

JOHN KELLY'S WASHINGTON
Nikita Khrushchev wanted to visit Disneyland. He saw Beltsville instead. **c3**



LOCAL OPINIONS
The Corcoran can be saved, and a jewel in Washington's art scene can live on. **c4**



OBITUARIES
Over four decades, Terence A. Todman served as ambassador to six nations. **c6**

McDonnell might take the stand this week

His fate could hinge on whether he convinces jury he didn't take bribes

BY **MATT ZAPOTOSKY**
AND **ROSALIND S. HELDERMAN**

RICHMOND — Over 14 days and using 45 witnesses, federal prosecutors here worked to present their best case that former Virginia governor Robert F. McDonnell sold the credibility of his office for loans, vacations and luxury goods.

Now, the jury's verdict may come down to what McDonnell says about it all.

The onetime rising Republican star is expected to take the witness stand as early as this week to try to convince a jury he did not take bribes from a wealthy Richmond businessman. He will argue that he was an honest public servant who promoted many Virginia companies.

He will face stakes higher than any he encountered in his 22 years in elected office.

"You talk about the biggest pitch, the biggest sell of his life — this is going to be it," said Edward T. Kang, a former federal public corruption prosecutor now in private practice at the Alston & Bird firm.

On Thursday, prosecutors concluded a nearly three-week presentation aimed at proving that the former governor and his wife, Maureen, are guilty of public corruption, lying on financial documents and obstructing justice.

Jonnie R. Williams Sr., the wheeling-and-dealing businessman at the heart of the prosecution's allegations, walked away with his detailed account of bribing McDonnell and his wife surprisingly intact.

The governor's former staffers testified that they were kept in the

MCDONNELL CONTINUED ON C5

Md. governor candidates: Beware the other guy

BY **JOHN WAGNER**

OCEAN CITY — The first public forum between the two men vying to become the next governor of Maryland had each candidate warning an audience of county leaders on Saturday that electing his opponent would have dire consequences.

Republican Larry Hogan cautioned that under the leadership of Democratic candidate Lt. Gov. Anthony G. Brown, Maryland's future would be under threat. Brown would do little more than carry on the policies of the current administration, including an "anti-business attitude" and multiple tax hikes, Hogan said.

"The mismanagement of Maryland's state government has crushed our economy," Hogan, an Anne Arundel County businessman, told a conference of the Maryland Association of Counties. "We've had the largest mass exodus of taxpayers fleeing our state, voting with their feet and leaving for the exits."

FORUM CONTINUED ON C5



Robert McCartney

He is away. His column will resume when he returns.

BY **BILL TURQUE**

Punching about 2,000 holes in a concrete building plagued by cracks and design problems doesn't sound like such a hot idea.



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But that's part of the work planned for the **Silver Spring Transit Center**, the oval-shaped bus-and-train hub that has been a \$120 million concrete albatross around Montgomery County officials' necks.

The holes will be filled with epoxy and new reinforcing steel, which are intended to help the structure better withstand the weight of hundreds of Metro, Ride On and regional buses that will be driving each day through the facility adjacent to the Silver Spring Metro station.

In May, county officials said the goal was to deliver a finished building to Metro by the end of the year. But with repairs still in progress, there remains no opening date for the center, which broke ground six years ago this fall. It probably will be sometime this winter before the building is conveyed to Metro, which then will have 60 days to decide whether to accept it.

"When I know how long it will take, I can tell them when I'll be done," said Allyn Kilsheimer, the engineering consultant the county hired to complete repairs to the building.

While the transit center — which is nearly four years behind schedule and tens of millions of

dollars over budget — represents a major failure of management and oversight for the county, it scarcely merits a line on Kilsheimer's résumé.

One of the world's preeminent troubleshooters of distressed and damaged buildings, Kilsheimer worked as an engineering consultant in the aftermath of the bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building in 1995 and the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the Pentagon, and he has dealt with a long list of other structures that met with catastrophe.

Now 75, Kilsheimer is a bearish, blunt-speaking man with a thick, white beard who looked like a latter-day Noah trying to finish a leaky ark as he strode the site in the rain last week.

