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A vendor drenches a funnel cake in powdered sugar at the Saturday, Oct. 8 Fall Festival in the City of Fairfax.

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August and his mother Kristie Cramer, residents of the City of Fairfax, enjoy the bunnies in the petting zoo at the 35th annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 8.



Performers from the Centro Cultural Peru Dance School of Arlington performed traditional Peruvian dances in the Old Court House as part of the City of Fairfax's 35th annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 8.



Local sculptor Rick Jones makes some adjustments to the eyes of Col. John Singleton Mosby on the steps of the Old Court House in the City of Fairfax as part of an art demonstration during the city's 35th annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 8.



Jonathan Pepin, left, and James Mansfield of the City of Fairfax test out their newly acquired marshmallow shooters at the City of Fairfax's 35th annual Fall festival on Oct. 8.

Fall Classic Returns To Fairfax

Sunshine warms crowds at Oct. 8 Fall Festival in Fairfax.

Warm weather welcomed thousands of visitors to the City of Fairfax on Saturday, Oct. 8, for the 35th annual Fall Festival. Visitors listened to music from local performers, ate food and shopped at craft booths that lined the streets of Old Town Fairfax.



Brothers Alberto Gusman, left, and Hugo Gusman perform traditional Peruvian music as part of the Centro Cultural Peru Dance School of Arlington, in the Old Court House during the City of Fairfax's 35th annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 8.



The crowd at the 35th annual City of Fairfax Fall Festival enjoys the musical styling of Gonzo's Nose, a local 'cover band' on Saturday, Oct. 8.

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Walmart Gives New Shopping Experience to Fairfax

A new Fairfax Walmart opened Wednesday, Oct. 12, bringing 275 new jobs and an increase in tax revenue.

"Nonprofit organizations will also benefit from the retailer's ongoing charitable contributions and support for community projects," said store manager Kevin Nechay. The Walmart is located at 11181 Lee Highway.

Nechay said the new open design would enhance customer's experience. "The improvements have all come together in the company's newest stores, such as the Fairfax Walmart, with fast service, a friendly shopping experience and clean stores," Nechay said.

The new Walmart features enhanced service and a layout designed to make the shopping experience more convenient for customers. Walmart aligned the departments that customers shop most frequently. The pharmacy, for example, is adjacent to food making it easier for customers to pick up their prescriptions while shopping for their groceries.

"The layout of the store is easy to navigate, which will save our customers time as they shop for everyday necessities," said Nechay. "By grouping the products that our customers most often purchase, including health and beauty and pet supplies, we are making one-stop shopping even easier."

A bright interior color palette helps define the store's merchandise areas. Walmart also combined the customer service desk, Site-to-Store pick-up location and photo lab in one area near the entrance. Customers now have easy access to these services, as well as associates on hand to help meet their needs.

As part of Walmart's commitment to the communities in which it operates, grants from the Walmart Foundation were presented during the grand-opening celebration.

Community and business leaders joined Walmart associates on Oct. 12 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Chantilly Air Force ROTC presented the colors and Walmart associate, Alan Rock, led the invocation. Travis Pannell performed the national anthem.

— VICTORIA ROSS

K-9 Krawl Is Saturday, Oct. 15

Fairfax County Police is conducting its fifth annual K-9 Krawl, this Saturday, Oct. 15, at the county Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax.

Check-in is at 8:30 a.m.; K-9 demonstration, 8:45 a.m.; and walk, 9 a.m., in parking lot C. The first 100 people to register get free T-shirts; call 703-814-7009 to register.

The 5K walk was created to raise awareness of issues surrounding domestic violence, and area residents are invited to participate and walk with their dogs.

According to police, 71 percent of pet-owning women entering shelters reported that their batterer had injured, maimed, killed or threatened family pets for revenge or to psychologically control victims. And 25-40 percent of battered women are unable to escape abusive situations because they worry what will happen to their pets or livestock if they leave.

So in observance of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the police department's Victim Services Section is sponsoring this event. This tradition remembers those that have been victimized by domestic abuse and celebrates those that have survived, with a public reminder that pets are not immune to domestic violence.

The Krawl is free and all are welcome. People may bring their dogs or borrow one from a friend, although walkers are not required to have a canine companion to participate. There'll be a K-9 demonstration with police officers and K-9 Kodi, plus a deejay, goodie bags and domestic-violence resource tables.

Convicted: First Degree Murder

Jury recommends 35-year sentence for grandmother for killing toddler.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Public defender Dawn Butorac did her best to convince the jury that Carmela dela Rosa was insane when she scooped up her 2-year-old granddaughter and tossed her over a parking-garage railing 44 feet to her death.

But Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh just didn't buy it. In his closing argument last week to the jury trying the 50-year-old Fairfax woman for first-degree murder, he said, "This isn't insanity. It's depravity."

In the end, following a weeklong trial in Circuit Court, on Oct. 6, the jury of eight men and four women agreed, finding Dela Rosa guilty of first-degree murder and recommending she be sentenced to 35 years in prison. In January, she'll learn her punishment.

The tragedy occurred the evening of Nov. 29, 2010, on a sixth-floor, outdoor walkway leading from the food court to a parking garage at the Tysons Corner Center. The child, Angelyn Ogdod, was rushed to Inova Fairfax Hospital in critical condition and died there, around 4:30 a.m., the next morning.

During the course of Dela Rosa's trial, it was revealed that she harbored bitter animosity toward her son-in-law, James Ocdod, for getting her daughter Kathlyn pregnant with Angelyn at age 19 before the couple wed. Although they later married and were happy, Dela Rosa never forgave James.

Her anger even kept her from attending Angelyn's first-birthday party and led to depression and suicide attempts. Through it all, testified clinical psychologist Stanton Samenow, a pattern emerged, one showing a selfish woman who considered her feelings more important than anyone else's.

When Dela Rosa tried to kill herself, he said, she was "self-centered" in that she didn't think about the impact it would have on her family. And after examining her, talking to witnesses and reading "voluminous" medical documents, said Samenow, he wrote that she'd done everything she could to drive away her son-in-law.

In an interview following her arrest, which was played in court, she even admitted to police Det. Steve Needels that she was jealous of the attention Angelyn got from the family. "Everybody loves her," she told him. And when James, who was at work when the rest of the family was together at the mall, that night, called his wife at the shopping center, it was the final straw.

"When you picked [Angelyn] up, what were you thinking of?" Needels asked Dela Rosa. She replied, "I was thinking about James." And not once during her lengthy interview with the detective did she inquire about her granddaughter's condition. Angelyn died about six hours later.

In court, Samenow testified that Dela Rosa complained about being "betrayed and disappointed" because of the child. "But she's the one who pushed people away," he said. "People couldn't live up to her often-unrealistic expectations. When having a major depressive episode, she isolated herself. She wasn't a very social person."

He said she had "a clear, personality disorder [and]

had it for many, many years. She was uncompromising and opinionated." In fact, said Samenow, Dela Rosa's husband had almost separated from her because of her attitude about Kathlyn's pregnancy. "She was insecure and her behavior ran to extremes."

Butorac said some friends and neighbors described Dela Rosa as kind, friendly and someone who loved her granddaughter. But, countered Samenow, "There's a lot of hate in this woman. A person can do good, sincere things; but inside, there is another set of forces churning."

Judge Bruce White told the jurors that, to convict her of first-degree murder, they had to believe that Dela Rosa killed Angelyn maliciously and that the crime was willful, deliberate and premeditated. If they found her insane at the time and believed she didn't intend the results of her act, or couldn't distinguish right from wrong, they were to find her not guilty.

In her closing argument, Oct. 5, Butorac said Dela Rosa was "a completely different person when she was in a major depression. This was a tragedy caused

by her mental illness. She had a hard time dealing with things other people could cope with and move on from.

Besides being upset about Kathlyn's unwed pregnancy for religious reasons, said Butorac, Dela Rosa didn't have a college degree and blamed it for her lack of a better job. So she'd hoped her daughter would get a college educa-



Dela Rosa

tion, instead of becoming pregnant. Showing happy photos of Dela Rosa and Angelyn together to the jury, Butorac said, "She really did love her granddaughter."

She also noted the testimony of defense witness Michael Hendricks, a clinical psychologist who said someone with a major depressive disorder could develop psychotic thoughts. And, said Butorac, "That's what happened at the end. [Dela Rosa] was in a downward spiral, far removed from reality."

