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Janay Campbell, 12; her father Nelson Campbell of Reston and Cameron Alberts, 1, of Reston, listen as Master Patrol Officer T.W. Eggers talks about the ins and outs of the Fairfax County Bomb squad at Saturday's Reston police and Supervisor Hudgins' Open House

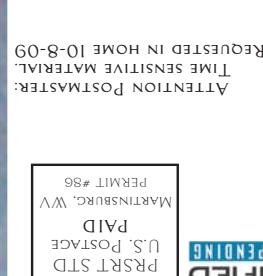
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Staying Attuned to the 36th

Del. Ken Plum, who has long represented Reston, faces first Republican challenger in a decade.

BY MIKE DiCICCO
THE CONNECTION

During his long history in the House of Delegates, Ken Plum (D-36) said he had done his best to pick the battles that represented his constituents' priorities. "People around here believe in the value of quality education," said Plum, whose district consists primarily of the Reston area, adding that a clean environment, human rights and social justice were also of concern to his voters.

With the exception of his second run for delegate in 1980, those voters have kept him in office for more than three decades. If they reelect him in November, he will be the third most senior member in the state House. But, for the first time in 10 years, Plum has a Republican challenger this year, a young businessman named Hugh "Mac" Cannon, who announced his candidacy just a few weeks ago, after the previous Republican candidate backed out, and has been running a vigorous ground campaign since then.

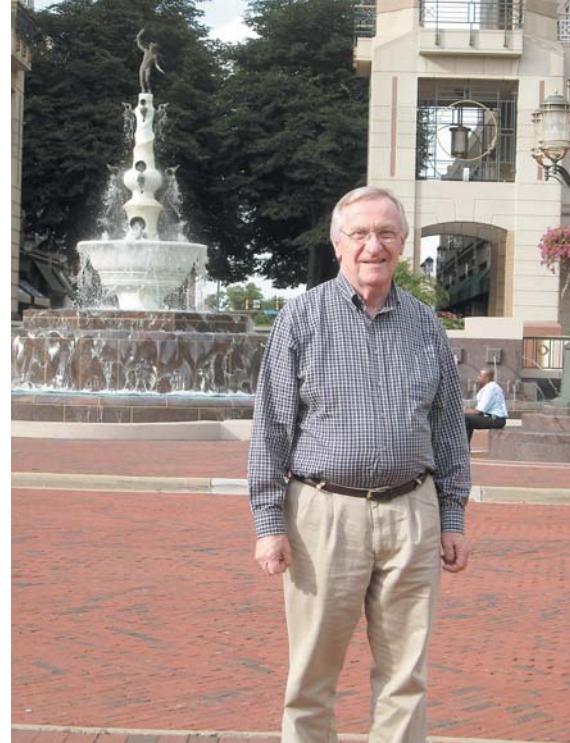
Plum said he knew what his constituents wanted because he placed surveys in his frequent newsletters and solicited input at the public hearings he has held before and after each session of the General Assembly. "I view it as part of my responsibility as a legislator to stay attuned to the priorities of my district," he said.

Now retired from the Fairfax County school system, he has long pushed for education funding for all age demographics. The League of Conservation Voters again gave him a 100 percent approval rating this year, and he said he had also been fighting against bills that he felt unfairly targeted certain groups, such as immigrants and gay people. "I introduced the Virginia hate crimes bill, and in recent years I've been trying to get a bill passed that would outlaw discrimination based on sexual orientation," he said.

One of his accomplishments in the legislature that he said he was most proud of was a metabolic screening program for infants, which uses blood samples from all newborns to screen for about 30 conditions and can be used to prevent mental retardation and death in some cases. "And it took me most of my whole career to get it in place," he said.

He also sat on the Start Strong Council that increased the availability of early education programs for children by 30 percent. For every dollar spent on educating the very young, he said, \$8 is saved on future education, prison costs and social programs. "So I'm a big advocate of early childhood education and prevention." Plum also was one of the chief proponents of changes to the higher education funding structure in order to bring more state money to George Mason University, and he led the fight for increased funding for community colleges, which he said were seeing higher demand as college tuitions rise.

And he assembled and chaired the Dulles Corridor Rail Association, which lobbied for funding for Rail to Dulles. "That will be the biggest boon to my district of anything I've done in the last several years," he said. Some in the western Fairfax area have become discontented with the funding structure that proposes to put more than half the bill for the rail on



Longtime Del. Ken Plum (D-36) poses in the Reston Town Center that was only an idea when he first took office in the late 1970s.

Dulles Toll Road users while Tysons Corner landowners will get four Metro stops in close proximity, but Plum reminded that the entire project almost fell through more than once. "My contribution to this was to insure that we had Dulles Rail," he said.

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) said gathering a bipartisan association of politicians and others to fight for rail had been one of Plum's most significant projects. "I think that's a really good example of the way Ken gets things done," she said, adding that toll road users got left with the brunt of the cost because poor leadership in the Republican-controlled House had allocated little state money to the project.

