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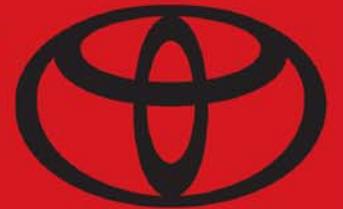
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Slow Removal, Slow Recovery

Slow snow removal keeps Springfield residents buried.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Last week's record-breaking snow storms battered the entire region, disrupting many facets of the lives of area residents with closed schools, power outages and cancelled social events. No issue, however, caused as much strife for Springfield residents than snow removal.

The storms dumped more than 3 feet of snow in the Springfield area, leaving nearly every major roadway and most residential and secondary streets completely covered. Though plows eventually cleared the roads or at least made one-way lanes through them, many area residents and officials were left questioning the effectiveness and efficiency of the government's response to the storms.

"The storms were pretty devastating for my district," Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) said. "In all of my years living here, I've never seen something this bad in terms of weather. It really paralyzed getting around."

As was the case with many surrounding communities, Springfield was slow to be cleared of snow because of the chronological proximity of the storms, combined with the Virginia Department of Transportation's staggered deployment. According to VDOT, their snow removal crews are only fully prepared for a 6-inch snowfall, and due to two



Bill Kevit and his wife Dru shovel snow outside their Daventry home.

massive storms hitting the area within five days of each other, crews were tasked with removing nearly 40 inches.

As a result, many of Springfield's streets were not plowed until Saturday, Feb. 13, nearly a week after the first storm ended. Though he understands that the system may have been overwhelmed, McKay said that the removal could have been much more effective if not for inefficient deployment and organization on VDOT's part. Specifically, McKay said that 90 percent of the plows being used for snow removal were operated by private contractors, and that those individuals are not familiar with the

area and do not know how to properly plan their removal.

"I was very disappointed because VDOT's deployment, logistics and organization were poor," McKay said. "It's unacceptable to not see a plow until a week after the storm. When you turn the reins over to mismatched people without good communication you're going to have a hit or miss operation, which is what we had."

WHILE SNOWPLOWS eventually came and serviced most areas by the end of last Sunday, McKay said that the lagging snow removal also hindered the reopening of

"It really paralyzed getting around."

— Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee)

schools, as well. McKay said that he has been driving to schools in his district over the last few days and that sidewalks and bus stops were still covered with snow, which causes problems for students trying to get to school. In addition, McKay said that as of Tuesday, Feb. 16 some school parking lots are still not plowed and some schools only had one lane plowed for access to the school. With limited access in and out of the schools, combined with a higher number of children being driven to school because of the covered sidewalks, McKay said that the situation at local schools is still precarious.

"I've been driving to schools and the traffic in and out is horrible and sidewalks are still not cleared," McKay said. "The schools have a hard road ahead of them for a couple of days and that is unfortunate."

In response to this concern, which was shared by a number of other supervisors, Fairfax County Public Schools called for volunteers to come out Monday, Feb. 15 and help shovel snow from sidewalks, bus stops and parking lots so that the children will be able to get to school safely. According to FCPS spokesman Paul Regnier, a large number of volunteers turned out at area schools but these efforts, while effective, could not keep the school system from commencing with its plans to get back on track. Regnier

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A Survivor Shares Her Tale

Greenspring resident shares memories of escaping Germany during Holocaust.

BY LA QUITA PINKSTON
THE CONNECTION

Nine months before World War II started, many parents made the ultimate sacrifice in saving their children from the Holocaust.

"I was 11-years-old, came home from school and my father said I could not go back to school the next day," said Anne Herrman, a resident of Greenspring Village in Springfield. "He said he and my mother could not go to work."

Herrman could not believe what she was hearing. "I was born in Nuremberg, Germany," she said. Her father was a high court judge and her mother had a career in law. She and her family, which included her grandparents, lived a comfortable life. Though she was Jewish, Herrman said, "I

considered myself more German than Jewish."

Born Anne Erenberger, Herrman and her sister did go back to school, and they were no longer allowed to play outside or to do simple things like going to the library.

"My mother and father had a library at home of over 200 books," Herrman said. She played the violin, hoping to finish ninth grade and attend art school in Berlin.

"At midnight in April 1939, my sister and I were taken to the train station by my parents," Herrman said. "We will never see you again [her parents said]." She and her sister had become part of Kindertransport, a program that transported Jewish children out of Germany.

Great Britain, through Kindertransport, allowed more than 10,000 Jewish children and others from Germany, Austria and

Czechoslovakia to be taken into foster homes, hostels and to farms. Though they were expected to be reunited with their parents, many never saw them again.

On Sept. 1, 1939 war broke out in Europe and in November 1939, all Jewish apartments and businesses were destroyed by the Germans.

"I took English lessons," said Herrman, of her time in Great Britain. "We were given a registration number and had to check in with the police every week."

Eventually, Herrman and the other children were loaded onto boats and sailed to the United States. "Our convoy hit a mine in the middle of the night, she said. "We were put on lifeboats." After the crew assessed the damage and made repairs, the children were allowed back on the boat and continued their journey that would last two weeks.

Herrman was 18 and stayed with the distant cousin of her grandfather in the United States. "I stayed for three nights," she said.



Anne Herrman

"I was told to find a room and a job. I learned to use the telephone, found a job in a bra factory and a room on the fourth day." Never learning to drive, Herrman relied on public transportation to get around.

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Man Shot in Annandale Home

According to Fairfax County Police, officers were called to a residence in the 8300 block of Little River Turnpike on Monday, Feb. 15, around 10:30 p.m. for a report of a shot person. They located the body of Nathan Smiler, 37, of 8317 Little River Turnpike, with head trauma from a gunshot. All individuals inside the residence at the time have been identified and there is no threat to public safety.