But prosecutor Morrogh said there was no evidence Dela Rosa was psychotic or out of touch with reality. "She was interacting coherently with her family that night," he said. "Every time she had a suicidal episode, she said, 'I'm fine; I just lost it.' She said the same thing that night, right after she murdered that child."

He said nothing showed she was hallucinating and didn't know the consequences of her act, or that she was throwing something other than her granddaughter off the footbridge. "Right afterward, she was OK," said Morrogh. "Does it make any sense for her to be insane, one minute, and fine, the next?"

Furthermore, he said Dela Rosa planned to kill the toddler about five minutes before she and her husband, daughter and granddaughter exited the mall and stepped outside. "She stopped at the door and let her husband go first and then she picked up the child," said Morrogh. "She was intent on following through and committed the lowest, possible kind of revenge."

Regarding malice, he said, "To throw an innocent child off a bridge is cruel. She was angry at James, her husband and, basically, at the world, and she decided to take it out on the child. She wasn't delusional. Dr. Samenow told you that, when things don't

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Homicide

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go her way, she gets rid of the problem, and in this case, she threw the problem off the bridge.”

Morrogh said Dela Rosa fully knew the consequences of her actions and that Angelyn's death would devastate her family. “That's the scariest thing, she knew what she was doing,” he said. “She made her choice, and her choice was evil. Life is precious, and I can't think of anything worse than the killing of a little girl. We ask you to convict [Dela Rosa] of first-degree murder.”

The jury deliberated six hours on Oct. 6 before reaching its guilty verdict. Angelyn's parents then shared their grief with the jury. Her mother lamented the fact that she'd never see her daughter start school, and her father said no parent should ever have to bury their child.

Morrogh asked for a life sentence for Dela Rosa but, after another hour's deliberation, the jury recommended she receive 35 years behind bars. Sentencing is set for Jan. 6, 2012.

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OPINION

A Few Days Left To Register To Vote

Vote now, who knows what Election Day could bring.

The turnout was so miniscule for Primary Election Day that you might not remember that it was also Earthquake Day, and that if you were planning to vote when you got home from work, you probably wouldn't have had the chance. Traffic came to a halt, and many commutes took many hours.

EDITORIAL Imagine what would happen if we had a repeat of a historic early snow: On Nov. 11, 1987, a foot of snow fell at National Airport. On Nov. 6 and 7, 1953, this area had more than seven inches of snow, according to the National

Weather Service. Seven inches fell in November, 1938. In November, 1904, the area had three inches of snow; November 1910, the area had five inches of snow.

So far, 2011 has been a year of extremes, so is it worth preparing for the great Election Day blizzard? Or possibly just the great Election Day traffic jam?

You can vote in person from now until Nov. 5 if you think that there is any chance you could be away from home for 10 hours on Election Day. Remember that some people spent 10 hours on the GW Parkway one day last winter.

There are only a few days left to register to vote to participate in the Nov. 8 general election if you have not already done so.

Some important dates to remember:

Monday, Oct. 17, 2011 is the deadline to register to vote, either in person or mailed registration postmarked by that date to vote in the Nov. 8 General Election.

Tuesday, Nov. 1 is the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot by mail.

Saturday, Nov. 5 is the last day to vote early, absentee ballot in-person.

Tuesday, Nov. 8 is Election Day.

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More Like Cook

To the Editor:

Thanks to the leadership of Supervisors John Cook (R-Braddock) and Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), Fairfax County was spared the possibly onerous mistake of purchasing an incinerator rather than extend the county's contract with Covanta Energy, the private company which owns and operates it now. Not only would such a purchase have cost the county \$800 million with interest over 20 years, but by the time it was all paid for, the technology would be obsolete and we would not have had the flexibility necessary to keep up with rapidly evolving technology in the way a private company which specializes in that industry could.

John Cook and Pat Herrity kept the citizens informed and stood firm against the spendthrift faction of the Board of Supervisors.

Suzanne A. Spikes
Fairfax Station

Oleszek Backer

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, Aug. 23, there is a Democratic primary to pick a candidate to run against the incumbent Braddock County supervisor this November. I will be voting for Janet Oleszek in this primary and encourage others to do the same. I have talked to her on my doorstep and at the Burke Farmers Market and she appreciates the issues and economic disparities that face the women and families in our county. The Virginia National Organization for Women has endorsed her because we know that we can count on Janet

to work on behalf of ALL of us here in Fairfax County.

Pat Reuss
Springfield

Cute But Destructive

To the Editor:

Not too many people could look at the picture below and not think, "How cute is that?" I even have to count myself among those who would do so. However, in my next breath, I would also ask myself, how could something so beautiful be so destructive?

It's been almost two years since I was diagnosed with Lyme disease. I woke up one morning while I was on a cruise about to go through the Panama Canal, and I quickly realized that I couldn't hear anything in my right ear. It was almost two months later before I learned it was Lyme disease that caused the hearing loss. While it's still a rare manifestation of the disease, the hearing specialist I saw said he's seeing it more frequently in recent years. Though he tried all the accepted strategies for dealing with sudden sensorineural hearing loss (SNHL), and then when we knew it was Lyme disease, a long course of antibiotics. It was simply too late. I never got my hearing back.

I read with great interest your "Overabundance" article [Connection, Sept. 29-Oct. 5, 2011] in the Connection recently. I was astounded at how many deer had been killed in Fairfax County last year. But yet I asked myself, how could so many still remain? I ap-



PHOTO BY MARIANNE WENDLING

Two deer feed in a Springfield backyard.

plaud the efforts Fairfax County is making to control the deer population. But I also believe much more needs to happen — for the sake of the deer as well as unsuspecting people like myself — who used to follow the baby deer around my house and get as close as I could to get the perfect picture. I use my zoom on my camera now and continue to take pictures because my niece enjoys them so much. But I avoid the woods behind our house as much as possible and even worry when I'm just sitting on my deck.

Based on my research, I strongly believe that there are many, many cases of undiagnosed Lyme disease in the county. And as you pointed out in your article, there are many other serious consequences to humans, motor vehicles and crops and woodland.

A few years ago, I might have cringed if I heard about sharp shooting and bow hunting as a method of controlling the deer population. Not so today. There's

absolutely no shortage of deer in my backyard, which borders Hidden Pond Nature Center. My husband and I are constantly trying to scare them out of our backyard, only to see them return 10 minutes later. The idea mentioned in your article of somehow curbing reproduction seems to me to be an area that would hold great promise, though it may be a cost-prohibitive idea. I strongly believe that Fairfax County needs to continue its research, and take even more aggressive action to address the overpopulation issues. Lyme disease education programs might also prove beneficial.

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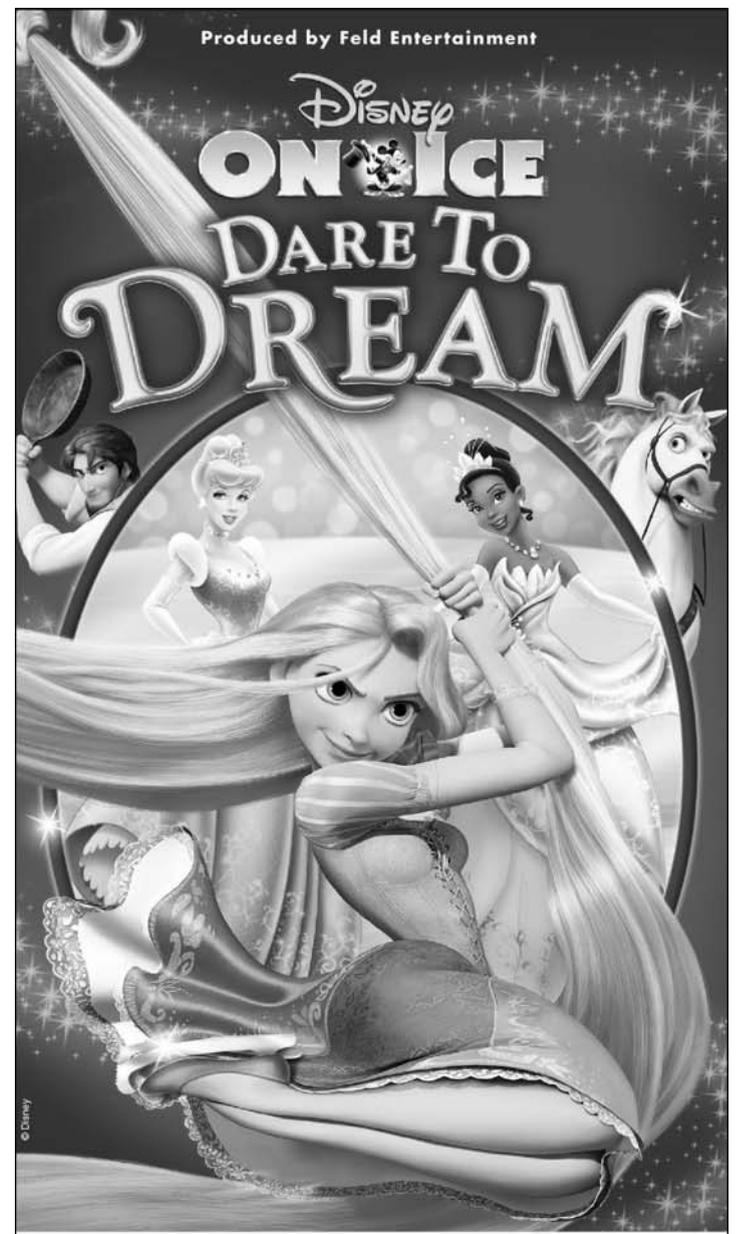
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The Fairfax County Park Authority is holding a Public Comment Meeting on the draft master plan for Merrilee Park located at 2733 Hartland Road in Falls Church, VA. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Luther Jackson Middle School. The school is located at 3020 Gallows Road in Falls Church, VA.

