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Filler-Corn Wins Special Election Squeaker

Democrat wins by 37, Bolognese concedes.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Springfield resident Charlie Wilson spent 30 years in the Navy and used to vote for Republicans. But he has become dissatisfied with the direction of the political party and, much to the satisfaction of his left-leaning wife, now votes for Democrats.

"My priorities changed as I got older. When I became a parent, I developed a strong interest in public education," said Wilson. "My daughter is at James Madison University studying to be a teacher."

Speaking outside his polling place at Orange Hunt Elementary School, Wilson said he had voted for Democrat Eileen Filler-Corn in the March 2 special election for the 41st House of Delegates seat.

Filler-Corn, a Springfield resident with two children in Fairfax County Public Schools, said voters told her proposed cuts to local school system was their top concern.

"Education is everyone's number one concern. That is why we all moved here," said Filler-Corn, who appears to have edged out



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

Eileen Filler-Corn (D) is the new 41st District representative in the House of Delegates after winning a special election March 2.

Republican Kerry Bolognese, who emphasized lower taxes, by just 37 votes.

Fairfax County unofficial election results show Filler-Corn, with 5,753 votes, beating Bolognese, with 5,726 votes, by a margin of three-tenths of a percentage point.

Bolognese conceded the race, though he was entitled to a recount. In Virginia, the

government automatically covers the cost of recount for an election won by a half a percentage point or less.

Filler-Corn and the Democrats declared victory at the candidate's victory party at the Springfield Austin Grille on election night.

"This is a great night for Fairfax County

"This is a great night for Fairfax County and for our schools."

— Eileen Filler-Corn

and for our schools," said Filler-Corn, who will represent parts of Springfield, Burke and Fairfax Station as the new 41st District delegate.

At the victory party, Filler-Corn said she planned to head to Richmond to be sworn in as the newest member of the Virginia General Assembly on the morning of March 3. The 41st delegate seat has been vacant during the entire 2010 state legislative session, since the prior delegate, State Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37), won another special election for his current elected office in early January.

There is some urgency in getting the new delegate seated as soon as possible, since the legislative session is scheduled to end March 13. Assembly members are still grappling with a \$4 billion shortfall in the state budget that could negatively affect everything from Fairfax County schools to public safety and the courts system.

"I am sure they will work to get me up to

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Federation OKs Healthplex Proposal

Plan for Inova Healthplex in Lorton approved with certain conditions.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

The long-standing proposal to build an Inova Healthplex in Lorton took another step toward completion Tuesday, March 2 as the South County Federation expressed its support for the medical facility.

The Federation hosted representatives from Inova at its monthly meeting to discuss the latest changes to the plan amendment that would allow the facility to be built. While the Federation is requiring certain construction conditions to be met before it would fully support the plan amendment, it passed a motion almost unanimously stating that it was not opposed to the facility.

"The language [of the plan amendment] everyone has been working on is literally two sentences from agreement," said Linwood Gorham, Federation land Use chairman. "What the motion intends to say is that we support the Healthplex, but we want more traffic mitigation, and we want to be satisfied that it is complete."

The proposal, which is an amendment to Lorton's Comprehensive Plan, calls for the



Inova attorney Sarah Elizabeth Hall discusses the plan amendment at the South County Federation's March 2 meeting.

construction of a new Inova Healthplex medical facility on a 14.5-acre plot of land south of Lorton Road between Interstate 95 and Sanger Street. The amendment, according to a report compiled by the Board of Supervisors' staff, calls for the Healthplex to have medical offices and care facilities, hotel, daycare center, restaurant and pharmacy contained in three free-standing buildings. The lot would also have parking for its facilities, with parking structures to be built to accommodate 87 percent of all traf-

fic to the Healthplex.

The Healthplex has been discussed in several incarnations, with the earliest talks occurring in 2005 when the Board of Supervisors authorized an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to consider using the parcel for offices with medical use. The plan was delayed several times because of differences over logistics and was even suspended in January 2009 by Inova due to budgetary constraints. However, in June 2009, the Board of Supervisors authorized

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— Linwood Gorham, South County Federation land use chairman.

a plan amendment to consider recommendations for development of office use on the parcel, and the Healthplex plans were put into motion once again.

THE LATEST CONCERNS raised by the Federation for the current plan, however, focus on the size and density of the buildings as well as its potential impact on traffic in the area. According to Inova attorney Sarah Elizabeth Hall, who attended the meeting, Inova hopes to build the Healthplex with a floor area ratio of 0.4 FAR. Floor area ratio is an expression of the amount of development allowed on a specific parcel of land calculated by dividing the total square footage of buildings on a site by the amount of site square footage. Hall said that this number is a significant decrease from Inova's initial intention to build it with a ratio of 0.6 but the federation is seeking a building with a ratio of 0.3.

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Supporting the Suspended

Volunteers provide help for those suspended from school.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

Edison sophomore Jill-wants to attend college and pursue a career as a forensic scientist. A 10-day suspension from school that has dragged on for two months has her worried those goals may not be realized.

"I'm concerned about missing classes," said Jill, whose real name is being withheld by request. "I have new classes and I didn't know much about them. I don't want to fail."

Jill is waiting for a ruling on her case from the Fairfax County School Board, but until the board convenes and issues a decision, she's not allowed to

attend classes or interact with students and faculty on school grounds.

Fortunately for Jill, she can try to keep her education on track with the guidance of volunteers at the Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) in Lorton and its Support on Suspension program (SOS).

At the LCAC, Jill spends a full 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. school day reading, doing homework and listening to the advice of mentors. The program gives her a chance to stay academically in step with her peers.

"Most kids would stay home and not do anything," she said. "The [LCAC] gives me an opportunity to do my work and keep up with my classmates."

The SOS program's roots started 12 years ago when Frank Blechman, president of the Fairfax Partnership for Youth (FPFY), proposed a mentoring network for area youths.

"We held hearings all around the county and asked 'what's going on with

"We'd like to have more people come and speak to the students."

— Steve Rorke

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County 'Hoarding' Quality Leaders

Christina Sadar new leader of county's Hoarding Task Force.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

The success of the A&E Network's new television show "Hoarders" has placed the problem of excessive collection and retention of trash, newspapers, clothing, food and even animals to the forefront of the public's consciousness. However, most people do not realize that the issue is more than an hour's worth of television entertainment. It's also a real problem within Fairfax County.

In response to the growing problem, the county's 12-year-old Hoarding Task Force is searching for new operational methods to help identify and rectify hoarding cases and officials believe

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County Employee Is Arrested

Fairfax County Police have charged a local resident and county employee with six offenses. She is Deborah Sterling,



Sterling

Police Photo

58, of the 6300 block of Deepwood Farm Drive in Clifton. She worked in the office of the county Clerk of the Court and, on Wednesday, Feb. 24, she was arrested and charged with four counts of embezzlement by a public official and one count each of computer fraud and forging a public record.

