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Isn't She Lovely

Bethany Munt crowned Miss Greater Springfield on Saturday, Feb. 28.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

Bethany Munt, 23, of Alexandria was crowned Miss Greater Springfield 2009, the first step in the Miss America Pageant, on Saturday, Feb. 28 at Greenspring. She won \$1,000 and the chance to compete in the Miss Virginia pageant in June in Roanoke.

"I was very surprised and honored to have won."

— Bethany Munt, Miss Greater Springfield 2009

"I entered Miss Springfield and things just clicked," said Munt. "I was very surprised and honored to have won. ... This is the first time that I've even placed. I was absolutely speechless."

Munt competed against six other girls in talent, swimsuit, evening gown

and onstage question and interview. Her platform was Strong American Schools, based in Washington, D.C., which promotes education.

"She seems to be a sponge, seems to be absorbing everything," said Jerry Burks, executive director of the pageant. "She seems to want to be out in the community, talking about her platform and she wants to meet the young girls, it's part of being out in the public and being seen."

WITH AN undergrad degree in child development from Hobart and William Smith College in Geneva, N.Y., Munt taught school in New York and New Zealand, where she said, "I was blown away by their education system."

Now she's working on her master's degree at George Mason University's School of Public Policy.

With Strong American Schools, Munt said, "Their ultimate goal is to get people thinking about why education should be taken seriously."

She has also competed in the Miss New York pageant, the Apple Blossom pageant and Miss Arlington, but didn't place.

Munt calls her experience with the Greater Springfield pageant "fantastic,"



Pictured are Bethany Munt being crowned Miss Greater Springfield with Miss Greater Springfield Teen, 2009 Cordelia Cranshaw of Alexandria.

pointing out that they gave roses to contestants in the evening gown portion. "My favorite part was they had little historical parts to introduce each section," she said.

For example, the swimsuit competition showed how the girls take pride in seeing themselves healthy and keeping fit.

When Munt is not competing, she coaches

gymnastics on the weekend for JW Tumble in Arlington. She also coaches at Barcroft Community Center.

In the future, she hopes to do something with education policy, whether it be working on the legislative side or working with interest groups. For now, she manages a local dog-walking company.

Extortion, Guns and Visa Fraud

Man sentenced to 18 months for conspiracy to commit fraud, transporting illegal firearm.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

A three-year FBI investigation into extortion, gun distribution and visa and marriage fraud concluded with the sentencing of a seventh and final defendant in U.S. District Court in Alexandria Friday, Feb. 27.

The FBI investigation began in 2005 when Springfield resident, Amjad Mustafa Hamed, 32, attempted to purchase six U.S. visas from an FBI source to put on six Palestinian Authority passports smuggled into the United States, according to Joseph Persichini Jr., assistant director in charge of the FBI Washington Field Office.

Hamed, a lawful permanent resident, told the FBI source that he had six associates who wished to emigrate, and that was "only the beginning." If the source were successful, Hamed promised his connections would make the source a millionaire, according to Persichini.

Amjad Mustafa Hamed was sentenced to 18 months in prison for conspiracy to transport an illegal firearm and conspiracy to commit visa fraud.

During the sale of a sniper rifle to the FBI source, Amjad Hamed bragged how he could transport weapons to the middle of Lebanon and had access to at least 10 M-16 fully automatic rifles.

Ibrahim Fadel Hamed, 28 of Alexandria, told the source that he was the one who obtained the weapons and promised that he could "get more and better guns," according to Persichini. Ibrahim Hamed was sentenced to 10 months in prison after pleading guilty to conspiracy to transport an illegal firearm.

Several defendants approached the source to commit a variety of crimes for a fee, according to Persichini, including using force to collect an outstanding debt of \$38,000 from a man in Chicago. Akram Salih, 34 of Alexandria, accepted a \$10,000 payment after he believed the act had oc-

curred. Salih was sentenced Friday to 12 months and one day in federal prison.

Sameh Ibrahim, 51 of Alexandria, was sentenced to 10 months in prison for conspiracy to bribe a customs agent and immigration fraud for involvement in a fraudulent marriage.

Sameh Ibrahim is a citizen of Egypt illegally in the United States, according to Persichini, as well as his son, Ayman Ibrahim, 22 of Alexandria, who was sentenced to four months in prison for helping his father's marriage fraud. Basem Ibrahim, 20, was sentenced to five months for assisting his father.

Mohammed Jameel Abdelazez, 46 of Alexandria, a lawful permanent resident, was sentenced to three years probation for conspiracy to bribe a federal agent, after attempting to arrange for a source to bribe a customs official.

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of State, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms assisted in the investigation of the case, prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeanine Linehan.

All seven defendants were arrested Sept. 29, 2008.

Advocates Pull Back

Later start times backers say plan is too disruptive.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County school bus driver Georgia Walsh takes students to and from West Potomac High School, Sandburg Middle School, Waynewood and Stratford Landing elementary schools five days a week.

She also picks up the same students in the morning that she drops off in the afternoon and has developed a relationship with their families, particularly those with children in elementary school.

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County Honors Football Legends

Mike Skinner, John Schaffstall and Eddie Royal inducted as part of 2009 class.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Minutes after attendees finished their chicken over rice with a side of asparagus, former U.S. Rep. (R) Tom Davis took the stage Sunday afternoon, March 1, at the McLean Hilton and told a story about his own football glory days.

"I played end, guard and tackle," Davis said as area coaches, players and supporters gathered at the 19th Annual Fairfax County Football Hall of Fame Awards Banquet. "I sat at the end of the bench, guarded the water bucket and tackled anyone who came near it."

The oft-told joke drew plenty of laughs, but Davis followed with a more poignant story about a son wanting to play catch with his father. But before the dad obliged, Davis said, he took a map of the world from a local newspaper, cut it into 25 pieces and asked his son to put it back together.

Three minutes later, the son emerged with the map re-assembled. The befuddled father asked how his son performed the task so quickly and, in the process, noticed a picture of a child on the back of the map.

The moral of the story?

"If you put the child together right," Davis said, "the rest of the world will take care of itself."

In addition to honoring the top youth league and high school coaches in Fairfax County, the event also honored the 2009



John Schaffstall, right, a longtime commissioner for the Braddock Road Youth Club, was inducted into the Fairfax County Football Hall of Fame this past Sunday.

class of inductees, which included Mike Skinner, John Schaffstall and Eddie Royal.