Merrilee Park, which is slightly over one acre in size, is located in Providence Supervisory District and situated immediately adjacent to I-495. Merrilee Park lies within the Merrifield Suburban Center which envisions the future redevelopment of the Merrifield area with a sustainable, urban character.

Since acquiring the property, the Park Authority initiated the master plan process to guide future development of the site. This process seeks to balance local recreation needs and community preferences together with site related issues such as public access, site assets and physical constraints.

The draft park master plan is available online at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/merrilee.htm> or in hardcopy from the Fairfax County Park Authority in the Herry Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax, Virginia.

The meeting will feature a brief presentation outlining the site's current conditions and draft master plan. Following the presentation, the meeting will continue with a moderated public comment session to allow input on the draft park plan. If you would like to speak at the meeting or desire more information, please contact Public Information Officer Judy Pedersen at 703-324-8662 or via email at parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. Speakers may also sign up at the meeting.

Comments on the plan will be received by the Park Authority for 30 days after the meeting. The public comment period will close on Friday, November 25, 2011. All comments must be received by this date in order to be included in the official public record. Written comments should be directed to Project Manager Gayle Hooper, Planning & Development Division, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 421, Fairfax, VA 22035.

Email comments should be sent to: Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. After all comments have been considered, the plan will be presented to the Park Authority Board for final consideration.

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THURSDAY/OCT. 13

Todd Wright & Friends: A Retrospective featuring members of the Excentrics, The Getaway Car and West Goes East. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Enter the Haggis. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. A Canadian indie/Celtic-rock world-fusion band. \$20. www.wolftrap.org.

Toddler Time. 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Stories, songs, fingerplays and other activities. Age 2-3 with adult. 703-293-6227, TTY: 711.

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English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice English with other adults. 703-249-1520, TTY: 711.

Computer Basics Training. 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. One-hour session with a technology volunteer for help with basic computer skills and navigating the internet. Adults. 703-644-7333, TTY: 711.

Book Club Kids: Farmer Duck. 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke.

FRIDAY/OCT. 14

Taste of the Vine Fundraiser. 6:30-9 p.m. Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Historic Fairfax City, Inc. is sponsoring this fundraiser for Historic Blenheim. Wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, music and a silent auction. \$50. For tickets, call 703-282-5818.

HoneyHoney and Joshua James. 6:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Taste of the Vine. 6:30 p.m. Blenheim Civil War Interpretive Center, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Wine tastings by Lost Creek Winery, hors d'oeuvres by Villa Mozart and music by Cristian Perez. \$50 per person. 703-282-5818 or BKRutkowski@aol.com.

Film Screening: "Milk." 7 p.m. Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10215 Lakehaven Court, Burke. A discussion follows the film. This is a non-religious event open to the public. 703-503-4579 or www.accotinkuuc.org.

The Ahn Trio: BraziliAHN. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Chamber music. \$40. www.wolftrap.org.

English Conversation Group. 10 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Practice English conversation skills. Adults. 703-978-5600, TTY: 711.

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GRREAT Gold Retriever Rescue 3K Walk Set for Oct. 29

The GRREAT Golden Retriever Rescue Charity 3K Walk will begin registration on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 9:30 a.m., with the walk beginning at 10 a.m. from Weber's Pet Supermarket, 11201 Lee Highway, Fairfax. A portion of the proceeds of every dog's photo taken by Jim Poor Photography will benefit Golden Retriever Rescue Education and Training Incorporated, a not-for-profit dedicated to finding homes for unwanted, stray, and abandoned Golden Retrievers. \$20 per human walker. Register online at www.grreat.org/walk. Includes event t-shirt, refreshments, dog treats and door prizes. events@grreat.org.

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5K & 1-mile Fun Run. 8:30 a.m.

Truro Church, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. Proceeds benefit scholarship fund. Moon bounce, silent auction, face painting and activities for the family. Truropreschool.org.

Kids Show: Robbie Schaefer, Songs For Kids Like Us. 10:30 a.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

The 26th Annual Lake Braddock PTSA Arts & Crafts Showcase. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Approximately 100 exhibitors with handmade jewelry, decorative items, quilts and knits, pottery, woodcrafts, photography, original artwork, and more. Food available for purchase. Admission \$3,

age 65 and over \$2, under 18 free. Proceeds support PTSA activities and teacher mini-grants. www.lbspspta.org.

Comedian Wanda Sykes. 8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. \$35-\$45, available online at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. www.wandasykes.com or www.patriotcenter.com.

Fall Festival. 3 p.m. Calvary Hill Baptist Church, 9301 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Rock wall, moon bounce, live music and refreshments. 703-323-1347.

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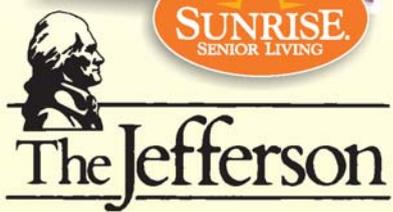
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Learning To Lead Like a General

Lessons from Civil War leaders inspire parks director to write book.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

On a cold, wet day in March 1863, a young, brash Confederate captain picked a fight with 200 Union soldiers, encamped near Chantilly and won.

An hour after the ambush by 50 Confederate soldiers, who were outmanned and outgunned, five Union soldiers were dead, 36 captured and 50 horses and supplies taken. It was a stunning Civil War victory.

"My success had been so uninterrupted that the men thought victory was chained to my standard. Men who go into a fight under the influence of such feelings are next to invincible, and victors before it begins."

When Paul Gilbert, a Civil War buff and a leader in local historic preservation, read those words written by John S. Mosby in 1887, he was struck by Mosby's boldness and confidence.

"I was drawn by his confidence that ultimately led to his success," Gilbert said. "It's a great example of the power of momentum, and the fact that success is like waves

that are hard to turn around once they begin."

While researching another Mosby quote, Gilbert, a Springfield native, stumbled upon Google Books, one of the largest digital databases of books, with 15 million scanned books. The database gave Gilbert unprecedented online access to many out-of-print memoirs and first-person accounts.

Interested in both history, and the qualities of leadership, Gilbert, currently the executive director of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA), kept digging through first-person Civil War narratives for stories about leaders.

"It may be surprising to some that so many people wrote memoirs years after the Civil War," Gilbert said. "Everyone had lived through this life-altering event, and wanted to tell their story. Reading these first-person accounts of history was just fascinating. I had an idea for the first couple of chapters, and then I found these great definitive sources. It just kept going from there," Gilbert said.

His research eventually turned into a well-reviewed book, "Lead Like A General," that

Next Book Signing

- ❖ Nov. 19 at 2 p.m.
- ❖ Historic Blenheim in the City of Fairfax
- ❖ 3610 Old Lee Highway
- ❖ For more information about the Blenheim event, go to <http://www.vacivilwar.org/>

blends biographical sketches with current research on leadership.

"Writing this book has helped me become even more attuned to the central role that Northern Virginia played in the Civil War. We think of the big battles like First and Second Manassas, but there was much more going on in this area than just those events," he said.