"The victim was found deceased at the scene," said Officer Shelley Broderick. "Police are still investigating and no charges have been filed at this time."

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Gas Station Attendant Robbed

A 24-year-old man was robbed while working at a Shell gas station Saturday, Feb. 13. According to Fairfax County Police, a man entered the convenience store of the Shell Gas Station, located at 5533 Backlick Road at approximately 7:45 p.m. Police said that the man walked around the counter, brandished a handgun at the employee and demanded money. The suspect took an undisclosed amount of cash and fled out the front door. The victim did not require medical treatment.

The suspect was described as black, 20 to 30 years old. He was between 5 feet 8 inches and 6 feet tall and weighed 250 to 300 pounds. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

Virginia on Track To Allow Concealed Guns in Bars

The General Assembly is poised to loosen up restrictions on guns in bars, clubs and restaurants that serve alcohol despite objections from the hospitality industry and public safety officials.

By this time next year, residents will likely have the right to carry a concealed gun into any eatery, as long as they have the appropriate permit and agree not to consume alcohol.

But on Feb. 10, the Senate's Committee for Courts of Justice voted eight to seven to extend the benefit of "conceal carry" in alcohol-serving establishments to most residents who desire it.

Vienna and Fairfax state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) and former gubernatorial candidate Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25) were among the committee members who voted for the bill. Northern Virginia Sens. Janet Howell (D-32), Toddy Puller (D-36) and Dick Saslaw (D-35) voted against it.

Now that the measure has made it out of committee, the full Senate and House of Delegates are likely to pass it. Both branches of the General Assembly approved similar legislation in 2009, only to see it vetoed by former Gov. Tim Kaine (D).

Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) has said he will sign the expansion of gun rights into law.

Offshore Drilling Bill Killed

On a party-line vote, the Democratically-controlled state Senate killed a bill tied to Gov. Robert McDonnell's (R) plans for offshore oil and natural gas exploration.

Twenty-two Democrats — including all senators from Arlington County, City of Alexandria and Fairfax County — voted down a bill that would have designated 80 percent of

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Ice Home Schooling

Local woman teaches class from backyard igloo.

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Janette Moman, a fifth grade AAP teacher at Springfield Estates Elementary, teaches as class from an igloo that her son made. She broadcast the class over the Internet.

When faced with a lot of time away from school and an historic snowfall, Carl Moman, a sixth grader at White Oaks Elementary School, took perhaps the once-in-a-lifetime-opportunity to build an igloo in his backyard.

But with an igloo to show off and no way for friends to get there, Carl decided to put his igloo on the Internet and invited his friends to join his Web cast from iGLOO Studios to see the igloo.

Carl's mother, Janette Moman, a fifth grade AAP teacher at Springfield Estates Elementary, invited her class to join in as well. After Carl's successful Web cast, many of Janette Moman's students wanted to have a virtual class taught from the igloo, and so on Friday, Feb. 12 that is what she did

Janette Moman taught a science lesson on the El Niño effect from inside the igloo over the Web, with students from Springfield Estates, White Oaks and even from as far away as Missouri and Illinois. Students were able to interact during the class via chat, asking questions and providing comments for the group.

"When my students asked me to teach a class from the igloo via Web cam, I thought it would be a great opportunity to explain weather patterns and how far away events like a 1 degree temperature increase in the eastern Pacific Ocean can cause such record snowfalls on the East Coast," said Janette Moman. "I also wanted to encourage my students to take this opportunity to be creative and do something out of the ordinary."

Springfield Digs Out

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said that the school system planned to hold a make up day of classes Monday, Feb. 15, but because the sidewalks, bus stops and school parking lots were not fully cleared, the schools were not opened. Ultimately, schools were reopened Tuesday, Feb. 16 on a two-hour delay.

"There are 50,000 kids who walk to school, and most of the rest walk to bus stops," Regnier said. "We can't have the bus stops and sidewalks to schools covered."

So far, according to Regnier, the school system has had 10 snow days this year, a fact that worries local teachers who fear falling too far behind in the curriculum. Dru Kevit, a math teacher for special education students at West Springfield High School and Daventry resident, said that she worries not only about having to cram multiple days of lessons into one, but also about her students forgetting what they were learning before the start of the storms. In addition, she said that with less days, there is much more pressure on students to prepare for the SOL tests.

"We're going to have to do a lot of cramming," Kevit said. "I'm sure that my students are having a

great time [being off] and I'm also sure that they've forgot what we were doing when we left."

ALL OF THESE ISSUES, McKay said, will be addressed when the Board's Transportation Committee, which McKay leads, meets with VDOT representatives at a planned meeting March. McKay said that he asked VDOT to come to the meeting to discuss what went wrong in both the deployment and organization of the department's snow removal crews. The goal will be to seek solutions to these problems so that in future snowstorms, roads can be opened quicker, and in turn, and schools can open earlier. Until then, however, McKay is asking his constituency for patience in dealing with the snow that is still out there. He said that he is asking people to keep their speed down, especially around the schools, pay attention to traffic flow in one-lane streets and be aware of areas with impaired visibility due to snow banks.

"I've shifted my attention away from looking at the problems for now to making sure residents understand that it will take everyone working together [to get through this]," McKay said. "It's going to take patience, but at this point, little can be done but use common sense."