The Clerk of the Court, John Frey, alerted police about alleged improprieties on Feb. 17. Police say he'd detected several irregularities in the office's fee tracking system. The investigation is continuing and additional charges may be forthcoming.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131.

Enter Volunteer Fairfax Photo Contest

Volunteer Fairfax is conducting a photo contest to promote volunteering as an American tradition. Contestants may submit only one photo for consideration. Once all photo submissions are collected they will be posted on the center's Web site, members of the public may view the submissions and take part in choosing the winner. When voting ends, five finalists will be chosen. These five finalists will receive complimentary tickets to the awards ceremony where their photos will be displayed and the winner will be announced. The winning photo will also be featured on the Center's new Web site. Send all photo submissions and questions about the contest to Daneen Matheson at events@volunteerfairfax.org. Include full name, address and phone number. Deadline for photo submissions is Friday, March 12. Public voting for the contest starts on Wednesday, March 17 and ends on Friday, April 9. The winner will be announced at the Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards on Friday, April 23 at the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church.

Helping Suspended Students

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kids?" he said. "We looked for ways to deal with kids who were getting in trouble, but had not dropped out or joined gangs."

The plight of suspended students coping with lengthy punishments caught Blechman's eye.

"If you were caught with a weapon or drugs, state law says you have to be suspended," he said. "You then have to wait for the School Board to decide what to do with you. Depending on when the School Board meets, it could be a very long time."

In cases such as Jill's, 10 days can turn into months, putting students farther behind their classmates.

"It became clear to us that some of the kids were not out for a week, but were out for three months," he said. "[The long suspensions] guaranteed that kids were automatically coming back to school a year behind."

Not wanting to see the area's youth succumb to gangs and other non-positive activities, Blechman sought to find a way to keep suspended students learning and off the streets.

With the help of volunteers and monetary assistance from the community and Fairfax County, Blechman and the FPFY started the SOS program.

The group now operates three SOS sites in Falls Church, Alexandria and Lorton.

While the locations aren't quite the same as classrooms, they do mimic the school environment.

At the Lorton site, computers and donated books are available for the students to use to complete their assignments.

Staff members keep in contact with the students' teachers and obtain class assignments, but it doesn't mean the work



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Members of the Lorton Community Action Center and Support on Suspension workers pose for a photo. From left are Steve Rorke, Lisa Adler, Katrina Hamlett and Susan Lydick.

is easier.

"If it's not up to standards, I'll tell them to do it again," LCAC Program Manager Katrina Hamlett said. "We don't go easy on them here."

In addition to providing a place to learn, volunteer speakers occasionally visit to talk to the students about applying for college, career opportunities or getting their academic lives back on schedule.

"We'd like to have more people come and speak to the students," LCAC Executive Director Steve Rorke said. "I know their guidance is a big help to these students."

The SOS program is free, but parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from the site.

The Lorton site, which has 15 students enrolled in the program, serves Lake Braddock, South County, Edison, West Springfield, Robinson and Hayfield high schools.

But the center isn't just for high school students. "We take everyone," Blechman said. "We don't just serve the high schools, but also middle schools."

SOS Co-Coordinator Lisa Adler said the response from students to the program has been positive.

"I don't think the kids want to be out of school very long," she said. "Being out of school is playtime for a little while, but they don't want to fall behind."

Hayfield student Jack, whose real name also is being withheld by request, said his suspension and the help of SOS has allowed him to refocus on school. "I just don't like to fall behind," he said. "I'm not trying to fail in school. I want to graduate."

Community members who wish to volunteer their time or other resources can learn more about the SOS program by contacting Katrina Hamlett at katrina@lortonaction.org.

Tax Dollars for Private Investment in Public Projects

Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) has backed a piece of legislation intended to attract more private company investment to infrastructure projects that have generally been publicly funded, like highways and educational facilities.

The bill would allow private entities involved in building transportation facilities through public-private partnerships with Virginia to receive up to 50 percent of the state tax dollars generated by their construction project.

The private entity could claim taxes that include but are not limited to those on wages, salaries and contracts paid to people involved with the project, purchase of equipment or machines associated with the

project; and the production of goods or services that are considered to be in the surrounding area or adjacent to the project including "spin off" jobs and services.

Prior to the project starting, a maximum payment of the tax revenue that would be handed over to the private company would be established. The payment can be no more than half of what the state comptroller predict the project will produce in taxes overall, according to a draft of the bill.

It is not clear whether payments could continue for several years after the private company has ceased its work on the project.

"How long does this arrangement go on?" said Fairfax County Supervisor Linda Smyth (D-Providence).

Taking public funds and automatically handing them over to a private company to pay transportation projects troubled some

on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

All tax dollars typically go into Virginia's general fund before being allocated for particular purpose. That way the state legislature has a chance to decide whether the money should be best spent on education, public safety or a host of other programs.

"This is a glamorized way of raiding the general fund to pay for transportation," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee).

But Fairfax County's lobbyists said many local business groups had spoken out in favor of the bill. The Herndon, Reston, Dulles and Fairfax County chambers of commerce had all expressed their support for the bill.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

BULLETIN BOARD

SATURDAY/MARCH 6

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area. 10 a.m. at the Packard Center, 4026 Hummer Road, Annandale. Discussion of the impact of early Monday closings for elementary schools. www.lwv-fairfax.org.

MONDAY/MARCH 8

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area. 1:30 p.m. at Hunters Crossing Classroom, Spring Village Drive, Springfield. Discussion of the impact of early Monday closings for elementary schools. www.lwv-fairfax.org.

TUESDAY/MARCH 9

Budget Town Hall Meeting with Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) at Braddock District Council Meeting. 7:30 p.m., Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke. For more information, contact the Braddock District Office at 703-425-9300.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 10

Herrity/Bradsher Budget Town Hall Meetings. 7 p.m. at Willow Springs Elementary School, 5400 Willow Springs School Road, Fairfax. County budget meeting with Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and School Board

Member Liz Bradsher.
Christian.Deschauer@fairfaxcounty.gov.

THURSDAY/MARCH 11

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area. 9:30 a.m. at the Packard Center, 4026 Hummer Road, Annandale. Discussion of the impact of early Monday closings for elementary schools.

Herrity/Bradsher Budget Town Hall Meetings. 7 p.m. at West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield, County budget meeting with Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and School Board Member Liz Bradsher.
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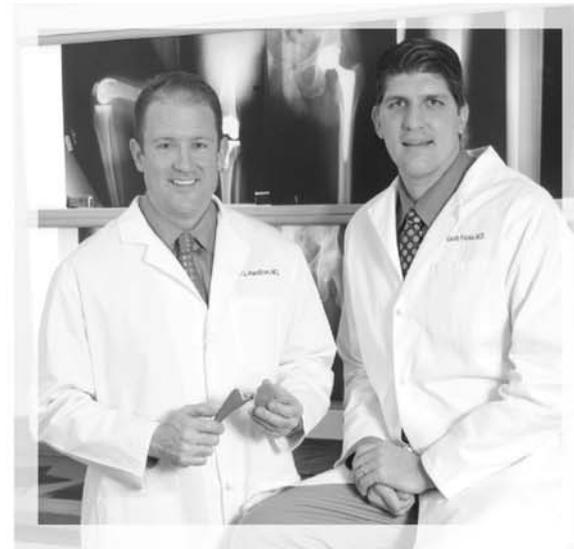
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THINGS TO DO

The following events and exhibits are open at the Workhouse Arts Center, which is located at 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. For more information, call 703-495-0001 or visit www.workhousearts.org.

