and she’s got some funny lines. And the audience will like being included as part of the production, essentially, everybody’s on the stage.”

PLAYING THE bride, Brenda, is Reston’s Nichole Klocke de Rodriguez, formerly of Centreville’s Asher View and Sully Station II communities. “This is Brenda’s third marriage and she’s whiny and a daddy’s girl,” said Klocke de Rodriguez. “She’s a spoiled brat and nothing makes her happy. I’m quiet and easygoing, so it’s fun to make everyone bend to ‘my’ whims. And I get to be pretty and wear a wedding dress.”

Klocke de Rodriguez says the audience will like the surprising and humorous references to things currently happening in Clifton. But the play will appeal to everyone, she said, because of elements in the show that are “universally funny.”

One of the most hilarious characters is Mildred, mother of the bride, played by Clifton’s Helen Rusnak.

“She’s very high class and hoity-toity and feels her daughter is marrying way beneath her,” said Rusnak. “The man her daughter

has chosen is a hillbilly with no class or culture, at all, and Mildred is peeved to be going through her third wedding with this girl.”

“I love it because I like character-acting and getting to be somebody else,” said Rusnak. “The only way Mildred can survive this wedding is to get drunk. She starts off fairly sober and, by the end of the show, she’s really sloshed.”

She said the script has many plays on words, especially at the expense of the groom’s relatives, who aren’t too bright. “And we expect the food to be delicious,” added Rusnak. “It’s 30 bucks for dinner and a show; it’s not The Kennedy Center, but it sure is fun. The Town of Clifton is excited about having a dinner theater here, and I think it’ll be a real treat for anybody in the area.”

Rocky Run Middle eighth-grader Andie Matten will help to serve dinner and, as part of the show, ask diners who they think did the murder. “It’s awesome because, at rehearsals, I read the lines of whoever’s not here,” she said. “So I’ve gotten to know everyone and they’re all really nice. The audience members will feel really involved, too, because the actors will treat them like they’ve known them for a long time.”

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
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Improved by the premises known as
6604 Palamino Street, Springfield, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Jabar S. Mohammad, also known of record as Jaber Mohammad, and Nidhal M. Dhani, dated November 28, 2007, and recorded November 29, 2007, in Deed Book 19678 at page 1641 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 County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

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

Lot 23, Block 19, Section 1, Springfield Estates, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 1334 at page 164, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.
Commonly known as 6604 Palamino Street, Springfield, Virginia 22150.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$25,000.00 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 5.75 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.

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TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$25,000.00 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 5.75 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.

The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to termination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (v) to reject any or all bids; (vi) to postpone or set over the date or time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement hereunder.

Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

DAVID N. PRENSKY
Substitute Trustee

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Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

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

Lot 54, Section 2, The Tall Woods, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 4542 at page 720, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.
Commonly known as 6037 Selwood Place, Springfield, Virginia 22152.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$30,000.00 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 6.80 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.

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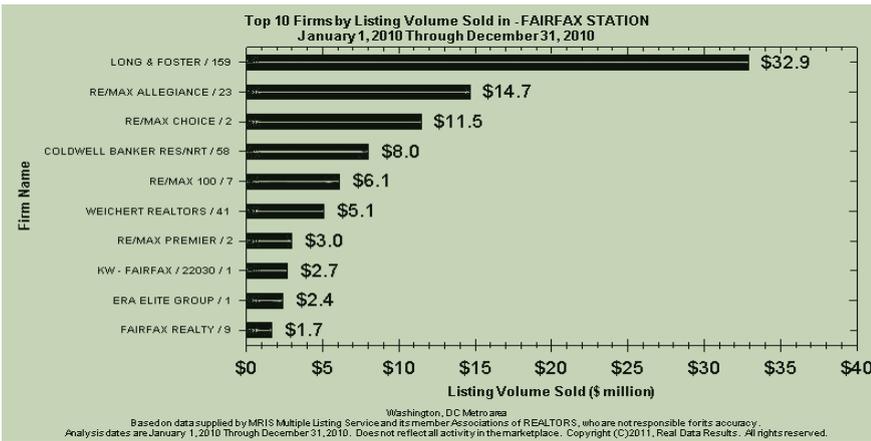
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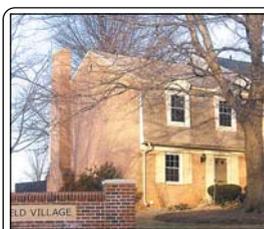
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