He enjoys keeping visitors off balance with alternating riffs of profanity and grandiloquence. During the tour of the facility, he recounted his response a few years ago to an interviewer who asked about the basis of his success: "It's

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ALLYN KILSHEIMER, chief executive of the D.C.-based structural engineering firm KCE (pictured in 2002 while working on the Pentagon). Kilsheimer has been hired by Montgomery County to complete repairs to the Silver Spring Transit Center.

Girl, father killed in chase and gun battle

POLICE: MAN SHOT 2 OTHERS IN MD.

Unclear if officials knew a child was in the car

BY **WESLEY ROBINSON**

A 3-year-old girl who was a passenger in her father's vehicle was shot Saturday and later died of her injuries after her father had a gun battle with Prince George's police and other law enforcement officers and led them on a chase through the county.

The man, who had not been identified, was killed when at least five law enforcement officers fired on his car. Police had been pursuing him in connection with the shooting of the girl's grandfather and great-grandmother.

Authorities said it was not known whether the girl was hit by officers or her father during the chase.

They added that they would not identify the man or his daughter until relatives were notified.

Police said the man shot the girl's maternal grandfather and maternal great-grandmother at a home in Fort Washington, Md. They were taken to a hospital, where they were in serious condition Saturday evening.

The shootings occurred in the 4200 block of Farmer Road, an area that one resident described as a quiet street filled with mostly retirees.

But on Saturday, shortly before 1 p.m., that quiet was interrupted when police said the man fired at two people in the home.

A witness who saw the man flee the area in a Nissan Altima notified police about the shooting. Police were able to quickly pursue the gunman.

The man was speeding down

SHOOTING CONTINUED ON C10

Former D.C. charter CFO aided firms, e-mails show

Suit alleges firms paid board member \$150,000

BY **EMMA BROWN**

As the D.C. Public Charter School Board's chief financial officer, Jeremy L. Williams was responsible for monitoring charter schools' business practices and ensuring their compliance with rules meant to prevent financial mismanagement.

Instead, he allegedly received \$150,000 to help three former managers of Options Public Charter School evade those rules and take millions of taxpayer dollars for themselves, according to a pending civil lawsuit.

Williams and the other defendants in that lawsuit have denied doing anything illegal.

But e-mail messages The Washington Post obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request show that Williams used his official capacity with the charter board to help the former Options leaders promote two for-profit businesses that allegedly served as vehicles for diverting millions of dollars in taxpayer funds meant for students.


"Thanks for assisting with the presentation yesterday," David

OPTIONS CONTINUED ON C6

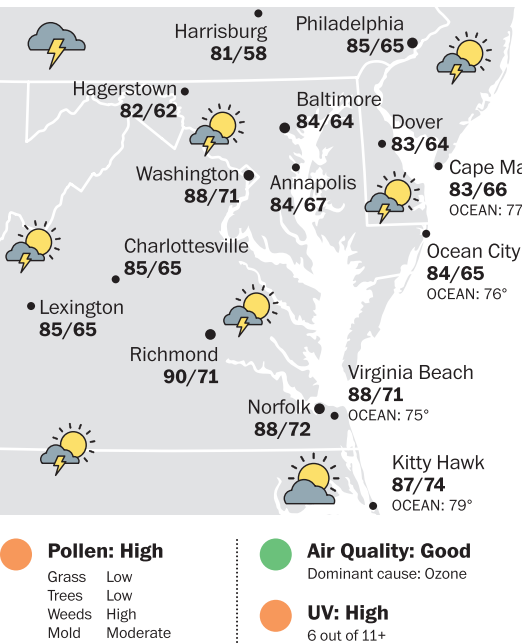
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Storms may be on the horizon

 Plentiful sunshine in the morning eventually gives way to cloudier intervals as the day progresses. Afternoon will be partly to mostly cloudy. Although there's no widespread risk of storms, a few may roll into the area from the northwest during the afternoon. Some could be downpours, and there's a chance of lightning. Highs mainly in the mid-80s to near 90. At night, a shower or storm may persist before giving way to partly clear skies. Lows in the mid-60s to near 70.