Opening Exhibition: 6 Abstract Women as part of Minds Wide Open: Virginia Celebrates Women in the Arts. Award-winning abstract artists Andrea Cybyk, Marcia Dale Dullum, Michele Hoben, Joyce McCarten, Jan Sherfy and Roberta Thole exhibit their work March 3-28, in Gallery W-16. An opening reception is March 7, 2-4 p.m.

Artnotes presents Paul Reisler and Terri Allard, Saturday, March 6, 7 p.m., at Gallery W-16, second floor. Reisler [www.paulreisler.com] has created a direct and emotional music that cuts across borders — combining folk roots, world music eclecticism, classical precision, and new age mysticism with the vitality of contemporary music. Allard [www.terriallard.com] offers power-packed vocals and infectious energy. The Virginia based singer-songwriter has taken her rootsy blend of folk, country and acoustic pop to countless clubs, coffeehouses and festivals throughout the United States. Tickets: \$15-25.

Gallery After Hours: Tom Teasley, Saturday, March 20, 5 p.m., at Gallery W-16, second floor. Teasley offers a hands-on percussion workshop at 5 p.m. followed by a performance at 7:30 p.m.

Building W-6 Featured Artist: Lois Salazar, who presents painted silk paper collages of the spirit world in an exhibit titled, "Conjure and Dream." Studio Fiber Arts will present works on the theme "Inspiration from the Garden." Building W-6 also welcomes two new artists, Patty Rice and Terri Anstrom. Rice, Anstrom and the other artists will show new works in the Building W-6 Gallery. The opening reception is part of the Second Saturday Art Walk,

March 13, from 7-9 p.m.

CrossCurrents Dance Company [www.crosscurrentsdance.com] returns to the Workhouse on Sunday, March 14 at 3 p.m., for a Stars on Sunday performance in Gallery W-16. Free tickets are available online, by phone or in person. Reservations recommended. Tickets may be claimed at Will Call beginning March 14, at 2:30 p.m. Light fare and cash bar available.

Stars on Sunday: Ericka Ovette, Sunday, March 14, 6 p.m., Gallery W-16, second floor. Ovette has performed in various area restaurants and cafes including return engagements at Blues Alley, D.C.'s premier jazz club. Cash bar and light fare available for sale. Tickets \$15-\$25.

Workhouse Ceramics Visiting Artist Exhibit. The Workhouse will exhibit work by internationally acclaimed ceramic artist Mitch Lyons March 19-April 18, in Gallery W-16, second floor. Opening reception is Friday, March 19, from 7-9 p.m.

European Impressions: Pastel Paintings by Carol Iglesias, March 10-April 4 in Studio W-4. Reception on Saturday, March 13, from 6-9 p.m., in the Gallery of Studio W-4. For more information contact Iglesias at 540-419-5267. <http://caroliglesias.com>.

Building W-9 Featured Artist: Jeanne Treschuk. Dramatic, graphic florals on bold backgrounds painted in acrylic and mixed media on canvas will be on exhibit from March 10 through April 7. Visit Treschuk's Studio 911 during the Workhouse Second Saturday reception, March 13, 7-9 p.m.

Building W-10 Studio Exhibi-



'Rousillon' by Carol Iglesias



'Iris' by Jeanne Treschuk



'Conjure Silk Bearden' by Lois Salazar

AT THE WORKHOUSE

tion: "Bad Hatter" Tea Party. The AIM Gallery exhibition runs March 14-April 4. The "Bad Hatter" Tea Party is Sunday, March 14, from 2-5 p.m. Wear a hat and even gloves, and meet the strong and diverse artists of AIM Gallery for their first "Bad Hatter" tea party.

Enjoy a cup of tea, treats, share stories and discover what this group of artists and their gallery are all about. AIM Gallery features artwork of oils, acrylics, gouache, mosaics and colorfully painted teapots. Painting and mosaic demonstrations are included: "Color Journey"

with P. Delia Chisholm, 2-3 p.m.; and "Magical Mosaics" with Anita Damron, from 3-4 p.m.

To learn more about the Tea Party or the W-10 Exhibition, contact Livingston Rodgers by e-mail at livroddgers@msn.com.

CALENDAR

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/MARCH 4

Latin Dance Nights, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.; at Jaxx 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940. Ladies free, men \$10.

Haiti Relief Concert. Jahworks, ZO2, The Future (from Detroit). Silent auction and celebrity guests along with several Redskin players. Tickets from Feb. 11 will be honored; all ages. Doors at 5:30 p.m. show at 6 p.m., at Jaxx 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940. Tickets \$20.

ABC Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Ages 13-23 months with adult. 703-249-1520.

Daytime Book Discussion Group, 12:15 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. An American Childhood by Annie Dillard. Adults. 703-339-4610.

FRIDAY/MARCH 5

We're All In This Together! High School Musical Junior, 7 p.m. at Francis Scott Key

Middle School, 6402 Franconia Road, Springfield. \$7. 703-313-3900.

Hammerfall, Powerglove, Division, Pariah, Blood Corps. VIP Tickets get a Pre-Show Meet and Greet with Hammerfall. All ages. Doors at 7 p.m. show at 7:30 p.m., at Jaxx 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940. \$27.50 advance, \$30 doors, \$60 VIP.

Three Collee A Capella Choruses, 7:30 p.m. at Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Tickets \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The groups performing are The Madison Project and The Bluestones from JMU, and The New Dominions from UVA. ppir930702@aol.com.

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

SATURDAY/MARCH 6

New Zealand Dance Troupe Black Grace, 8 p.m. at George Mason Center for the Arts, 4500 University Drive, Fairfax. A fusion of traditional Pacific cultures and contemporary dance, thundering stomps and syncopated body slaps, and three-part harmonies with movement that softly curves and sways. Composed of men of Pacific Islander and Maori descent, the ensemble features seven robust dancers who do not fit the

American prototype of a dancer. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$21-\$42. Charge at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

Jimmy Lange vs. Chase "The White Tiger" Shields Boxing Card, 7:30 p.m. at George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets are \$30-\$500, available online at www.ticketmaster.com or at 703-573-SEAT.

Music with Paul Reisler and Terri Allard, 7 p.m. in Gallery W-16, Second Floor at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Tickets \$15-25. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

We're All In This Together! High School Musical Junior, 7 p.m. at Francis Scott Key Middle School, 6402 Franconia Road, Springfield. \$7. 703-313-3900.