Plum's conservation-oriented work has included sponsoring the original legislation that required localities to recycle up to 25 percent of their waste and an update that made computer manufacturers provide a take-back program for recycling their products, introducing a bill two years ago that outlawed phosphates in dish detergent in order to protect the Chesapeake Bay, and getting standards set that required electric companies to provide energy from renewable sources. This year, he pushed for a mandate that energy providers would need to achieve 19 percent greater efficiency, but the bill was defeated.

In the coming term, he said, the biggest task facing the legislature would be dealing with continued shortfalls in tax revenue. More budget reductions would need to be made, he said, but he wanted to protect education dollars, as well as funding for mental health programs and other services for the state's most vulnerable residents.

And Plum said the other big issue would be trans-

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Del Ken Plum (D-36)



Hugh 'Mac' Cannon

Tackling the Transportation

Lack of transportation funding, other problems debated.

BY MIKE DiCICCO
THE CONNECTION

ing capital transportation projects would inject money into the local economy.

"One of the first things I would do is start a suburban-urban commission," said Cannon, explaining that the group would draw representatives from the regions most in need of transportation improvements, such as Northern Virginia. While 14 percent of the state's population lives in Northern Virginia, he said, the region pays 28 percent of Virginia's income tax revenue. And only 25 percent of the tax dollars that the region pays out

come back to Northern Virginia, he said. "We need to adjust the formula and the way you do that is by being bipartisan." He questioned Plum's dedication to bipartisanship, saying it was not reflected in the delegate's career.

Plum pointed out that Northern Virginia received more than it paid out in transportation taxes, as opposed to the 25 percent return from the state's general fund, and he said the Republican majority in the House of Delegates had obstructed efforts to pass transportation funding packages over the last several years.

When Cannon was asked whether some of his proposed sources of transportation money, such as bringing more tax revenues back to Northern Virginia and collecting royalties and licensing fees from offshore oil and gas drilling, would be sufficient in the face of a trans-

IN RESPONSE to the first of several questions regarding ways to fund improvements to Northern Virginia's congested transportation infrastructure, Plum said, "Is this the time to raise taxes? Clearly not." With increasingly fuel-efficient cars on the roads, he said, a gas tax was becoming less effective anyway. He said he subscribed to Democratic gubernatorial candidate Creigh Deeds' proposed approach to the problem, which was to establish a bipartisan consensus as to what the state's transportation needs were and what they would cost, and he noted that any result-

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Children 'Have Blast' at Open House

Police,
 Supervisor
 Hudgins meet
 the community.

BY SUSAN NELSON
 THE CONNECTION

R eston District Police and Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) hosted their annual Open House last Saturday with hundreds of spectators enjoying the outside activities.

Children enjoyed exploring the police squad cars, motorcycles and fire trucks. McGruff, the crime-fighting dog, was on hand, lending advice to parents and their kids on safety issues.

"We are excited about this year's open house," Hudgins said. "Everyone is out having a good time."

"The kids were looking forward to the Open House all week," said Chandra Owen of Reston. "They have been running from fire truck, to moon walk, to the popcorn stand."

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Fairfax County Firemen Tom Barnes and John McDonell explain boat safety as Jordan Owen, 7, and Malkai Reyes, 3, enjoy a ride in the rescue boat.



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Christa Towns, alumnus of
the Citizens' Police Academy.

Open House Attracts Hundreds

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During the Open House, the officers asked the community to bring a canned good or two to help fill a police car with non-perishable food items for the Reston Interfaith food drive.

Reston Interfaith is a nonprofit organization with 40 years experience serving Reston, Herndon and northwestern Fairfax County. The organization provides support and advocacy for those in need of food, shelter, childcare and other services.

"We brought a couple of cans of food to the food drive today," said Kristin Jensen of Reston. "The kids had fun picking through the pantry to figure out what someone may need to fill their bellies."

Outside booths set up provided information on the Citizens' Police Academy and the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

"I love coming out and sharing information with the people of Fairfax County," said Christa Towns, a graduate of the Police Academy. "My job is to educate the people of the community about child safety seats and the changing laws. Anywhere they need me — I go."

One of the most popular attractions at the event was the Fairfax County Bomb Squad high-tech robots and K-9 squad. Master Patrol Officer T.W. Eggers told the crowd the robots work nearly as well as a real officer.

"The robots have visual and communication capabilities," said Officer Eggers. "But of course, there are limits to the robots."

"We think it's great for the kids to come out and see and talk to the officers," said Seth Alberts, a third grade teacher at Terraset Elementary in Reston. "We are having a blast."

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OPINION

October Is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Early detection is key to success.

Last week, the American Cancer Society reported that women diagnosed with breast cancer are seeing increasingly positive results from treatment, with mortality rates continuing to drop, a trend that began in 1990.

In 2009, I was one of more than 190,000 U.S. women diagnosed with breast cancer.

In June, still in the midst of a regimen of chemotherapy, I walked in the Komen Global Race for the Cure on the National Mall. It wasn't the first time I had participated in the event, but it was my first time as a breast cancer survivor.

Now finished with my treatment, this is my first October — Breast Cancer Awareness Month — as a member of the club of more

EDITORIAL

than 2.5 million women in the country with a history of breast cancer. And like the majority of women whose breast cancer is detected early, my prognosis is excellent.