Published earlier this year, the book has received rave reviews from national historians and leadership gurus. Dr. Michael Useem, director of the Center for Leadership at the Wharton School of Business, gave Gilbert's first book a five-star rating.

"There are few better triggers (when defining leadership qualities,) than recalling what the Union and Confederate generals did on the great battlefields of the Civil War.



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

Paul Gilbert, executive director of the Northern Virginia Regional Parks Authority combined his love of history with his interest in leadership research to write 'Lead Like A General.'

Paul Gilbert has brought their leadership to life "Lead Like A General," Useem said.

"In addition to the academic praise,

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Autumn Auction, Spaghetti Supper and Sale. 5-9 p.m. St. George's United Methodist Church, 4910 Ox Road, Fairfax. Dinner, craft and bake

sales, children's craft activities, silent and live auctions. Nursery services available. Adults \$8, age 10 and under \$5.50, families \$25. 703-385-4550 or <http://stgumc.org>.

Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association.

Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. This is the Association's Halloween Dance, costumes are encouraged. Line dance lesson 7:30 p.m. Two-step lesson 8 p.m. Open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. Two step, waltz, line, swing, cha cha and more. Admission \$5-\$12. www.nvcwda.org or 703-860-4941.

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Association, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Seminars and tips, training sessions, and a variety of police equipment displays, including vehicles, robots and more. A moon bounce, McGruff the Crime Dog and officers will be on hand. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police.

Fairfax Vision Awareness Walk: National White Cane Safety Day.

10 a.m. Panera Bread, 3955 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Hosted by the OUTA Sight Foundation, the walk is designed to educate drivers to exercise care for the visually challenged and reduce pedestrian injuries. Refreshments served. www.outasight.org/upcoming.html or 540-635-1100.

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Farm House, Family Home, Dream House

After occupying 18 homes around the world, retired pilot Ted Rogers creates his dream house, right on top of the family home.

BY JOHN BYRD
SPECIAL TO THE CONNECTION

It's gratifying to find the right change-agent at the exact moment in life when you need one. Such are the reflections of Ted Rogers, 72, commenting on recently completed makeover to his home executed by master builder David Foster.

Rogers, a former Navy pilot, had lived in 18 houses all over the world before settling in circa 1960s ranch with his wife and children the early 1980s. The traditional brick rambler was owned by a farmer whose family had worked the land east of Fairfax for generations.

The house was conventional, but solidly constructed. Still, as Rogers and his wife, Wanda, approached 70, their cumulative sense of the home's limitations increased.

"Wanda wanted an upgraded kitchen," Rogers said. "We both pictured a larger master bedroom suite ... maybe with a walk-in shower and personal vanities. So we decided it was time to move."

But assessing several newly built, high-end homes was an eye-opener, and the meticulous former pilot confesses that he was "put off" at the quality of what he found on the market — even in the million dollar range.

Moreover, since home remodeling stories relayed by several friends were equally discouraging, Rogers opted for the safe course: stay put, change nothing.

That's when he was introduced to David Foster, 30-year veteran builder and president

of Foster Remodeling Solutions.

"David came highly recommended, but it was meeting him that proved decisive," Rogers said. "It was his love of building—every aspect of it—that really impressed me when started walking through the house together. His ideas really opened up the possibilities."

The starting point: a 2,553-square-foot, three-bedroom ranch on two acres, and a conversation regarding the best options for accommodating a luxuriantly-appointed master bedroom suite, a spacious kitchen with dining counter and a two-car garage with second floor studio.

"We usually begin with the floor plan and a budget," Foster said. "When we talked through all the components for the master suite, I proposed a front-to-back addition on the rambler's west elevation."

Ditto, plans for a two-level garage to be linked via breezeway from the lower-level east elevation.

Inside, however, proposed revisions would entail complications.

To create an open floor plan that connects the new kitchen to a front-facing family room, a bearing wall had to be removed, replaced with an unseen interior structural support. Achieving open sightlines, likewise, meant removing the living room ceiling and shelling-in previously concealed roofing rafters.

An ascending vertical accent was established by replacing a traditional brick-facing fireplace with a floor-to-ceiling hearth constructed of stacked ledge stones.

"The effect is exciting," Wanda Rogers



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said. "From the kitchen, the room opens out and up; it feels really warm."

The new vaulted wall expanse also doubles as display space for Wanda's art collection, which is now illuminated by track lights.

Apart from Foster's personal attention, the Rogers were pleased with a process that enabled them to review finish work options as the interior design progressed.

Visits to the Foster Remodeling showroom in Lorton yielded the fixtures, cherry wood cabinets and granite countertops the couple selected for the kitchen. The Foster team also accompanied the couple to appliance outlets and recommended specific brands for both electric and gas cooking.

Foster's architect designed a five-foot crescent window for the wall above the sink. The kitchen's tray ceiling with concealed illumination lends elegance, warmth and generous proportionality.

The multi-zoned 650-square-foot master suite is luxuriant in every respect. The front-facing sleeping quarters look out through a massive three-section window with a triangle-shaped accent.

His-and-hers walk-in closets face-off on opposite walls. A pyramidal alcove is defined by facing floor-to-ceiling custom vanities leading to a generously-sized soaking tub tucked neatly under a second three-section window, this one with a protected view of the woodland setting. A granite-clad walk-in shower with bench provides the finishing touches.

The home is now "a place that's very satisfying at this point in my life," Rogers said.

Foster Remodeling Solutions will be sponsoring a tour of the Rogers home this Saturday Oct. 15, 2-5 p.m.; the firm will also be sponsoring a remodeling seminar at their Lorton showroom on Oct. 29. Call 703/550-1371 or www.fosterremodeling.com



Architect David Peabody and builder Brendan O'Neill Sr. incorporated green design into this home's plans.

The Next Generation of Green Living

Cutting edge green home design emerges in the region.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Imagine a home that is so well insulated that a furnace is obsolete. Picture the elimination of rooms that run hot during the summer and basements and tile floors that are frosty during the winter. Visualize trimming your energy bill by 90 percent.

Meet the passive house, dubbed the next generation of green living, and named one of the top green building trends of 2011 by the Earth Advantage Institute, a nonprofit organization that promotes sustainable building practices.

The region's first passive house, a five-bedroom, four-and-a-half bathroom home in Bethesda, was designed by Alexandria-based architect David Peabody of Peabody Architects and built by Potomac-area builder Brendan O'Neill Sr. of O'Neill Development. The home, which sold recently, had a price tag of \$1.4 million.

"This home gets all the heat it needs on the same amount of energy it would take to run two hairdryers," said Peabody. "We wanted to demonstrate that an approach that reduces basic energy demand is far more cost-effective than an approach that relies on adding expensive technology."

The project began when Peabody, an award-winning pioneer of green architecture, approached O'Neill. Skeptical at first, O'Neill and his son Brendan O'Neill Jr. flew to Illinois to tour the first passive house ever built in the U.S.

"As luck would have it, my son and I arrived during a snow storm," said O'Neill. "We were blown away by the warmth and temperate conditions inside that house. It was incredible. We said, if this is what a passive house can do under extreme conditions, we're going to try one."

MOUNT VERNON-based architect Christine Kelly of Crafted Architecture and Falls Church-based contractor Tom Chapa of Potts and Chapa Construction, Inc. incorporated passive solar design into the recent renovation of the Mount Vernon home of Enid and Laing Hinson. The Hinsons had lived in their home in their Mount Vernon neighborhood for 20 years when they decided that it was time to remodel. The couple decided to go green.

"This home gets all the heat it needs on the same amount of energy it would take to run two hairdryers."

- David Peabody, Peabody Architects

"We've always been interested in recycling, and we also knew that we would be living in this house for the next 20 years, so the additional cost that we might have incurred

to ensure that it was energy efficient was probably going to be worth it to us in the long run," said Enid Hinson.

"[Passive solar design entails] designing walls, windows and floors to collect or reflect solar energy and then distribute it as heat during the winter months and shade against the heat in the summer months," said Kelly. "[The Hinsons] had a sun room that had a slate floor, and we took up that slate during the demolition, salvaged it and then designed a new sunroom with large windows that are facing south so that as the sun comes into the room, the floor is heated and retains heat and makes it a very comfortable space in the winter time without the use of mechanical systems. A stone floor can be designed to collect heat during the day and then radiate it into the room at night to help keep the space warm."

The Hinsons noticed a difference. "As the weather got chilly and it was going down into the high-40s at night recently, we didn't have to turn our heater on at all. The house never got below 71 degrees," said Enid Hinson.

