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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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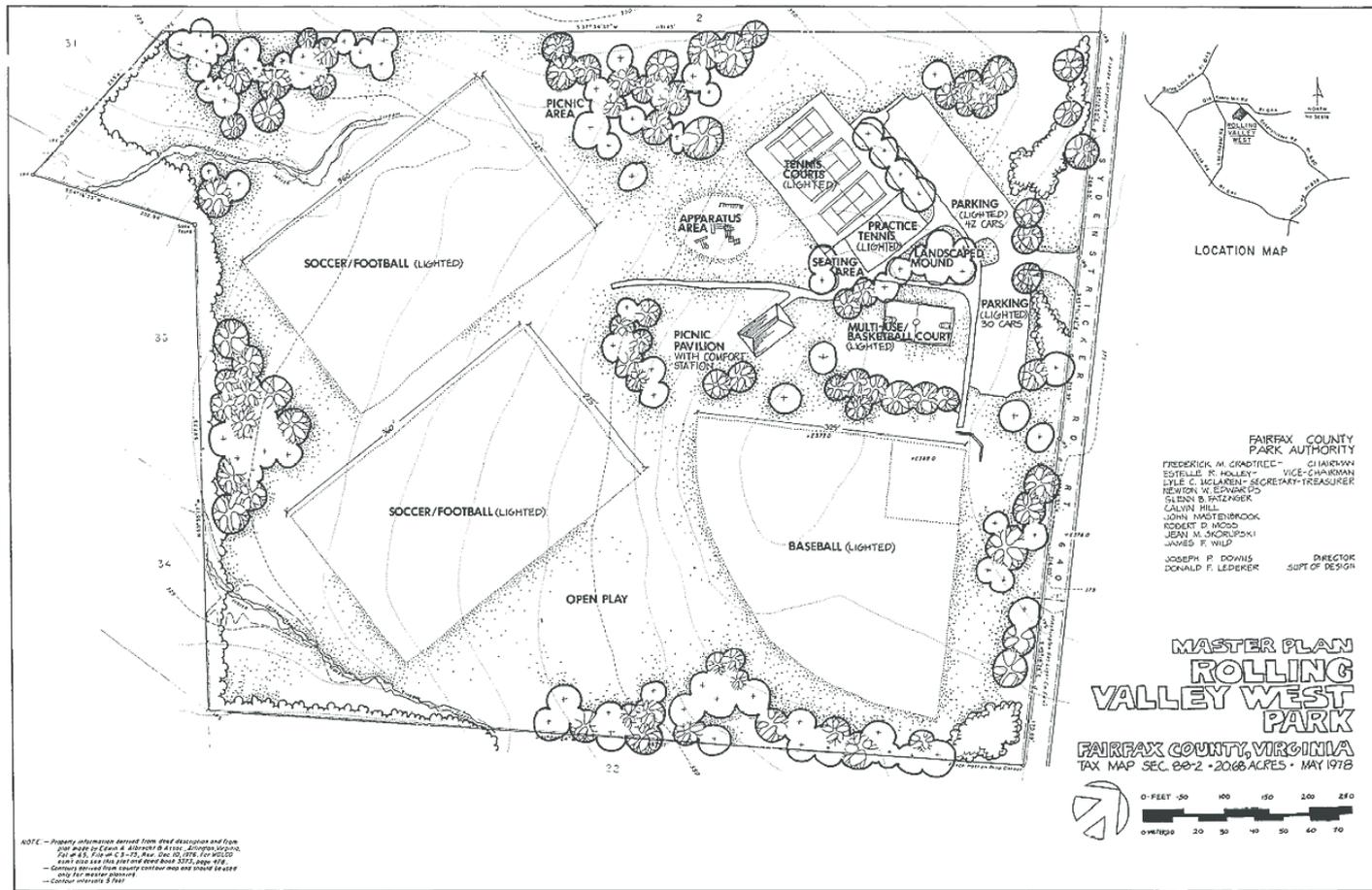
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Rolling Valley West Park Illuminated



Construction on park lighting system gets underway.

By JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Long awaited improvements to Rolling Valley West Park's lighting system are finally coming to fruition nearly six years after being approved by voters.

The park, located at 6512 Sydenstricker Road in Burke, is receiving new lighting fixtures and poles on each of its three athletic fields to replace antiquated equipment. Construction for the improvements began last week and Fairfax County Park Authority officials have targeted May as the completion date.

"We felt that there were some safety issues at the park and we had the opportunity to move forward with it, so we did," Park Authority Spokeswoman Judy Pedersen. "The old system was failing and this will breathe new life into the park."

According to Pedersen, the planned improvements to the park were passed on the

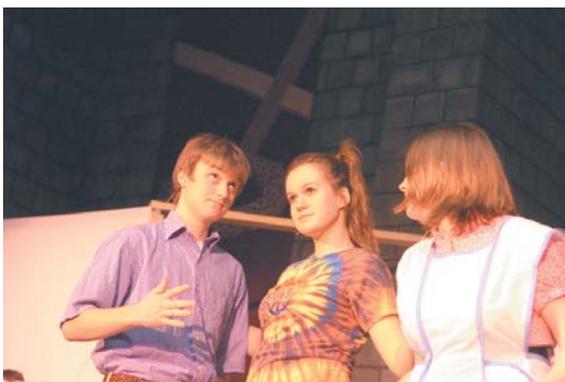
The Master Plan for Rolling Valley West Park shows the three athletic fields where lighting systems are being replaced.

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Chris Keihl, left, a freshman at Robinson Secondary, gives the thumbs up to Russell Ruud, a senior at West Springfield High, who's talking to Callah Davis, a sophomore at Lake Braddock Secondary.

Robinson sophomore Zach Miller, left, rehearses with Kate Lee, a junior at Lake Braddock and Sarah Martin, a South County senior.



'Hula Hoops & Halos' on Stage

The cast of Burke Presbyterian Church's musical 'Hula Hoops & Halos' rehearses in preparation for this weekend's show.

Senior and junior high school youth from Burke Presbyterian Church are presenting performances of the musical-comedy "Hula Hoops & Halos" on March 4-7. All performances take place at Burke Presbyterian Church, 5960 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. Performances will be: Thursday, March 4, 7 p.m.; Friday, March 5, 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 6, 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 7, 3 p.m. Admission is free, but all seats must be reserved by e-mail to

Tickets@BurkePresChurch.org. Free-will donations will be accepted during intermission and after the show. A pre-show dinner will be served between 6:15 -7:15 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. A complete meat loaf dinner will be served. Dinner ticket prices are \$12 per adult and \$6 for children ages 2-12. Children under 2 are free.

For more information, visit <http://www.burkepreschurch.org/musical>.



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Recycling Cards

At the February meeting, President Bobbi Green, second from right, and

officers of the George Mason Republican Women's Club (GMRWC) box old Christmas cards for mailing to St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Nevada. The children use the recycled cards to make new cards for sale, thus learning both the importance of 'going green' and how to raise funds. For more information on GMRWC, call 703-281-4655.

Mulch Orders Due March 15

The Lake Braddock Secondary School "Mulchman" is ready to dig in. Ed Hartman, also known as the "Mulchman" is preparing to sell a truckload of mulch to members of the community, just in time for spring. This is the sixth year Hartman has been helping the Lake Braddock PTSA sell mulch. The sale benefits the school's All Night Graduation Party on Monday, June 21. Members of the community can help by ordering mulch and/or making a tax deductible cash donation.

JKs double shredded hardwood bark mulch in 3 cubic foot bags are available for \$4.50 per bag. Orders of 15 bags or more will be delivered to purchaser's home on Saturday or Sunday, March 20-21. Orders less than 15 bags must be picked up at the Lake Braddock Secondary School Parking Lot on Saturday, March 20.

Boy Scout Troop 1344 is offering mulch-spreading service. To schedule an appointment, call Al String, 703-569-1347.

Mulch orders are due by March 15. Download an order form at www.lbsspts.org or contact the LBSS Mulchman, Ed Hartman, at lbss.mulchman@cox.net.