The evening's first inductee was Skinner, who coached at Groveton, Marshall and Centreville high schools. The longtime coach was surrounded by many of his former players, including former pros Keith Lyle and Michael McCrary and current Cleveland Browns defensive back Nick Sorensen.

"I wanted to make sure that I thanked everyone that was going to be here," said Skinner, who won a Northern Region title at Centreville in 1999 and region and state titles in 2000. "It's a great thing to do here. Other counties and other areas don't have that."

Schaffstall, a former Braddock Road Youth Club commissioner and a former assistant coach at Robinson Secondary School, insisted that the Hall of Fame was never anything that went through his mind.

"In my mind, it's kind of a shock," said Schaffstall, who's now the defensive coordinator at Strasburg High School. "It was never an aspiration. I just wanted to do the best I could for youth football."

Eddie Royal, a Westfield High and Virginia Tech graduate who caught 91 passes this past season as a wide receiver with the Denver Broncos, was the final inductee.

Though he acknowledged the impact that playing youth football in Fairfax County had on his career, Royal also made a point to

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— Former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis

emphasize education, calling on his own experience at Virginia Tech when he stayed for his senior year to get his diploma.

"It's a good feeling to be surrounded by a lot of people who supported me and helped me get to where I'm at right now," Royal said. "It's also good to come back and be able to talk to the young kids and try to a positive message about hard work and valuing your education."

Other honors included a proclamation by Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), who declared every March 1 to be Mark Meana Day in her district, honoring the longtime chairman of the Fairfax County Youth Football League.

Mike Olsen (Stone Bridge), Stephon Robertson (Edison), Bryn Renner (West Springfield), Jack Tyler (Oakton), Jovan Smith (Flint Hill) and Adrian Ingram (Battlefield) were honored as the High School Players of the Year. Mickey Thompson (Stone Bridge) and Joe Thompson (Oakton) took home Coach of the Year honors. Joey McCallum (Oakton), Tommy Verbanic (Westfield) and Kyle Spencer (Edison) all received \$1,500 college scholarships. Falls Church director of student activities Jeanne Kelly received the Karl Davey Memorial Award, and Dan Kain Trophies (Jim Preziotti, Larry Grandy and Joe Smith) was awarded the Tom Davis Meritorious Service Award. Jeff Davey of Chantilly Youth Association was recognized as the Commissioner of the Year.

'That Nuggety Competitor'

Lake Braddock's Anna Puglisi, though only 60 inches tall, stars on Division-I stage.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

For three years, Anna Puglisi had hoped that her softball team, the Division-I Pennsylvania Quakers, would return to her hometown and play George Mason University. And for three years, Puglisi has been sorely disappointed.

But during a workout early last fall, Quakers coach Leslie King approached Puglisi and told her that the team had decided to play in the 2009 Patriot Classic softball tournament at the end of February.

Puglisi's dream to return to a softball diamond near home became reality this past

weekend, as Pennsylvania played two, six-inning games on Friday — both lopsided losses — and one more on Saturday, taking a 6-1 win back to Philadelphia.

"Getting to play my senior year in Virginia and having my family and friends there that was exciting," said Puglisi, a 2005 Lake Braddock graduate and Springfield native. "My teammates were all excited because they knew we were really close to my home, and they've heard a lot about Virginia."

Puglisi's collegiate debut at home may have been just as unusual as the fact that, at 5-foot-nothing, she's playing high-level college softball. Mildly recruited out of high school, Puglisi has found a home at Penn-

sylvania, developing into one of the team's captains this spring.

IN HER FIRST at-bat on Friday, Puglisi recorded her first hit of the season. It could also hold up as her strangest. With a swing that helped her earned first team All-Patriot District honors twice at Lake Braddock, Puglisi, a left fielder, lunged after an outside pitch.

But as she ran to first base, the ball, traveling no farther than 5 feet from home plate, fell in front of St. Joseph's catcher Brooke Darreff and plugged itself into the mud-dirt mix that was produced with last week's rainstorm. Puglisi didn't record another hit during the three-game set, finishing 1-for-6.

The unusual trip continued when



A 2005 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School, Anna Puglisi is a two-starter and captain for the University of Pennsylvania softball team.

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Later Start Time Plan 'Too Disruptive'

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"My parents know Mrs. Walsh is there in the morning and Mrs. Walsh is there in the afternoon," she said.

So Walsh was upset when she heard that, next fall, bus drivers may be picking up one group of students and dropping off an entirely different group of students in the afternoon.

Fairfax County Public Schools is proposing an entirely new bell schedule for schools, in part to accommodate later start times for high school students. Studies show that teenagers can benefit from a later class schedule because they predisposed to stay up later at night and wake up later in the morning.

But for bus drivers like Walsh, the new bell schedule would only make it harder to form a relationship with the students she drives and their families, she said.

She also worries about elementary school students — some of which would be pushed to an earlier opening time on the new schedule — having to wait for the school bus in the dark morning. Currently, the only students who ever have to get on bus before dawn are already in high school.

"I am extremely concerned about picking up young students in the dark," she said.

THE BUS DRIVER is not alone in her opposition to the bell schedule proposal.

More than 200 people, many opposed to a change in start times, attended a community meeting about the matter at Whitman Middle School Feb. 26. The Fairfax County School Board is expected to take a vote on shifting school start times at its March 9

meeting.

Many of those attending the meeting were elementary and middle school parents, who said they worried about the impact a bell schedule change would have on the child care arrangements and children's after-school activities. Several also added that they didn't think the rest of the families in the school system should have to change their schedule to accommodate high school students.

"People are really against this. That is a side of this issue that I don't think has really been talked about fully," said Greg Milonovich,

a West Springfield resident with children in elementary school.

Some high school groups, particularly those associated with sports, are also concerned about what impact the proposal could have on extra-curricular activities like swimming.

Even those people who have been working for years to promote later high school start times in Fairfax County Public Schools have said they can no longer support a proposal that would radically shift when thousands of children would be picked up by school buses next year.

Sandy Evans, co-founder of the Start Later for Excellence in Education Proposal (SLEEP), has been one of the county's leading advocates for pushing back the high school bell schedule.

But Evans said the current proposal in-

cludes too many drastic shifts for elementary schools. For example, some elementary schools that currently start after 9 a.m. this year would have to begin before 8 a.m. next year.