The Hinsons' remodel received a National Green Building Certification from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) for meeting NAHB green building standards.

"A green certification is not necessarily a certification that comes with a ton of expenses," said Chapa. "The important thing about certifying a project green is building smart, not necessarily building expensive. The green inspection is basically certifying that all of

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A granite shower is functional and elegant in this master suite.



Matching, custom -built vanities lead to a soaking tub with views of the woods.



The window in the new, modern kitchen was custom designed by an architect.

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HomeLifeStyle

Benefits of Green Design

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the applications [e.g., windows, insulation and duct work] are done tight, efficiently and without any air gaps so that everything can perform at its optimal level.”

Kelly says that when it comes to green design, she begins with the basics. “I like taking what was already in the house and repurposing it that so that a lot of materials don’t go into the landfills. And then I like to move to insulating. Not only do I like to insulate the new addition, but I like to go back and examine the existing house and figure out how to make that just as tight as well.”

The Hinsons were pleased that they did not have to compromise aesthetic appeal for energy efficiency. “Our house is not bigger; it is just flows better,” said Enid Hinson. “The windows are really energy efficient. We have the [George Washington Parkway] behind our house, and if the doors and windows are closed we cannot hear the traffic noise at all.”

O’NEILL SAID his one condition was that the design of the passive house be consistent and compatible with the rest of the homes in the neighborhood. “David hit a home run. We would not have proceeded if the style had not fit in with the others architecturally. It is designed as an integrated system, with site, energy, ventilation, air quality, humidity, health and comfort all taken into account. And yes, you can open

the windows.”

Peabody, who is now designing smaller and less expensive passive house models, acknowledges that such homes are more costly to build. “But we’re finding that the marginally higher costs of construction are more than offset by savings in monthly energy bills,” said Peabody. In fact, he says, affordable housing organization Habitat for Humanity is building a passive house in the Washington, D.C., area.

Even though the home is airtight, it is well ventilated. “During heating and cooling seasons, when you don’t want to open the windows, there is an imperceptible but constant flow of fresh air to all the living spaces and exhaust air from all the bathroom and kitchen spaces. Air essentially makes a one-way trip through the house, as opposed to being churned around and around as with standard heating and cooling systems,” said Peabody.

While there are only 23 passive houses in the U.S., in Europe more than 20,000 homes, apartments, offices and schools have been built to passive house standards.

Although solar orientation is a factor, it is not the same as a passive solar house. Instead, it uses a robust building envelope to achieve as much as 90 percent savings in energy use.

While the passive house concept is still emerging, passive solar design is more prevalent in the region. Solar orientation is a factor in both, but the passive house uses a building envelope to save energy.

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Changes Proposed for Townhouse, Office Project

More homes, community-serving businesses planned.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Initially, two parcels of land between Ridge Top and Waples Mill roads were zoned for construction of a 10-story, 150,000-square-foot office building plus a small, 16-unit, multifamily building.

But times have changed and so have the plans for these sites along the northern and southern sides of Government Center Parkway in Fairfax Center. Now, developer Kettler hopes to instead construct a project more in keeping with the way the community is today.

On Monday, Sept. 26, Supervisor John Cook (D-Braddock) hosted a meeting at the Fairfax County Government Center so local residents could learn about the changes.

"This is so the community can hear from the developer and the developer can hear from the community," he said. "That way, the project can go forward in a way they both like."

Land-use attorney Greg Riegler, representing Kettler, gave a "comprehensive update of where this project's been and where it's going. It's grown organically at the community level."

What's proposed now are 39 townhouses on the southern parcel and 30,000-35,000 square feet of community-oriented offices on the northern parcel. In addition, the rear of the office site will include a community park.

"Since this was approved in 2006, we've taken another look at the market, the surrounding community and its perceptions," said Riegler. "Many people said the 10-story office building didn't fit in with the surrounding [Ridgewood] residential community. And it would have had 70-percent more traffic in peak hours [than what's planned

now]."

He said the townhouses will each have two-car garages, plus parking on their driveways. They'll be three, finished levels with either three or four bedrooms and are expected to sell in the high \$400,000s and \$500,000s.

"The office building is much smaller in scale and will contain about 20,000 square feet of community-serving retail, providing walkable amenities for people living nearby," said Riegler. "The offices will be for doctors, dentists and other professionals. We think this fits better with the fabric of the community."

He said the townhouses and office building will have nice-looking fronts facing Ridge Top Road and Government Center Parkway. "There'll be wide sidewalks and large trees to make this a high-quality, attractive project," said Riegler. "And there'll be plazas at each end of Ridge Top Road."

He expects this revamped project to result in "a positive effect on property values and a major reduction in traffic [from the original proposal]. Furthermore, the developer has also proffered to install a traffic signal at Ridge Top and Government Center Parkway.

"It's an exciting project for us and we're looking forward to moving ahead with it," said Kettler Senior Vice-President Charlie Kieler. "This office building is more complimentary to the uses and architecture out



Here is an overview of the Ridge Top project in the Ridgewood community.

there, and the tenants will be smaller ones that often have trouble finding smaller-sized offices."

"We've been at this project for the better part of six years, and it's a good example of how the community has shaped it," said Riegler. "It will complete the Ridgewood community."

He said the half-acre park is an amenity retained from the original plan. It's intended for the whole neighborhood to use and will contain a plaza, open space, landscaped

areas and trees. "We envision a place where you can take an ice cream or a sandwich to eat," said Riegler. "And we're committed to providing it in the first phase of this project."

Cook then encouraged the residents attending the meeting to talk to their neighbors and "let them know about the project so we can have the benefit of what the whole community thinks."

This application is next scheduled for a public hearing Dec. 8 before the county Planning Commission.



Artist's rendition of the new townhouses proposed for construction.



Artist's rendition of the smaller, community-serving office building.

Reaves Helps Woodson to First Victory



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE CONNECTION

Woodson's Mike Reaves attempts to knock down a pass thrown by T.C. Williams quarterback Alec Grosser on Oct. 6. The Cavaliers earned their first win of the season by beating the Titans, 14-13.

Senior moves from middle linebacker to end, blocks late field goal attempt.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The weight of losing having been lifted from his shoulders, senior running back Jonathon Stokes released an emotional roar on the football field at T.C. Williams' Parker-Gray Stadium. First-year head coach Joe Dishun received a victory bath during post-game handshakes and players exchanged celebratory shoulder bumps.

The Woodson football team earned its first win of the 2011 season on Thursday, Oct. 6, defeating T.C. Williams 14-13. The Cavaliers were outscored 190-46 during a 0-5 start and were in danger of losing again, but senior Mike Reaves blocked a late Titans field goal attempt to protect Woodson's one-point lead.

"It's great," Reaves said of Cavaliers earning their first win. "It's a beautiful feeling."

Reaves started at middle linebacker the first five weeks of the season, but was moved to defensive end prior to the T.C. Williams game. Dishun was pleased with the result as the Cavaliers limited the Titans to 211 total yards, including just 18 through the air.

"Mike Reaves at end really gave us some muscle on the edge," Dishun said. "What a great game he had. I'm very proud of him. That was a risky choice

for us, but the younger kid (sophomore Ben Anderson) did a solid job in the middle and Mike really got after it."

While Reaves had strong defensive performance, his play on special teams saved the game for Woodson. T.C. Williams drove to the Cavaliers 18-yard line with less than 6 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter where, facing fourth-and-five, the Titans opted for a 35-yard field goal attempt. Reaves thwarted the potential go-ahead attempt and Woodson held on to win.

T.C. Williams missed a 39-yard field goal try in the second quarter and had potential game-tying extra point blocked near the end of the third.

"On the very first field goal, I noticed the [T.C. Williams] guard on that side," Reaves said. "He would just step down and wouldn't really do much. I figured if I got under him and at least drove him back I could at least get an angle.

The minute I got under I knew I had [junior lineman] Pat Halloran to my inside. We both got a hand up in there and next thing you know the ball is coming down."

"It's great. It's a beautiful feeling."

— Woodson senior Mike Reaves about the Cavaliers earning their first win of the season

Offensively, Woodson kept the ball on the ground for most of the game, attempting just two passes, both of which were incomplete. Senior Nick Peevy led the Cavaliers' ground game, rushing 25 times for 100 yards. Stokes carried 11 times for 73 yards and a touchdown.