Senior Activities Start in April

The Burke/Springfield Senior Center Without Walls (BSSCWOW) is sponsoring five weekly activities for seniors ages 55 or older starting in early April. Each activity will last for eight weeks.

The five activities include line dancing, tai chi, yoga, Coffee Companions and running/walking. Cost is \$10 per person for line dancing, tai chi and yoga. The last two are free, but registration is required.

❖ Line dancing classes are Fridays, April 9-May 28, from 10-11 a.m., at the Durga Temple at the intersection of Hoes and Silverbrook roads.

❖ Tai chi classes are Thursdays, April 8-May 27, from 2-3 p.m., at the Burke United Methodist Church, 6200 Burke Centre Parkway.

❖ Yoga classes are Wednesdays, April 7-May 26, from 10-11 a.m., at Congregation Adat Reyim, 6500 Westbury Court.

❖ Coffee Companions and "Connections" will meet on Tuesdays, April 6-May 26, from 9-11 a.m., at the Heatherwood Retirement Community, 9246 Burke Lake

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One Lunch Tray at a Time

Springfield student wins environmental grant for green efforts at school.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Lisa Junta has many interests. She enjoys running for Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology's cross-country team. She will program a computer if she is bored, or she may curl up with a good book about artificial intelligence and its applications. Now, she can add environmental advocacy to that list.

Junta was one of 10 high school students nationwide to be awarded a grant from the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) to complete an environmental project. Junta, 16, will use the money to further her school's mission to reduce its carbon footprint by eliminating Styrofoam lunch trays from the cafeteria.

"I was looking at things in our school that needed to change, things that were inefficient and could be fixed on a budget," Junta said. "There were a lot of environmental changes going on at our school, and I wanted to find something else to change."

According to Junta, the idea for her project stemmed from a long-standing complaint among students that the Styrofoam lunch trays used to serve food in the Thomas Jefferson cafeteria harmed the environment because they are non-biodegradable. Junta said the school's Environmental Impact Club, which of she is a member, often discussed the issue at their meetings and had targeted the lunch trays as one of the main culprits of pollution.

Junta said that she and her fellow club members had the idea to replace the Styrofoam lunch trays with reusable ones for some time, but there simply was not enough support or funding to carry out their



CONTRIBUTED

Lisa Junta

mission. So, when she heard about NEEF's grant for "green" projects, she immediately began working on a proposal to remedy the problem. She said that she first researched the type of trays that the cafeteria uses and the level of waste that they produced, finding that the school uses between 275 and 300 polystyrene lunch trays per day, resulting in approximately 20 pounds of plastic being thrown away daily. Then, she proposed that the school purchase reusable lunch trays with the money that she would receive from the grant and put together a team of volunteers to help clean the trays on a regular basis.

"One of the things our students have always been dismayed about is the Styrofoam lunch trays," said

Amanda Hurowitz, Environmental Impact Club sponsor and history teacher. "It was an issue that kept coming up again and again, and it was something she wanted to [address] for a while, but now she has the money to do it."

Junta submitted the finished proposal last October, and found out that she was awarded the

grant only three weeks ago. She said that she found out from a message left on her family's answering machine and not from an official letter. Junta had checked the NEEF's Web site to see if there was a list of winners, but did not see her name and thought that she had not won.

"I saw a list of winners on their Web site and didn't see my name," Junta said. "But I was actually look

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— Lisa Junta



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Seussical Newscast

Members of the Rolling Valley Elementary School News Crew celebrates Dr. Seuss' birthday on the school's March 1 morning broadcast. Rolling Valley's Read Across America activities include a mystery reader contest, a Dr. Seuss trivia contest and an open mike sharing time for students to read some of their work during lunchtime.

Green Work

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ing at last year's list, so when I got the voicemail, I was really excited because I didn't think I won."