Latin Dance Nights, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., at Jaxx 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940. Ladies free, men \$10.

One-on-One Computer Tutoring, 10 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Learn to use a computer and navigate the Internet. Call for an appointment. Adults. 703-249-1520.

SUNDAY/MARCH 7

Jeffrey Siegel: Chopin the Storyteller, 7 p.m. at George

Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 6:45 p.m. Tickets \$19-\$38, youth through grade 12 half price. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

Rise Rebel Resist Tour. Otep, Bury Your Dead, Through The Eyes of The Dead, Destrophy, No Stars Over California, Every One Dies, Salvation Through Struggle. All ages. Doors at 5 p.m. show at 5:15 p.m., at Jaxx 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940. \$20 advance, \$23 doors.

Lecture Series: The Evolution of Slavery in Colonial Virginia, 3 p.m. at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton. Speaker, Robert C. Watson, Hampton University. 703-550-9220 or www.GunstonHall.org.

MONDAY/MARCH 8

Latin Dance Nights, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., at Jaxx 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940. Ladies free, men \$10.

PAL Reading Visits, 4:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice reading with a trained therapy dog. Dogs have been trained to work with children, and will remain with handlers as children read to them. Call to reserve. 703-249-1520.

Read to the Dog, 4:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria.

Read to a Therapy Dog. Call to register. 703-339-4610.

Early Reader Book Discussion, 3:30 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call for title. Age 6-8 with adult. 703-971-0010.

TUESDAY/MARCH 9

Open Mic w/Bob Gaynor of The Roadducks. Only the lounge is open. 21 and over. No cover. Doors at 7 p.m. show at 8 p.m., at Jaxx 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940.

Fun for Twos and Threes, 10:30 a.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Stories and activities. Age 2-3 with adult. 703-971-0010.

What Are You Wearing Today? 10:30 a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Stories and activities about getting dressed. 703-339-7385.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 10

One-on-One Genealogical Research Assistance, 6 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Search with the assistance of experienced volunteers. 703-249-1520.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group, 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

Healthplex Proposal

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"Before the 2005 Comprehensive Plan, this site was mixed use and had a floor area ratio of 0.5," Hall said, referring to Inova's compromise. "We think that we're very close to having this be acceptable to everybody, and we hope to have a floor area ratio of 0.4."

According to Gorham, the community has only approved a ratio of 0.2, but as stated by the motion he put forth at the meeting, the Federation is willing to go up to 0.3 if Inova's proposed transportation improvements are carried out and possibly higher than that if additional traffic flow studies were conducted. Those improvements include an additional westbound left turn lane from Lorton Road to Sanger, an eastbound right turn lane from Lorton Road to Sanger, and an additional right turn lane on northbound Sanger. However, Gorham expressed concern that the traffic study Inova did to arrive at this conclusion may not have been complete and fears that if they are not accurate, traffic could become an even bigger problem than it already is in the area.

"We are very focused on traffic and that continues to be a paramount concern," Gorham said. "Half of our community has to go down Lorton Road by this site every morning to get to work. Also, if a business comes and tries to decide if it will be viable, and this area is not free-flowing, we won't have the businesses that we desire in South County."

Another concern that members of the Federation have for the site is Inova's proposal to put a hotel on the property. A couple of federation members questioned the need for the hotel at that site and also asked why Inova needed to make further money on the site by building a hotel. However, Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon), who also attended the meeting, said that the Healthplex must be built to ensure the survival of Mount Vernon Hospital, which is experiencing overflow and needs the Healthplex to provide some relief. In turn, he said, if agreeing to a hotel makes the Healthplex possible, it is necessary.

"When the hotel was mentioned, I was surprised, but to be frank, I want this Healthplex to be viable," Hyland said. "Whatever additional activity they have there will flow back to Mount Vernon Hospital, so we all have an interest in making this viable and acceptable. The bottom line is that this Healthplex will be a plus."

The final concern raised by Federation members was the height of the Healthplex. In the Comprehensive Plan, the building was slated to be three stories, but Hall said that it must be four stories for Inova to be able to use it. Shean Robinson, a resident of the Gunston Corner Town homes, said that the height of the building concerns him because he feels that it would disrupt sight lines and conflict with surrounding buildings if it is four stories. However, Gorham said that he has been to the site to envision what the Healthplex would look like at different heights, and found that not enough of a difference exists between three and four stories to be alarmed.

While talks between the Federation, Hyland's office and Inova will continue, the plan will be moving ahead in the public process. A Board of Supervisors public hearing on the plan amendment is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, at 4 p.m., at the Fairfax County Government Center. Hall said that if there are no delays this time around, the plan amendment should be approved in July and construction would soon follow, with completion slated for the last quarter of 2012.

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OPINION

Increasing Burden, But No Tools

State to cut hundreds of millions in expenditures that localities will have to pay for — but how?

In Virginia, localities like Fairfax County, Arlington or the City of Alexandria, have only the exact powers that the Virginia General Assembly has bestowed upon them.

The right to extend protection from discrimination to particular groups? No.

The right to decide when school will open in the Fall? No.

The authority to tax income? No, only the state can tax Northern Virginia residents' income, and then the state spends that income everywhere but here. Northern Virginia gets back less than 20 cents on the dollar it sends to Richmond. No "piggyback" income tax allowed.

The authority for local elected officials to consider a variety of broad based sources of revenue to fund schools and other services? No.

Connolly Thanks State Leaders

The following letter was sent to Virginia Senate Majority Leader Dick Saslaw (D) and House of Delegates Speaker Dear Majority Leader Saslaw and Speaker William Howell,

Dear Majority Leader Saslaw and Speaker Howell:

I am writing to commend both Houses of the Virginia General Assembly for restoring funding for Mason Neck State Park in your respective budgets. The Commonwealth of Virginia's official Web site describes Mason Neck State Park as "a gem among Virginia's fine state parks." And if you've been there, you know that statement is no exaggeration.

As you know, Gov. McDonnell had proposed closing the only state park in Fairfax, Alexandria, Arlington, or Falls Church, in order to achieve a net savings of approximately \$77,000. Along with many others in Northern Virginia, I have expressed strong opposition to closing the park, given the meager cost savings and significant loss to local businesses and residents.

According to Virginia's Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), closing Mason Neck would have eliminated \$500,000 in economic activity at local businesses, more than offsetting the very small revenue gain for the state. Moreover, closing Mason Neck would have prevented 88,000 local residents,

And let's be clear, voters could evict representatives who overstepped tolerances.

So now as the state budgets is shaping up, or shaping down would be more accurate, without knowing the exact details or numbers, it's clear that hundreds of millions of dollars in non-optional social services and education expenses (K-12 and higher education) will shift to localities.

Localities are already grappling with decreases in revenue because of the decline in real estate values. And taxing real estate, commercial and residential, makes up the vast majority of most localities' revenue base.