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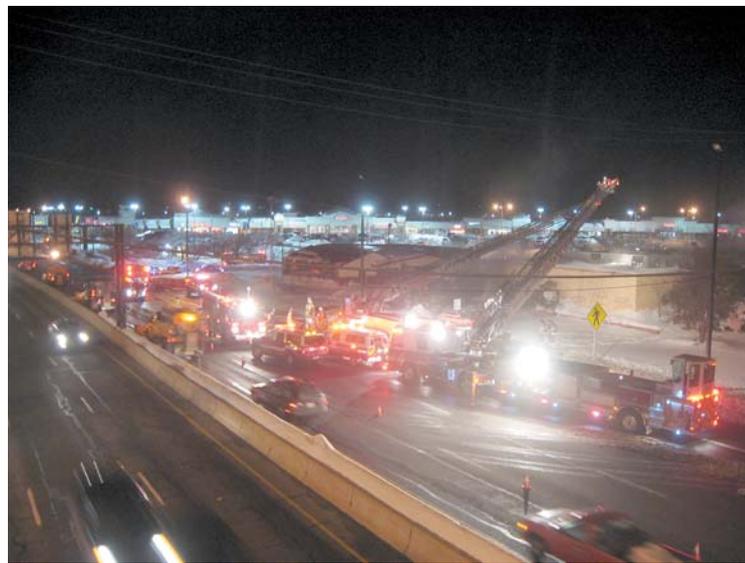
Old Chi Chi's Burns Down

Feb. 15 fire causes \$200,000 in damages.

Fire investigators are investigating the cause of a two-alarm fire at the old Chi Chi's Restaurant in Springfield on Thursday, Feb. 11.

According to the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, units responded to a report of a commercial building fire at the vacant restaurant located at 7010 Old Keene Mill Road fire at approximately 7:45 p.m. Upon arrival, firefighters encountered smoke showing from all sides and fire showing from the roof of the one-story building and a partial roof collapse rendering the building unstable. Firefighters contended with extreme temperatures and deep snow piled next to the structure while fighting the fire. The incident commander struck a second alarm, bringing over 60 firefighters to the scene. No injuries were reported. Damage is estimated at \$200,000 and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

For some time, Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) has been a leading proponent to have the vacant struc-



The scene of the Chi Chi's fire from the Veteran's Bridge.

PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

ture demolished. He said that the Board of Supervisors already approved a plan amendment to allow the site to be redeveloped, and that the fire simply hastens the revitalization efforts in Springfield.

"I've been trying tirelessly to get this blight torn down for years, and this just made it easier," McKay said. "I didn't think I'd ever be happy to visit a fire scene, but this one made me happy. Thank goodness no one was hurt, but now is the time to immediately work on getting the rest of the building gone."

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revenue and royalties produced by drilling off the shore of Virginia for the commonwealth's transportation trust fund. All 18 Republicans supported the measure.

While on the campaign trail this past fall, McDonnell had promoted drilling for oil and natural gas off the shore of Virginia Beach, saying, among other things, that it could bring money to Virginia for transportation projects.

Critics, including Democratic Majority Leader and Fairfax County Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35), called McDonnell's offshore drilling proposal ridiculous.

Saslaw, who made money running gasoline and service stations, doubted that there was easily accessible oil off the shore of Virginia. Even if oil or natural gas could be retrieved, it would be 10 years before Virginia would receive any financial benefits and long after a new source of transportation funding was needed, said the Democrat.

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New Housing Blueprint

Ending homelessness, moving beyond preservation of affordable housing.

BY SHARON BULOVA

Several years ago, on a freezing February morning, I rode the VRE into Washington, D.C. for a Council of Governments meeting. As I was leaving Union Station, I noticed a middle-aged woman, with sacks of belongings and bedding gathered around her. She was clearly a person with mental illness, muttering to herself and batting the air at imaginary objects.

I remember thinking, "I'm so glad I live in Fairfax County. We have social services programs that would help someone like this woman." But later that week, while jogging down an old alignment of a road near my home, I spotted a tent tucked way back in the woods. It was a homeless person's encampment.

Fairfax County has established a "hypothermia program" to shelter homeless individuals during the cold winter months. The program

is a partnership among county agencies, area houses of worship and nonprofit organizations. The hypothermia program has served to crystallize how inadequate our human services network is for dealing with homelessness.

In March 2008, our Board of Supervisors endorsed a "Housing First" strategy to end homelessness as we know it. Working with houses of worship and charitable organizations, Fairfax County has adopted a strategy for making sure people in our community have a roof over their heads and receive the help they need to get back on their feet.

GUEST EDITORIAL

At our Jan. 26 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved a new Housing Blueprint to address the challenge of ensuring there is accessible, affordable housing for all members of our community. Affordable housing was a key topic when the Board considered our current Fiscal Year 2010 budget and the Board dedicated considerable time to discussing housing issues at our post-budget retreat last June.

At the retreat, we agreed that our housing programs must emphasize serving those with the greatest needs, that affordable housing represents a spectrum of needs, and that we can be most effective in accomplishing these goals by working with Faith Community and non-



FILE PHOTO

Sharon Bulova

profit partners in the community.

The Housing Blueprint is a strategy for addressing these priorities and represents a new direction compared to the previous policy of preservation. The new goals stated in the Blueprint are comprehensive: to end homelessness in 10 years, to provide affordable housing options to those with special needs, to cut the waiting lists for affordable housing in half over 10 years, and to produce workforce housing to accommodate projected job growth.

The Blueprint is the product of impressive collaboration by county agencies, concerned citizens, houses of worship and local nonprofits. Because of the metrics it includes, the Blueprint sets short and long term goals and can be used to evaluate our programs.

TO VIEW the Housing Blueprint, please visit <http://www.effordable.org/>.

If you would like more information, or would like to volunteer in efforts to address homelessness, the County's Office to End Homelessness can be reached by going to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless>.

Sharon Bulova is chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Blueprint Highlights

Resolved: End homelessness; provide affordable housing options to those with special needs; cut the waiting lists for affordable housing in half; produce workforce housing to accommodate projected job growth.