Many middle school parents are also concerned that their children would be starting school well after 9 a.m. and getting out of school later. Several are not comfortable with leaving their middle school-age children home to catch the school bus while they go to work, said Evans.

"This is not going to go as is. It just can't," said Evans.

The school system's chief operating officer Dean Tistadt said some elementary

schools will have to go to school on the first school bus shift — before 8 a.m. — and some middle schools will have to start on the latest school bus shift — after 9 a.m. — to get high schools students on the middle shift.

"We are keeping costs down by having schools open from 7:50 a.m. to 9:40 a.m. If you squeeze the opening times more than that, the cost increases dramatically," said Tistadt.

School Board member Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill), who has been skeptical of efforts to change high school start times, said it is also going to be difficult to pass any proposal that changes a significant number of families' schedules in the county.

"Now we are talking about the real world changes. Are the benefits of doing this worth the trade offs that have to be made to ac-

complish this? On balance, people don't believe the potential benefits are worth the disruption," said Gibson.

But School Board member Brad Center (Lee) believes some of the concerns people have could be mitigated if the county and school system worked together. For example, Fairfax schools could possible offer "before school" programs for middle school students instead of "after school" programs, should those students be moved to a later bell schedule, he said.

"I believe that some of the issues can be mitigated or resolved. Not all of them but definitely some of them," said Center.

Some people may also be too caught up in how the details of the plan will impact their lives personally instead of looking at the problem holistically, said School Board President Dan Storck (Mount Vernon).

"To some degree it is very personal at this point," said Storck.

BUT THERE were at least a few high school students who showed up to support the proposal.

West Potomac senior Maiya Ilyas said she often has to take a nap when she gets home from school activities and then wakes up later in the evening to do her homework.

"My body functions better at night so I wake up to work at night," she said.

Hayfield Secondary School sophomore Evan Haskel said he struggles with staying awake in class and being able to concentrate during the day because his sleep schedule is off.

"It can make kids tired and cranky and incapable of learning properly when they wake up that early," said Haskel.

"Even if my three kids were in high school, I would be against this."

— Greg Milonovich, Springfield parent

Meet Carriers of the Year

Connection honors its top paper carriers for 2009.

N. J. and is still a devoted Yankees fan. In addition to watching and playing baseball, Tristan serves as a youth umpire for area leagues. This Washington Irving eighth grader says that science is his most interesting class. He has delivered The Springfield Connection since 2004 and stashes his earnings in his savings account. Tristan also swims and plays guitar, perhaps inspired by his favorite movie, 'Wayne's World.'

Anna DeMarr has participated in the "family business" of The Connection since 2000 and has managed her 200-paper route solo since 2003. The West Springfield freshman honors student plays soccer, JV field hockey for the Spartans and swims for the Village West Vikings in the summer. Anna has been a Special



Tristan Penna



Anna DeMarr

Olympics volunteer; skiing and going to the beach whenever possible in the appropriate season, baking ("I love my mom's runza and peanut butter cookies!"), and Girl Scout activities fill her time.

Anna also likes that her first name is a perfect anagram — the same backwards and forward.

CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the Franconia District of the Fairfax County Police Department through Feb. 27.

ROBBERY

7000 block of Loisdale Road. Two men assaulted a 35-year-old Springfield man in the 7000 block of Loisdale Road around 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 19. The victim was walking along Loisdale Road when the men grabbed him from behind and punched him in the upper body. The suspects stole the victim's cellular phone and fled. They were described as black, in their teens, wearing dark colored clothing. The victim was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

FATAL CRASH

Lorton Road/ Gunston Cove Road. Police are investigating the death of a man struck by an Amtrak train on Tuesday, Feb. 24. Around 11:44 a.m. police were called to the train tracks near the intersection of Lorton Road and Gunston Cove Road. Officers located an adult male deceased on the track. Detectives from the Crash Reconstruction Unit responded to the scene and the investigation is in its early stages. The train was traveling southbound on the tracks when the train operator spotted a man

standing next to the tracks. The train operator blew his horn and the man stepped on the tracks with his back to the train. The operator then activated his emergency equipment and attempted to stop the train. The man turned toward the train and was struck. It appears the deceased was wearing ear muffs that covered his ears.

GRAND LARCENY/DRIVING ON A REVOKED LICENSE/ARREST

6200 block of Kentland St. A man was arrested for stealing a car from the 6200 block of Kentland St. on Monday, Feb. 23. Around 9 p.m., a 19-year-old Springfield man started his car and went into his house. When he returned a few minutes later, his 1990 Toyota pickup truck was gone. Officers found the pickup in the area of Thomas Drive and Burwell St. with the suspect inside. William Quiroz Quintanilla, 26, of no fixed address, was taken into custody and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. He was charged with grand larceny and driving on a revoked license.

LARCENIES

5900 block of Kingstowne Towne Center. Knives stolen from residence.

Schools May Lease 2nd Administration Building

Fairfax County Public Schools is considering leasing space in an office building that it had hoped to purchase for administrative functions until the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors killed the proposal Feb. 23.

The school system plans to convert two of its existing administrative buildings in the Falls Church area back into schools next fall. Staff said they need to find new office space for those central workers being displaced by the conversion.

"We are not pursuing the acquisition of Gatehouse but that doesn't mean we don't still have space issues that have to be resolved," said the schools chief operating officer Dean Tistadt.

Had the building purchase gone through, Tistadt had planned to put those administrators and others in the new building, "Gatehouse II," a property adjacent to the school system's current central office building in Merrifield.

Though no final decisions have been made, the school system may decide to rent space for administrators in the "Gatehouse II" building anyway, said Tistadt.

"It is one of the things that we are looking at but no decisions have been made about that building," he said.

For the most part, the School Board strongly backed the "Gatehouse II" proposal. They said buying the extra administrative building would save the school system money, in part because it would no longer have to rent as much office space. "This is an option that would have allowed us to save money and help reduce overcrowding in schools," said School Board president Dan Storck (Mount Vernon.)

The proposal was met with large-scale public opposition. Critics said it was not appropriate for the school system to acquire a new administrative building during a budget crisis when schools may increase class size and cut teachers next year.

"The timing for this was just no good. There was tremendous opposition to moving forward with a proposal to purchase an administrative building right now," said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova (D.)

