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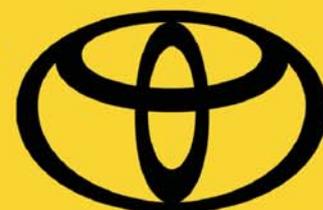
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The Consequences of 'Sexting'

Teens with nude photos of other teens could face child pornography charges.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Several years ago, some nude images of a Fairfax County teen were posted on www.flickr.com, a photo sharing Web site. Within months, the images had spread all over the world and her life changed forever, said Marc MacDonald, a Fairfax County Police school resource officer.

"There are pornographic Web sites that are dedicated to her throughout the world. If you Google her name, the first thing to come up is pornography sites," said MacDonald.

McDonald shared these and other alarming stories to demonstrate the dangers of teen "sexting," which means sending sexual content, including nude or semi-nude photos, through a cell phone message.

He and others spoke at a forum on "sexting" sponsored by Supervisor Patrick Herry (R-Springfield) and Del. Dave Albo (R-42) at West Springfield High School on

May 13.

A 2008 national survey commissioned by CosmoGirl.com and The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy found that "sexting" is a regular practice among teens.

Of the 653 teens that responded to the national survey, 20 percent said they sent nude or semi-nude photos of themselves. Thirty-eight percent of girls and thirty-nine percent of boys said they had seen a nude or semi-nude image of someone that was originally sent to someone else.

"I can't delete those images from everywhere," said MacDonald.

"SEXTING" can often have consequences that teens do not think about and that some adults may not be aware of, said law enforcement officers.

Images meant for a particular person, such as a boyfriend or girlfriend, could end up being sent to others and cause public embarrassment, said MacDonald. Fairfax County Public Schools often has to transfer



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County school resource officer Marc MacDonald talks about 'sexting' with parents.

students out of high schools once a nude or semi-nude photo has been circulated widely.

"When this gets around a school, it is nearly impossible for a kid to continue attending that school," said MacDonald.

COLLEGE admission officers and prospective employers also search for inappropriate content and images on social networking sites like Facebook. Nude or semi-nude photos could impact a teen's ability to get into a certain undergraduate program or

obtain something like a job with a security clearance in the future, said McDonald.

"Twelve applicants were looked at closely for an assistant coaching job at the high school I work at. Three people were automatically disqualified because of what popped up during a Google search," said MacDonald.

"We tell teens that they should never be taking photos of themselves that they

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3 Republicans Run for Attorney General

Virginia GOP picks party nominee at Richmond convention May 30.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

The Republican Party of Virginia's 2009 nominating convention, taking place May 29-30 in Richmond, could be the largest such event in years.

Approximately 10,600 people have signed up to participate and several Republicans are expecting more than 5,000 people to attend.

"I hear it is the biggest one since Oliver North [was nominated in 1994.] This is the kind of thing we are seeing. Now, we are all engaged. Now, everybody is showing up," said Del. Dave Albo (R-42), who represents Springfield and South County.

By comparison, just more than 5,000 people signed up for last year's Republican convention and only about 3,100 people attended, despite a close contest between former Gov. Jim Gilmore and Del. Bob Marshall (R-13) for the party's U.S. Senate nomination.

This year's large numbers could reflect the efforts of the three candidates trying to become the Republican pick for attorney general. The convention delegates will select the party's attorney general nominee and all three campaigns have been working hard

to sign up supporters to attend the event.

"Now you have three hard-working guys going out there and recruiting delegates statewide," said Steve Hunt, a Republican and former Fairfax County at-large school board member.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES for attorney general, John Brownlee, Ken Cuccinelli and Dave Foster all have strong Northern Virginia connections and have been actively recruiting delegates in the area.

Brownlee, the former U.S. Attorney for Virginia's western district, now lives in Roanoke but graduated from Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax County. As a soldier in the U.S. Army, he was also stationed at Fort Meyer in Arlington and lived in Arlington again when he worked as an assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia.

Cuccinelli lives in Centreville and has represented Burke, Springfield and parts of western Fairfax County in the Virginia senate since 2002. He grew up in McLean, and is Northern Virginia's only remaining Republican state senator following the 2007 state elections.

Foster was born in Arlington and currently resides there; he served eight years on the

Arlington County School Board, after first being elected in 1999.

IF ELECTED, all three candidates promised to defend and improve upon Virginia's "business friendly" environment.

"I have spent my 28 years in the law representing a range of businesses from fortune 100 companies to start ups. I have a lot of familiarity with what draws a business to a state and encourages it to expand there," said Foster.

Should the U.S. Congress pass "card check" legislation, which could strengthen labor unions' abilities to grow membership, the three Republican candidates said they would be willing to challenge the law in court, possibly on constitutional grounds.

"If you had forced unionization, it would be devastating to jobs here in Virginia. My job as attorney general is to protect our right-to-work laws," said Brownlee.

All three candidates also promised to help reduce "red tape" and regulations they said are a burden to Virginia businesses and discourage economic growth.

"The attorney general deals with the regu-

lation in Virginia and gives legal advice to all the state agencies. The attorney general can decide whether government continues to extend the arm of power or takes a hand off approach and allow business to grow and expand," said Cuccinelli.

THE CANDIDATES do differ on what other issues might be a top priority if they were elected attorney general.