Anderson gave Woodson a 7-0 lead with a 1-yard touchdown run late in the first quarter. After T.C. Williams tied the score at 7-7 in the second, the Cavaliers regained the lead in the third when Stokes scored on a 4-yard run, giving Woodson a 14-7 advantage.

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Fairfax, South County Among Area Football Winners

Rebels defeat Marshall, 28-21, in overtime.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Two weeks ago, in a Northern Region high school football meeting of unbeaten teams, **Fairfax High** lost one of the most lopsided games in its history, 48-0, in a non-district home game versus powerful Westfield.

But the Rebels, who had won their first five games of the season prior to that defeat, came back this past Thursday night to beat Liberty District opponent and host Marshall, 28-21 in overtime, to improve their record to 6-1.

Fairfax running back Anthony Bowen scored on a 10-yard run in the overtime to lift the Rebels, who trailed 14-7 at halftime, to the win. He finished with 76 rushing yards and also caught a touchdown pass earlier in the game from quarterback Austin Perryman. Marshall fell to 1-5

Fairfax will host Jefferson (2-4) Friday

Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

In another overtime affair last Thursday, **South County**, on a 34-yard field goal from senior Mike Ferguson, won its Patriot District game at defending Northern Region Division 6 champion **Lake Braddock**, 10-7. The Bruins slipped to 3-3 on the season while South County, which started the season 0-3, reached the .500 mark at 3-3. The Stallions' prior two wins had come over T.C. Williams and Robinson. The win over the Rams was also in overtime.

Lake Braddock will play at Robinson this Friday and South County will be at district opponent Lee.

Robinson lost at Concorde District rival Centreville, 41-14, on Thursday. The Rams fell to 1-5. Centreville remained unbeaten at 6-0. Robinson touchdowns came from Joe Meier, who caught a 20-yard pass from Patrick Baker, and Joe Wilson, who scored from four yards out. The Rams host Lake Braddock on Friday night.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

South County running back/defensive back Ryan Taylor looks for room to run during the Stallions' early season game at Oakton.

SPORTS

Local Sports Enthusiast Turned Writer

Christian Vick of Burke pens book about famed boxer Riddick Bowe.

BY MAYA HOROWITZ
FAIRFAX CONNECTION

Boxing journalist and recently published author of "The Triumph and Tragedy of Riddick Bowe," Christian Vick has always been interested in sports.

"There's two major sports in my family, basketball and boxing," said Vick. "I'd play basketball on Fridays and watch boxing on Saturdays. Boxing was the thing to do with my family. Everyone would come over and grill up some chicken. In my house, fights were a big deal. They were no different than a Redskins game."

As a child, Vick described himself as loud, outgoing and athletic.

"I was very into professional sports," said Vick. "Mom was always telling me to go to bed, and I wouldn't because I wanted to see the end of the game. My father immersed me in everything. My childhood was sports and I have my dad to thank for that."

Vick played division I basketball at Quinnipiac University. He was a three-year starter. When he graduated in 2005, he ex-

pected to go into the NBA. However, that was not to be. He ended up playing basketball overseas.

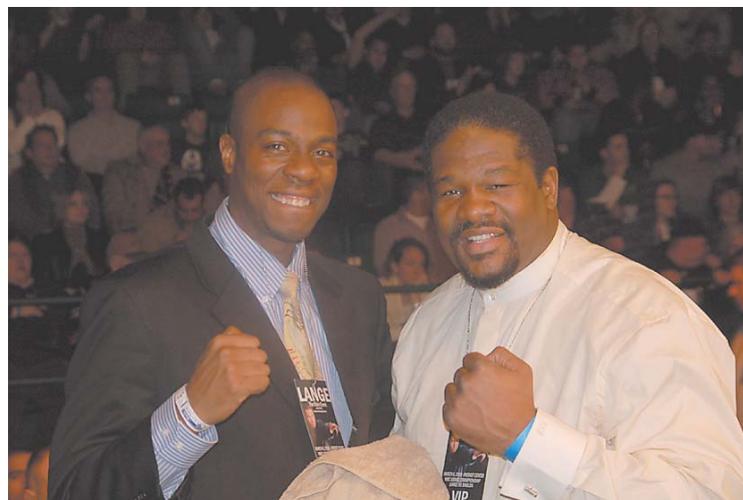
"It was amazing," said Vick. "I got to see so many places that I wouldn't have seen such as the Louvre, Stonehenge and the Sistine Chapel. I was playing in these little quaint villages usually. It probably provided inspiration for me to be a journalist. I probably will write about it one day."

In 2009, he began covering HBO and Showtime boxing matches for unifiedchamp.com. He said he never really considered writing a book about boxing until Riddick Bowe approached him and asked him to write about his life. Also influential was Thomas Hauser, a Pulitzer Prize nominee.

"Hauser told me to give it everything I got," said Vick. "Write something people care about. And I think I've done that."

Vick said he always had interest in writing something about Bowe.

"I probably had the idea when I was 10 years old," said Vick. "Riddick Bowe was my favorite boxer. Me and my father would always watch HBO boxing. He had an af-



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Christian Vick, left, and Riddick Bowe

fable personality and he would make funny faces at the camera."

Vick was drawn to Bowe because of his rags to riches story. He started with humble beginnings in Brownsville, Brooklyn, with 10 plus siblings and a father who abandoned the family.

"He went from nothing to a cultural icon," said Vick. "Riddick Bowe has the fastest ascendancy to the heavyweight title in boxing history."

That ascendancy was around 4 years, from the time he was a silver medalist in

the 1988 Olympics to winning the heavyweight title in November 1992.

Vick worked with HBO extensively on the book, accessing archives and talking to employees.

"It was surreal to be working with people I've observed my entire life such as Larry Merchant and Jim Lampley," said Vick. "All of a sudden I'm talking to them on the phone about things I care about."

He also collaborated with Bowe through-

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FAITH NOTES

The Little River United Church of Christ, 8410 Little River Turnpike in Annandale, will host "Shower of Stoles," an exhibit featuring liturgical stoles and other sacred items representing the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people of faith. Each stole contains the story of a GLBT person who is or was active in the life and leadership of their faith community. The exhibit is open through October, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. rslingo@verizon.net.

Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Drive N.E. in Vienna, will observe Laity Sunday on Oct. 16 at 11 a.m. with speaker Bill Fowkes. office@epiphanyumc.com or 703-938-3494

St. Anthony's American National Catholic Church, 10383 Democracy Lane, Fairfax, holds mass for Contemporary Catholics every Sunday at 5 p.m. St. Anthony's is an independent Catholic parish, inclusive and accepting of all people. Experience true acceptance and true Catholicism. www.MySaintAnthonys.org.

Calvary Hill Baptist Church, 9301 Little River Turnpike in Fairfax, conducts practice in the Sanctuary every Wednesday at 7 p.m. All are welcome. 703-323-1347

The Fairfax Church of Christ, 3901 Rugby Road in Fairfax, has facilitators available to help those who are experiencing a separation or divorce. 703-63-200 or www.fxcc.org.

Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road in Fairfax, will hold Fall Women's Bible Study on Tuesdays through Nov. 15 at 9:45 a.m. There will be no study on Nov. 8. The topic is "Basic Discipleship," and the cost is \$10. Register at 703-383-1170 or www.jccag.org.

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.

Congregation Adat Reyim, an independent Jewish congregation, offers services Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Hebrew School is Sundays at 9:30 and Mondays at 5:30 p.m. Hebrew school is Monday-Friday at 9:30 a.m. Adat Reyim is located at 6500 Westbury Oaks Court in Springfield. 703-569-7577 or www.adatreyim.org.

The Parkwood Baptist Church, 8726 Braddock Road in Annandale, Bible Study Fellowship will study of the Old Testament Book of Isaiah. The Day Women's Class meets at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays, and offers a children's program for ages 6 weeks-6 years. rdmarotto@cox.net.

Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive in Burke, worship services are Saturday Coffeehouse at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. www.BurkePresChurch.org.

One God Ministry Church, 4280/4282 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, now has a Web site with news, events, training, conferences, fellowship programs and more. Early Morning Service is at 8 a.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service at 11 a.m., and Wednesday Bible Study at 7 p.m. Women, Men, and Youth Bible Studies are on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. A Spiritual Gifts Service is the first Friday of every month at 7 p.m.

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COMMUNITY

She Battles Breast Cancer 'One Jump at a Time'

Professional bull rider serves as inspiration for Burke woman fighting breast cancer.