Given the current economic climate, Bulova said she had a hard time feeling confident about the school system's prediction of cost savings.

"We are dealing in a very unstable economic climate and I wasn't sure that the savings in the long term or the short term were truly predictable," she said.

Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay said he was wary of the county acquiring more debt when the county economic is not supposed to experience an upturn until 2012.

"Just because you find a good deal doesn't mean you execute it at the expense of everything else. By that logic, everyone would be out there buying a house right now," said McKay.

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) was not convinced that the school system could not fit the administrators they need to move into the administration building they own now.

"They never demonstrated they couldn't clear out of the two office buildings they really need for schools by consolidating and crowding into the existing space they have," said Foust.

The School Board could cause problems if they decide to lease "Gatehouse II" after the county board voted down the purchase.

"I would view that as slap in the face. I think that is going to make life really difficult if they do that," said McKay.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

THE COUNTY LINE

Budget Process Falls Short

Critics: \$650 million shortfall calls for more 'revolutionary thinking.'

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

After months of pouring over Fairfax County's lines of business, the Dranesville Budget Task Force made 13 recommendations about local government spending to its district supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville). Near the top of its short list, the citizens' advisory group asked that the county seriously consider the consolidation of county offices and programs in the face of a \$650 million shortfall in next year's budget.

The county should look into combining public information and technology officer positions across its departments and agencies, they said. The task force also specifically recommended Fairfax look at merging the Department of Administration for Human Services and the Department of Systems Management for Human Services for cost savings.

"There are certain things in the budget that are very good. There are also things in there that seem a little rich," said Jim Mietus, a task force member who worked for the federal government's office of management and budget for 33 years.

BUT FAIRFAX COUNTY executive Anthony Griffin disappointed those expecting him to lead a major overhaul or restructuring of county government. Griffin was not available for an interview for this story.

In his initial budget proposal Feb. 23, Griffin included only one consolidation of a county department and agency. He proposed moving the planning commission into the department of planning and zoning.

"Globally speaking, it is not revolutionary. ... During these times, it is going to take revolutionary thinking to manage this kind of shortfall," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee.)

"I was just disappointed we haven't done anything structurally with the budget. All we did with that budget is take some of the reductions that the agency heads put on the table," said Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield).

In a recent interview, McKay rattled at least four different agency and department mergers he thought the county should investigate for potential cost savings: Fairfax's revitalization office could possibly be folded into the county's department of planning and zoning; the park authority and department of community and recreation services could be combined; the office of emergency management might be able to move into the department of public safety; and Fairfax's new homelessness office does not necessarily have to be separated from the department of housing, according to McKay.

"Where you save money in these consolidations is the upper level management positions," he said.

McKay added that he wasn't sure he would be able to support Griffin's one recommendation for consolidation.

"I think [the planning commission's autonomy] is the one thing that makes our land use process work. I don't think you gain enough in savings to take away those independent reviews in land use," said McKay. "The only recommended consolidation in the budget is one I think citizens will object to."

WHEN DRAWING UP his budget draft, Griffin relied heavily on last fall's "lines of business" review, where county agency heads presented what reductions they would make to their individual departments if they had to take a 15 percent cut.

But several supervisors expressed frustration with the "lines

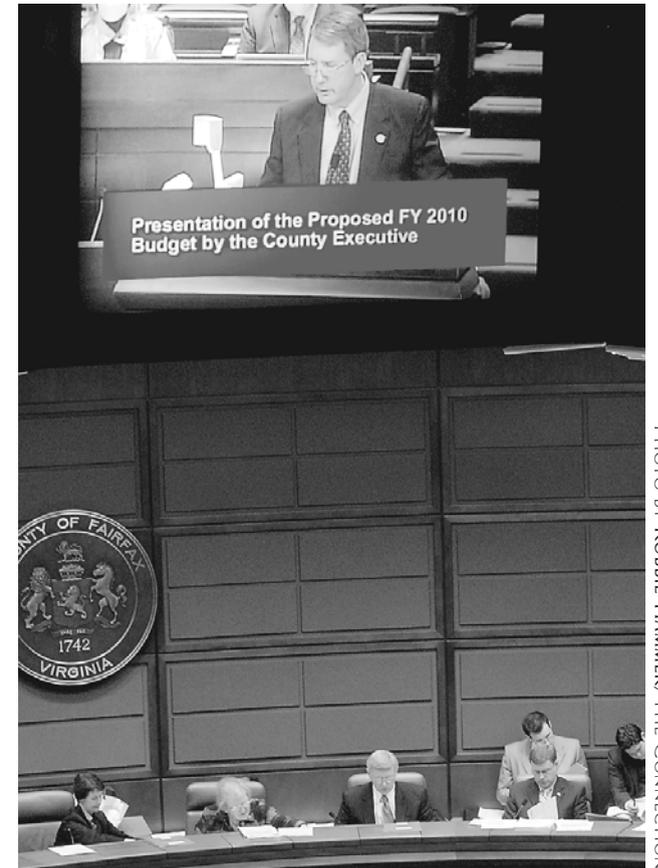


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County Executive Anthony Griffin presented his proposal for the 2009 budget to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on Feb. 23.

of business" process. Many had gone into the process expecting some level of county service restructuring. But the lines of business included no comprehensive look at how the county functions or departments could be combined.

"A series of presentations of how the agency directors could save 15 percent in each of their budgets is not a 'lines of business' review. That was the point I was making early on. ... I thought we would see more sweeping changes, not just chewing around the corners of the budget," said McKay.

But the purpose of the lines of business review process was not to overhaul the county's administration, said Merni Fitzgerald, Fairfax County director of public affairs.

"The purpose was not to make structural changes and structural changes are not needed necessarily," said Fitzgerald.

Either way, the process did result in the types of changes some supervisors wanted to see in a budget cycle this dire.

"The [lines of business review] got us some reductions but it focused on the details and put us in the weeds. ... We needed more than 'in the weeds' reductions," said Herrity.

"As a new supervisor, I would like to take fresh look since we are in a fiscal crisis."

— John Foust, Dranesville Supervisor

DURING HIS BUDGET presentation last month, Griffin said the planning commission consolidation was the only total department merger seriously considered.

"[Griffin] and his staff have apparently concluded the structure we have is the preferable one. As a new supervisor, I would like to take fresh look since we are in a fiscal crisis. This is the opportune time to make sure we are structured properly and

efficiently," said Foust.