Progress Made at Last

Marsden's bill on pellet guns passes Senate with bipartisan support.

BY SEN. DAVID MARSDEN
D-37

During the last three sessions of the General Assembly, I have attempted to deal with the issue of juveniles carrying dangerous pneumatic weapons (pellet guns) that look like real guns and can cause real damage. I was unsuccessful in my first two attempts while a member of the House of Delegates, but this year I focused just on the illegality of underage possession of these weapons in schools (Senate Bill 580). The weapons must discharge a projectile at a rate of speed greater than 250 feet per second to qualify as illegal to possess, which is an industry standard of sorts that delineates toys from harmful weapons. In a bipartisan effort with two Republican senators, who assisted me with amending my original bill, we crafted a bill that would receive support from Democrats and Republicans, and it passed the Senate 33-5. We compromised on the bill to the extent

that pneumatic weapons constructed with an orange tip to delineate them from firearms, would be excluded from this offense, a Class I Misdemeanor if committed by someone under 18.

This bill would create greater safety in our schools, as the carrying of these dangerous but non-lethal weapons has become very popular with youth gang members. Armed robberies have been committed with these weapons in various parts of the Commonwealth. As the former head of Virginia's Department of Juvenile Justice, and former superintendent

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of Fairfax County's Juvenile Detention Center, I feel that this common sense measure is of critical importance. A member of Fairfax County's Gang Unit I spoke to agreed. He stated that it gives them leverage to talk juveniles out of carrying these weapons and gives them an enforcement tool to deal with juveniles who bring these weapons to school. Currently, the only recourse that school administrators have is to suspend or expel juveniles possessing these weapons at school based on violations of school policy rather than law.

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Pain Already Shared

To the Editor:

You say that indoor track, freshman sports, elementary band and Pimmit Hills Alternative High School, as valuable as they are, have to go because of our budget crisis. ["Adding More Painful Cuts," Feb. 4, 2010.] These cuts, you say, should be implemented in conjunction with the imposition of graduated salary cuts (of from 5 percent to 20 percent) on school administration and staff whose salaries are between \$75,000 and \$200,000. It seems you believe these cuts are necessary because "local taxpayers deserve to see administration and staff ... are willing to share the pain."

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There are two things wrong with this argument: (1) the school program cuts should not occur under any circumstances, and (2) administration and staff have already suffered a great deal of pain.

In the last two years, central administration has been cut by 15 percent, with more to come this year and the wages of those who weren't fired will be frozen

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OPINION

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I cannot tell you how much I have enjoyed the atmosphere of cooperation that exists in the Virginia Senate. As you may know, I recently won a special election to finish the last two years of now Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli's (R) Senate term. My early experiences have reinforced my belief that the bipartisanship I have experienced in the Senate is closer to what citizens expect of their elected lawmakers.

While getting this bill through the Senate was significant, I now have to present this bill to the House of Delegates, a more daunting task. I can only hope that they will see this bill as critical to public safety and not an assault on the Second Amendment. In any case, it is very hopeful that a bill like this received bipartisan support in at least one of the two bodies in the General Assembly.

To contact Sen. David Marsden (D-37), call 571-249-3037; e-mail district37@senate.virginia.gov; or mail to P.O. Box 10889, Burke, VA 22009.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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again for the second consecutive year. Furthermore, Fairfax County is at the bottom of the administrative pack when compared with the other six counties in the area by the Washington Area Boards of Education. In this comparison, only Montgomery County has a lower percentage of "Non-School-Based positions" and Fairfax is dead last when comparing the percentage of "Non-school-Based Management positions."

It seems, therefore, that administrative employees have "suffered enough," however, maybe graduated salary cuts are reasonable, I don't know. 5 percent of Fairfax County's school budget is spent on instruction and since, comparatively speaking, the county's administrative costs are more than reasonable the School Board can be said to be doing its job.

In any event, these valuable school programs should not be cut, if it takes an increase in taxes to maintain them, then increase taxes; we, the citizens, are going to have to "share the pain" not just watch others do it.

John Maney
Springfield



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DINING

Long Live The King (of the Wings)

Springfield restaurant hosts wing-eating competition; Lee grad crowned winner.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

They come with nicknames such as “Killa G,” “The Lurch” and “Munchin’ Mike.” Their “sport” requires mental and physical endurance. They don’t need highly advanced equipment to compete, but instead rely on the brute strength of their jaws and stomach.

Meet the competitive eaters.

On Feb. 12, 30 of these gastronomical gladiators descended on the Hard Times Cafe in Springfield to compete in the first annual Wing Bowl finals.

The Wing Bowl story goes like this. Doug Welsh wanted to promote his restaurant chain, but was hesitant to use an eating competition as a vehicle.

“I was skeptical about [eating competitions],” he said. “It just wasn’t my thing.”

He reached out to local sports radio station 106.7 WJFK to brainstorm and learned about successful contests in other areas.

After seven preliminary competitions, he was hooked.

“I told that story to about 20 people tonight,” Welsh said. “I’ve been to every preliminary Wing Bowl and each one is more fun than the last. I’m sold on it.”

While some contestants entered for the chance to wolf-down a few free wings, oth-



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

The Wing Bowl finals started with 30 competitors, but only 10 advanced to 10 the final five-minute sprint for the championship.

ers set their sights on the \$2,500 grand prize. For those new to the Buffalo Wing eating craze, here are the rules:

- ❖ Contestants have 10 minutes to eat as many Buffalo Wings as they can.

- ❖ All the meat must be removed from the bone and partially eaten wings do not count.

- ❖ Vomiting is strictly forbidden.