Brownlee said he would continue former attorney general Bob McDonnell's work on gang violence. McDonnell had a set of prosecutors and one assistant attorney general focus exclusively on gang violence.

"There is an increasing gang problem and the attorney general is going to play an important role in leading our efforts against gang violence," said Brownlee.

If elected, Cuccinelli said he would want to continue his work on the legal issues surrounding mental health treatment.

The state senator has worked as a court-appointed lawyer for people facing involuntary commitment.

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"The number one issue is experience and I am the only prosecutor running."

— John Brownlee



Virginia 'Ginny' McEnearney was appointed to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in 1971.

Virginia McEnearney Dies; Was Former Supervisor

Virginia "Ginny" McEnearney, 81, a former member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for the Springfield District, died May 11 of congestive heart failure at her home in McLean.

Ginny married John McEnearney on June 11, 1949 in St. Agnes Cathedral, in Rockville Center, Long Island and they were going to celebrate their 60th anniversary next month. The early years of their marriage saw the growing family move 14 times in 16 years before finally settling in Springfield in 1965. Ginny McEnearney loved being a Navy wife and enjoyed all of the tours of duty she and John were assigned, but after many moves she embraced life in Springfield and loved being able to put down roots. Settled in the same place for more than three years, she found her family extending beyond her husband and six children to the neighborhood and community she had come to love.

In addition to being a part-time volunteer at St. Bernadette School and Church, she became actively involved in the Springvale Civic association for 30+ years serving for many years as its president. She was appointed to a brief term representing Springfield on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in 1971, and ran unsuccessfully for the Virginia House of Delegates in 1973. Her commitment to her community continued as she remained a behind-the-scenes force in local and state politics for many years, advocating responsible growth, affordable housing and better schools for the next generations of children.

Ginny McEnearney obtained her real estate license in 1976 and after John retired from the Navy and opened McEnearney Associates in 1980, Ginny joined the firm to help out in a variety of capacities: sales agent, office design and decoration for both the Old Town and McLean offices; and eventually co-managing broker of the McLean office from 1988-93. Ginny McEnearney retired in 1993 to the role she was born to and which filled the final 15 years of her life, loving grandmother.

Ginny McEnearney was born on April 14, 1928 in Boston, Mass. and graduated in 1946 from Southside High School in Rockville Center, N.Y. She is survived by her husband John McEnearney; six children, Sean, Sharon, Mark, Maureen, Mike and Kathy; and 11 grandchildren, Colin, Kelley, Kevin, Adrienne, Catherine, Christopher, Molly, Kyle Colleen, Jamie and Alison.

Longtime Springfield Resident Bernice K. 'Bern' Patch Dies

Bernice K. "Bern" Patch, a longtime Springfield resident and mother of three, died at the age of 91 in her home Thursday, May 7.

Born in Listy, Pa., Patch spent most of her childhood in

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Hayfield students dance in a group at the school's prom on May 15.



Malina Davis and Taylor Dolton show their dance moves while enjoying their Senior Prom at the Springfield Waterford on May 15.

Dance Fever

Hayfield students celebrate 2009 Senior Prom at Springfield Waterford.



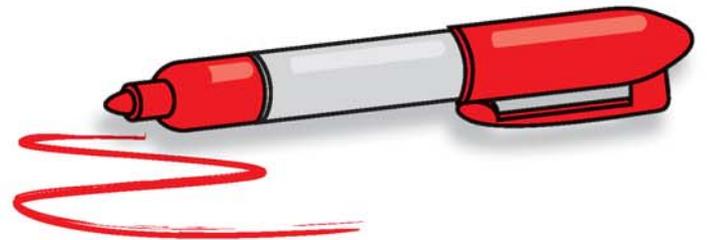
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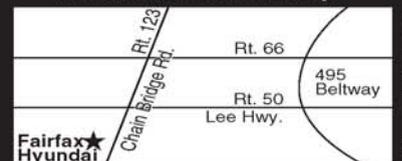
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Racing for the Cure, a Personal Note

Biopsy begins journey of treatment for breast cancer.

In January, a biopsy of a lump I discovered in my breast revealed that I had an early but aggressive breast cancer.

In February, I had surgery to remove the tumor, and in March, I began chemotherapy.

Saturday, May 15, I opened my envelope from the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, pulling out a pink T-shirt that reads, "I believe ... I hope ... I am a survivor." Unfolding that message — about me for the first time — was jolting and emotional.

I'm now more than halfway through my chemotherapy treatments (and bald). In July, I'll begin radiation for six weeks plus a little.

I have long defined myself as a pathological optimist (note, still in the newspaper business). I've been upbeat through my treatment so far, able to work and walk, if a bit more slowly. It might seem like a lot at once — breast cancer, local recession, downturn in newspaper revenues — but I remain firmly optimistic on all fronts.

Because of the paths of millions of women before me, because of efforts for early detection, because of the research funded by Komen for the Cure and others, because of the efforts of thousands of scientists, by Labor Day my cancer could be behind me for good.

There is no good news when you are diagnosed with cancer. But there are successful, targeted treatments for many kinds of breast cancer; if detected early, it is among the most treatable cancers.

It takes more than money to ensure that women are in the best possible position to discover any breast cancer early on — it takes the kind of awareness that comes with 50,000 people coming together to run a 5K race, it takes education, it takes energy, time and effort.