Arlington has proposed increasing the property tax rate by more than 11 percent, or 9 cents.

Fairfax's real estate property tax rate would

birdwatchers, kayakers and canoeists, girl scouts and boy scouts, students, environmentalists, hikers and tourists who visit the park each year from enjoying its rich tapestry of historical, cultural, environmental and educational offerings.

Saving less than \$1 per visitor, at a cost of a half million dollars to local business, would have been shortsighted, and I applaud the General Assembly for keeping this State Park open. This State Park is too important to Northern Virginia, both in terms of economic activity and quality of life, to be shuttered for a pittance of cost savings. Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Gerald E. Connolly
Member of Congress
11th District, Virginia

Healthcare Vote

To The Editor:

I write in response to the letter to the editor, which appeared in your Feb. 11-17 issue from Keith Damon. He seems to think that his opinion is the only one U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) should be taking into consideration. I wish simply to point out that I voted for Mr. Connolly, I support health care reform and I too have told Mr. Connolly so. Possibly, Gerry Connolly was responding to my concerns and others like me when he voted in favor of HR3962. I support Mr. Connolly's reelection and, Scott Brown notwithstanding,

ing, urge him to continue to vote in the way we, who put him in office, would wish him to vote, i.e., to overcome the devastation which the Bush years have brought.

Stephanie Starrett
Fairfax Station

Right Wing Ideology

To the Editor:

Recently elected Virginia attorney General Ken Cuccinelli (R) is wasting taxpayer money with frivolous lawsuits against the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) instead of using his office to protect the best interests of Virginians.

Cuccinelli's attacks on the EPA and denial of the fact that carbon dioxide pollution contributes to global warming is an embarrassment to Virginia and a slap in the face to U.S. military veterans who have put our lives on the line serving our country only to have right wing extremists like him and Alaska's Sen. Murkowski fight against the health and safety of our families in favor of allegiance to polluting coal and oil industries. He would give those industries license to continue polluting and poisoning our environment instead of finding ways to create jobs for us and other veterans returning from war zones in the renewable energy industries of the future.

Cuccinelli's intent to use his public office to support oil and coal interests over that of the citizens

increase from \$1.04 to \$1.09, though the drop in home values would mean that Fairfax residents would pay approximately \$48.55 less on their property tax bill than they did last year.

Home values in Fairfax declined between 3 percent and nearly 8 percent, depending on location (see chart at <http://connectionnewspapers.com/photoview.asp?id=218615>). But consider the drop in value since the top of the market. In McLean, the jurisdiction that held up the best, assessments are down 12.5 percent from the top a few years ago. In Lorton, assessments are down 28.7 percent from the top of the market.

So while in Richmond, the General Assembly slashes and burns its way to a budget with no revenue increases, here where the rubber meets the road, there are few options, because the General Assembly won't allow them. They're passing the bill, but refusing to allow any reasonable method of making up the difference.

— MARY KIMM

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of Virginia is yet another example, along with the recent Supreme Court decision to give corporations carte blanche to influence our political elections, of right wing ideology stomping on the rights of citizens and the sacrifices of all veterans and their families.

Emile Derek Boyle
Burke

Letter of Thanks

To the Editor:

On behalf of the staff here at Inova Fairfax Hospital, please allow me to thank the community for selfless care and concern for their community hospital and its operations during our recent weather challenges.

Weather conditions, like those we recently faced, can complicate any business. Unlike most industries, the hospital needs to run at full operation and, at times, proves even busier than usual. We are so very grateful to each person who came out in their four wheel-drive vehicles to shuttle staff to and from the hospital, assist with patient transportation needs, and even provided great conversation, news updates and never-ending smiles as encouragement.

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A Different Kind of 'Young Professional'

Photo courtesy of the Shakespeare Theatre

Kent Jenkins was the Duke of York in the Shakespeare Theatre Company's production of "Richard III" three years ago.

Local children and teenagers launch their show business careers early in life.

By **Julia O'Donoghue**
The Connection

Think of the Helen Hayes Awards as the Washington D.C. professional theater community's local version of the Tony Awards. To be nominated for the honor means an actor gave one of the best performances or was part of one of the best shows of the year in this region.

So the fact that Rachel Boyd was part of the Signature Theatre "Les Miserables" cast that won the Helen Hayes Award for outstanding musical ensemble last year is a big deal. And Rachel is now part of the "Show Boat" ensemble at Signature, nominated for the same award again.

The Fairfax resident has had the type of critical and professional success that many actors have to wait years to accumulate. But at only eight years old, she hasn't exactly been toiling away at her craft as a starving artist for years.

While another child might talk about joining the local soccer game, Rachel said she participates in professional shows because it is "cool." She doesn't get nervous when she is, for example, singing "Castle on a Cloud" as Cosette in "Les Miserables," despite the fact that it is one of the most recognizable musical theater moments of all time.

"It is fun to pretend you are the actual person and not just playing the character. It is fun to get emotional because it is an emotional part," said Rachel, who has logged almost enough hours on stage to qualify for her union card with the American Equity Association, not that she is that concerned about pay scale and benefits at this point.

"I like doing big shows, like that a lot. You have fun backstage experiences," she said in an interview.

LOCAL THEATRES have a need for talented children and young adults to play age appropriate roles. And Northern Virginia is home to many families who invest time and money on talent agents, dance classes and voice coaches so their children stand a better chance of landing

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Different Kind of 'Young Professional'

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a role in a production at the likes of Arena Stage or The Kennedy Center.

If a child is lucky enough to be cast in a role, it can devour hours of both the child's and the parents' time, going to and from rehearsals and performances that can run four hours on a week night and up to 12 hours on the weekend. It can be exhausting for everyone involved.

"This is all new to me. I was in athletics growing up and I don't remember it taking up this much time. My daughter spends three or four times as many hours on a production than I ever did at sports practice," said Tom Weichbrodt, whose teenage daughter Angela is in "That Face" currently running at the Studio Theatre downtown. The family lives in Belle Haven.

Most families said it is the child, not the family, who is the driving force behind devoting so much time and energy trying out and performing in professional productions.

"She goes to bed after a rehearsal or a show at midnight and gets up at 6 a.m. for school. I can't remember the last time she hung out with her friends. I don't know that many high school students who would be willing to give up time with their friends to do anything," said Weichbrodt.

STILL, some parents, particularly those with younger children, said they had a few reservations about getting their child involved in professional productions, which require being out late on several school nights.

When Kent Jenkins III, now 13 years old, was part of The Shakespeare Theatre Company's production of "Richard III" a few years ago, he had to perform in 72 shows in 74 days.



Photo courtesy of the Shakespeare Theatre

Burgundy Farm County Day School student Kent Jenkins juggled 74 performances of the Shakespeare Theatre Company's production of Richard III on top of his schoolwork in 2007. He played the Duke of York.

The demanding schedule caused Kent, who also plays sports, to drop off his ice hockey team for a good portion of the season. When the show was running that winter, Kent, as fourth grader, didn't step off stage until 10:30 p.m. and usually got home around midnight on school nights.