County chairman Sharon Bulova said it is not necessarily the job of the county executive to propose major overhauls in the county government. "If there are going to be major policy changes and more structural changes, it can be done with the recommendation of our staff but it is the Board of Supervisors that makes policy," said Bulova.

A small group of supervisors and School Board members started meeting two days after the budget was presented to discuss how county and Fairfax County Public Schools could share services and potentially save money.

Later Start Times Still Possible

Not this proposal, but later start times still worth effort, without hurting athletics and activities.

Next week, the Fairfax County School Board should direct school staff to resolve the many issues and concerns raised about moving high school start times.

Years ago, moving start times for high schools in Fairfax County was impossible because it would have cost \$20 million. That was about a decade ago.

Now, after five years of intensive study and probing by a group of dedicated parents, it turns out that start times could be moved back from 7:20 to 8:30 a.m. at no cost at all.

This alone makes it hard to have a lot of confidence in the financial forecasts coming from the school system.

The devil is in the details, and the details put forward in the proposal last month are fraught with conflict. While it represents a technically feasible plan, it clearly stops there. It seems to have maximized the size and number of changes that Fairfax families would face next year, and Fairfax families have responded

accordingly.

Thousands of people turned out for community forums on the topic, responding with intensity in several directions. Teens and their families worry that later start times will throw a wrench in carefully orchestrated after school activities. Parents of children who attend different schools complain that they would have to accommodate vastly different schedules.

EDITORIAL

The parents who have advocated for later start times have science on their side. But even the many advocates of affording teens an extra hour of sleep have concluded that the current proposal is not workable for the coming year.

IT'S CLEAR that this proposal has too many unresolved issues to move forward for next fall as many had hoped.

But this should be the beginning, not the end, of this proposal. An 8:30 a.m. high school start

time won't cost \$20 million to implement, and it should be compatible with high school sports, including swimming, and other extracurricular activities. Both Arlington and Loudoun manage this start time, and their sports teams compete with Fairfax sports teams in some leagues.

It isn't fair for school staff to dump a half-baked proposal on families without answering the obvious questions. Fear of change will stymie progress.

It's also essential to try to minimize the changes forced on elementary and middle schools individually. For example, if an elementary school has an early time now, it shouldn't be moved to a late time in transition.

These are logistics that can and should be addressed so that it's possible to address healthy start times without compromising athletics or activities.

All change is hard. Some change is worth the effort.

Let's put in the effort to try to resolve the conflicts, not use unresolved questions to fan the flames.

— MARY KIMM

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New Leadership Needed

To the Editor:

Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35) is Virginia's Blagojevich, peddling influence to the highest bidder, but we deserve better from our legislators.

Energy efficiency is cheaper than building new generating plants and provides environmental benefits to boot. A no-brainer.

Virginia Democrats should look for new leadership before the next session.

Roger Diedrich
Fairfax

Gun Bill and The Senator

To the Editor:

I would like to commend you on your recent editorial calling for background checks for private sales at gun shows. It is indeed common sense that guns sold at well-attended gun shows should be sold to only those who are law-abiding citizens. If we are indeed concerned about public safety and the prevention of gun violence, then buyers should be subject to a background check to determine whether they are convicted felons or have a court order deeming them a danger to themselves or another. Licensed dealers routinely run background checks at gun

shows. Indeed, most individuals purchase their guns from licensed dealers. If a buyer passes a background check, they have the freedom to buy and own a gun. It is ludicrous to think that requiring a private seller to run a background check interferes with the freedom to purchase a firearm.

Your editorial rightfully noted that Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37) was the only Northern Virginia legislator to vote against SB 1257, Sen. Henry Marsh's (D-16) bill to required background checks by private sellers at gun shows.

What was most interesting was your juxtaposition of Sen. Cuccinelli's letter describing his Attorney General race and his efforts to pass a bill allowing Choose Life license plates. Sen. Cuccinelli has gone on record to say he would never compromise on background checks; however, he would "trade" background checks if college students could conceal carry on campus. Furthermore, his bill, SB 1528, allows conceal carry permit holders to obtain a permit after taking a one-hour safety class over the Internet. There is no requirement that the permit holder demonstrate he or she can actually handle a firearm. Imagine if we could obtain a driver's license over the Internet without showing we can actually drive a car.

It is ironic that this senator, who calls himself pro-life, is not only

adamantly opposed to any commonsense gun laws, he is a relentless advocate for expanding gun rights. It is also ironic that a man who is running for Attorney General shows such lack of concern for the public's safety.

Both this year and last, members of Virginia Tech families, including Sen. Cuccinelli's two constituents, Joe and Omar Samaha, testified in favor of SB 1257. Again, for the second year in a row, Sen. Cuccinelli stepped out of the room during their testimony. Sen. Cuccinelli has stated time and time again that the Virginia Tech families have not said anything he has not already heard. However, had he stayed, he would have heard Omar Samaha's testimony that he purchased 10 firearms from private sellers, within an hour, with no questions asked, at a Richmond gun show. Regardless, Sen. Cuccinelli owes his constituents enough respect to stay and listen to them; after all, they are the ones who have suffered the most egregious loss of life.

The Senate Courts of Justice committee passed Sen. Marsh's bill despite Senator Cuccinelli's vote. When the bill reached the floor of the Senate, Sen. Cuccinelli requested that the bill be passed for the day with no reason given. That delay allowed a full-court press to wavering senators who ultimately voted against it, an action a New York Times Editorial described as follows: "Bereft of courage as pub-

lic servants, the Richmond senators made clear their crocodile tears about closure, shed in the immediate horror of students gunned down."

Seung Hui Cho did not purchase his guns at a gun show, but had he been denied the purchase of his guns at a gun shop, he could have gone to a private seller at a gun show to avoid a background check.

Lu Ann Maciulla McNabb
Centreville

Thanks for Story

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the Springfield Connection for the story, "Saslaw Casts Deciding Vote Against Energy Efficiency Bill" [Connection, Feb. 19-25, 2009]. This bill would have saved us \$15 billion in electric bills and created 10,000 new jobs. How can Sen. Saslaw (D-35) justify voting against this? He received hundreds of handwritten letters, phone calls and personal visits on this issue. How can he look them in the eye and tell them that he takes his orders from Dominion? He voted against the interests of Virginia and against the will of his own constituents.