Many, many readers and community members reached out to me warmly over the course of the year, and the support from coworkers, community members, breast cancer survivors, family and friends has been amazing and contributed mightily to my health and energy throughout my treatment.

But despite the advances in early detection, treatment and mortality rates, more than 40,000 women will die of breast cancer this year in this country.

As you think about breast cancer survivors and feel empathy for those in the midst of treatment, I urge the women reading this to be sure that they are taking care of themselves, for everyone reading this to be sure the women in their lives are as well.

COMMENTARY

Roadside Litter

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

In the 1970s, when Fairfax County was divided into two legislative districts with five delegates representing each half, one candidate used roadside signs as his major strategy for getting elected. He went about the northern half of Fairfax County attaching his signs to every fence and signpost, utility pole and even some trees in the district. He literally had thousands of signs. When the election results were in, he ran last among the 10 candidates for the House of Delegates.

I have never observed a race where there was a clear relationship between the number of signs and the outcome of the election. Experts who study communications say that most people are oblivious to roadside signs unless they are involved in the message of the sign. For example, Realtors and prospective buyers notice real estate signs; others of us tune them out. Persons who participate in election campaigns notice political signs intensely and oftentimes judge the strength of the campaign by the number of signs posted. The result is that if you drive through southern Fairfax County or into Alexandria you can face a sea of signs along the roadway. It has become part of the local culture to see how many signs can be put up for a candidate. In-

variably a debate ensues as to who is taking down whose signs.

Fortunately, the community of Reston has been spared the major sign wars. Most campaigns recognize the respect that Restonians have for their community and the environment and only sparingly display signs here. I hope we can keep it that way. Actually, placing signs in the highway right-of-way or in the median is illegal (Section 33.1-378, Code of Virginia). The law came about for the safety concern that some may block the drivers' full vision, or provide a distraction from driving, and they add to the cost of roadway cleaning and maintenance. Each year the Virginia Department of Transportation sends all candidates a letter advising them of the law regarding signs.

For those who want to express their freedom of speech and participate in the election, there is the option to put the sign in one's yard or other private property or put a bumper strip on one's car. For candidates, it is an opportunity to show one's concern for the environment by not contributing to roadside litter. I will have signs at the polling places on Election Day, but otherwise I plan to make bumper strips and small window and office signs available to persons who request them for use on their personal property (kenplum@aol.com). We simply cannot let Reston become littered with signs like we see in other communities.

RA vs. Its Citizens

To the Editor:

Read herein one more example of Reston Association's mistreatment of its citizens.

The issue concerns the massive Reston stream restoration project (Project); its contractor, Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc. (WSSI); citizens like my wife, Diana Carter, and me who are critical of the Project and who have sought to rectify serious problems in WSSI's field work; a factually inaccurate letter which Mr. Mike Rolband, principal of WSSI, sent to RA, accusing Diana of misbehavior—and RA's subsequent actions.

Mr. Rolband wrote RA that Diana caused a near miss with a construction vehicle on July 6. Yet Diana has never had a near miss with any construction equipment, was not in the area at any time during that day, and was instead sending emails at the time the incident was alleged to have occurred (about 9 a.m.). How did this story get started? Diana mistaken for someone else? Made up out of whole cloth? It's anybody's guess. (Mr. Rolband underhandedly never discussed the matter with Diana.)

The reader can believe Diana or Mr. Rolband. But who to believe is not the issue (not of this letter). The issue is how it was handled by RA.

How would you, if you were a professional member of the RA staff, have responded to an accusation against a Reston citizen? Decency and common sense, plus professional standards, would require you to at least phone the per-

Get Involved

Here are a few of many area events in October to support breast cancer awareness.

Breast Education Day, Inova Fairfax Hospital, Tuesday, Oct. 13, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church, no registration required.

It's too late to join the **2009 Komen DC 3-Day** for the Cure, which takes place this weekend, but you can still donate, or sign up for the 2010 event at www.the3day.org. Thousands will walk 60 miles over three days to raise awareness and money.

Women's Health Lunch, Inova Fair Oaks Hospital, Saturday, Oct. 17, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. 3600 Joseph Siewick Drive, Fairfax, Registration is required. Call 703-391-3776.

Early detection is the key. Breast cancer is detected early by self-exams, by doctor exams and by mammograms. Be sure you show up for all of the above on your own behalf.

— MARY KIMM,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

son to find out whether the allegations are true and to discuss the concerns. If the citizen were verbally uncooperative, then your response would need to be escalated; depending on circumstances, a resolute warning letter, including recourse to police action, might be called for. Such procedure reflects elementary decency and professional common sense.

Instead, Diana was treated with gratuitous harshness and calculated disrespect. She received a letter from RA, signed by CEO Milton Matthews, thick with accusation and censure, as follows: RA does not condone Diana's being in the work area; RA puts Diana on notice; RA says it will do anything necessary to obtain Diana's compliance; it demands her compliance; it further tells her she was not authorized — this monotonous repetition of heavy-handed and disrespectful verbiage ending with a threat, that if Diana cannot refrain from entering an unauthorized area, RA will call the police to remove her as a trespasser.