Mary Kimm, pictured here with daughter, Emma Kimm Dixon, 21, and son, Colin Kimm Dixon, 26, at Emma's May 9 graduation from Earlham College.

On June 6, I plan, along with friends and family, to walk on the National Mall with 50,000 or so others in the Race for the Cure.

I encourage you to join the Race for the Cure; there is still time to register and take part in the 5K itself. There are many ways to participate, including walking, running, and even a "Sleep in for the Cure" option (you still get a T-shirt).

But most of all, I urge the women reading this to be sure that they are taking care of themselves, for everyone reading this to be sure the women in their lives are as well.

Early detection is the key, and I offer you no excuses. There is no history of breast cancer in my family. My mammogram five months before I found this lump was clear. Breast cancer is detected early by self-exams, by doctor exams and by mammograms. Be sure you show up for all of the above on your own behalf.

— MARY KIMM

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EDITORIAL

Get Involved

More than 50,000 people are expected on the National Mall on Saturday, June 6 for the Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure. Register at www.globalracefortheure.org, or call 703-416-7223.

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They're Off

Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly's (D-11) District Director Sharon Stark run neck and neck during the annual Annandale Chamber of Commerce Bed Race on May 16. Despite the brawn of the Fairfax County Professional Fire Fighters and the youth of Connolly's crack team of bed pushers, neither Bulova nor Connolly won top honors in the race.

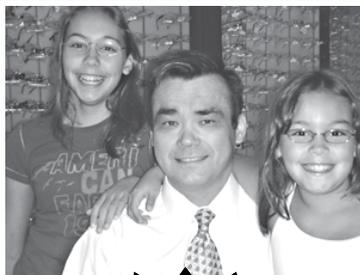
Police Arrest Edison Student

A student at Edison High School was charged with possessing drugs and a weapon Thursday, May 14. According to Fairfax County Police release, the student, Brendan Anglin, 19, of the 8900 block of Ingoe St. in Lorton, left school grounds after school started and returned at approximately 9:20 a.m. Upon his return, the student was met by school personnel, who police said had reason to search his car based on the school's investigation.

While searching the student's 2003 Nissan Sentra, school administrators found drug paraphernalia, a knife and gun. Anglin was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with possession of a firearm on school property, possession of a weapon on school property and possession of marijuana.

According to police, no students were at risk at the time of this investigation. The two weapons charges each carry a maximum 12 months in jail and the marijuana charge will be contingent on past offenses.

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Meeting Addresses 'Sexting' Concerns

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wouldn't want their grandparents to see," said Laurie Nathan, director of NetSmartz, a program of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.

But perhaps the most serious consequence is what can happen legally to a teen that sends or receives an explicit photo of another teen.

IN VIRGINIA, people under 18 who are involved in sending, receiving or taking nude photos of them or other minors can be brought up on child pornography charges.

If convicted, a teen could be placed on the Virginia sex offender registry for the rest of his or her life.

Police officials said it makes no difference whether the minor in the nude photo has distributed the picture himself. Even if the minor in a nude picture is the one who took it, that teen could still be charged, said

MacDonald.

Those laws that apply to minors who produce and send nude photographs were originally written to trap child predators and molesters.

"When we write laws for child pornography, there are no loopholes on purpose. ... I can't even believe to tell you how serious

this is. This is very high stakes legal stuff," said Albo, who represents Springfield and southern Fairfax County in the Virginia General Assembly.

Albo is chair of the Virginia House of Delegates' Courts of Justice committee, which will take a close look at how teen "sexting" might interact with child pornography laws. But the delegate

said he and others might be reluctant to revise existing child pornography laws to provide "wiggle" room — even for minors caught "sexting" — because of the potential consequences.

Albo wants no circumstance to arise in

"I have a lot of familiarity with what draws a business to a state and encourages it to expand there."

— Dave Foster

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which a child molester or pornographer goes free because the existing laws have been written to accommodate teen "sexting" cases, he said.

But a case in which a teen caught "sexting" would be prosecuted under existing child pornography laws is unlikely. Fairfax County commonwealth's attorney and chief prosecutor Ray Morrogh said he does intend to go after teens involved in consensual "sexting," even if he has that ability under the law.

"I see my role as protecting these children from themselves. ... But let's try to get these photos out of the system to save some kids from embarrassment or even worse," said Morrogh.

"These laws weren't passed with the idea that children would be trading in child por-

nography," said Morrogh.

To avoid trouble, a teen who receives a nude or semi-nude photo should contact the police and have the image forensically removed from his or her phone. In this case, simply deleting a photo will not suffice because the image will still be stored somewhere in the phone and can be traced to the teen, said MacDonald.

"When we know a photo has been distributed, the investigation is very thorough and we will find everyone who received that image," he said.

Under no circumstances should a teen or an adult forward a nude or semi-nude photo of minor to other people.

"The biggest consequences come when they forward the image," said MacDonald.

MacDonald said parents have to be more involved in monitoring in talking to their children and monitoring their phone activity. He advises that parents contact their phone companies about what parental restrictions can be put on a phone and what they monitor, including the content of text messages.

He also said teens should not be able to have their phone in their bedroom at night since that is the time when many young adults send sexually explicit messages.



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Bernice K. Patch

Obituary

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Johnstown, Pa., where she met her husband, Campbell Patch, a local broadcaster and got married in 1941. Patch and her husband moved to Springfield in 1954.