At the preliminary competitions, the eating stopped after 10 minutes. For the finals, the 30 participants were whittled down to 10 with an extra five minutes added to determine the champion.

Yothan “The Hawk” Phetxumphon, a Fairfax resident and finalist from the Fairfax qualifier, said the intensity of the finals dwarfed his previous experiences.

“There were more people and the extra time was harder,” he said. “It felt like forever.”

With only a few reminders of how much time was left, finalists employed creative ways to keep track of time.

“There was a hockey game on the televisions and it had a clock,” Phetxumphon said. “I used that so I knew where I was [in the race].”

CONTESTANTS TRIED different eating strategies such as the “wood chipper” — putting a wing in their teeth and twirling the meat off — or the “barbarian” — stuffing an entire wing in their mouth and ripping off the meat in one savage pull.

Robert E. Lee graduate and Springfield

“I’ve always had a talent for eating.”

— Jamie Jill, winner

resident Jamie Jill, 25, used a combination of strategies to gain an edge over his opponents.

“With the drumsticks, I would do the wood chipper,” Jill said. “With the two-boned wings, I’d break them apart and slurp the meat off.”

At the end of the competition, Jill emerged the winner with 78 total wings eaten.

“I’ve always had a talent for eating,” Jill said. “My friends would always challenge me to eat weird foods. I’ve won butter eating contests, so I knew I had a pretty good shot [at winning].”

The Wing Bowl drew enthusiastic fans who chanted competitors names and showed sympathy for College Park’s Teddy Mallace when he “coughed up” his wings after the finals.

Even local sports station Comcast SportsNet brought its cameras to the event.

The response has Welsh thinking bigger and better for next year.

“Every time we do [a promotion], we think about how we can make it bigger, better and run smoother,” he said. “This is the biggest promotion I’ve done in the past five years.”

Welsh isn’t the only one thinking ahead. With the crown securely on his head for at least 11 months, Jill said he wants to keep his throne.

“If they have it again, I’ll defend it,” he said.

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

THURSDAY/FEB. 18

Make New Friends. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke.

Stories, songs and activities about friendship. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-249-1520.

Dinosaur Days.

10:30 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 6315 Backlick Road, Springfield. Stories and activities. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-451-8055.

Reading and Rocking

Preschool Class. 10:30 a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Early literacy storytime. Ages 2-4 with an adult. 703-339-7385.

Dan Dietz’s ‘tempODYSSEY.’

8 p.m. at George Mason University Black Box Theater, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$6, students and

seniors \$3. Tickets to performances cancelled due to snow will be honored. 703-993-8888 or 703-993-1120.

FRIDAY/FEB. 19

Lunch Bunch. 12 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Bring lunch, listen to stories. Birth-5 with adult. 703-971-0010.

Ponderings: Winter Survival Tips.

4:30-6:30 p.m. at Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. Naturalist shows off severe-weather shelter building skills. Program concludes with campfire. Recommended for ages 6-10. \$6/person. 703-451-9588.

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SATURDAY/FEB. 20

Simply Sinatra, with the

Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra and Vocalist Steve Lippia.

8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4500 University Drive, Fairfax. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Center’s Grand Tier III. Tickets are \$21-\$42. Charge at 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.

One-on-One Computer Tutoring.

10-11 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Learn to use a computer, navigate the Internet, and work with common software applications. Call for an appointment. Adults. 703-249-1520.

VITA Tax Assistance.

10:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. 703-339-4610.

PAWS to Read.

11 a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Read with Chance, a trained reading therapy dog, for a 10-minute session. Call to register. 703-339-7385.

Wonderful Wetland Waterfowl

Hike. 2-4 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. For children 9 and older. Children must be accompanied

by an adult. \$6/person. 703-768-2525.

All A-Buzz About Bees.

5-6:30 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Suited for anyone 11 and older. Children must be accompanied by an adult. \$6/person. 703-768-2525.

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5 p.m. The Story Tellers, 308-D Poplar Alley, Occoquan. info@storytellers.com or info@dcbabyplanners.com.

Third Annual Monopoly

Tournament to Benefit Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia.

8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Glory Days Grill, 9459 Lorton Market St., Lorton. \$25 entry fee includes breakfast and lunch with all proceeds benefiting Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia. Top prize \$500. Pre-registration required by Feb. 12. www.LortonMonopoly.com or 1-888-495-6207 ext. 9

Gallery After Hours: Word Beat.

7:30 p.m. in Gallery W-16, Second Floor at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Jazz percussionist Tom Teasley and singer/actor Charles Williams pair words with percussion. Tickets \$15-\$25. Cash bar and light fare

available.

www.WorkhouseArts.org.

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SUNDAY/FEB. 21

The Northern Virginia

NTRAK Model Train Club.

1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. N Scale Model Trains will be running in both the station and the caboose. \$2 for adults, \$1 ages 4-10. 703-425-9225.

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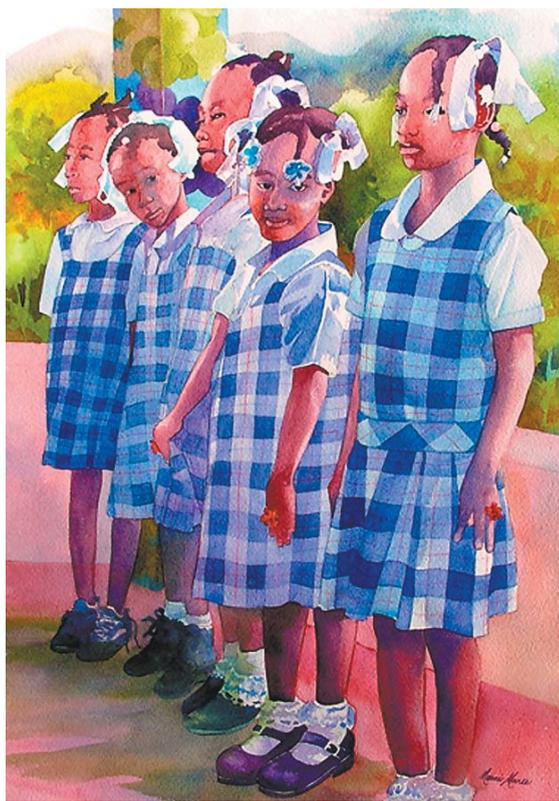
Images of Haiti

Artist Marni Maree finds inspiration through work with Lazarus Project.