The letter ended, on an incongruously cheery note, with an invitation to Diana to call or e-mail Mr. Matthews, as always, without hesitation, if she had questions. Diana promptly phoned Mr. Matthews and left a voice message, merely requesting a return call. When it was not returned, she emailed him to find out what he was talking about (the letter had referred her to Mr. Rolband's communication, which was not enclosed with the letter). After finally receiving a copy of the Rolband

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NEWS

Hope Lights the Night

Thousands walk to help fight cancer.

BY SUSAN NELSON
THE CONNECTION

Reston Town Center was this year's host for the Light The Night, a 2-mile evening walk to help support and raise funds for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The society's goal is to cure leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma while improving the quality of life of their patients and their families.

Every year, in communities all across the United States and Canada, families, friends, neighbors and teams from local area businesses and national companies gather together for the Light The Night events to bring hope to thousands of people battling cancer.

This year's event brought thousands of participants to the Town Center last Saturday to help raise money and awareness.

"So far, we have almost 3,000 people who have registered to walk," said Lindsay Arnold of Reston. "We are all here to help support the cause."



Reston Town Center was this year's host for the Light The Night.

Family, friends and members of the community of all ages gathered at the event to pay tribute to those who have died from cancer and bring hope to the survivors. Walkers celebrated at dusk holding illuminated balloons to support and honor survivors and loved ones lost. Each colored balloon meant something to those who carried them — white for survivors, red for supporters and gold in memory of loved one who died of cancer.

"We are so happy to see such great turnout," said Erin Walker, campaign manager of the event. "Community support has been overwhelming."

"I walk for my brother, Rob," said Michelle Rogers of Reston. "We lost him at such a young age, I honor him and will never forget."

Throughout the day, participants and supporters enjoyed live music, free food and plenty of fun activities.

"Light The Night walk events are filled with lots of inspiration," said Tracy Shaw, campaign director. "This has been a really great experience and the turnout has been astounding, even with the economy like it is- people give themselves unselfishly." Shaw said the one-day event was expected to raise more than \$500,000.



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Volunteers Make Festival a Success

To the Editor:

The Ninth Annual Reston Multicultural Festival took place on Saturday, Sept. 26 at Lake Anne Plaza from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. It was a colorful, exciting and a true cultural event. It was also a family fun-filled day, which attracted many people with diverse backgrounds.

The Reston Multicultural Festival Planning Committee comprises a passionate group of community volunteers who put in countless

hours in planning and organizing the festival. It is a family event for most of us. The mission of the Multicultural Festival is "to celebrate diversity and bring together all cultures and races and to express this rich diversity through dance, music, activities and food."

On Saturday, Sept. 26 more than 100 volunteers braved the rain and worked so hard to make the festival a huge success. A special thanks goes out to the NVCC Communications Class Community Service

Team, Dogwood Elementary Student Council, Tzu Chi Foundation and the American University Community Service Fraternity.

Thank you to all our volunteers for braving the weather. We appreciate all that you do in making the Festival special for the Reston Community.

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Land Use College — Role for Grads?

BY JOHN LOVAAS
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Getting Reston's community organizations like the Reston (homeowners) Association, Reston Citizens Association and the newer Alliance of Reston Clusters and Homeowners to work together is usually like herding cats. Recently, an issue critical to us has given the cats focus — the long overdue review/rewrite of the seriously out of date Reston Master Plan. Thankfully, while the community is not yet seized with a sense of urgency, the leadership of these groups is.

Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) is about to name a key task force. The task force will lead the review of the ancient Master Plan and the Reston Corridor Special Study, analyzing existing conditions (which have changed just a tad from the original MP's days when this land was all fields and no people), reviewing the statement of objectives and drafting language appropriate to a new Master Plan guiding development for a generation or more. Community organizations have been encouraging Hudgins for some time to open the Plan development process by actively engaging a group genuinely representative of the community as a whole. This would involve real community responsibility and ultimately ownership of a new Reston Master Plan.

To the county and the supervisor's credit, the stage has been set to do it right this time. County staff just concluded a series of lectures, a Land Use Col-

lege, to serve as sort of primer for those interested in learning the basics of Fairfax's arcane planning and zoning processes so that they might more intelligently participate in preparing a new Master Plan. It was a first for the county, so the quality was mixed but it was useful and drew a surprising number of people from the community — 60-80 at each of several lectures. And, I counted the usual suspects, about 30 in all. A significant number of newcomers cared enough about Reston's future to spend many hours wading through material to learn planning processes. They completed the course work.

Now, the ball is in Supervisor Hudgins's court. Key community organization leaders have urged her to seize the opportunity and put the community in the MP boardroom, assisted by competent county staff, to analyze where we are and put together a new Master Plan. The urgency is real. On the one hand, the Airports Authority has given the county a deadline for getting plans in place for rail Phase II, threatening even to bypass Reston if not accomplished by next year. And, greedy developers are at the door demanding new high-density projects (e.g. Fairway and North Shore) even now. A new Master Plan is urgently needed. It should be one that re-confirms Reston's founding values and represents the views and values of its residents, including new folks who are now Land Use College grads.