Patch and her husband were founding members of the Springfield United Methodist Church in addition to her serving as one of the first treasurers of the Springfield Little League Auxiliary Association. In the 1960s, she worked at the Northern Virginia Bank, later retiring from the Pentagon, where she worked as a secretary.

The Patches enjoyed 63 years of marriage before Campbell died in 2004. Following her husband's death, she moved to Falls Church with her daughter. Patch is survived by her son Dennis of the Philippines, daughter Jane of Falls Church, son John of Colorado Springs, Colo., five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be Sunday, May 30, at 1 p.m. at Springfield United Methodist Church, 7047 Old Keene Mill Road with a luncheon to follow at 1944 Hileman Road, Falls Church. Burial services will be at Arlington National Cemetery on June 2, at 2:30 p.m. Contributions in Patch's memory can be made to the Springfield United Methodist Church c/o Rev. Pastor Craddock.



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Burger King FamilyFest with Kids' Rides and Games

Springfield Mall 3pm – 10pm

Saturday, May 30

Burger King FamilyFest with Kids' Rides and Games

Springfield Mall 11am – 10pm

Family Fun Run

South Run RECenter 8:30am

FitnessFest

South Run RECenter 9am – 2pm

Paws on Parade

Springfield Mall 10am

Eats & Treats, PetFest, Art Show & Exhibitors

Springfield Mall 11am – 6pm

Springfield Toyota Entertainment Stage featuring Miss Belle, Jim Hossick, Mr. Don, Special Delivery

Springfield Mall 11am – 6pm

Movie in the Park featuring Marley and Me

Lake Accotink Park 6pm – 11pm
 The band *Infamous* plays at 7pm
 Showtime at 8pm

Friday, May 29

Burger King FamilyFest with Kids' Rides and Games

Springfield Mall noon – 10pm

Old-fashioned B-B-Q at Old-fashioned Priests

American Legion Post 176
 6pm – 8pm

Sunday, May 31

Burger King FamilyFest with Kids' Rides and Games

Springfield Mall 11am – 10pm

Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta

Lake Accotink Park 12pm – 4pm



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Nancy-jo Manney, executive director of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, said that the event is designed to cater to many. "Springfield Days is community wide, family friendly and open to all," she said. "There is something for everyone, so you can find the events that fit your schedule and come out."

An estimated 20,000 people come out for Springfield Days each year. Many of the events take place at the Springfield Mall, in the parking lot on the Loisdale Road side.

Manney recommended attending the cardboard boat regatta, which is one of the most popular events. "It's a fun and exciting event to either participate in or watch" she said. These cardboard boat races take place Sunday at Lake Accotink Park and have been taking place annually for 20 years. Adults and children of all ages enjoy

constructing boats out of cardboard and tape and entering them in several categories, or just sitting back and watching the fun.

Springfield Days promises to be full of fun

THURSDAY, MAY 28

Burger King FamilyFest. 3 p.m.-10 p.m., at Springfield Mall. Children's rides and games.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

Burger King FamilyFest. 12-10 p.m., at Springfield Mall. Children's rides and games.

Old-Fashion Bar-B-Q. 6-8 p.m., at American Legion Post 176. Indoor cookout with burgers, hotdogs and beverages.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

PetFest. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., at Springfield Mall. Exhibits from local pet vendors.

Paws on Parade. 10 a.m. at Springfield Mall. A parade for dogs and their owners, including treats and prizes for all dogs. Register by calling 703-971-6262.

Fitness Fest. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at South Run RECenter. Guided tours, complementary workouts and open swim, complementary Starbucks. Demonstrations of group exercise classes and equipment.

Family Fun Run. 8 a.m., at South Run RECenter. Run will take place rain or shine.

Springfield Days Eats & Treats. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., at Springfield Mall. Food, live music,



FILE PHOTO

Captained by Jeff Aftergut, team Piece of Cardboard's canoe design brought them success during the 2008 Cardboard Regatta at Lake Accotink.

children's area, art and vendor exhibits.
Springfield Toyota Entertainment Stage. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at Springfield Mall. Will feature Miss Belle, Kid Singer, Jim Hossick and Mr. Don.
Burger King FamilyFest. 11 a.m.-10 p.m., at Springfield Mall. Kid's rides and games.
Movie at the Park. 8 p.m., at Lake Accotink Park. Screening of "Marley and Me."

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Burger King FamilyFest. 11 a.m.-10 p.m., at Springfield Mall. Children's rides and games.

Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta. 12-4 p.m., at Lake Accotink Park. Cardboard boat races, for more information on entering call 703-569-0285

CALENDAR

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6459. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

THURSDAY/MAY 21

Emergency Preparedness for Seniors. 11 a.m. at the Richard Byrd Library, 6315 Backlick Road, Springfield, on the second floor of the Bank of America building. This program will focus on preparation kit items, planning, staying informed and staying in touch. Adults. 703-451-8055.

Springfield Writers' Group. 7 p.m. at the Richard Byrd Library, 6315 Backlick Road, Springfield, on the second floor of the Bank of America building. Share your work, give and receive feedback. Adults. 703-451-8055.

Comedy Thursday. 9 p.m., Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Ages 21 and up. \$5. 703-569-5940 or 202-432-SEAT.

SATURDAY/MAY 23

Park Manager Walk and Talk. Share questions and concerns with Park Manager Kevin Munroe from 5-7 p.m., Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Reservations are required. 703-768-2525.