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Puglisi

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Pennsylvania's games on Sunday were canceled because of the inclement weather, ending the trip a few hours early as the team traveled back to Philadelphia on Sunday morning.

Though Puglisi's teammates supported her and echoed her enthusiasm for the trip home, they were caught off guard by what Fairfax County looked like.

To those who live close to Pennsylvania's suburban Philadelphia campus, Fairfax is a far cry from the north. When Puglisi talks about where she was born and raised, most teammates insist that she's from a desolate farming town.

"They expected it to be a lot warmer for some reason," said Puglisi, who, along with her team, endured substantial winds and cold temperatures on Friday and Saturday. "They don't really know about suburban Virginia."

PUGLISI HAD grown up around softball. Her father, Rob Puglisi, has the head coach of the Fairfax Blue Jays fastpitch team for the past 11 years and started coaching his daughter when she turned 10, first starting to play catch with her when she was 6.

The Blue Jays produced three players on George Mason's roster: shortstop Rachael Davies (Osborn Park), pitcher Brienne Pease (Centreville) and utility player Morgan Davis (Madison). Another Mason pitcher, Oakton graduate Becky Anderson, plays summer ball with Puglisi for the Fairfax County Women's Fastpitch League.

"It really is a big testament to their determination and their dedication to something, because it's not easy to play at that level," Rob Puglisi said. "A lot of kids are promoted as big-deal high school players, but they don't really succeed much after that. These kids have busted their butts, and they're playing at a level that most people only dream about playing."

When Pennsylvania coach Leslie King first noticed Anna Puglisi on a recruiting trip, she nearly had to invent a word to quantify what she saw. King calls Puglisi "nuggety," which translates best as a sort of scrappiness.

"Being small in stature, she kind of had that chip on her shoulder where she felt she had to do more to stand out," King said. "She's that nuggety competitor that every team needs."

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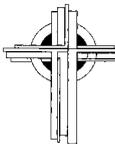


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Real World in Four Colors

Movie, comic book fans find a world of entertainment in graphic novels.

BY MICHAEL O'CONNELL
THE CONNECTION

Judging from the success of blockbuster films like "Iron Man," "The Hulk" and "Dark Knight," moviegoers have developed a taste for comic book movies. Will that taste, however, extend to a movie based on a comic book series that deconstructs the comic book myth? Is the public ready for "Watchmen?"

Written by Alan Moore and illustrated by Dave Gibbons, "Watchmen" was first published in 1986 as a 12-issue comic book series. DC Comics subsequently collected it into a graphic novel, which went on to become a New York Times' bestseller and one of Time Magazine's Top 100 Novels of the 20th Century.

"I have a hard time believe that they're making a 'Watchmen' movie," said Mike Rhode, an Arlington resident who runs a blog about everything comics [<http://comicsdc.blogspot.com/>].

The story centers around a group of superheroes on an alternate Earth in which Richard Nixon is still president. Moore and Gibbons took the superhero myth and extrapolated how it would function in the real world.

"The real world with superheroes would be very disturbing," said Rhode. "Watchmen" has a character called Dr. Manhattan who goes in and single-handedly ends the Vietnam War. What would America be like if they could do whatever they liked to the rest of the world? It wouldn't be pretty."

Fairfax artist Matt Dembicki is also a fan of the "Watchmen" graphic novel. "It's just a wonderful piece of work," he said. "Wonderful storing telling, wonderful artwork, great pacing."

Dembicki runs the Three Crows Press blog [threecrowspress.blogspot.com] and also participates in the dconspiracy.com, which



FANTAGRAPHIC BOOKS
'Ghost World' By Daniel Clowes

like 'Ghost World' is invisible as a comic book," he said. "It doesn't really matter. And 'From Hell,' these were comic books and it doesn't really matter."

THE RISE in the number of comic book-based movies, overt or not, has paralleled the rise of the graphic novel as a popular medium. Originally collections of previously published comic books, graphic novels have evolved into standalone pieces of fiction or non-fiction.

"Will Eisner [creator of the Spirit comics of the 1940s] came up with the term 'graphic novel' as a marketing technique, when he was trying to sell a series of stories aimed at adults to a publisher," said Rhode. Even though it was a series of short stories, he called it a graphic novel."

What Rhode likes about comic books and graphic novels is the medium's flexibility. "You can tell any type of story," he said. While his tastes have grown over the years, he can still enjoy the melding of pictures and words.

"You move from Archie or Richie Rich comics to superhero comics and maybe you decide you like biographical comics like Harvey Pekar," Rhode said. "They is something you find through the medium. You don't have to give up on it just because you've grown up."

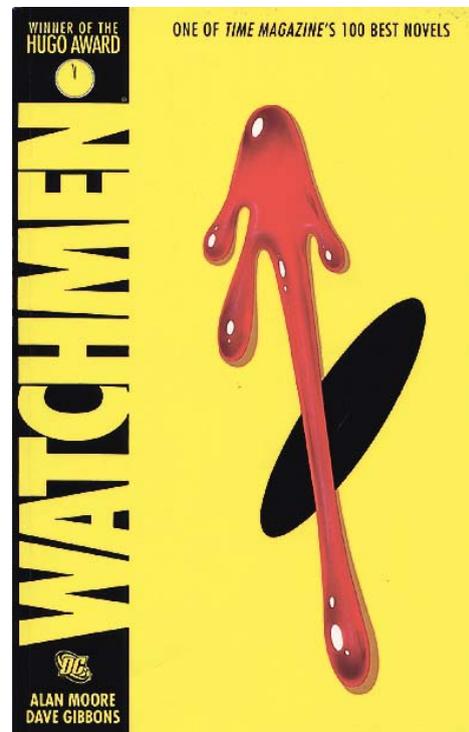
As an artist, Dembicki finds that it's relaxing to draw comics. "I like the fact that I can tell a story," he said. "On one page, I can have several pieces of art. Each panel has its own piece of art. ... The storytelling is just as important as the art."

Jared Smith, owner of Big Planet Comics in Vienna, has been interested in comics since he was 3. "That's how I learned to read," he said.

According to Smith, these days, it's difficult to say who the typical comic book reader is. "There are so many comic books out there

promotes self-published comic book writers and artists in the Washington, D.C. area. "My gut feeling is that people are going to realize that it's a superhero movie, but that they may not realize that it was a comic book first."