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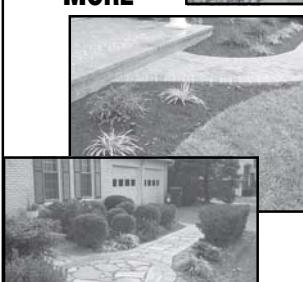
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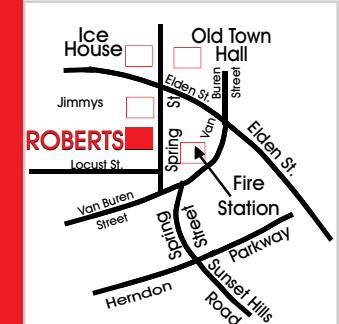
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Girl Scouts from troop 1404 at Dranesville Elementary School in Herndon attend the Reston Zoo's first Scout Day on Sunday, Sept. 27.



Ian Shelley, a zookeeper at the Reston Zoo, holds Boomer, a red kangaroo, while local Boy Scouts surround him at Scout Day on Sunday, Sept. 27.

Reston Zoo Hosts Scout Day

BY JANELLE L. PLUMMER
THE CONNECTION

Reston Zoo offered local Boy and Girl Scouts an opportunity to explore wildlife and nature at its first Scout Day. On Sept. 26-27, more than 150 scouts attended the event to earn merit badges.

Ian Shelley, a zookeeper at the zoo who came up with the idea, said he's been involved in scouting for a very long time.

"It places emphasis on being outdoors and nature," Shelley said, "and brings people together in a fun educational set-

ting." Shelley said the Reston Zoo is always trying to think of new programs and opportunities. He said he's glad Scout Day came to fruition and is glad to work with the Boy Scouts in a small intimate setting. "[You can see] The joy in their faces," he said.

McGlensey Abiles, a zookeeper at the zoo, said the event also taught leadership skills. She said it gives the older girls a chance to run a station. "It's a fun [day] for the girls," Abiles said.

In the end, Abiles said Scout Day is a community event.

"We will do this every year," she said, "[because we are] reaching out to the community and giving something back."

at various stations to earn service hours and to earn silver or gold awards. "I hope they find [Scout Day] a positive experience," Dziomba said.

Brittany Spangler, 13, a Cadet,

assisted the Girl Scouts at various stations. "I'm here to help the Brownies and the juniors learn about animals," Spangler said, "and just what [animals] do and how they live."

Donna Dziomba, a teen troop advisor, said the girls volunteered

CALENDAR

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Two authors coming to Barnes & Noble in Reston for Educator's Appreciation Reception: Nancy Krulik, author of the children's series Katie Kazoo Switheroo, will be there to meet and greet and sign books from 10 a.m.-12 noon. Local author Jason Killian Meath has written for the Images of America Series, Hollywood

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SUNDAY/OCT. 11

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NEWS

Plum, Cannon Debate Local Issues

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portation fund that was projected to run dry in two years, he said, "We need to have a long-term view to get to the short-term," adding that the lack of an immediate payoff should not stop the state from seeking revenue from offshore drilling. He also expressed support for a plan forwarded by Bob McDonnell, the Republican candidate for governor, to sell off the state's liquor stores and put the money toward transportation, and he said he would be open to a regional tax model that would only tax areas in need of transportation improvements and then spend all of that tax money in those jurisdictions.

Plum recalled a 2002 referendum asking Northern Virginia residents how they wanted their tax money raised. He said the referendum had not been well balanced in terms of transportation and hadn't taken environmental concerns into account, and he said he wanted to see it revisited.

WHEN THE CANDIDATES were asked to name a few ways to re-

duce congestion, other than Rail to Dulles, that they wanted to see funded once money was available, Plum said he wanted the timing of traffic signals adjusted. "We get a whole lot of bang for our buck when we improve intersections so that traffic does not get held up," he said. Also, Plum said he wanted to see a rail extension on Interstate 66 and an increase in telecommuting and flexible work schedules, as well as a mass-transit feeder system to get people to the future Metro stations without cars.