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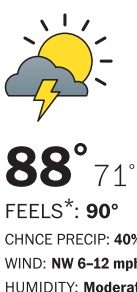
Blue Ridge: Today, partly sunny, a shower or thunderstorm, more humid. High 71–80. Wind west 4–8 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, an evening shower or thunderstorm. Low 56–64. Wind light, variable. Monday, partly sunny, a shower or thunderstorm. High 69–77.

Atlantic beaches: Today, partly sunny, an afternoon shower or thunderstorm in spots. High 83–89. Wind west 6–12 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, an evening shower or thunderstorm in spots. Low 64–72. Wind light, variable. Monday, partly sunny, a thunderstorm.

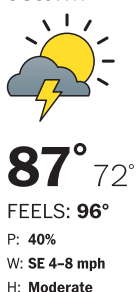
Waterways: *Upper Potomac River:* Today, partly sunny, an afternoon thunderstorm. Wind southwest 5–10 knots. Waves 1 foot. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay:* Today, partly sunny, an afternoon thunderstorm. Wind west 5–10 knots. Waves 1 foot. Visibility clear to the horizon. • *River Stages:* The river stage at Little Falls will be 3.1 feet today, holding steady Monday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in Bold)				
Washington	1:47 a.m.	9:07 a.m.	2:21 p.m.	9:09 p.m.
Annapolis	6:04 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	5:11 p.m.	none
Ocean City	1:07 a.m.	7:28 a.m.	1:49 p.m.	8:21 p.m.
Norfolk	3:18 a.m.	9:20 a.m.	3:54 p.m.	10:18 p.m.
Point Lookout	2:12 a.m.	7:04 a.m.	1:19 p.m.	8:20 p.m.

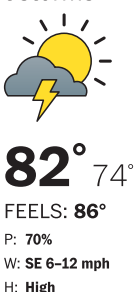
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T-storms



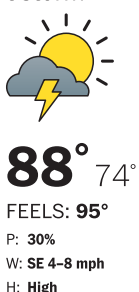
Monday
Possible t-storm



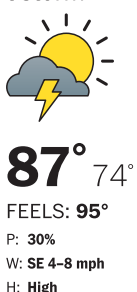
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A couple of t-storms



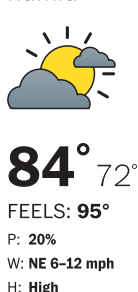
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An afternoon t-storm



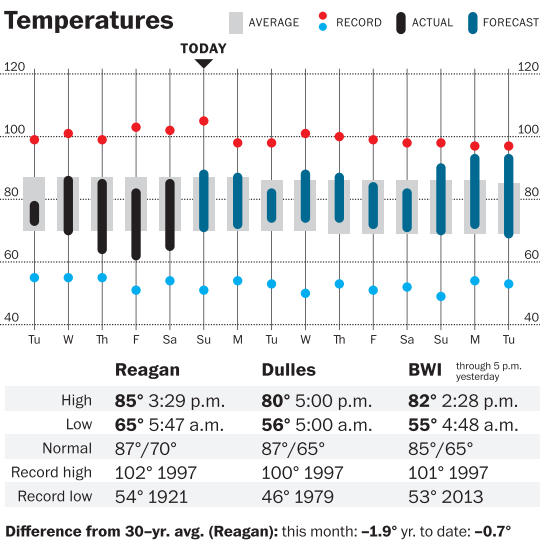
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Some sun, a t-storm