According to Rhode, "Watchmen" won't be the first comic book to fly under the radar. "Something



DC COMICS
'Watchmen' by Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons

and the audience is still very, very small, it's a genre, niche market, but it has spread out to the point that people walk in and say 'I want an action story' or 'I want a really touching, dramatic story.'

At the end of the 1990s, Smith began to see a shift in the comic book markets as the number of graphic novels sold rose. "Now it's about a third of our sales are sold in graphic novels,"

To demonstrate how that shift has changed the way Smith has done business, he pointed out that three of the four walls in his Vienna shop are devoted to graphic novels. "The space that we devote to it is much larger," he said. "We carry a much larger selection of it."

Another trend that Smith has seen is the rise of the comic book writer over the artist. "Even 10 years ago, people were very interested in who the hot new artist drawing my favorite character?," he said. "Now, it's who's the great writer writing the books I like? What else has he done? ... Once we find out what people like, we'd say, 'Do you like "Watchmen" by Alan Moore the writer? Here are 40 other books that Alan Moore has written,' and they'd like them as well."

Moore isn't writing many comic books these days. However, this summer will see the release of a new sequel to the "League of Extraordinary Gentlemen," another of his works that was adapted into a film.

Other popular comic book writers include Geoff Johns, Warren Ellis, Brian Michael Bendis, Neil Gaiman, Grant Morrison and Brian K. Vaughn.

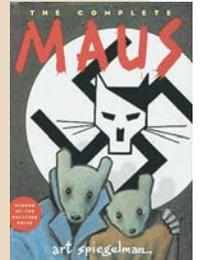
"Usually, we try to find out what they like, what their backgrounds are," said Smith. "We say, 'What kind of movies do you like? What kind of fiction do you like? We find that there is almost a comic book out there for everyone now."

What To Read ...

For those looking to dip their toe into the graphic novel waters, Mike Rhode of comicsdc.blogspot.com/ offers these suggestions:

'Maus: A Survivor's Tale' by Art Spiegelman

Artist Art Spiegelman tells his family's story of the Holocaust. "If you can deal with the subject matter, 'Maus' is very moving and effective," said Rhode. "Because it was published over such a long time period, Spiegelman had an opportunity to refine it."



'Watchmen' by Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons

"Everybody always recommends 'Watchmen,' said Rhode. "'Watchmen' is not a starting point, in my view, because 'Watchmen' is all about deconstructing the superhero trope. If you care about superheroes, it's the best place to participate in the deconstruction."

'Sandman' By Neil Gaiman

"I think 'Sandman' has appealed to a lot of people. I like Gaiman's writing quite a bit. 'Sandman' has that problem of being written as a serial, so sometimes they don't stand alone as well as they might. ... As Gaiman wrote it for a while, it became more a traditional horror/fantasy-type thing."

'Uncle Scrooge' By Don Rosa

Artist Carl Barks drew popular stories about Donald Duck's rich uncle for over 20 years. "Uncle Scrooge was the richest duck in the world or he wanted to be," said Rhode. "Don Rosa grew up on those stories and wrote stories in between Carl Barks' stories."

'Bone' By Jeff Smith



Rhode suggests Jeff Smith's 'Bone' series a good starting point for readers of all ages. "It tells one story of what appears to be funny animal characters, but then it becomes a heroic fantasy about a girl who has to recapture her throne. ... It's a very readable, very accessible story for children and adults."

'Our Cancer Year' By Harvey Pekar

This autobiographical novel follows anti-hero Pekar as he deals with cancer. "The thing about Harvey Pekar is that most people know about the 'American Splendor' movie, which is an excellent movie about him," said Rhode. "That's a sideways way into caring about Harvey as a character or a human being, whatever."



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Adoption Seminar, 2 p.m. at Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Free. Barbara C. Jones of Autumn Adoptions, Inc. at 703-568-1314 or autumnadoptions@msn.com.

Getting the Vote, The Suffragist Story, 12-5 p.m. in Gallery W-16, Second Floor, Workhouse Arts Center, 9517 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Documentary videos, poetry readings, music and a period reenactment about the women who fought for the right to vote. Free. 703-584-2900 or WorkhouseArts.org.

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Open Mic, 7:30 p.m. at Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road, Springfield. www.katesirishpub.com.

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NARFE Springfield Chapter 893 Meeting, 1:30 p.m. at American Legion Post 176, 5620 Amherst Ave., Springfield. Jim Delgado, retired

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Older Adults Book Group, 2 p.m. at the Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. "Presidential Courage: Brave Leaders and How They Changed America 1789-1989" by Michael R. Beschloss. Adults. 703-339-4610.

Science and Stories, 4:30 p.m. at Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Stories and simple experiments. Age 4-6. 703-249-1520.

Practice Your English, 10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for adults. 703-339-4610.

Lullaby Stories, 7 p.m. at the Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Pajamas and stuffed animals welcome. Age 1-5. 703-339-4610.

Springfield Art Guild March Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, 7434 Bath St., Springfield. Guest speaker Mark Isaacs, on perspective in landscapes. Donnalyne Lefever at 703-644-6677 or magickaldl@earthlink.net.

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Becky Mode's "Fully Committed," 7:30 p.m. at Lake Braddock Secondary, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-426-1070.

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BY JASON MACKEY
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On Saturday night, Hayfield junior Brandon Winbush went up for a 3-pointer from the left wing and knocked down the shot. He was the hero, as Hayfield pulled off a 60-57 win over Mount Vernon in the Northern Region semifinals.

In the region title game Tuesday night, Winbush had nearly an identical look at the basket but missed the shot that would've brought Hayfield to within two points of T.C. Williams with 20 seconds to play. And even though he got his own rebound, a steal and coast-to-coast layup by Edward Jenkins of the Titans put the game out of reach.

With that miss, Winbush was left to experience a complete range of emotions at Robinson Secondary School, the highest of highs and the lowest of lows. T.C. Williams left with a 59-52 win over the Hawks and the school's third straight region title.

"I think I was a little too confident," said Winbush, who had 15 points against Mount Vernon but only two against T.C. Williams. "I had a bad night. I was cold, and I just couldn't get a feel for it. I think we did everything we could do, some things just didn't go our way."

Although Hayfield has successfully reversed course from last winter when it lost in the first round of the Patriot District tournament, the Hawks dropped to 21-7 by losing to T.C. Williams for the fourth time this season.