"It is a real, significant commitment of time and energy and you do worry if it is simply just too much. But what we have found is that he really enjoys doing the shows. It is a lot of fun for him and he handles all the work just fine," said Kent Jenkins Jr., whose son also starred as Tiny Tim for two seasons in Ford Theatre's "A Christmas Carol."

IN SOME CASES, children also have more flexibility in their schedule because their families have chosen to home school them.

"I actually enjoy teaching her myself and it helps with the scheduling. If she on stage until 11, she doesn't have to turn around and get up at 7 a.m. the next morning. We can also accommodate the other actors in the show because we can do daytime rehearsals and stuff like that," said Lori Boyd, mother of Rachel Boyd.

Brian Reimer, now a sophomore at Georgetown Day School in Washington D.C., was also home schooled earlier and said the flexibility benefited his interest in acting.

Reimer also played Tiny Tim in Ford's "A Christmas Carol" and had a part in a Kennedy Center production of "Hecuba."

The McLean resident has worked on commercials and as an extra in several movies, including "Night At The Museum II" and "National Treasure II."

"Because I was homeschooled I could go to extra rehearsals or early rehearsals and just watch the other

actors, who were really really good at what they did, work," said Reimer.

OTHER PARENTS, like Jenkins, said their children benefit from attending school.

"Kent is very social and a very outgoing guy. He likes being in school and it wouldn't be right to deprive him of that experience," said Jenkins, who added that his son's school, Burgundy Farms Country Day School, had been very flexible about homework and other matters when Kent is in the middle of a show.

At the high school level, many students who are seriously considering a career in theater and the arts opt to attend the Fairfax Academy for Communications and the Arts, where they take special classes designed to prepare them for a creative career.

Academy teacher Mike

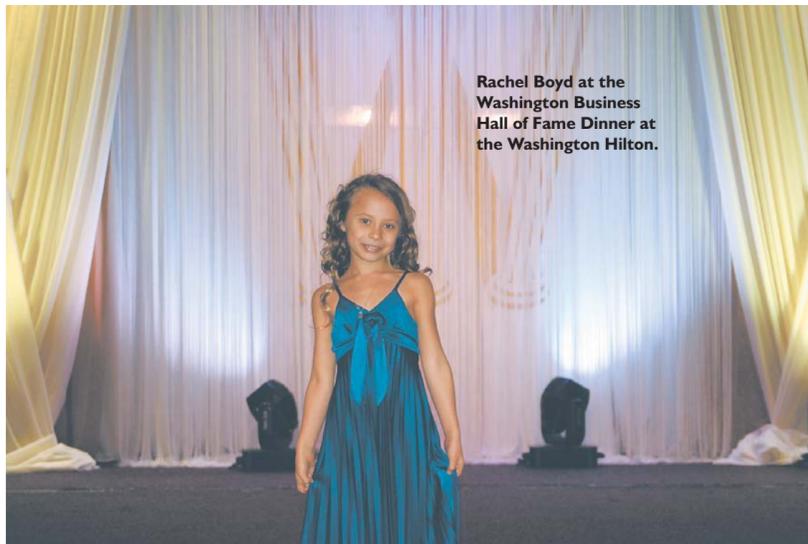


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"Frankly, if this is the life you are going to choose, it never gets easier. Most professional actors are working five days a week nine to five p.m. and then performing every night."

— Mike Replegle, Fairfax Academy

Kent Jenkins played Tiny Tim for two years in the Ford's Theatre production of "A Christmas Carol."



Rachel Boyd at the Washington Business Hall of Fame Dinner at the Washington Hilton.

only to improve their presentation and performance but also so they have a better understanding of how much rejection is involved in the performing arts world.

"If you are going to work in this business, you have to be in the top 25 percent in your age group and sex in terms of talent. And even then, you will only get called back once for every 25 auditions you go on. If you are Harrison Ford, maybe you get called back once

every seven times," said Replegle.

When Kent first started auditioning for professional shows, Jenkins said he was extremely concerned about the amount of rejection his son would receive and the toll that might take on his self esteem as a child.

"It was a big, big concern of mine. But happily, he figured out early on that he shouldn't take

those things too personally and so he just kind of shrugs it off," said Jenkins.

Kent said he tries not to think about shows where he doesn't get call backs or gets a call back but ultimately doesn't get the part.

"The best way to handle it is not to think about it. Rejection doesn't mean you were bad. It just means that you weren't necessarily what they were looking for," said Kent.

THERE IS NO better insight for a child or a young adult into what it is like to try and make a living as a performer than to work on a professional production, said several students and parents.

After her experience at Studio, Angela Weichbrodt has been considering not majoring in theater and coming up with a better "back up" plan to acting professionally.

"After getting involved and doing this professionally, I think she has talked to some people and realized it is good to have a fall back plan. If I, as her father, had told her that, she never would have listened to me. She had to hear that from a peer," said Weichbrodt.

At 13, Kent said his experience working with adult actors has

made him doubtful about whether he would want to pursue an acting career.

"It is certainly a fun hobby but pursuing acting as a career is really hard. You have look for work every few months and the pressure and the stress from that could get nerve racking," said Kent.

BUT SOME STUDENTS, particularly those who attend Fairfax Academy, could never see themselves doing anything else.

"It was never really a choice for me. It is something that has happened to me," said Ally Milewich, a Fairfax Academy student and Mantua resident who said she couldn't see herself doing anything else as a career.

For the right opportunity, academy student Alex Alferov, said he would be willing to forego college altogether and leave high school early.

A few weeks ago, Alex rode the bus to New York City and got in line at 6 a.m. for the opening cast call of the musical "Hair." If he gotten cast in the show, Alex said he would had no qualms, outside of upsetting his mother, about dropping out of high school.

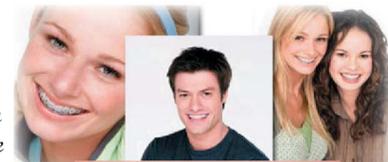
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Fourth-grader Hayden Aspesi, 10, stands next to his project, the SkiBoard. His project won the Student/Teachers' Favorite Award.



Clifton Elementary hosted its fifth annual Innovation and Invention Fair on Tuesday, Feb. 23 and Wednesday, Feb. 24. Projects were evaluated by more than a dozen judges from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Above, sixth-grader Miranda Manghas, 11, stands next to her project.

Young Edisons

Clifton Elementary students present projects at Innovation and Invention Fair.

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South County head coach Chrissy Kelly makes adjustments in between quarters of the semi-final match.

Stallions Slip in Region Semis

Girls basketball team loses 50-31 to Oakton in region tournament.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

As the South County girls basketball team left Robinson Secondary School following a 50-31 loss to Oakton on Feb. 27 in the Northern Region semi-finals, senior guard Fatu Conteh fought back tears by reminiscing on her team's accomplishments. "It really hurts not to win, but we did accomplish a lot this season," she said. "We went from being the last seed in the district last year to being in the district finals and region semi-finals."