For winning, Junta will receive a \$1,000 grant, \$500 of which goes to fund her project. Currently, she said that she is working with the school's food services department to choose the exact type of reusable lunch tray they will switch to and is also

recruiting volunteers to help clean the new trays once every other day. She said that she is posting advertisements around her school for students to volunteer, and is seeking dedicated parent volunteers as well. The remaining \$500 is earmarked as a stipend for a required summer internship, and Junta said she already has applied for one with Scientists and Engineers for America.

Though much work remains to be done in Junta's mission to eradicate the Styrofoam pollutants from her cafeteria, she is nonetheless thrilled to see a solution finally come to fruition and is thankful to

NEEF for giving her the chance to create one. NEEF, on the other hand, is not only proud of Junta for solving the problem at her school, but is also grateful for her efforts in promoting environmental awareness to a segment of the population that it is often lost on.

"Lisa is part of an impressive group of students demonstrating a commitment to coming up with solutions to problems that they see every day," said NEEF President Diane Wood. "Her ideas and energy show a great deal of creativity and we're proud to support her efforts."

NEWS BRIEFS

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Road.

❖ The running/walking activity takes place Thursdays, April 8-May 27, from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon, at the Potomac River Running Store, 5715 Burke Centre Parkway.

For more information, call 703-324-5544. Those interested in volunteering to help the Burke/Springfield Senior Center Without Walls should e-mail Cora Foley, BSSCWoW volunteer pilot program coordinator, at corazonfoley@yahoo.com.

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THURSDAY/MARCH 4

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.

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 College 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,



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Watercolor instructor Catherine Hillis present a weekend workshop teaching watercolor painting for beginning through intermediate students on Saturday and Sunday, April 17 and 18, from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton. Students will review the basics, discuss the step-by-step building blocks of good composition and design and work towards completing a well composed painting using their own photographic resources. View Hillis' work at www.catherinehillis.com. To register or to learn more, call 703-584-2900 or go to www.workhousearts.org. Space is limited. Students are asked to bring watercolor supplies and their own photographs to paint from.

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.

VITA Tax Assistance. 10:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. IRS-certified volunteers help taxpayers who earned up to \$49K. Adults. 703-339-4610.

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.

I'm Hungry. 10:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Story time about things to eat. Age 24 months-5 years with adult. 703-339-4610.

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.

Evening Book Discussion Group. 6:45 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Nudge by Richard Thaler and Cass Sunstein. Adults. 703-339-4610.

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. Age 3-5 with an adult. 703-339-7385.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 10

Open Irish Song Session. 8:30 p.m. at Hard Times Cafe, 6362 Springfield Plaza, Springfield. Open to anyone who would like to sing or listen to Irish songs. 703-913-5600.

Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show. 11:30 a.m. at the Springfield Golf and Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. \$17, includes luncheon and childcare. 703-569-4670 or 703-590-6562.

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The Accotink Friday Night Film Series Presents "Baraka" at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 12, at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court in Burke. The word Baraka means "blessing" in several languages. The movie draws connections between various peoples and the spaces they inhabit. Doors open at 7 p.m., the film begins at 7:30 p.m. and discussion will follow. Bring dinner. www.accotinkuuc.org.

The Cranford United Methodist Women's 110th Annual Ham & Oyster Dinner will be on Saturday, March 20, 4-7 p.m., at Cranford United Methodist Church, 9912 Old Colchester Road in Lorton. The menu includes fried oysters, baked ham, potato salad, cole slaw, deviled eggs, green beans, applesauce, rolls, beverages and desserts. All proceeds from this dinner go to mission work with women, children, and youth. Contact 703-339-5382.

St. George United Methodist Church, 4910 Ox Road in Fairfax, will present a Good Friday Passion program at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 2. The choir and orchestra will use music, lighting effects and narrations to depict the betrayal, trial and death of Christ. Free, nursery care will be provided.

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

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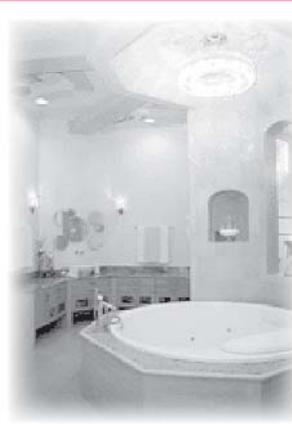
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Cougars Spoil Spartans in Region Final

West Springfield girls lose 54-39 to Oakton in Northern Region final.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

When the West Springfield girls' basketball team played as a cohesive unit on the court this season, few teams were able to break their stifling defense and hand the Spartans a loss.