Habitat Restoration. Join an Invasive Management Area volunteer site leader in a non-native invasive plant removal workday 9:30-11:30 a.m., at Woodglen Lake Park, 10617 Zion Drive, Fairfax. Participants must

be 15 and older, unless accompanied by an adult. Free workday. 703-324-8681.

Sunset Cruise. 7:30-8:30 p.m. An interpretive history of Lake Accotink Park and the area is included in the tour. Beverages are served on board. \$5 per person. Prepaid reservations required. 703-569-0285. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield.

Paddle Adventure-Morning Tour. 8 a.m.-12 p.m., at Pohick Bay Regional Park, 6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton. \$30 per person. Reservations required. A Potomac Overlook Park Naturalist will lead the trip. No experience necessary. 703-339-6104.

FRIDAY/MAY 22

Ponderings: Naturalist Treasure Hunt. Follow clues to find landmarks and use wildlife evidence to search for the "natural treasure" 4:30-6 p.m., at Hidden Pond Nature Center 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. For children 6-10, and includes collecting specimens such as leaves and rocks. Reservations required. \$5 per child. 703-451-9588.

Spellbound's Sanctuary. 8 p.m., Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$10. 703-569-5940 or 202-432-SEAT.

SATURDAY/MAY 23

Memorial Day Weekend Madness. 2:15 p.m., Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Grand Buffet, Johnny 3 Legs, Bo Jakins, 94!Mentality, Sensimilla, Nova Infinite, Rico, Evereaux and other will perform. \$10/advance, \$12/day of show. 703-569-5940 or 202-432-SEAT.

MONDAY/MAY 25

'Hold Ourselves in Readiness': A Memorial Day Commemoration. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. Mansion tours highlight George Mason's leadership role with the militia and his part in preparing Virginia for independence. Regular admission. Free admission granted to active military personnel and veterans. 703-550-9220.

TUESDAY/MAY 26

Computer Tutoring. 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Call to sign up. Adults. 703-249-1520.

Book Discussion Group. 7:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Call for title. Adults. 703-249-1520.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 27

Travel Club. 1 p.m. at the Richard Byrd Library, 6315 Backlick Road, Springfield, on the second floor of the Bank of America building. Bring lunch. Adults. 703-451-8055.

Kingstowne Library Writers Peer Review Group. 7 p.m. at the Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Review peers' works and receive in-depth feedback. Adults. 703-339-4610.

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

English Conversation Group. 6 p.m. at the Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Practice English with other adults. 703-339-

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Supersuckers CD Release Party. 8 p.m., Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$12/advance, \$15/day of show. 703-569-5940 or 202-432-SEAT.

THURSDAY/MAY 28

May Flowers. 10:30 a.m. at the Richard Byrd Library, 6315 Backlick Road, Springfield, on the second floor of the Bank of America building.

I Love You More Than Rainbows. 10:30 a.m. at the Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Songs, stories and a craft with children's author Susan Crites. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-339-7385.

Days of the New. 7:30 p.m., Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Burn the Fields, Johnny 3 Legs, Ocean End, Sonic Defiance and Shankmin. \$15/advance, \$18/day of show. Call 703-569-5940 or 202-432-SEAT.

SATURDAY/MAY 30

Clifton Caboose Twilight Run, sponsored by the Clifton Betterment Association. 6-8 p.m. in the Town of Clifton. 703-923-3500.

Second Annual Fun Run at South Run RECenter. 8:30 a.m. This 1.5 mile run will start and finish at South Run RECenter located at 7550 Reservation Drive in Springfield. Early Registration through May 23: adults, \$15; children 12 and under, \$10. Registration from May 24 to race day: adults, \$20; children, \$15. Registration forms are available at South Run RECenter and Metro Run & Walk, 7261 Commerce St., Springfield, VA 22150. Registration

form at www.springfielddays.com. 703-866-0566.

Exercise Paddle Adventure. 4:30 p.m. at Pohick Bay Regional Park, 6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton. \$30 per person. Reservations required. Paddle trip with interval training and endurance. General good health required. Must be 18 or older. Kayak experience necessary. 703-339-6104.

SUNDAY/MAY 31

Cardboard Boat Regatta, at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Boat judging begins at 12 p.m. and the race starts at 2 p.m. Regatta contestants can register in advance, \$10 per boat, \$20 the day of the regatta. Admission is free. Parking \$4 per vehicle. 703-569-0285.

Paddle Adventure-Evening Tour. 4-7 p.m. at Pohick Bay Regional Park, 6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton. \$30 per person or group rate. Reservations required. No experience necessary. 703-339-6104.

Vegan Cooking Class. "Soy of Cooking." 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 9302 Hallston Court, Fairfax Station. \$50/person. Learn how to cook with soy and its derivatives: tofu, tempeh, TVP, miso, tamari. Class includes food samples, recipes and coupons. Pre-registration required. Call 703.643.2713 for space availability. www.localdc.com/cooking

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MONDAY/JUNE 1

Kingstowne in Stitches. 7 p.m. at the Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Spend an evening in the company of other needleworkers. Adults. 703-339-4610.