Professional watercolorist Marni Maree of Springfield has been an active director for a Haitian charity The Lazarus Project, a group under the umbrella of the nonprofit relief organization Food for the Poor. Maree travels to the country several times annually to work with the orphans and find inspiration for her watercolor portraits upon her return.

"This is a painting of girls at Village of Hope School in Ganthier, Haiti," said Maree, of her watercolor "Rings," at right. "They are about to sing for us while wearing the pipe cleaner rings we made the day before. This school and these children survived the earthquake although many of them lost their homes and loved ones."

For more information about The Lazarus Project go to <http://www.lazarusprojecthaiti.org/>. Contact the artist directly, at 703-569-5731 or mmaree@cox.net, or visit www.MarniMaree.com.



'The Rings,' watercolor

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and seniors \$3. Tickets to performances cancelled due to snow will be honored. 703-993-8888 or 703-993-1120.

MONDAY/FEB. 22

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

Read to the Dog. 3:30-4:30 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Read aloud to a trained therapy dog. Sign up for a 15-minute session. Age 6-12. 703-971-0010.

Nature Quest: Signs of Spring. 10-11 a.m. at Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. Ages 3-6. \$4/child. 703-451-9588.

Monday Bird Walk. 7:30-9:30 a.m. at Eakin Community Park. Discover resident birds of the Accotink Stream Valley. Boardwalk is for all ages. Meet at the Prosperity Avenue parking lot. Activity is free. 703-941-1065.

TUESDAY/FEB. 23

Life Line Screening. Beginning at 9 a.m. at the Springfield Masonic Lodge #217, 7001 Backlick Road, Springfield. Screening are available for cardiovascular conditions, abdominal aortic aneurysms, heart disease and bone density. Packages start at \$139. Reservations required at 1-877-237-1287 or www.lifelinescreening.com.

Lullaby Stories. 7 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Evening stories and activities. Pajamas and stuffed animals welcome. Age 12 months to 5 with adult. 703-339-4610.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 24

Travel Club. 1 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 6315 Backlick Road, Springfield. Bring lunch and enjoy a discussion. Adults. 703-451-8055.

Tell It Again. 6 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 6315 Backlick Road, Springfield. Music and activities in

and 6:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for adults. 703-339-4610.

Habitat Restoration: Lake Accotink.

9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Learn plant identification and help restore this woodland/field habitat. Participants must be 13 years or older unless accompanied by an adult. Workday is free to attend. 703-324-8681.

FRIDAY/FEB. 26

The Virginia Opera presents Mozart's Don Giovanni. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center For The Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$48-\$98. 888-945-2468 or www.tickets.com.

Friends of the Burke Centre Library Big Book Sale. 10 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

Dr Seuss' Birthday. 12 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Bring lunch and hear stories. Ages birth-5 with adult. 703-971-0010.

Ponderings: Early Signs of Spring Hike. 4:30-6 p.m. at Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. Dress for weather. Ages 6-10. \$6/person. 703-451-9588.

Film Screening: "A Man Named Pearl." 7:30 p.m. in Gallery W-16, Second Floor at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. An artist workshop and lecture with self-taught topiary artist Pearl Fryar and a screening of the film "A Man Named Pearl." \$5-10. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

SATURDAY/FEB. 27

Big Used Book Sale. 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Raymond of Penafort Church hall, 8750 Pohick Road, Springfield. Hardbacks, paperbacks, fiction, non-fiction, children's and adult books. Judy Knight, 703-455-7293.



The Springfield Art Guild Art Show runs through March 25 at the Franconia Government Center, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Hours for the exhibit are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Many artists are participating in this exhibition. The artworks are for sale. Works include oil, watercolor, photography and mixed media.

English and Spanish. Age 4-12 with adult. 703-451-8055.
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Hoops Teams Dig Out for Post-Season

Teams finish two of four previously cancelled games.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

The South County boys' basketball team couldn't have asked for a better season. For the first time in school history, the boys were enjoying a winning 14-4 record and looking to ride their momentum to a top spot in the Patriot District tournament.

"We were getting into a routine," head coach Wendell Johnson said.

Then Old Man Winter paralyzed Northern Virginia with a blizzard that closed schools and cancelled the final four games of the Patriot District basketball season.

"It's frustrating," Johnson said. "But we weren't sure what we could do about [playing the rest of the season.]"

Coaches were resigned to the fact the season could not continue under the circumstances and discussions began to try to save the post season.

"Basketball is a tournament game," Johnson said. "We didn't want the season to end without a tournament."

The back-up plans, which included advancing the top two teams from each district based on regular season record to the Northern Region finals in late February, may



West Springfield head coach Bill Gibson said he wasn't worried about his team losing any chemistry. "[The storm] has given every team a chance to start all over again," he said.

be shelved.

After a week and a half suspension of high school sports, teams in the Patriot District are lacing up their shoes to pick up where they left off and finish the season by playing two of the final four games.

On Feb. 16, teams resumed district play and finished the season on Feb. 17. The Patriot District tournament follows the season end on Feb. 19.