Although disappointed with the outcome, head coach Chrissy Kelly took a moment to focus on her team's accomplishments.

"We should take away a lot of pride from this game," she said. "The girls worked really hard in this past two years. We've just got to keep working."

Kelly said she hoped her team would take away some lessons from playing one of the area's elite

"We should take away a lot of pride from this game."

— Chrissy Kelly

teams.

Oakton, a potential state title contender, dominated the Stallions early in the first quarter, jetted to a commanding lead and never looked back.

"We weren't doing well in transition," Conteh said. "We would score and [Oakton] would come right back and score on us. Then we gave up five threes in the first half."

At the end of the first half, the score read 26-13, but the 13-point margin proved too great for the Stallions to overcome.

Kelly said the lead meant her team would have to change their game philosophy from defense first to setting an offensive tempo, an unfamiliar style for the Stallions.

"We're not a great scoring team," she said. "But we have to capitalize on the little opportunities. I don't think I did a good job preparing my kids to be successful."

While Kelly put some of the blame on herself, she mentioned the bitterness of defeat might breed future success in the form or experience.

"Hopefully, we can take something away from [being in the Northern Region semi-finals]," she said. "It's a learning process where we are. It was exciting to be a part of it and hopefully it will continue to drive the team."

75 points.

The meet also featured strong individual performances by the Stallions.

Junior Sarah Chandler finished third in the 300-meter dash, with teammate Felecia Majors taking fourth place. Loren Dyer took second in the 500-meter dash with a time of 1:19.37 the girls' 4x400-meter relay of Dyer, Simone

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Snow Forces Spring Tryouts Indoors

With snow covered fields just now revealing grass, local teams cope.

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The problem with snow is that after the plows have moved all they can, it's a waiting game until the slushy slop of winter melts away.

As local high school winter sports seasons come to a close, spring sports such as lacrosse, soccer, tennis and baseball are gearing up. But the lingering snow has forced the teams indoors, or to take creative measures in order to conduct tryouts.

At West Springfield, head boys' soccer coach Andrew Saffron resisted the urge to manually shovel the school's turf field.

"Our turf field wasn't clear and the school wouldn't let us clear it," Saffron said. "If we tried to manually clear it with shovels, it would void the field's warranty."

With no fields available, Saffron sent his boys indoors for tryouts.

This isn't the first time Saffron has dealt with indoor tryouts. He's grown accustomed to the practice situation when the weather is bad.

"This has happened before," he said. "Three or four years ago we had to have tryouts indoors. It's not unheard of, it's just not ideal."

For Saffron and his soccer team, the gym's confines weren't the main concern.

"There's 16 teams that need to use the gym as well as other organizations," he said. "Your time is very limited."

Even with a small timeframe, Saffron said that some good comes out of seeing players on a gym floor rather than a soccer pitch.

"It's kind of a bonus for some kids and a detriment to others," he said. "In the past, we've had some kids who are good with the ball show really well indoors, but outside they don't have the team concepts down."



FILE PHOTO

The Robinson baseball team started its spring tryouts indoors due to leftover snow on the school's practice fields.

Some are really good [on the field], but they don't handle the ball well in close quarters."

At Lake Braddock, 74 students tried out for the boys' lacrosse team. While other teams waited for snow to melt away, the Bruins watched their makeshift practice space turn into a snow dumping ground.

"The day before we were supposed to start, trucks came in and dumped snow on half of our blacktop practice field," head coach Steve Price said. "We didn't even had a lot of space to practice."

With such a small space to evaluate 74 players, Price said he was fortunate a former player came to the team's rescue.

"A former player of mine came out with some Bobcat [construction loaders] and moved the snow about 20 yards," he said. "We finally had some manageable space."

At Robinson, the baseball and softball teams headed indoors, but baseball head Jeff Ferrell said his kids were prepared for an indoor tryout. "Some of the kids are used to trying out indoors during the winter," he said. "You still get a full infield indoors. I'm from Minnesota, so this isn't all that unusual to me."

Ferrell said a mix of sharing the gym and batting cages has cut into practice time, but the Northern Region basketball tournaments created another headache. Due to the blizzard, the region basketball tournament was rescheduled during the spring sports tryout season. "We lost two days of practice," he said. "It's a mess, but we'll get through it."

WEEK IN SPORTS

Lady Stallions Take Third at Region Meet

The South County indoor track team competed at the Northern Region indoor track championships on Feb. 20 at George Mason University and finished third with 60 points.

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Ramdeen, Majors and Chandler took second place with a time of 4:06.58.

In the long jump event, junior Jessica Colbourn won an individual state title with a first place score of 10.25.

For the boys, sophomore Mike Hayes finished fourth in the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.61. The boys' 4x200-meter relay featuring Hayes, J.C. Louis-Charles, Michael Ritchhart and Jamarcus Daley, finished third with a time of 1:34.75.

South County's boys' team finished 13th in the overall team competition with 16 points.

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Schalles holds the world record for all-time victories with 821 wins and 530 in falls. In his career he has defeated 36 national champions, 17 by pinning and defeated eight world titlists.

WEEK IN SPORTS

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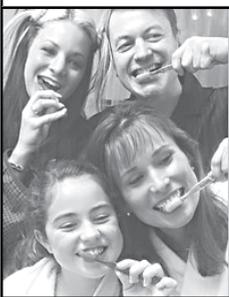
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HEALTH & FITNESS

Sadar Leads Taskforce

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that they finally have the ideal leader to do so. Christina Sadar was appointed as the new leader of the task force Feb. 19, and though she is not the first leader of the unit, her varied experience and lengthy resume, officials believe, is perfect for the job.

"Hoarding is a huge safety concern because it can lead to fire hazards and structural issues," Sadar said. "It's a problem that is very difficult to solve, and I am looking forward to the challenge."

Sadar, 49, has been a county employee for nearly 16 years, serving in different capacities ranging from blight abatement to zoning enforcement. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio, but moved with her family to Northern Virginia in the early 1970s and attended Mount Vernon High School. After completing studies at Northern Virginia Community College, Sadar said that she spent time trying to figure out exactly what she wanted to do, trying her hand at several different jobs before deciding that law enforcement was her calling.

"I kind of bounced around for a little bit, working in dental hygiene for a while," Sadar said. "I decided that was pretty boring, though, so I moved into law enforcement and did some police work for the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority."

Sadar worked for the airport authority for two years until deciding to go back to school to get her master's degree from West Virginia University. Following graduation, Sadar joined the county's workforce in 1994, landing a job as a senior zoning



Christina Sadar

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inspector in the zoning department and was two years later was promoted to the Fairfax County Police Department's Emergency Management Department to be an emergency planning analyst.