TUESDAY/JUNE 2

Picnic Pals. 11:30 a.m. at the Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Bring lunch for an afternoon of stories and movies. Birth-5 with adult. 703-249-1520.
Computer Tutoring. 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. One-on-one help with computers, common software applications and navigating the Internet. Adults. 703-249-1520.
Lullaby Stories. 7 p.m. at the Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Evening stories and activities. Pajamas and stuffed animals welcome. Age 1-5 with adult. 703-339-4610.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 3

Needlework Group. 10:30 a.m. at the Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Bring a project to work on and enjoy the company of other needlecrafters. Adults. 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 people learning English. Adults. 703-339-4610.



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Spartans Squeeze Out a District Title

Trevor Snook's bunt snares first district title since 2005.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

What the West Springfield baseball team may have lacked in classroom work or sleep over the course of Monday night and throughout the day on Tuesday, the Spartans more than made up for it with redemption on the baseball field.

After 14 innings and nearly five hours Monday night at Lake Braddock Secondary School, the team's Patriot District title game against South County was postponed until Tuesday. Given the chance to rethink things and make a few adjustments, two Spartans played pivotal roles in Tuesday's finale, which ended in a 4-3 win after only 28 minutes on sophomore Trevor Snook's bases-loaded squeeze bunt.

Snook was hitless the night before and had admittedly been struggling at the plate during the second half of the season. Although he drew two walks Monday, Snook was much more confident in his ability to get a bunt down than to drive the ball into a gap somewhere.

"Bunting-wise, I feel like I can get anything down. Hitting-wise, I've been struggling at the plate," Snook said. "So I was kinda happy [Spartans coach John James] called that because it kinda bailed me out."

OF COURSE, Snook's bunt wouldn't have meant nearly as much had junior Charlie Morgan not started the rally with a one-out double into the gap in right center. Morgan, also unhappy with his performance during Monday's marathon, went home after school Tuesday around 3 p.m. and reviewed tape of every one of his at-bats with his father.

The two determined that Morgan was diving into pitches a bit too soon and consequently topping them, so he made a concerted effort Tuesday to stay back and not



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOB WAHL

In a two-day marathon that took more than five hours, the West Springfield baseball team finally edged South County, 4-3, on Tuesday to win its first Patriot District title since 2005.

be so anxious. Facing South County's Tyler Frazier to lead off the bottom of the 16th inning, the left-handed hitting Morgan saw an outside curveball — the precise kind that requires patience and an opposite-field swing.

"I was trying to stay back, put a good swing on it, hit it hard and that's what I did," Morgan said.

Frazier intentionally walked Bobby Wahl to produce a force play, and Tucker Tobin's deep fly ball to right eluded South County's Nick Digby. So with the bases loaded and one out, Snook walked to the plate, remembering a conversation he had with James earlier in the day.

"This is the time of year where you have to have that golden horseshoe in your corner."

— John James, coach, West Springfield High

With one out in the bottom of the 14th inning Monday night, Snook struck out when he batted with the bases loaded. During school Tuesday, James told Snook to be ready. He may choose to do something different if that situation arose again.

James did. With the sign for a suicide squeeze, Snook bounced the second pitch he saw between the pitcher's mound and

the third base line.

"This is the time of year where you have to have that golden horseshoe in your corner, and we got a break today," said James, whose team improved to 18-4 this season with the win. West Springfield will now host Washington-

Lee on Friday night in the first round of the Northern Region tournament.

"We didn't bat an eyelash," said James, of the layover. "There was no panic. There was no letdown. It was just, 'OK, let's take a little rest, and we'll be back tomorrow.' I give [the players] credit. They kept their minds right, kept their intensity up and focused."

Alukonis Meets One Lofty Goal

Fortunately for West Springfield girls' soccer coach J.T. Alukonis, his place of employment is rather large, with several ways of entering its various parking lots.

When the first-year coach pulls into work, he could take several routes that include a daily reminder of the four Virginia AAA state championships West Springfield has won, with the dates emblazoned in blue, block numerals on the side of the school.

Alukonis has been reminded often of the excellence that surrounds West Springfield's girls' soccer program; whether it's a plaque in the activities office or a conversation with a co-worker, expectations are everywhere.

In the Friday, May 15 Patriot District title game at Lake Braddock Secondary School, West Springfield's past and present collided, as the Spartans (14-1-2) picked up a 1-0 win over South County to claim their third straight district crown.

"It's an honor to be able to coach a team that's been so successful in the past," said Alukonis, whose team topped Mount Vernon, 1-0, in first-round regional play on

WEEK IN SPORTS

Tuesday and will face Robinson in quarterfinal action Thursday. "Since I got the job back in November, I've been reminded quite often that we're the best team around."

Against South County, a team West Springfield thumped, 8-0, on April 22, the Spartans received a seemingly accidental contribution from senior midfielder Jessie Gonzalez, who lofted a shot from 45 yards out that snuck into the top of the net seven minutes before the half.

"I was surprised," Gonzalez said. "But it was an awesome feeling. I didn't think I had that in me. I just hit it harder than I thought

I was going to."

Patriot Track Roundup

Becca Sinichko and Megan Bumgarner propelled the Lake Braddock girls' outdoor track and field team to a Patriot District title last week at T.C. Williams High School. Sinichko captured the long jump and the 200- and 400-meter dashes, while Bumgarner won both the 100 and 300

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COMMUNITY

VRE Expands Multi-Modal Commuting

VRE unveils trial program to let passengers bring bicycles on board commuter trains.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Just in time for National Bike to Work Day, riders in Northern Virginia can finally do just that. The Virginia Railway Express officially changed its policies regarding bicycles on their trains starting on Friday, May 15, allowing bicyclists the opportunity to bring their bikes onboard, albeit with a slew of restrictions.