T.C. Williams will host the Patriot District

tournament over the weekend with the girls' finals set for 6 p.m., and the boys' final at 8 p.m. on Feb. 22.

"The [Patriot District Council] did a good job of trying to get some games back," W.T. Woodson boys' basketball coach Doug Craig said. "These kids want to play."

Coaches were thrilled to finish at least two of the previously cancelled four games, but a week spent cooped-up in a house rather than on the court had some cursing the

"These kids want to play."

— Doug Craig

missed practice time.

"We had installed new [offenses before the snow]," Lake Braddock girls' basketball coach Carl Harris said. "We were preparing for the district tournament. ... It was frustrating [to not have games or practice]."

Harris, whose team is 3-13, prepared his team for an extended break.

"I told the girls on Thursday before the snow to get to a court and have a basketball in their hands," he said. "We just had to wait [the snow] out."

To Harris, games lost equaled experience lost, and game-time experience is crucial for his young team.

"When you lose, you can learn something from it," he said. "You learn from the experience of that game."

West Springfield girls' basketball coach Bill Gibson also gave his players a pre-snow warning, asking them to "stay in shape" during the break.

Gibson, whose Lady Spartans' lead the Patriot District girls' table with a 16-1 record, said he wasn't worried that missed practices might hurt his team chemistry, but mentioned the break will give teams new life for the post season.

"[The storm] has given every team a chance to start all over again," he said.

Qualifying for States in Nick-ley of Time

West Springfield swimmer and relay teams make cut for state final.

REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

West Springfield swimmer Sean Nickley has battled with mere seconds over the course of the 2009-10 swim season.

The senior's attempts to reduce his 200-yard individual medley time to qualify for the state finals has always come up short of the 1:59.99 state cut throughout the season.

"I'd been dropping my time little by little," he said. "I've been to the [state finals] for relays, but [not for] for an individual event."

Time was running out. The Northern Region boys' meet on Feb. 15 at Washington and Lee was the swimmer's last chance to earn a trip to the state finals in Virginia Beach on Feb. 19. With his back against the wall, Nickley took charge by changing more

than his race plan.

"I hadn't worn a fast skin [swimsuit] or shaved my leg hair off this season," Nickley said. "I did both of those just for this meet."

Nickley hoped his competitive moves would take off that crucial second, but it would take more than a close shave to make states.

The individual medley is a grueling race featuring all four swimming disciplines — butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle — but where Nickley said he usually succumbs to exhaustion, he persevered.

"Once I got into the breaststroke, I got a second wind," he said. "In freestyle, I'm normally dying, but I still had something in me."

Nickley finished in seventh with a time of 1:58.96, 1:03 seconds faster than the state cut time.

He would go on to finish the night with

three more state cut times: one as a member of the 200-yard medley relay, another in the 200-yard freestyle relay and another individual qualification in the 100-yard breaststroke.

"He deserves it," West Springfield head coach Karen Spooner said. "He's a talented leader, a talented swimmer and he's a senior. It's just a reward that justifies all his hard work."

Another struggling group of Spartans got their chance to book a trip to Virginia Beach as well.

Prior to the Northern Region meet, the boys' 200-yard medley relay was still searching for a core group of four swimmers that could earn a spot in the state finals.

"We've tried just about every different combination of boys for this relay," Spooner said.

The combinations produced the same results: a missed cut and a befuddled relay team. With one shot left, Spooner played a hunch that sophomore Matthew Garstka might provide the much-needed firepower.

Garstka joined Nickley, Colin Stephenson and junior Eric Phung to round out the Spartan's relay competitors.



West Springfield swimmer Sean Nickley dives into the water during a relay. Nickley earned state cut times in four events at the Northern Region swim meet.

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State-Bound Swimmers

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"[Garstka] looked really fast in the warm-ups when we were practicing so I put him in," Spooner said.

For Garstka, the chance to swim presented an opportunity to rejoin his former relay team, a team he had trouble staying on during his freshman season.

"I was knocked off the relay last year, then put in, then taken back out," Garstka said. "I wasn't really on it at all this season."

The last second addition paid off. West Springfield's 200-yard medley relay finished fifth in the event with a time of 1:39.77, beating the state cut time of 1:41.69 by 1.92 seconds.

"We thought we made a smart choice by adding [Garstka]," Stephenson said.

Lake Braddock head swim coach Miriam Lynch is optimistic for the Bruins' future. At the Northern Region boys' meet on Feb. 15 at Washington and Lee, she saw two building blocks her team could use in upcoming seasons.

First, her junior boys swam a strong meet, earning three state cut times, giving Lynch a glimpse at the club's future.

Junior John McKenzie earned a trip to Virginia Beach on Feb. 19, for the state finals with a 1:46.24 in the 200-yard freestyle event, and junior David Maquera punched his ticket with a 53:88 in the 100-yard backstroke. In addition to the individual feats, the boys' 200-yard medley relay, featuring four juniors, beat the state cut time of 1:41.69 with a time of 1:40.37.

"My junior boys were awesome," she said. "[This meet] will motivate them for next year."

Despite more than a week of separation due to snowstorms, the team's unity remained strong, Lynch said.

"The meet kind of distanced us from each other," she said. "But the kids were still cheering for each other and were focused [on the meet]."

The meet's move from the usual site of Oak Marr Recreation Center — considered by some coaches as the fastest pool in the Northern Region — to Washington and Lee also forced the team to adapt.

"Our kids stepped up considering the circumstances they were given," Lynch said. "It wasn't the same venue, but [the meet] had the same feeling."

Of course that didn't mean the swimmers were

5 Qs with West Springfield swimmer Robert Hutchinson

Q: Do you have a favorite sports moment you have participated in or watched?