BY JENNIFER FEDOR
THE CONNECTION

Burke resident Linda Wells discovered she had a lump in her breast in an unexpected way. As she watched Shannon Tweed from television reality show "Gene Simmons' Family Jewels" find a lump that required a biopsy, she decided to do her own self-exam.

About a month away from her scheduled mammogram, Wells said she went ahead and called her doctor. "Mine was an aggressive type of cancer so had I waited for the mammogram to find it a month later or had I been late getting the mammogram, I could have been in a lot worse circumstances than I was," she said.

Wells was diagnosed with invasive ductal carcinoma in April 2010. The cancer was 1.2 centimeters and had spread to one lymph node. She reacted by asking the doctors what the next step would be. "I actually ended up having just a lumpectomy where they just removed the lump and the tissue around it and then they removed the node because I did have one positive node," she said.

Wells underwent six rounds of chemotherapy at three-week intervals and six weeks of radiation following her lumpectomy. "My family was very supportive," she said. "My husband was there for me every minute of the way. My daughter took off work and went to every chemo treatment with me."

A retired Tupperware dealer who has resided in Burke for 17 years, Wells used her passion for viewing professional bull riding as a source of strength during her battle with breast cancer. About three years ago, she was channel surfing and discovered a show highlighting celebrity bull riding. She began watching other bull riding shows on TV and soon followed a talented bull rider from North Carolina, J.B. Mauney.

Wells' enthusiasm for the sport increased as she followed the Professional Bull Riders (PBR) on Twitter, checking on scores and socializing with other fans. An article on the PBR website further solidified her admira-



Breast Cancer survivor Linda Wells wave to the crowd during the second round of the Charlotte Built Ford Tough Series PBR.

tion of Mauney. He described his philosophy as riding his bulls "one jump at a time."

"When I was diagnosed with cancer, I followed J.B. Mauney's words. I took it one jump at a time," Wells said. "And that's what got me through."

She was partway through chemotherapy when her husband, Jim Wells, drove her to a bull-riding event in North Carolina where Mauney was competing, and she had the chance to meet the young bull riding star.

"That's the thrill of a lifetime to meet your sports idol in person," Linda Wells said. "The bull riders spend a lot of time with their fans; they do a lot of autograph sessions."

She shared her story with Mauney and described how he was helping her get through breast cancer "one jump at a time". Mauney signed a calendar with the signature catchphrase that motivated her to keep going. She also met his mother, a breast cancer survivor and just as inspirational as her son.

At subsequent bull riding events, Linda Wells met Mauney's sister and father, both of whom treated her with overwhelming kindness. Mauney's father asked her for a Sharpie pen so she could sign his hat, indicating his admiration of her strength and perseverance as well as his appreciation of her as a bull-riding fan.

Linda Wells' battle with breast cancer became the inspiration for the inaugural breast cancer awareness month sponsored by the PBR. They learned how she had used Mauney's mantra to persist through

her own experience and wanted to spotlight this in their campaign. Linda Wells was asked to participate in television interviews with J.B. Mauney "down in the dirt" at the Oct. 1 kick-off of the campaign in Charlotte, N.C., at the Troy-Bilt Invitational. She continues to be impressed by how dedicated bull riders are to their fans.

In addition, the PBR joined forces with Wrangler Western Wear in the Wrangler Tough Enough to Wear Pink Campaign, which aims to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research. At bull-riding events in October, all fans, staff and athletes are encouraged to don pink in support of this campaign. The joint effort has raised more than \$9.75 million, partly through the donation of a portion of proceeds from Wrangler TETWP merchandise.

At Linda Wells' one-year check-up, there was no evidence of disease. She's due for her 18-month mammogram and check-up soon and continues to follow professional bull riding avidly. She looks forward to attending the PBR finals in Las Vegas in a couple of weeks.

"It's something I've always wanted to do since I started watching bull riding," she said. Mauney, as one of the top 40 bull riders in the world, will be there and she looks forward to cheering him on.

In addition to following bull riding events on television and in person when she can, Linda Wells and her husband will visit their son in Jacksonville, Fla., when the weather gets colder. Her grandson, her daughter's

"When I was diagnosed with cancer, I followed J.B. Mauney's words. I took it one jump at a time."

— Linda Wells

son, is her "biggest passion" and she enjoys spending time with him weekly and attending his baseball games.

Another significant part of Linda Wells' life is time spent at Life with Cancer in Fairfax. She praised the non-profit organization's free classes and support groups. "They run all of the different types of cancer as well as breast cancer support groups," she said. She participates in exercise classes, yoga and meditation regularly and attends breast cancer seminars whenever possible.

She also serves as a sponsor in the breast cancer support groups for women who are still in treatment or have finished treatment.

"Nobody can understand what you're going through unless they've been through it," Linda Wells said. "It's a place you can go when you're going through it, to talk to people who have been there and done that that are willing to give you honest answers. Once you've been through it you can be there for other people who are just starting their journey."

When Linda Wells was going through her own treatment, she would update the others in her group on Mauney's scores. In that way, he helped inspire her entire support group to take their struggles "one jump at a time."

For anyone interested in professional bull riding, she recommends tuning in to the Versus channel on weekend nights. She hopes to attend the PBR events on Feb. 3 and 4, 2012, in Baltimore as well.

More

For more information on Professional Bull Riders: www.pbr.com

For more information on the Wrangler Tough Enough to Wear Pink Campaign: www.toughenoughtowearpink.com

For more information on Life with Cancer in Fairfax: www.lifewithcancer.org

COLLEGE NOTES

The following students from Fairfax graduated from the University of New Haven on May 15: **Abdulrahman Alamer**, masters of computer science; **Samah Almeahmadi**, masters of cellular and molecular biology; **Majid Alsammari**, masters of computer science; and **Sara Alzuwayed**, masters of health care administration.

Rebecca A. Bajkowski of Fairfax has been named an Alden Scholar for the 2009-10 academic year at Allegheny

College. A graduate of W. T. Woodson High School, Bajkowski is a sophomore at Allegheny.

John Awbrey has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2010 semester. Awbrey is from Fairfax. To be eligible for dean's list, a student must carry a semester GPA of 3.5 or better and take a minimum of 12 letter-graded hours (four courses).

Drew University student **Elizabeth**

Reams of Fairfax has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2010 semester. In order to qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of 3.4 or above, which is equivalent to a B+ or better.

Kamila Goldin of Fairfax is among 581 students named to the fall 2010 semester dean's list at Ohio Wesleyan University. Goldin also is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School of Science & Technology. To qualify for dean's

list recognition, Ohio Wesleyan students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale in at least three unit courses.

Wandella Lynn of Fairfax was named to the fall 2010 dean's list at Ball State University. The dean's list recognizes undergraduates who earn at least a 3.5 grade-point average for 12 or more credits of graded course work during a semester or for 6 or more credits of graded course work during a summer

term. Lynn also graduated magna cum laude from Ball State University in the fall 2010 with a B.S. degree.

Fairfax resident and Azusa Pacific University student **Lisa Damerell** made the academic deans' oist at APU. Damerell is honored for a fall semester 2010 academic standing of a 3.5 or better grade-point average. She is a marketing major, who is joined by 1,765 other students receiving the same honor.

COMMUNITY

Gilbert Pens Book on Leaders

FROM PAGE 10

Gilbert has received kudos from local readers. Lt. Jeff Hunt, with the City of Fairfax Police Department, picked up Gilbert's book at one of his recent book-signings, and said he plans to attend the next one at Historic Blenheim. "Lead Like a General" is probably the best book I have ever read. I'd like to read any other books he's written," Hunt said.

As the regional parks director, Gilbert oversees the management of a diverse system of public lands and facilities that include numerous historic sites. He also serves an adjunct professor at George Mason University, and has written numerous articles on leadership, history and environmental issues for magazines and newspapers. He received degrees from St. Andrews College, George Mason University and the Wharton School of Business.

His job brings together many of his passions. "I love history, and love figuring out how organizations work and how they can work better. It fascinates me

that the only reason people really get together is to achieve a higher goal," he said.

"On the leadership side, writing this book helped me think about the real world application of current leadership research," Gilbert said.

"When you take something from a study or theory to a real world example, it is much easier to understand, and see how best to apply these lessons in your career and life. We all look for ways to be more efficient and effective in what we do. This provides simple tested methods of creating more effective organizations."

"Leadership is a foundation of success in anything, and there's a misconception, I think, leaders are born, not made. The book explains how anyone can be an effective leader with a combination of momentum, self-confidence that Mosby and others displayed."