The policy change is part of a pilot program that is in response to the requests from cyclists for the railway to allow them to engage in a fully operational, multi-modal transportation experience. In addition to collapsible

bicycles, which are already allowed, full-size bicycles would be allowed on the last three northbound trains each morning and the midday and the last three southbound trains each evening.

"I appreciate what VRE is doing to accommodate their bicycling customers without inconveniencing their other passengers," said Allen Muchnick, president of Virginia Bicycling Federation's Board of Directors. "Hopefully, this will prove to be successful and this program will expand."

Though the policy change is certainly a step forward in the right direction, bicycling advocates feel that restrictions within the new policy limit the potential of the program. In addition to only allowing bicycles on trains during the specific runs listed above, bicycles must board at the northern-most car on the train and use the southern half of the car.

This would not be a problem, but the policy also stipulates that there can be no more than two bicycles per car at a time, and if

two bicycles are already on the train, then the passenger must wait for the next train. This also brings into question what would happen to riders with bicycles who wait for the last car, as instructed, only to find two bicycles already on it.

Would the person simply be out of luck? Would exceptions be made? According to Muchnick, it would most likely be up to the discretion of the conductor, making the line



Roerber, the turnout on the first day of the program was not as large as expected, as his conductors informed him that only two people actually took advantage of the new policy and brought bikes on board. Roerber said that though only two people, one on the Fredericksburg line and one on the Manassas line, used the bicycle option, they expected to average approximately eight to 15 bicyclists a day.

"It did get some use and some people took advantage of it," Roerber said. "I would assume it will be like our other programs in that it will continue to build as people become more conscious of the fact that they have the option."

MOVING FORWARD, Wright and Muchnick both acknowledged the need for looser restrictions and more specialized cars to handle more bicyclists. Also, Wright noted that another step can be taken when the VRE's policy is adopted by Metro so that bicyclists can enjoy a true multi-modal experience on the public railways.

Wright said, "Eventually, we would like to see a similar policy on the metro," Wright said. "As the county develops a more mature transportation system, it will rely on more ways to get around rather than cars and VDOT and Metro are starting to get the message.

unclear.

"There are a number of restrictions we have to overcome, but it is a start," said Bruce Wright of the Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling. "It is a start in that it will improve our multi-modal access."

According to VRE spokesman Mark

even more

"Hopefully, this [program] will prove to be successful and this program will expand."

— Allen Muchnick, president of the Virginia Bicycling Federation's Board of Directors

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"There is a lot more refinement that is needed in our system. We need to be bringing in the people who need our help without locking up people who have committed no crime," said Cuccinelli.

He said many of laws passed following the shootings at Virginia Tech have not improved the government's ability to help the mentally ill.

Foster said he is in favor of giving the attorney general the power to investigate voter fraud, which is now left to commonwealth attorneys at the local government level.

Foster said the attorney general is a more appropriate figure to handle voter fraud because the issue can cross county and city lines.

"We need centralized expertise in Virginia on this issue. Certainly, there are reports from time to time that are concerning and even a small amount of voter fraud is too much," said Foster.

EACH CANDIDATE claims that they are the strongest Republican to take on the Democratic Party's attorney general candidate Steve Shannon in the fall general election. Shannon is a Vienna resident, former Fairfax County prosecutor and holds the 35th district seat in the Virginia House of Delegates.

Brownlee said his experience as the top federal prosecutor for half of the commonwealth over the last seven years would help him in a race against Shannon.

"The number one issue is experience and I am the only prosecutor running [on the Republican side.] The voters want someone with prosecutor experience. The attorney general reviews evidence and decides whether they want a case to move forward," said Brownlee.

As U.S. Attorney in Virginia, Brownlee worked to extract \$634 million in fines for misleading marketing of OxyContin.

Brownlee is also the only veteran of military service in the race on the Democrat or Republican side, which he said would give him an advantage over Shannon during the general election.

Finally, Brownlee's close ties to other parts

John Brownlee (R)

Age: 44
Residence: Roanoke

Family: wife Lee Ann and two daughters

Employer/Job: former U.S. Attorney for Virginia's western district

Hometown/Grew Up In: Fairfax County (Robinson Secondary School graduate)

Education: Washington and Lee University (1987 - Business Administration and Accounting), William & Mary Law School (1994)

Community Engagement/Relevant Experience: former U.S. Attorney for Virginia's western district; served as a major in U.S. Army; teaches trial advocacy at University of Virginia Law School



Ken Cuccinelli (R)

Age: 40
Residence: Centreville
Family: wife Teiro, five daughters, two sons

Employer/Job: partner in Cuccinelli and Day PLLC (City of Fairfax)

Hometown/Grew Up In: McLean

Education: University of Virginia (1991-Mechanical Engineering), George Mason University School of Law and Economics (1995), George Mason University (2000-Master's degree - International Commerce and Policy)

Community Engagement/Relevant Experience: Virginia state Senator (2002-present); served as court appointed attorney for people who are involved in Virginia's involuntary commitment process; member of Virginia's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Committee (1994-1999)



Dave Foster (R)

Age: 55
Residence: Arlington

Family: wife Martha and two children

Employer/Job: partner at Fulbright and Jaworski LLP (Washington D.C.)