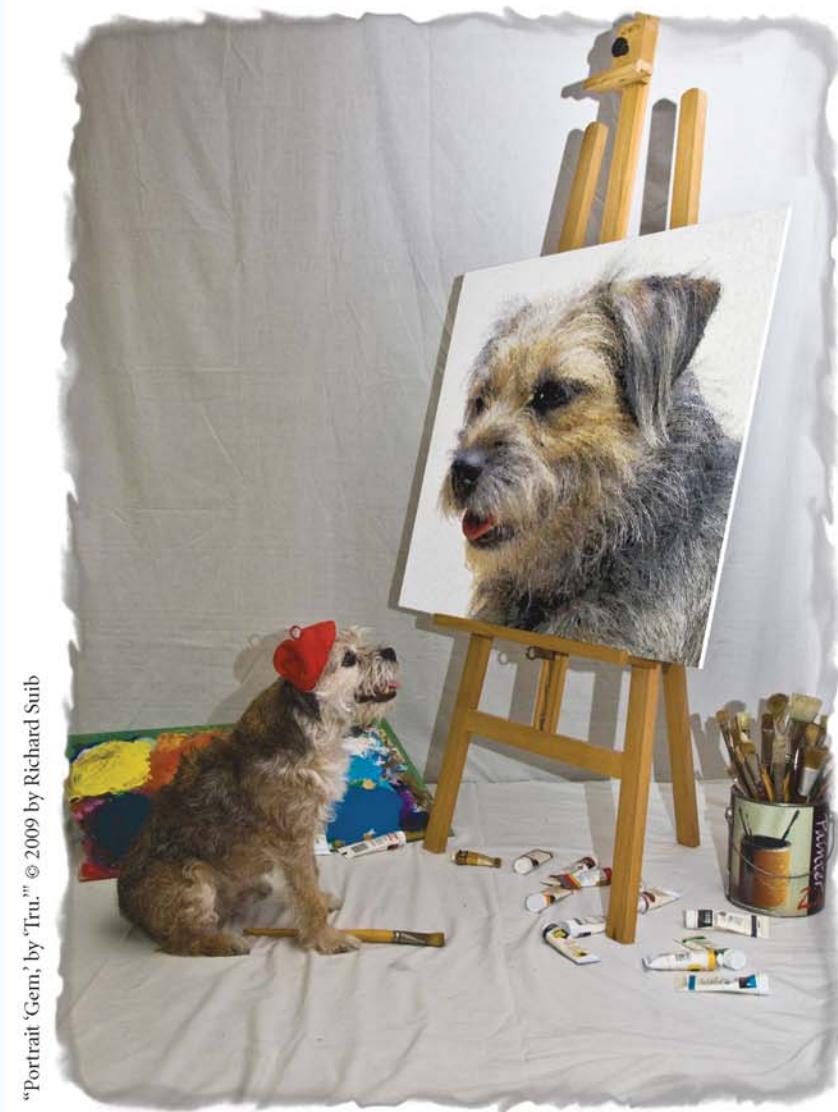
Cannon agreed with the idea of mass transit around the rail stations, but said he also wanted to see the road grid improved in those areas, because many people would drive to the stations to park. He also said the Fairfax County Parkway needed to be completed and Reston Parkway widened, and he said he wanted to make sure that businesses paying extra taxes to fund the rail would benefit most from its arrival.

When it was mentioned that some residents of the area disagreed with the funding structure

for Rail to Dulles, according to which, more than half the funding is to come from increased tolls on the Dulles Toll Road, Plum pointed out that users of the toll road would benefit from reductions in congestion that would result from the presence of rail. However, he added that he intended to seek additional federal funding through "green"-oriented stimulus money and the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act. He noted that federal funding had covered about 80 percent of the construction of the downtown Metro system and said he thought the federal government should be footing more than about a quarter of the bill for the rail that would take visitors from the airport to the nation's capital.

Cannon said he supported the rail but was concerned about people who were being taxed multiple times over to pay for it, as well as the fact that construction was split into two phases, with no guarantee that it would reach Reston Town Center.

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portation funding, which has nearly dried up. He said he agreed with Democratic gubernatorial candidate Creigh Deeds' idea for creating a bipartisan commission to come up with viable sources of revenue for transportation, adding that the legislature would have to have "the political will and courage," to vote for the commission's recommendation.

He said he was aware that this would be a difficult time to levy any sort of tax. "You can't reduce congestion for free," he said, adding that Northern Virginians were paying a high price for the status quo by losing time with their families and polluting their environment while they sat idling in traffic. "So there's a sizeable price tag already, for doing nothing," he said. Funding for transportation should not be taken from education, he said, noting that Cannon had said on the Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance Web site that transportation ought to compete with schools and other core services for funding.

Plum chairs the House Democratic Caucus and is the senior

ranking member of both the Commerce and Labor Committee and the Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources Committee. If his party were in the majority, he would chair the Joint Commission of Technology and Science, which was created by legislation he introduced, and would likely take leadership roles on the other committees on which he sits.

But he also prides himself on the small deeds he is able to do for hundreds of his constituents, frequently helping residents of his district with tax refunds, difficulties with the Department of Motor Vehicles and other problems. And his extensive system of communication with his district includes a weekly electronic newsletter, a weekly local cable program, several printed newsletters each year and a weekly column in this paper, in addition to his semiannual public hearings. "I see it as an important part of what I do to stay in touch with people," he said.

Not all legislators have the time for such outreach efforts. "I have the advantage that I retired in 1996, and I work at this job essen-

tially time-and-a-half," Plum said.

"Ken's really been what I consider a strong community leader and also a strong legislator," Hudgins said. She said residents of the district had strong interests in economic development and education. "Ken is very clearly committed to those kinds of issues," she said. "Having been an educator, he recognizes that education is our driver." And she noted that Plum was a strong supporter of the charitable nonprofit Reston Interfaith and could be seen in the community on Works Sunday and during other community service activities.

"He's been a godsend to the RA in our initiatives," said Reston Association President Robin Smyers, noting that Plum had supported the stream restoration project, the construction of the Nature House and other RA initiatives. "He's always very involved in the Reston community and everything that we do."