In their Northern Region finals match against Oakton on March 1, senior Naomi Ngalle said the team that finally broke down her squad down for their first loss since Dec. 30 was her own team.

"It wasn't even about Oakton," she said. "It was that we didn't play as a team. It wasn't that Oakton had us stranded, it was the fact that we didn't bring a team effort." Oakton won the Northern Region title by a score of 54-39.

The Cougars, also a strong defensive team, kept the Spartans' skill players in check, forcing West Springfield to find scoring from other teammates.

"We just didn't have other kids stepping

up like they should," West Springfield head coach Bill Gibson said. "We didn't bring our A-game to an A-game tournament."

The girls also lacked their usual on-court chemistry.

Smooth passing plays on offense didn't seem to connect with their intended targets, outside jump shots bricked off the rim and the Spartans' vaunted defense failed to contain Oakton's outside shooters.

At the start of the third quarter, the Spartans suffered a 6:46 scoring drought as the Cougars boosted their lead to 35-23.

"We couldn't really move the ball [during the drought]," sophomore April Robinson said. "We just didn't set up the plays."

Despite a slow start to the third quarter the Spartans did muster a final charge in the game's late stages.

With six minutes left in the fourth quarter, April Robinson's three-pointer pulled the Spartans within nine points, and the girls whittled the lead down to three points before giving up a 13-3 run, putting the game out of reach in the final minutes.

"We didn't bring our A-game to an A-game tournament."

— Bill Gibson



West Springfield's Mel Todd and April Robinson defend against an Oakton guard in their 50-31 loss in the Northern Region finals on Feb. 27.

"We hit a few shots and then we had defensive lapses," Gibson said of his team's late comeback attempt. "It gave Oakton open looks again to get baskets."

The loss puts a smudge on the Spartans' impressive 24-2 record, but the team will have a chance to contend for the state cham-

pionship when they open the tournament on Saturday, March 6 against Osborne Park High School (Manassas).

Frustrated with losing in the region finals, Gibson didn't need a lengthy explanation to convey what his team needs to do on Saturday. "We have to bring our A-game," he said.

Snow Forces Spring Tryouts Indoors

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

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

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. 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

"It's a mess, but we'll get through it."

— Jeff Ferrell



At West Springfield 16 teams, including the girls' and boys' soccer clubs, had to manage gym time in order to conduct their tryouts.

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."

Eagles, Goodwin Stymied in Semi-Finals

Spartans stall Edison's offense in 56-42 victory.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

Edison senior Myisha Goodwin spent much of the 2009-10 girls' basketball season displaying her point-scoring prowess in the National District, scoring in double digits in every regular season game.

On Feb. 27 at the Northern Region semi-finals, the West Springfield Spartans stymied the North Carolina State-bound Goodwin and held her to a season-low nine points in their 56-42 victory.

"They know how to play defense," Goodwin said. "There's nothing more I could say."

West Springfield double teamed Goodwin for the entire game, forcing the Eagles' support players to try to pick up the slack.

"When Myisha wasn't able to get into her flow, things didn't get into sync for us," Edison head coach Diane Lewis said. "West Springfield just played an awesome game."

In the first quarter, the Eagles appeared to be feeling out their opponent. The game's make-up changed when the Spartans ramped up defensive pressure on

Goodwin.

Soon, the Eagles found themselves on the wrong end of a second-quarter run as West Springfield jumped to a 27-17 lead.

The Eagles were unable to cut into the lead as the Spartans let time tick away on the clock and Edison's season.

"I don't know what happened," Goodwin said. "When they started scoring baskets on us, we just weren't getting back on defense."

West Springfield's ability to control Goodwin caught Lewis by surprise.

"There weren't many teams that were [able to shut down Goodwin] this season," she said.