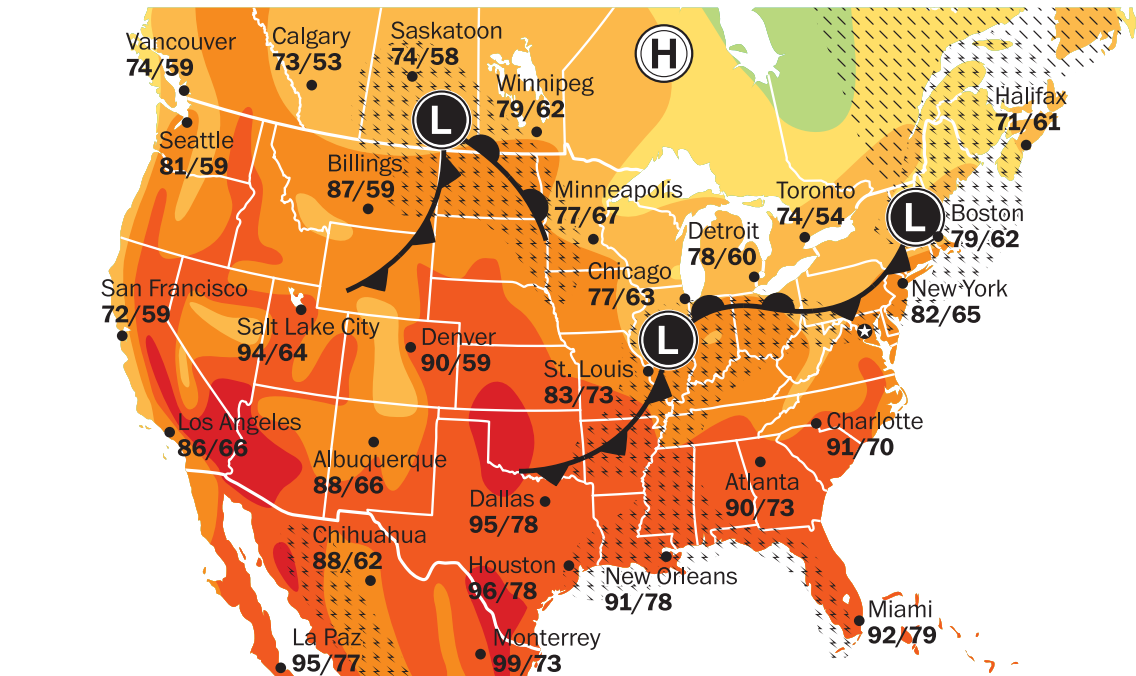
Friday
Cloudy; humid



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NATION



	Today	Tomorrow
NATIONAL		
Albany, NY	76/58/pc	76/53/s
Albuquerque	88/66/t	89/66/pc
Anchorage	64/54/sh	64/53/sh
Austin	90/73/t	87/71/pc
Baltimore	84/64/t	84/66/t
Billings, MT	87/59/pc	86/60/pc
Birmingham	92/73/t	90/73/t
Blismarck, ND	84/62/t	82/59/pc
Boise	93/63/s	94/65/pc
Boston	79/62/pc	75/59/s
Buffalo	72/57/pc	73/57/pc
Burlington, VT	72/56/pc	71/49/s
Charleston, SC	95/78/t	94/77/t
Charleston, WV	85/67/t	80/68/r
Charlotte	91/70/pc	89/71/pc
Cheyenne, WY	87/59/pc	82/56/pc
Chicago	77/63/c	80/67/pc
Cincinnati	82/68/t	82/69/r
Cleveland	75/60/t	74/62/sh
Dallas	95/78/t	100/79/pc
Denver	90/59/pc	88/60/pc
Des Moines	84/69/t	86/69/t
Detroit	78/60/pc	78/61/pc
El Paso	92/70/t	89/70/t
Fairbanks, AK	71/51/sh	67/51/sh
Fargo, ND	78/64/t	82/62/t
Hartford, CT	81/57/pc	79/54/s
Honolulu	89/76/s	89/77/pc
Houston	96/78/pc	94/77/s
Indianapolis	79/68/t	83/67/t
Jackson, MS	91/74/t	89/74/pc
Jacksonville, FL	93/74/t	94/75/pc
Kansas City, MO	85/68/t	89/69/t
Las Vegas	105/79/s	101/77/s
Little Rock	90/75/t	93/76/pc
Los Angeles	86/66/pc	83/65/pc
Louisville	83/72/t	85/72/t
Memphis	92/76/t	91/76/t
Miami	92/79/c	92/79/c
Milwaukee	69/59/c	73/64/pc
Minneapolis	77/67/c	81/66/t
Nashville	89/72/t	87/62/pc
New Orleans	91/78/pc	92/78/pc
New York City	82/65/pc	82/67/s
Norfolk	88/72/pc	88/73/pc
Oklahoma City	99/73/t	101/74/pc
Omaha	87/71/t	88/67/t
Orlando	93/75/t	94/74/pc
Philadelphia	85/65/pc	83/68/pc
Phoenix	108/84/pc	104/80/pc
Pittsburgh	78/62/t	76/65/sh
Portland, ME	73/57/sh	74/53/s
Portland, OR	86/60/pc	88/63/pc
Providence, RI	81/60/pc	79/58/s
Raleigh, NC	88/70/pc	90/72/pc
Reno, NV	92/57/s	90/57/s
Richmond	90/71/pc	89/71/t
Sacramento	90/56/s	87/58/s
St. Louis	83/73/t	87/74/pc
St. Thomas, VI	89/80/pc	89/80/s
Salt Lake City	94/64/s	95/66/t
San Diego	80/69/pc	77/68/pc
San Francisco	72/59/pc	71/59/pc