"I have as my mission improving the quality of life for people," Plum said, adding that he thought education was the most important key to fulfilling that mission.



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Local Boy Scouts build bat boxes at Reston Zoo's first Scout Day. Scouts explored wildlife and earned merit badges at the event.

Reston Zoo Hosts Scout Day

More than 150 area scouts attended the event.

BY JANELLE L. PLUMMER
THE CONNECTION

Reston Zoo offered local Boy and Girl Scouts an opportunity to explore wildlife and nature at its first Scout Day. On Sept. 26-27, more than 150 scouts attended the event to earn merit badges.

Ian Shelley, a zookeeper at the zoo who came up with the idea, said he's been involved in scouting for a very long time.

"It places emphasis on being outdoors and nature," Shelley said, "and brings people together in a fun educational setting."

Shelley said the Reston Zoo is always trying to think of new programs and opportunities. He said he's glad Scout Day came to fruition and is glad to work with the Boy Scouts in a small intimate setting. "[You can see] The joy in their faces," he said.

Brittany Spengler, 13, a Cadet, assisted the Girl Scouts at various stations.

"I'm here to help the Brownies and the juniors learn about animals," Spengler said, "and just what [animals] do and how they live."

Donna Dziomba, a teen troop advisor, said the girls volunteered at various stations to earn service hours and to earn silver or gold



Ian Shelley, a zookeeper at the Reston Zoo, holds Boomer, a red kangaroo, while local Boy Scouts surround him at Scout Day on Sunday, Sept. 27.

awards.

"I hope they find [Scout Day] a positive experience," Dziomba said.

McGlensey Abiles, a zookeeper at the zoo, said the event also taught leadership skills. She said it gives the older girls a chance to run a station. "It's a fun [day] for the girls," Abiles said.

In the end, Abiles said Scout Day is a community event.

"We will do this every year," she said, "[because we are] reaching out to the community and giving something back."



Girl Scouts from troop 1404 at Dranesville Elementary School in Herndon attend the Reston Zoo's first Scout Day on Sunday, Sept. 27.

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SPORTS

Seahawks Playmakers Have the Skills

Running backs Smith and Jones lead the way for South Lakes football.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

When the football gets into the hands of South Lakes High playmakers such as Ja'Juan Jones or Darius Smith, good things usually happen for the Seahawks.

The junior running backs are true breakaway threats and part of the reason South Lakes, after winning just two games a year ago, is off to a red hot 4-1 start this season.

Other skill position players such as senior Bobby Lewis and underclassman Stefon Sanford have also played instrumental roles in South Lakes' big play potential. Of course, the Seahawks have utilized the stellar play of their offensive line, led by senior right tackle Kevin Ball, to create running space for their talented group of running backs. Senior quarterback Shawn Rana, meanwhile, has done an excellent job running the offense

in just his first season as the varsity starter.

"We're just fortunate we have all these skill kids," said South Lakes coach John Ellenberger, whose team defeated McLean, 28-21, in a Liberty District game Friday night, Oct. 2.

South Lakes' big plays against the Highlanders included a 78-yard scoring pass from Rana to junior wide receiver Sean Price and a 78-yard scoring run by Jones, both of those touchdowns coming in the first half. Rana hit Price for a three-yard scoring toss later in the half as well as the Seahawks built a 21-7 halftime lead. South Lakes' second half touchdown came from its defense when Seth Houter returned an interception 33 yards for a score.

Jones, who a year ago rushed for 700-plus yards and earned Second Team All-District recognition despite missing four games with a shoulder injury, has been healthy and effective this season. He had a breakthrough game of 233 yards on 17 carries in the win over the Highlanders.

"He's extremely coachable and just a [solid] football player," said Ellenberger, of Jones. "His toughness stands out."

A year ago, Jones, in the six games he played in, received a boatload of the team's carries. Ellenberger said he has tried to spread the ball around more this



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South Lakes running back Ja'Juan Jones breaks through for a big run against Marshall.

season in order to keep Jones healthier and to utilize his other talented backs.

"I gave him the ball a little too much early last year," said the coach. "He was taking it 25 to 30 times a game. I learned from that, that a sophomore should not be carrying it that many times. With a year in the weight room, I feel more comfortable giving him the ball."

Smith, meanwhile, is a threat to find the end zone every time he touches the ball.

Earlier this season in South Lakes' 29-25 home loss to Herndon, Smith took the opening kickoff 94 yards for a touchdown. In South Lakes' win over Marshall

two weeks ago, Smith returned a kickoff 83 yards to the Statesmen's 10.

"He's just explosive and just a little faster than anyone else on the field," said Ellenberger, of Smith.

Smith started half of South Lakes' games his freshmen season in 2007.

"We recognized his talent early on," said Ellenberger.

The coach recalled a practice during Smith's freshmen season when the athlete, playing a defensive back position, went up for a thrown ball and somehow kicked and broke his thumb. Ellenberger chuckles at the recollection.

"He was like a big puppy out there, growing into his body," said

the coach.