While the Eagles had cruised past most of their regular-season opponents, sometimes scoring more than 80 points in a single game, Lewis cited West Springfield's gritty play as another element her team couldn't overcome.

"The game got physical," she said. "And the calls didn't go our way, but it's going to happen like that. It's basketball."

Lewis also noted that the recent snow-induced whirlwind schedule affected both teams.

"This is our fourth game in a week," she said. "Fatigue plays a factor, especially for someone like [Goodwin], but she never complained and gave everything she could."



The West Springfield defense held Edison's Myisha Goodwin to a season-low nine points in their Feb. 27 semi-final match up.



West Springfield head coach Bill Gibson talks strategy with his team during a time out.

Record Holding Wrestler To Host Clinic at Paul VI

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

Childhood Obesity

To the Editor:

While healthcare debates are to hot topic these days, this is a good opportunity to stress the childhood obesity epidemic. In the United States, epidemiological data show that the American children (this is actually a worldwide phenomenon) are trending toward obesity. In blunt terms, they are becoming fat. According to expert estimates, one in five of American children ages 6-17 is overweight. Studies have shown that many obese children grow into obese adults. Obesity is epidemiologically linked to cardiovascular diseases — America's number one killer and diabetes. While genetics is part of the equation, we cannot pin everything on genetics. Other major culprits? I'll say fast food and television.

Fast food is highly promoted and easily accessible. Fast food restaurants are virtually ubiquitous. Not convinced? Go to a shopping center close to where you live and look around, I'll say you will see at least one or two fast food restaurants in that shopping center. Given Americans' fast-paced and busy lifestyles, moms and/or dads usually don't have time to cook a nutritious meal for their children. Fast food offers a relative cheap and very feasible solution to this problem. Fast food, however, is usually low in nutrition and high in calories. Then, there is television. There is no denying that television is a part, a big part, of most

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

Americans' lifestyles. It is safe to say that most households across the Washington, D.C. metro area have a set or two of television. Television is entertaining and it gives us useful, sometimes vital, information. It is an effective way of communication; thus, it is an effective way to promote fast food and other products. Furthermore, television is also responsible for physical inactivity among American children. This is a double whammy situation. First, when the children are watching television, they are physically inactive and they are likely to be exposed to fast food promotions. Second, being physically active helps in combating the obesity problem. However, since the children are watching television, they are not physically active; thus, exacerbating the problem.

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The good news is that obesity is very preventable. Before this epidemic spirals out of control, now is a good time to take preventative and remedial steps. It starts with parents. Granted most parents are very busy with work among other things, they should still put their best efforts to make time to encourage their children to be more physically active. It is within any parents' power to limit TV viewing time. Aside from parents encouraging their children to be more physically active, local lawmakers should put in place programs to promote healthier eating habits and make memberships at local recreation centers more affordable, for example. I

think that it is a wise investment because the children are our future. Our future looks gloomy at the moment. And, if we don't invest on them now, our future may look even gloomier.

Putheara Long
Springfield

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.

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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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, 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
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Members of the Hayfield-West Potomac Robotics Team works through a problem during a recent team meeting.

Robotics Team Prep for Competitions

This March, thousands of high school teams from around the world will be taking robots they designed, built and tested to competitions across the United States. A local team, Team 614, is made up of high school students from Hayfield Secondary and West Potomac High.

The rules of the competition were released on Jan. 9, and teams must build and ship their robot by Feb. 23, a short six weeks later. To achieve their goal of building a cool robot that can win the competitions, the students meet Monday through Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

The events, as one can imagine when competition comes from as far away as England and Japan, are highly charged. Like all team sports this competition builds leadership, teamwork and creative thinking. Unlike most high school sports, the focus of this competition is not physical, it is the intellectual use of science and engineering skills. The team is competing in both Washington, D.C., and Richmond in the annual FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) games.