Hometown/Grew Up In: Arlington; Raleigh N.C.

Education: University of Virginia (1975 - Government), University of Virginia Law School (1981)

Community Engagement/Relevant Experience: former Arlington County School Board member (2000-2007); participated in investigations of the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Trade Commission and other state attorneys general as a lawyers in private practice; former legislative aide to Virginia U.S. Rep. Bob Daniel (R-4)



of the state will make him a stronger candidate statewide than his two Republican opponents, he said.

"Growing up in Northern Virginia but having lived out west, I know a broader group of folks. It will give me a better chance of prevailing in November," said Brownlee.

Eddie Page, a Kingstowne resident and the former chair of the Fairfax County Republican Committee, is supporting Brownlee.

"You need to look at the best person to fit into the job qualifications. If you look at [the candidates'] professional resumes, he is the one with the experience and the leadership," said Page.

Cuccinelli said he is the only Republican running who has a voting record on the types of issues that the attorney general would handle.

"I am the only one who has any sort of record on property rights, mental health and public safety. I have cast over 20,000 votes people can look at. That record is critically important to voters as they move forward," he said.

Cuccinelli also has a proven record of winning in Northern Virginia. Of the three Fairfax County Republican incumbent senators running for re-election in 2007, Cuccinelli was the only one to win.

"[2007] was not a good year for Republicans but I won. I can do it again. Anybody can get up and say they can win votes in Northern Virginia. Well, show me you can do it," said Cuccinelli.

Cuccinelli's ability to win in Northern Virginia is one of the reasons Hunt, Fairfax County's former Republican school board member, has decided to support him.

"He has won as a conservative Republican in Northern Virginia and his ability to put together a campaign operation is pretty phenomenal," said Hunt.

Foster also touts his ability to get elected in Northern Virginia.

He was not only able to win election in Democratic Arlington, but also won his second school board campaign with 62 percent of vote. By contrast, Cuccinelli won his 2007 re-election in a close call, by fewer than 100 votes, said Foster.

"I got re-elected with nearly two-thirds

of the vote in Arlington which shows I can appeal to independents and moderate Democrats [in a general election]," said Foster.

Foster is also the only person in the race that has experience with managing a law firm the size of the Virginia attorney's general office, he says. His law firm has over 1,000 attorneys and he co-chairs a litigation group that includes dozens of people, said Foster.

"I have practiced before various state attorneys general and appeared in the U.S. Supreme Court. I have more actual legal experience than my competitors combined," said Foster.

Kenneth Klinge, an Alexandria resident who is the former executive director of the Republican Party of Virginia, said Foster's ability to appeal to Northern Virginia voters is important.

"I think we have proven you can't win with a 'small tent' candidate. You need a 'big tent' candidate and Dave Foster fits that mold more than the other two guys," said Klinge, who will support Foster at the convention.

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hurdles. Lake Braddock scored 176 points, which nearly doubled second-place West Potomac's total of 92. The Bruins also received first-place efforts from Ericka Roberts (100 dash), Li-ana Epstein (1,600 run) and Becca Shoemaker (pole vault). On the boys' side, Lake Braddock took sixth with a total of 59 points. West Potomac won the Patriot with 103. Matt Hoogland and Michael Santano paced Lake Braddock, securing district titles in the pole vault and 300 hurdles, respectively.

Hayfield's boys' team was third with 86 points and its girls' squad took sixth with 35. Elbert Maxwell was victorious in the high jump, while Tyler Sturgill (discus) and Anthony Williams (110 hurdles) posted wins as well. The girls' 4x100 relay team of Briana Richardson, Lola Ojabowale, Megan Clark and Marquela Brown finished first. Amalya Clayton won the triple jump and the girls' 4x800 relay team (Lauren Blackburn, Alex Watt, Anna Barber and Sara Lepley) was victorious for West Springfield's girls' team, which totaled 65 points to finish fourth.

Edison Win National

With a total of 12 first-place medals, the Edison boys' and girls' outdoor track and field teams swept both National District titles last week on their home track. The girls' team held off Yorktown, 163.33-91, while the boys' team blew past Mount Vernon, 182-110. Dominicio Tucker won both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes, Kyle Spencer took first in the discus and also kicked off the winning boys' 4x100 relay team of Tariqh Cooper, Donnell Epps and Julian Mitchell and Tihut Degfae captured

the 800 while also running on a pair of first-place relay teams. The boys' 4x800 team of Amit Vohra, Issac Anderson, Leoule Degfae and Tihut Degfae finished first, as did the 4x400 squad of David Tran, Leoule Degfae, Tihut Degfae and Justin Jeter, who won the triple jump as well. On the girls' side, Myah Hicks won both the 1,600 and 800. She also anchored the victorious 4x800 relay team of Toni Duvall, Tara Tinsley and Betel Yosef. The 4x400 relay team, which consisted of Ayrielle LeGrande, Kristina Brown, Rebecca Kunkel and Duvall, finished first as well.



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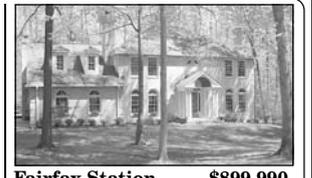
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