Soon after, she received another promotion, this time ascending to the position of

Blight Abatement Program Coordinator for the county's Housing and Community Development Department, where she still works in addition to leading the task force. In July 2008, she was also named to the county's Enhanced Code Enforcement Strike Team. This wide variety of service, her superiors say, is what made the decision to appoint Sadar as task force leader an easy one.

"We wanted to establish leadership on the task force based on people's background and exposure they had to the task force and the statutes and codes they can enforce," said Capt. Karen McClellan, Task Force deputy of operations. "We felt like with

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HEALTH

Hoarding

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Christina's background, she brought a lot of different disciplines to the table."

Those disciplines, Sadar believes, will suit her well for the job.

When a hoarding complaint is received, a team consisting of members from the county's police department, fire and rescue department, code enforcement strike team, health department and others is sent to the site to inspect the location. If the site is found to be a fire safety hazard due to blocked exits or a health hazard because of rotten food or dead animals, the Task Force can pursue a number of avenues, ranging from cleaning the home to forced relocation while repairs are made. Since she has experience in law, zoning and code enforcement, Sadar believes that she can bolster this aspect of the response.

After those teams inspect the property, representatives from adult and child protective services, the county's mental health services and the county attorney's office then deal with the resident of the home. A member of the county attorney's office ensures that the resident's rights are not being violated and to protect the county from legal issues. Adult and Child Protective Services representatives come to the site to interview the residents and to assess the needs and risks for any people living in the home. Finally, representatives from the Mental Health Services community give recommendations to the residents of the home and to the county for psychological help if they deem it necessary. Sadar believes that her experience as an emergency planning analyst comes into play here, as she knows how to assist citizens in times of need.

"I've done a number of jobs and because of my diverse background, I'll be able to hit the ground running," Sadar said. "I'm a jack of all trades."

While Sadar has only served as task force leader for slightly more than a week, she nonetheless has a vision for the task force that she believes will only make it more robust. Sadar said that the tone of her first meeting, in which she sought task force members' input on its strengths and weaknesses, will be her modus operandi as leader. She said that instead of trying to come in and institute sweeping changes, she simply wishes to use the knowledge and experience of her fellow task force members to devise newer, more efficient ways of helping hoarders and in turn, ensure their safety and the safety of their families and neighbors.

"There's no perfect recipe for dealing with hoarding," Sadar said. "All cases are different, depending on the circumstances, but you can always do business better. I'm going to be looking to get feedback on what we can do better."

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VADEQ PC #1999-3230

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The Corrective Action Plan Addendum was submitted to the Northern Virginia Regional Office of the VADEQ on January 14, 2010. If you would like to review or discuss the Corrective Action Plan Addendum with the staff of the VADEQ, please feel free to contact Kurt Kochan at (703) 583-3825. The DEQ Northern Virginia Regional Office will consider written comments regarding the Corrective Action Plan Addendum until March 25, 2010 and may decide to hold a public meeting if there is significant public interest. Written comments should be sent to the VADEQ at the address listed below. The VADEQ requests that all written comments reference the tracking number for this case; PC #1999-3230

Department of Environmental Quality
Storage Tank Program
Northern Virginia Regional Office
13901 Crown Court
Woodbridge, Virginia 22193-1453

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

10907 Paynes Church Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22032
Fairfax County

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated October 31, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$167,000.00, recorded as Deed Book 19652 at Page 1717 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will on Friday, March 5, 2010 at 9:30 a.m., by the front main entrance to the Fairfax County Courthouse, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA 22030, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder the following property with improvements thereon commonly known as 10907 Paynes Church Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22032 and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 24, Section 1, MIDDLERIDGE, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 3241 at Page 310 among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Tax Map Ref: 068-3-05-0024

This sale is subject to the lien of that certain first deed of trust dated July 12, 1999, in the original principal amount of \$200,205.00, recorded as Deed Book 11003 at Page 1370 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, Virginia, and also subject to the lien of that certain subordinate deed of trust dated January 13, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$17,781.17, recorded in Deed Book 14055 at Page 0166 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, Virginia. This sale is also subject to the restrictions, rights of way, conditions, easements, and mechanic's liens, if any, whether of record or not of record, to the extent any of the foregoing apply and take priority over the lien of the Deed of Trust.

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Republican candidate Kerry Bolognese and Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield) watch election results come in for the 41st District House of Delegates race.

Filler-Corn Wins in 41st

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speed," said Filler-Corn, who worked in former Gov. Mark Warner (D) and former Gov. Tim Kaine's (D) administrations.

Though Marsden had held the delegate seat since 2006, both Republicans and Democrats said they thought the race between Filler-Corn and Bolognese would be extremely close.

"We all knew it would be very close," said Bolognese.

Bolognese had run against Marsden for the delegate's seat last November and only lost by to the incumbent by 208 votes, approximately one percentage point. The Republican should have been more familiar to voters than Filler-Corn and his campaign a very good idea of who his supporters were in the district.

The 41st District seat has also traditionally been Republican. Marsden, who was the first Democrat to represent it in decades, had work for Republican elected officials and only recently switched political affiliations when he won his first election five years ago.

Though President Barack Obama (D) won the delegate seat by a healthy margin in 2008, Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) won the district by 10 percentage points four months ago.

"It has been a tough time. The other side has been energized and this has been a Republican seat, which makes the victory doubly impressive," said U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11).

Republicans said Filler-Corn clearly had a financial advantage over Bolognese. Filler-Corn raised and spent \$267,535 to Bolognese's \$72,957, according to the Virginia Public Access Project.

"I am not surprised it was this close. She had a lot of money. She could buy television ads, which can make a big difference in a race this close," said Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock).

But former Del. Jim Dillard (R-41), who represented the district for more than 30 years before retiring in 2005, said the Republican Party could have done more to appeal to independent voters.

"They would have won this seat if they had had a more moderate candidate," he said.

Dillard, who has backed Marsden and a few other Democrats since leaving office, endorsed Filler-Corn in the local race, even though Filler-Corn had run against him in 1999. Dillard, the former chair of the House of Delegates education committee, said he was upset that Bolognese had called Virginia's funding for education "excessive."

"Anyone that says that spending for education is excessive, I cannot support," said Dillard.

The prospect of a close race was likely a factor in the surprisingly high voter turnout for a special election.

Twenty-four percent of registered voters showed up to participate in the special election. A few polling places, including those at Sangster, Orange Hunt Elementary School and Lake Braddock Secondary School, had close to 30 percent turnout.

By comparison, the Fairfax County chairman special election in February 2009 produced a 16 percent turnout and the Braddock District special election in March 2009 yielded an 18 percent voter turnout.

In January, Marsden took a State Senate seat that had long been held by Republicans with only 300 votes and a 2 percent margin of victory over Republican Steve Hunt. Cook won the special election for the Braddock District supervisor's race with fewer than 100 votes last year.

Both campaigns worked hard to get as many voters to the polls as possible.

"I have gotten reminders and phone calls from both parties. They even left a door hanger at my house this morning," said Steve Brawn, a Springfield resident who votes at Sangster Elementary School.

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