A: It's just doing my 400-yard freestyle relay with the West Springfield team. It's one of the coolest moments I've ever been a part of.

Q: Who's your favorite athlete of all-time?

A: I don't really have one.

Q: What sort of music do you listen to before a swim meet?

A: Just rock or hip-hop. Nothing really in particular.

Q: Who inspires you in the pool?

A: A couple of years ago, it was my brother John, but now it's my friends and my teammates.

Q: Have you been watching the Vancouver Winter Olympics?

A: I'm not interested in watching sports, I'd much rather just be playing them.



Robert Hutchinson

CRAIG STERBUTZEL

— REED S. ALBERS

pleased with swimming in a "slower" pool.

"I wasn't that excited about [the meet] because I really like the pool at Oak Marr better," said junior Troy Chewing, a member of the 200-yard medley relay.

Lynch was pleased with her team's results. "It was a great meet," she said.

Area Players Lead Mary Washington in Win

Senior guard and former Robinson basketball player Ashley Reed's 15 points led the University of Mary Washington women's basketball team in their 71-41 victory over Hood College on Feb. 12.

The victory brings the 24th ranked Eagles to a 12-0 Capital Athletic Conference record and 17-3 overall record.

Reed wasn't the only Northern Virginia product to contribute to the Eagles' win.

Freshman Carol Dye, a product of Lake Braddock, contributed eight points to the team and sophomore Jenna McRae, of Springfield, added six points to the total and collected nine rebounds.

WEEK IN SPORTS

Cooley Football Camp June 5-6

Washington Redskins tight-end Chris Cooley will offer his annual Old Spice Chris Cooley Football Camp on June 5 and June 6, from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at Fairfax High School.

The camp is open to all boys and girls from ages 7-14.

Cooley will be on site to direct the activities and provide instruction to campers. The camp also features a selection of the top prep and collegiate coaches in the Washington, D.C. area.

The cost of the camp is \$199. Additional information can be found at www.chriscooleycamp.com or by calling 513-793-CAMP.

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Improved by the premises known as 4257 Americana Drive, #102, Annandale, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Sylvia G. Zamora, dated March 7, 2005, and recorded March 16, 2005, in Deed Book 17075 at page 1769 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

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Holocaust Survivor Tells Tale

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In 1941, Herrman's parents were deported to Latvia separately. She was notified in 1945 of her parents' deaths. Her mother died in the gas chambers and her father was possibly shot. During the Holocaust, 6 million Jews were killed, 1.5 million of whom were children.

Herrman met Harold Herrman, the man she would marry in New York. He was drafted and went to war. They were married after he returned. "He came back with two arms and two feet," said Herrman. His parents came from England and moved in with them as did his sister.

HERRMAN WORKED in an art studio and in commercial art. "I swept the floor and did payroll," she said. She then worked for Look Magazine. At the Columbia Broadcasting Service, she worked with cameras and setting microphones.

Harold and Anne Herrman's son Tom graduated law school after living in Washington, D.C. He worked for 30 years doing government work.

Anne Herrman and her husband decided to move to the Washington, D.C. area to retire. Though she retired in her mid-60s, she is still very active. Although the retire-

ment community has several restaurants, she cooked most of the meals she and her husband ate there.

"I stopped ice skating at 83, said Anne Herrman, who is now 87. Her husband died last year. They were married for 63 years.

Anne Herrman keeps herself busy by doing volunteer camera and microphone work on Channel 6 at Greenspring. She prepares soup for her neighbors and takes nature walks on the property. She now takes her meals in the restaurants to socialize with the other residents. She still plays the violin. One of her paintings hangs by a window, but she does not paint much anymore. She was also instrumental in getting major transportation initiatives passed in her retirement community.

Anne Herrman still has a story to tell. Lauren Hammond at Trinity Christian School and Jason Connors, who is in charge of public relations at Greenspring, have heard that story.

Hammond, who teaches sixth-grade literacy classes, contacted Herrman. Her class was studying "The Hiding Place," a book that tells the story of a Christian family that takes care of Jews during the Holocaust.

"The children knew she was coming and were careful about the questions to ask," said Hammond. The children had a chance

to meet a real person who had experienced the Holocaust and who was their age at the time.

"The kids were so curious about reading the pamphlets she brought," said Hammond. Their questions included what happened in Germany, what she took with her and what it was like for Herrman to leave her family. They made thank you cards for her knowing she was coming.

At Greenspring, Herrman proudly shares them.

CONNORS WAS instrumental in this and other speaking engagements for Herrman. "Anne is a Greenspring political activist," he said, adding that he was impressed by her parent's survival instincts for their children.

Though her parents' home was destroyed, Anne Herrman showed the students two of the books in German from her parents' 200-book library that were found and sent to her.

For several years, Germany has extended a one-week, all expense paid trip to visit. As she contemplates taking the trip, she said, "You cannot make children responsible for what grandparents have done. I still speak German fluently, after five minutes." She added that this will be the year she takes that trip.



The Montavon clan — James, 14; Rachel, 12; Peter, 6; and Genevieve, 10 — roast marshmallows.

Good Neighbors during the Storm

To the Editor:

My children attend West Springfield High School, Irving Middle School and West Springfield Elementary School. Besides taking care of our house and driveway, the children went out of their way and shoveled out two elderly neighbors as well through the storm. I'm proud of them for being good neighbors and glad to see them having fun in the blizzard as well.

Eve Montavon
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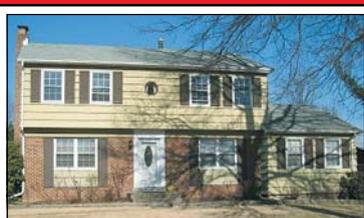
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