San Juan, PR	89/79/pc	89/79/s
Seattle	81/59/pc	83/61/pc
Spokane, WA	85/62/s	87/62/pc
Syracuse	74/56/pc	73/51/s
Tampa	91/78/pc	91/78/pc
Wichita	95/72/s	99/71/pc
WORLD		
Addis Ababa	68/53/t	67/53/c
Amsterdam	64/56/r	64/53/r
Athens	93/75/s	86/72/s
Auckland	59/45/sh	59/48/pc
Baghdad	115/84/s	116/87/s
Bangkok	95/80/t	95/81/t
Beijing	86/69/t	88/69/t
Berlin	68/56/pc	68/53/pc
Bogota	65/49/t	62/48/c
Brussels	64/51/r	64/50/pc
Buenos Aires	73/60/s	78/62/s
Cairo	98/76/s	96/77/s
Caracas	76/66/t	77/66/t
Copenhagen	65/56/r	65/56/r
Dakar	88/80/sh	88/80/sh
Dublin	62/49/sh	61/47/sh
Edinburgh	62/49/r	60/44/sh
Frankfurt	68/55/pc	68/50/pc
Geneva	72/51/pc	75/52/s
Ham, Bermuda	84/76/sh	84/78/pc
Helsinki	72/52/pc	66/54/r
Ho Chi Minh City	92/77/t	91/77/t
Hong Kong	91/82/pc	91/82/c
Islamabad	89/70/s	94/70/s
Istanbul	87/73/s	81/73/pc
Jerusalem	83/66/s	84/65/s
Johannesburg	63/42/pc	66/44/s
Kabul	86/57/s	89/59/s
Kingston, Jam.	91/80/t	91/80/pc
Kolkata	90/81/t	90/81/t
Lagos	82/73/sh	82/74/c
Lima	64/57/pc	65/57/pc
Lisbon	68/52/sh	62/63/s
London	68/52/sh	68/49/sh
Madrid	89/65/s	83/66/s
Manila	84/77/t	86/76/t
Mexico City	74/55/t	73/55/t
Montreal	73/55/c	71/51/s
Moscow	69/53/sh	71/52/pc
Mumbai	86/78/sh	86/78/sh
Nairobi	75/57/c	75/54/c
New Delhi	95/79/pc	97/81/s
Oslo	59/48/r	60/47/sh
Ottawa	73/49/c	71/45/s
Paris	70/55/pc	69/51/pc
Prague	68/53/pc	69/50/pc
Rio de Janeiro	77/67/sh	79/67/s
Riyadh	111/81/s	111/82/s
Rome	82/63/s	82/62/s
San Salvador	90/70/t	90/70/t
Santiago	80/46/s	80/46/s
Sanjerevo	68/44/t	79/46/s
Seoul	79/88/r	80/68/r
Shanghai	81/76/r	85/75/r
Singapore	86/77/t	86/77/t
Stockholm	68/57/c	68/52/r
Sydney	65/49/r	61/52/r
Taipei	92/80/t	91/78/t
Tehran	92/73/c	94/76/s
Tokyo	90/78/t	90/78/t
Toronto	74/54/pc	73/55/pc
Vienna	72/54/s	76/58/s
Warsaw	66/55/pc	73/55/pc

‘Tedious’ work remains on transit center

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because I have huge scars,” he said. “It’s the bottom line. Nothing scares me.”