Both Smith and Jones are two-way players for the Seahawks, with Smith playing in the defensive secondary and Jones playing at outside linebacker. Neither of the two comes off the field with any frequency.

Neither does the 6-foot 4-inch Price, a wideout on offense and a cornerback on defense.

"He just goes up and gets the football," said Ellenberger.

A KEY ADDITION to the team this season has been Lewis, a transfer student from Fairfax High School. The running back broke loose for a 25-yard scoring run in the fourth quarter of the loss to Herndon.

"If you give him open space he will go," said the coach, of Lewis' quick bursts up the field.

Sanford, just a sophomore, has impressed his coaches with his ball carrying ability as well.

"He'll make a run, plant his foot in the ground and [go] like he's a senior," said Ellenberger.

The coach said his squad as a whole is an enjoyable group to coach.

"They are real good kids and great to be around," he said. "It's a real fun bunch. They are great kids of character and have a good work ethic."

South Lakes will be at Madison Saturday, Oct. 10, at 3 p.m.

SPORTS NOTES

The Herndon Optimist Youth Basketball

travel teams have been conducting tryouts. The girls/boys teams will compete in the Fairfax County Youth Basketball League (FCYBL). Most games will be played at local county middle schools. For more information about league play, view the FCYBL league county Web site. All girls/boys ages 10-to-13 (fourth through eighth grades) who are Herndon community residents are eligible to play in the league. All coaches have multiple years of basketball coaching experience as AAU and travel coaches. For more information, check the web site or call Tommy Benton, Travel Basketball commissioner, at 704-437-8274.

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offers a year-round program for girls from the fifth through eighth grades. Northern Virginia girls from areas including Reston, Great Falls and Leesburg, are encouraged to try out. The organization will likely fill two teams per age group. Cardinals Girls Lacrosse, in its fourth year, is a non-profit, travel lacrosse organization. All the league money goes to uniforms, coaches and fields. The senior coach is the women's coach at Georgetown University, while the junior coaches are players or alumni from Catholic University, James Madison University, Virginia Tech or the University of Virginia. Practices are held at Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Vienna. The league Web site is: [www.cardinalgirlslacrosseclub.com](#).

Our Daily Bread, Inc., a Fairfax-based non-profit organization, invites golf enthusiasts of all skill levels to enjoy a great afternoon of golf to help struggling families in Fairfax County.

Our Daily Bread's Charity Golf Tournament is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16 at the South Riding Golf Club. Individual players and teams are welcome to register. The event is sponsored by Ernie Castro of Vienna and the South Riding Golf Club. A \$125 registration

fee includes a full round of golf, driving range, golf cart, hors d'oeuvres and dinner. All proceeds from the event will benefit Our Daily Bread's food, financial assistance and financial education programs for working families in the Fairfax county area. Our Daily Bread continues to seek sponsors for the event as well as donations of goods and items to be raffled off at the Tournament dinner. For information on registration, sponsorship and donating goods, visit [www.our-daily-bread.org](#), call 703-273-8829 or e-mail Mike Kledzik at [develop@ODBfairfax.org](#).

The 2009 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics gold medals in bowling, racquetball, backgammon and team line dance were awarded on Sept. 14. Bowling took place at Bowl America (Shirley, Alexandria). Bowling winners included Vienna's Sandra Ballinger in the women's ages 70-74 division.

Robert McArthur (men's 60-64 age group), also of Vienna, earned a gold medal in racquetball.

For more information on the Senior Olympics, call 703-228-4721 or check the Web site at [novaseniorolympics.com](#).

CALENDAR

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Book Discussion. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Call for title. Adults. 703-689-2700.

Fall Into Fall. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Stories and craft decorations to create. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-689-2700.

THURSDAY/OCT. 15

Farmers' Market at Reston Town Center Pavilion. 3:30 p.m. at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Locally grown fruits and

vegetables, locally raised meats and poultry, bread and cheese, salsa and sausage. 703-689-4699.

Special Twos. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Stories and activities. Age 2 with adult. 703-689-2700.

"Looking Your Best At Any Age" with Beauty Consultant, Kathy Steinman. The Greater Reston Newcomers and Neighbors Club (GRNNC), 10 a.m. at St. John Neumann Church, 11900 Lawyers Rd., Reston. For more information call the Membership Chairperson at (703) 437-6866 and visit www.restonnewcomers.org

FRIDAY/OCT. 16

Used Book Sale. All day. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. 703-242-4020.

SATURDAY/OCT. 17

Stream Cleanup. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Free. All ages. 703-435-7986 or at habrock@reston.org. Site locations include:
 ♦ Upper Snakeden Branch. Meet at Hunters Woods Village Center.
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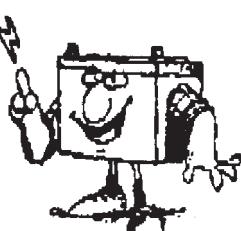
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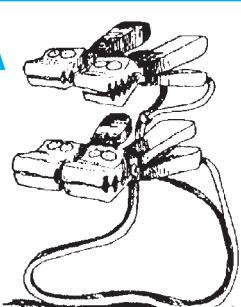
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