This year's competition seemed straightforward and familiar to many of the students who had grown up playing soccer. Within a playing field, their robot will be randomly teamed up with two other robots and will face three opposing robots. There will be twelve soccer balls in the field. Their challenge is to get as many balls as they can into a goal at one end of the field while minimizing the number of balls the other team gets into the opposite goal. The similarity to soccer ends there, though, because there are two humps along the width of the field. In the middle of each hump is a tunnel with a tower above. The robots must be able to get the balls over the humps or through the tunnels to get them to the goals. They also can score additional points if they can make their way to a tower at the end of the game and suspend their robot on it or on another robot already suspended on the tower. There is a very brief period when the robot is competing au-

tonomously, then for the rest of the game team members will drive the robot by remote control. Other rules exist within the game, so the team must make sure that their robot can compete successfully without being disqualified. It's a formidable challenge.

Not only are team members creating complex, working machinery, they are also making the design decisions throughout the process. Should they focus on offense or defense? Should they make a robot that can drive over the humps, or should they focus more on sending balls over? Will their robot tip over? Should their robot also be able to suspend itself on the tower or is that too complicated for just a few points? How can they successfully knock the balls over the humps? Can they keep the other team from scoring? How do they remain within the weight restrictions of the robot? There are hundreds of seemingly small decisions, such as which wheels to use, that spark intense debate and impact the outcome of the robot. The team has broken into smaller groups to come up with ideas and then to prototype those ideas. At times, they learn during the prototype that an idea that sounded good won't work.

The Hayfield-West Potomac team is led by Col. Thomas Summers, father of two team members, and Jim Habersat, an engineer with the U.S. Army's Night Vision Labs. The Night Vision Labs have also donated material, labor and general team support. In addition, a number of parents and engineers not related to any of the students have been donating many hours of their free time to mentor the team. Mentors, though, are there to guide the students, not call the shots.

The team is financed with generous donations from BAE Systems, Alion Science and Technology and Fibertek. The schools have also made donations to the team, and Dereck Turner of Hayfield Secondary School has both worked as a mentor and made his classroom available to the team for meetings, the build and storage.

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Park Lights

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2004 Park Bond. The six-year delay, she said, is common for a project of this kind. She said that the master planning process usually lengthens the timeframe, and in addition, this project fell victim to prioritization. Though the project was approved, other park projects that had also been approved were deemed to be more pressing, she said, and in turn, construction at Rolling Valley West was delayed.

"The delay is fairly typical," Pedersen said. "It's a matter of prioritization. There were other projects in the pipeline and that slowed it down."

The project budget is \$573,752, Pedersen said, with nearly 20 percent of the funding coming through proffers, or construction conditions, in the Springfield District. Pedersen said that proffers for construction projects at Lee Chapel Ridge, the Knolls at Middle Run, Presidential Hills, Fair Lakes Court and others accounted for approximately \$100,000.

For their \$573,752, taxpayers will get a complete replacement of the 22 lighting fixtures and poles around the two football/soccer fields and the baseball field. Pedersen said that the current lighting system was installed in 1981, and because of their age and technology, were not effective at maintaining a cone of light focused on the fields. So, the new system, which Pedersen called "state of the art," is being installed to give the users of the field better light to see and will keep light on the fields from bothering neighboring homes.

"These were unusual poles whose time had come," Pedersen said. "Now, the athletes are going to have a state of the art lighting system. The systems we will use now are much more in line with other new systems that limit spill light."

IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING more powerful, direct light, the new lighting system also has the potential to increase the number of users at the park, officials said. Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield) thinks that with better lighting, the hours of play on the fields can possibly be extended, allowing games to go later and in turn, more teams would be able to play there. Herry also said that having the ability to host more games is crucial because there are few other soccer and baseball fields in the county, so the opportunity to provide more recreation locations for county teams is valuable.

Lou Chinchilla, commissioner of the Northern Virginia Adult Soccer Association, which uses the park's two soccer fields, said that the lighting improvements were long overdue, but believes that the county should not stop at the lights.

"We're excited for any sort of improvement at Rolling Valley Park West, but the field is still in very poor condition," Chinchilla said. "The anxiety level for injury is very high on these fields. They're very over-used and maintaining them gets too expensive so we need new turf."

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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

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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:

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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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