Kilsheimer and his D.C.-based firm, KCE, conducted the March 2013 study of the transit center after problems surfaced with cracking and structural steel poking through the concrete surfaces. The analysis concluded that inadequate concrete strength and a lack of reinforcing steel, among other problems, would render the building unsafe and unusable unless the county authorized major repairs.

KCE recommended several measures, including additional steel reinforcement against “torsion and shear” forces that would be created by bus traffic. Torsion is exerted on concrete by twisting; shearing refers to vertical pressures that could cause concrete to crack or fail.

The report cited “errors and omissions” by the designer, Parsons Brinckerhoff; the general contractor, Foulger-Pratt; and the inspections firm, Robert B. Balter Co.

But repairs progressed in fits and starts, interrupted by a cold winter and months of infighting among county employees, Metro, contractors and lots of lawyers over how best to proceed.

Parsons Brinckerhoff said the added reinforcement of girders and roadways was not only unnecessary, but also inadvisable. The firm said the highly invasive nature of the proposed repair work — those 2,000 holes — might actually further undermine the structure.

But another review, headed by former Lockheed Martin chairman Norman Augustine, affirmed Kilsheimer’s diagnosis in April. Without the torsion and shear



Workers clear dust during repair work on the Silver Spring Transit Center.

work, Augustine said, the public would be at increased risk from falling chunks of concrete. Parsons Brinckerhoff finally signed off on the plan and ceded responsibility to Kilsheimer for executing it. The county formalized the arrangement this spring by hiring him as the “specialty engineer of record.”

Parsons Brinckerhoff is still working on the site, as are Foulger-Pratt and Balter, all overseen by KCE personnel.

Crews have been busy over the spring and summer. A “crack survey” was conducted to identify new fissures and seal them. Ramps and curb cuts, which complied with the Americans with Disabilities Act when first completed, have been torn out and modified to meet new standards. Elevators and escalators, which have yet to carry passengers, are getting regular preventive maintenance so age and rust don’t catch up with them when the transit center finally opens.

The holes, to be drilled into the concrete girders in pairs, will be filled with small, U-shaped steel braces called cap ties, followed by a high-strength epoxy

and rods of reinforcing steel. The concrete has been probed with ultrasound and magnetic resonance imaging to ensure that drills do not hit any of the existing steel supports.

The work will be “labor intensive and tedious,” said David Dise, the county’s general services director, one of the reasons he remains reluctant to offer a specific completion schedule. Kilsheimer and his team are already using small areas of the building to perform “mock-ups,” or dress rehearsals, of the procedure.

After the girder supports are installed, a two-inch layer of latex-modified concrete will be added, followed by a new series of struts to reinforce overhead concrete beams.

While Kilsheimer couldn’t promise a delivery date, he proclaimed — in his usual salty language — that there would be no more time-consuming in-fighting among the players.

“I have something that I’ve lived my whole life on,” he said, “which is lead, follow or get the . . . out of the way.”

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THE DISTRICT

FBI employee gets big boost in fight against traffic ticket

BY PETER HERMANN

Talk about making a federal case of it. When a gray Dodge Caravan collided with a white Toyota 4Runner in May while looping around Sheridan Circle in Northwest Washington, it appeared to be a run-of-the-mill fender bender during the morning rush hour.

The only damage was to the Toyota’s left rear bumper. Officer Jenae Ross of the D.C. police wrote the Caravan’s driver a \$100 ticket, citing “changing lanes without caution.”

But the driver of the Caravan, Benjamin Huff, works for the FBI as a civilian investigative specialist, and he was on the clock when the accident occurred. Either he or his bosses decided to fight the ticket.