Writing the book underscored an important lesson for him: while technology changes, people don't.

"What it boils down to is that leadership is a skill for everyone," he said.

MILITARY NOTES

Marine Corps Pfc. Daniel A. Fernandez, a 2010 graduate of Fairfax High School, recently graduated from the Marine Corps Basic Combat Engineer Course at Marine Corps Engineer School, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. Fernandez, the son of Oscar A. Fernandez of Fairfax, joined the Marine Corps in August 2010.

Army Cadet Jefferson L. Lansford received the George C. Marshall Award during an awards ceremony at the Marshall Center, Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va. The award is named in the honor and legacy of General of the Army George C. Marshall, who served in World War II as the Army Chief of Staff and in the post-war era served as secretary of state and secretary of defense. The cadet is a student at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. Lansford is the son of Jackson Lansford of Oakcrest Drive, Fairfax, and Amy Lansford of Wye Oak Commons Circle, Burke. He graduated in 2007 from J.W. Robinson Jr. Secondary School.

Navy Lt. Grant W. Robinson, a 1999 graduate of W. T. Woodson High School, alongside approximately 40 sailors of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 40 (VRC-40) recently returned from a six month deployment in support of maritime security operations, while attached to aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman homeported in Naval Station Norfolk, Va. Robinson joined the Navy in May 2004.

Navy Seaman James S. Poyner, son of Mark D. Poyner of Fairfax, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Poyner is a 2006 graduate of C. D. Hylton High School of Woodbridge.

Navy Seaman Recruit Kyle C.

Bidlack, son of Rita and William A. Bidlack of Fairfax, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Bidlack is a 2006 graduate of Robinson Secondary School.

Navy Midshipman Andrew M. Canady, a 2011 graduate of James W. Robinson Jr. Secondary High School, and more than 900 other freshmen recently completed Plebe Summer while attending the United States Naval Academy. Canady will go on to complete the academic year as a Midshipmen.

Navy Midshipman Emily D. Buzzard, daughter of Margaret G. and Frank C. Buzzard of Fairfax, and more than 900 other freshmen recently completed Plebe Summer while attending the United States Naval Academy. Buzzard will go on to complete the academic year as a Midshipmen. Buzzard is a 2011 graduate of Fairfax High School.

Navy Midshipman Philip J. Song, son of Julie Hsu of Fairfax, and Ling Y. Song, of Fairfax, and more than 900 other freshmen recently completed Plebe Summer while attending the United States Naval Academy. Song will go on to complete the academic year as a Midshipmen. Song is a 2011 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School.

Navy Midshipman Alexander L. Jabaley, a 2010 graduate of W. T. Woodson High School, and more than 900 other freshmen recently completed Plebe Summer while attending the United States Naval Academy. Jabaley will go on to complete the academic year as a Midshipmen.

Navy Midshipman Peter M. Severs, son of Paula E. and Paul J. Severs of Fairfax, and more than 900 other freshmen recently completed Plebe



Air Force Reserve Airman Nadia S. Gandin graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Sergio Gandin of Fairfax Boulevard in Fairfax. Gandin graduated in 2003 from Woodbridge High School.

Summer while attending the United States Naval Academy. Severs will go on to complete the academic year as a Midshipmen. Severs is a 2011 graduate of W. T. Woodson High School.

Navy Midshipman Emma G. Ferris, daughter of Kathryn G. Ferris of Fairfax, and more than 900 other freshmen recently completed Plebe Summer while attending the United States Naval Academy. Ferris will go on to complete the academic year as a Midshipmen. Ferris is a 2010 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School.

COLLEGE NOTES

Kamila Goldin of Fairfax is among 581 students named to the fall 2010 semester dean's list at Ohio Wesleyan University. Goldin also is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School of Science & Technology. To qualify for dean's list recognition, Ohio Wesleyan stu-

dents must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale in at least three unit courses.

Wandella Lynn of Fairfax was named to the fall 2010 dean's list at Ball State University. The dean's list recognizes undergraduates who earn at least

a 3.5 grade-point average for 12 or more credits of graded course work during a semester or for 6 or more credits of graded course work during a summer term. Lynn also graduated magna cum laude from Ball State University in the fall of 2010 with a bachelor of science degree.



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Woodson quarterback Stephen Trapp hands off to Nick Peevy, who rushed for 100 yards against T.C. Williams on Oct. 6.

Cavaliers Score First Win

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The Titans scored the game's final points on an 8-yard run by Rayquan Brunson late in the third quarter. However, T.C. Williams was whistled for an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty after the touchdown, and Woodson coaches opted to make the Titans kick a 35-yard extra point rather than take the penalty on the ensuing kickoff. The point-after attempt was blocked and the Cavaliers held on to their one-point advantage.

Dishun, who was the defensive coordinator at Lake Braddock prior to taking the

head coaching job at Woodson, earned his first win with the Cavaliers. He said he was proud of the way the team bounced back from the previous week, during which Woodson lost to West Springfield, 48-0.

"It's pretty doggone good," Dishun said of getting his first win with Woodson. "I'm extremely proud of these guys. They did everything they needed to do. They really finished and kept responding to all the changes in the game. I'm really proud of them, especially coming off a week like last week. It says a lot about their character, I think."

Woodson will travel to face Annandale on Friday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Riddick Bowe Book

FROM PAGE 17

out the project.

"Our relationship is very playful," said Vick. "I'm always messing with him. He's almost like my big brother. We attend fights together. I feel like he's just a member of my family."

VICK NOTED that Bowe has been down on his luck lately and he hopes that his book will "lead him back to the beaten path."

Brian Bishop, vice president of Winter Fried Brotman Communications, said, "It's a testament to the type of person Vick is. It's very difficult to have a book published in today's world. He's taking a chance by having it self-published. He's got to feel very proud. He sort of willed it to make it happen. You can tell by his personality he doesn't really take 'no' for an answer. That's a good trait to have as a writer and reporter."

"I'm happy for him," said Derek

Gionta, staff writer for secondsout.com and contributor to the book. "Looks like he did a really good job."

Vick has talked to a few movie theaters about his book.

In addition to writing about boxing, he runs the Fairfax Basketball School. But he says he may not be doing that for long.

"It looks like I will be returning to the game of basketball in November," said Vick. "I'll probably be signing with a European team. Really what I do is I train and I write."

He currently lives in Burke, which he described as beautiful, quiet and peaceful.

"I was convinced I was going to play in the NBA," said Vick. "I guess God had another plan for me and I'm really liking the plan. I'm really excited for where this plan is going to go and I'm really proud to represent the Northern Virginia area while I do it."

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21 Announcements

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
SUPERIOR COURT**
Judicial District of Fairfield at Bridgeport
Docket FBT FA 11 4036780 S
Order of Notice in Family Cases

Plaintiff--Moreno Duron, Ruth

Defendant-Rodolfo, Carlos

Notice to Rodolfo Duron, Carlos

The Court has reviewed the Motion for Order of Notice and the
Complaint/Application which asks for:

Divorce

The Court find that the party to be notified lives out of state at
6905 Cabin John Rd, Springfield, VA 22150.

The Court finds that the Current address of the party to be notified
is unknown and that all reasonable efforts to find him/her
have failed. The Court also finds that the last known address of
the party to be notified was:

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The Court orders that notice be given to the party to be notified
by having a State Marshal or other proper officer place a legal
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Springfield, VA containing a true and attested copy of the Order
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(dissolution of marriage), a complaint for dissolution of civil union,
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for custody or visitation, a statement that Automatic
Court Orders have been issued in the case as required by Section
25-5 of the Connecticut Practice Book and are part of the
Complaint/Application on file with the Court.

The notice should appear before 10/29/11 and proof of service
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Judge Corinne Klatt 9-28-11

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The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park
Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2012, include the
following:

1. An increase in the Availability Charge from \$3,600 to \$3,700†.
2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$8,500 to \$9,000.
3. An increase in the Account Charge from \$32 to \$33.
4. An increase in the base Commodity Charge from \$2.04 to \$2.16 per
1,000 gallons of water.
5. An increase in the Peak Use Charge from \$2.95 to \$3.20 per 1,000 gal-
lons of water.
6. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to
include the increase in the Commodity Charge and Peak Use Charge.

A copy of the proposed changes can be viewed on our Web site at
<http://www.fairfaxwater.org/rates/index.htm>. Those wishing to speak at
this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms.
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All written comments must be received by close of business on
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