Hayfield's resurgence has come under the direction of second-year coach Ron Palmer, who, after a much-talked-about career as the head coach at Long Beach Polytechnic

High School in California, has the Hawks nowhere near their six-win campaign of 2006-07 — the year before he took over.

"We're not out of it. We still have another opportunity," said Palmer, whose team will play the Central Region champion Friday night at Virginia Commonwealth's Siegel Center. The Central's title game, which features Petersburg and John Marshall, was delayed until Wednesday night, meaning its representative will have to play Hayfield 48 hours later.

"You also have to consider the journey that we're on."

— Coach Ron Palmer, Hayfield Secondary

"You also have to consider the journey that we're on," Palmer said. "We're gonna get there, and when we do, we're going to be handling people of this class because we have the talent."

Lee suffered a 79-61 loss to T.C. Williams last Saturday night in the second boys semifinal game at Robinson, ending the Lancers' two-game run through a treacherous part of the region bracket where they posted wins over Liberty District champion Langley and Concorde runner-up Westfield.

Against T.C. Williams last Saturday, senior Frank Holloway Jr., who played for the Titans his freshman year before transferring to West Potomac for his sophomore and junior seasons, tallied a team-high 16 points and 12 rebounds.

"A lot of people doubted us, but we just knew as a team that we could get here," said Holloway, a 6-foot-5 senior forward who has received interest from Virginia, Radford and Maryland-Eastern Shore. "We tried to come out with some intensity, but it just didn't happen."

Lee crept to within three at 50-47 with 6 minutes, 9 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter when junior Fenan Woldu (nine points) converted a layup and was fouled. Woldu missed the free throw and T.C. Wil-

liams answered with a 15-6 run to pull away.



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Hayfield's Brandon Winbush had little room to operate Tuesday night in the Northern Region title game against T.C. Williams. The Titans won their third straight region title, 59-52.

liams answered with a 15-6 run to pull away.

After starting its season with a pair of wins, Lee lost four of its next five games. But after winning five straight Patriot District contests during the month of January, Lee again found its rhythm. The Lancers finished with an overall record of 14-11, 9-8 against district foes.

Dimitri Sakellarides (12 points), Yoonis Abdulle and Jose Mejia will be lost to gradu-

ation, while Lee's top returner, Walter Griffin, totaled 15 points by hitting five 3-pointers against T.C. Williams. He tied Holloway Jr. for the team-lead in rebounds with 12.

"I thought mentally we got a lot tougher as the season wore on," coach Mike Harris said. "We went through some growing pains at the beginning of the year, but once we started ironing those things out, guys were banged up a little bit but they persevered and did a good job."

Mike Kent Signs With Clemson

On Monday, March 2, the Clemson University baseball team announced its signings for next year's team, which included West

Springfield senior Mike Kent, a right-handed pitcher who was named the Patriot District's Pitcher of the Year last spring. Kent, at 6-feet and 205 pounds, helped West Springfield amass a 15-5 record last season, as the Spartans reached the

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Northern Region semifinals. In addition to first team All-District honors for the past two seasons, Kent was also a first team All-State selection in 2008. Perfect Game, a high school baseball scouting service, ranks Kent as its 13th-best prospect in the state of Virginia.

Shaina Krause Follows Sisters

Shaina Krause, a 16-year-old student at Phan University of Martial Arts in Burke and a junior at South County Secondary, won six consecutive matches to take first place

in the featherweight black belt category at the USA Taekwondo's U.S. Open Championships in Las Vegas on Feb. 12-15. This year's event attracted more than 1,700 competitors from 59 nations, including 17 national teams and 13 Olympians. Furthermore, Krause took first place in the featherweight black belt category at the USA Taekwondo (USAT) Junior Olympic Championships last July and, in the process, earned a spot on the 2008 Junior National team. Krause's two older sisters, Cheryl, 17, and Christina, 21, both won places on national taekwondo teams. In 2006, Cheryl Krause competed in the World Junior Championships, while Christina Krause was a

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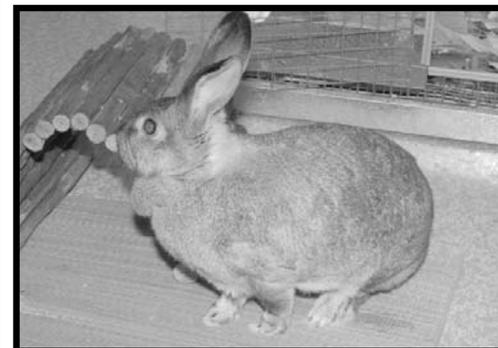
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 3841 Gallows Road, Annandale, Virginia
 In execution of a Deed of Trust from Arnulfo Valles Gal-damez, dated October 17, 2007, and recorded November 21, 2007, in Deed Book 19668 at page 1477 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the 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
Thursday, March 5, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.

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the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:
 Lot 1, Section 1, Lucius Addition to Kenwood as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 2152 at page 490, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.
 Commonly known as 3841 Gallows Road, Annandale, Virginia 22003.
TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$40,000.00 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 6.375 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.
 Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.
 Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.
 In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.
 The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.
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 Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.
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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Deborah Anne Mueller and Sergio Mueller, dated April 19, 2007, and recorded April 27, 2007, in Deed Book 19290 at page 1710 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

Thursday, March 5, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.

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

Lot 35, Section 2, The Reserve at Martins Pointe, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 16397 at page 1, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 10255 Lindsey Meadow Court, Fairfax, Virginia 22032.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$70,000.00 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 6.125 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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

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

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

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

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

DAVID N. PRENSKY
Substitute Trustee

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE

Improved by the premises known as 4976 Dequincey Drive, Fairfax, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Ronnie L. Montgomery and Robin Montgomery, dated December 17, 2007, and recorded December 21, 2007, in Deed Book 19716 at page 1293 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

Monday, March 9, 2009 at 11:30 a.m.

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

Lot 21, Section 1, Briarwood, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 4424 at page 491, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 4976 Dequincey Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22032.

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 6.875 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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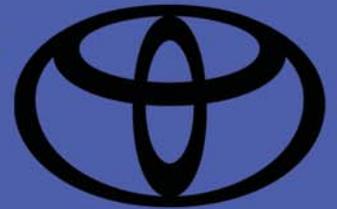
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