But the federal government doesn’t like its agents tried before local judges. Not even, it turns out, for a traffic ticket. A case against a federal agent has to be, well, a federal case.

And so Friday, an assistant U.S. attorney filed in U.S. District Court case 14-cv-01399, a “notice of removal” in what has become the District of Columbia, Office of the Attorney General v. Benjamin Huff, Federal Bureau of Investigation. In essence, the papers “remove” the case from the D.C. Department of Motor Vehicles’ Adjudication Services office — which had scheduled a hearing on the matter for this coming Friday at 7:30 a.m. — and put it into the hands of the federal court.

It was done, the filing says, “to ensure that federal officers or agents shall not be forced to answer for conduct assert-

Police report is one-sided, says U.S. attorney’s office

edly within their duty in any court except a federal court.”

Bill Miller, the chief spokesman for the U.S. Attorney’s Office in the District, declined to comment, a stock phrase good enough, it turns out, for high-level corruption cases as well as lowly traffic citations. Ted Gest, the spokesman for the D.C. attorney general’s office, representing the DMV, wouldn’t speak about the matter, either.

Just what is all the fuss about?

The driver of the Toyota, Mark Andrew McCoy, of Alexandria, told police that the Caravan, driven by Huff, tried to move from the right lane to the left lane, striking his car. The officer issued Huff a ticket but wrote in the report that she had cited McCoy.

The U.S. attorney’s office contends in its court filing that the report is one-sided, giving only McCoy’s account of the accident. It also mentions the officer’s notation about who was cited, arguing that she ticketed the wrong person.

Huff’s version of the accident isn’t provided, but his government attorney assures the court that “after conducting its own internal investigation, the FBI finds no basis for the Notice of Infraction. Therefore, based on the above facts, the U.S. Department of Justice authorized representation of Huff.”

A court date hasn’t been scheduled. peter.hermann@washpost.com

Man believed to have killed 2 before leading police on chase

SHOOTING FROM C1

home in Fort Washington, Md. They were taken to a hospital, where they were in serious condition Saturday evening.

The shootings occurred in the 4200 block of Farmer Road, an area that one resident described as a quiet street filled with mostly retirees.

But on Saturday, shortly before 1 p.m., that quiet was interrupted when police said the man fired at two people in the home.

A witness who saw the man flee the area in a Nissan Altima notified police

about the shooting. Police were able to quickly pursue the gunman.

The man was speeding down Branch Avenue near Beech Road and at one point lost a wheel.

He fired at police and continued driving, authorities said.

As he drove toward Interstate 95, police said, he fired at them again.

He drove another half-mile and again began shooting at police, they said.

When he reached the 4600 block of Branch Avenue in Suitland, officers fired back and the man was fatally struck, police said.

William Alexander, a spokesman for

Prince George’s County police, said it was unclear whether police knew that the girl was in the car when they fired at it.

Investigators said they think that five county officers and one trooper with Maryland State Police fired at the man’s vehicle.

Alexander said the investigators are looking into whether the shooter or the victims had a history of domestic disputes. He said it was unclear who had custody of the girl.

The mother of the girl was not at either scene, police said.

Van Dyke Jackson, a witness to the

aftermath of the shootout, said he saw emergency workers take a girl from the scene about 20 minutes after the fire-fight.

“You could see the barrettes,” Jackson said. “I’m praying for that baby. That’s innocence.”

Alexander said many details of both shootings are under investigation.

Shirley Beamon, who has lived in the 4200 block of Farmer Place for four years, said that the shooting was unusual for her neighborhood.

“It’s quiet around here, especially during the daytime,” said Beamon, 64.

Alexander said it will take some time

to determine how the events unfolded.

“It’s going to be a long while before we can definitely say who shot first,” Alexander said.

He added that no police officers were injured and that the officers who were a part of the exchange of gunfire will be placed on administrative leave, which is routine procedure.

Alexander said that Prince George’s police were aided by Marlboro Heights and Maryland State Police to track down the gunman.

Branch Avenue was expected to remain closed for several hours into the night while police continued to investigate.

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